

# The Loudon Ledger

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## Are You Concerned About NH's Heroin/Opioid Crisis?

**Make plans to join an open discussion regarding the state's drug abuse crisis, including heroin and opioids, on Saturday, December 5th, 10 a.m. to noon at Charlie's Barn.**

Join Loudon's State representatives George Saunderson and Howard Moffett; representatives of the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department; and a physician representative from the addiction treatment program at Concord Hospital and Riverbend Counseling and Treatment Center for an open discussion of the heroin/opioid crisis in New Hampshire and the legislative proposals of dealing with it during the current special session of the Legislature. Coffee and donuts provided. ■

## Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas! What Are You Doing With Your Leftover Food Scraps?

**The problem is bigger than you think.**

*By LeeAnn Childress, Loudon Solid Waste & Recycling Committee*

The holidays are in full swing now. No doubt you had a yummy Thanksgiving with lots of warm, comfort foods. And now you are preparing for the Christmas holidays with a full calendar of events that include family and friends, all of which will involve eating of course!

Not to throw a damper on your good times, but have you thought about what you are going to do with all the leftover foods? It's a pretty serious problem that most of us don't even think about.

Recent reports show that 40 percent of food in the United States goes uneaten. This wasted food is equal to throwing away *165 billion dollars* each year. Uneaten food ends up rotting in landfills where it accounts for a large portion of the methane emissions which is 21 times more damaging to the environment than carbon dioxide. This food waste includes uneaten foods from homes, restaurants, school cafeterias, etc. 30-40% of this wasted food equals to more than 20 pounds of food per person, per month.

**Reducing food losses by just 15 percent would be enough food to feed more than 25 million Americans every year.**



*Food Scraps — cont. on 4*

## Power Outages

*By Ann Hamilton, Field Specialist, Food Safety*

Winter is almost upon us and one thing is certain — we could possibly have an ice or snow storm in which we lose power. Are you prepared for such an event? No power can compromise the safety of food in the refrigerator or freezer. Time, temperature, and good cleaning are important to the safety of food.

There are ways to minimize the need to throw out food and the risk of getting sick. The following are a few tips to get you started.

- Prepare ahead by keeping an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer. Refrigerators should be set at 40°F or below and freezers at 0°F or below. You will need the thermometer to monitor the temperature of your refrigerator and freezer if the power goes out.
- If there is storm pending and you think you may lose power freeze refrigerated items such as leftovers, milk, meats, and poultry that you may not need right away.
- Purchase or make ice with used plastic milk or water jugs and store in the freezer for use in the refrigerator or cooler once the power goes out. This will temporarily keep foods cold. If it is really cold out consider placing the cooler in an unheated sunroom or screened porch out of direct sunlight.
- If the power goes out keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. A refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if you keep the door closed. Now is the time to move those premade ice packs to the refrigerator if the power will be out for longer period of time. A full freezer will keep frozen for about 48 hours.

Many people worry they will have to throw out all their food after an extended power outage. This is isn't necessarily the case. Some food is salvageable depending upon what it is, how cold it was kept and, in the case of the freezer, if it still

*Power Outages — cont. on 7*

## Mission Statement...

*To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.*

## Town of Loudon Office Hours

### Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
*Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.*  
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

### Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542 • [townclerk@loudonnh.org](mailto:townclerk@loudonnh.org)  
Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–8:45 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • [planning-zoning@loudonnh.org](mailto:planning-zoning@loudonnh.org)  
*The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.*  
Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

### Tax Collector

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Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • [www.loudonpolice.com](http://www.loudonpolice.com)  
Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Code Enforcement

PO Box 7032 (8 Cooper St., Fire Dept. side of Safety Complex) • 798-5584  
Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • [chief@loudonfire.com](mailto:chief@loudonfire.com)  
*To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org)→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.*

### Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400  
*The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location.*

### Transfer Station

783-0170 • [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)  
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
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### Highway Department

783-4568 • [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

### Maxfield Public Library

Library Director: Deborah Gadway-Lambert • 798-5153 • [maxlib@comcast.net](mailto:maxlib@comcast.net)  
Mon.: 2–7:30 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Wed.: 2–7:30 p.m.  
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
*The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.*

### John O. Cate Memorial Van

Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride. The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

### Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon  
Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only. Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays. For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email [LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com](mailto:LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com)

### Loudon Representatives

#### REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

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U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. [Shaheen.senate.gov](mailto:Shaheen.senate.gov)  
U.S. Representative Frank C. Guinta. (603) 641-9536. [Guinta.house.gov](mailto:Guinta.house.gov)  
U.S. Representative Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. [Kuster.house.gov](mailto:Kuster.house.gov)

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[john.reagan111@gmail.com](mailto:john.reagan111@gmail.com)

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State Representative George L. Saunderson. (603)783-4750. [George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us)

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State Representative Jason R. Parent. (603)387-4626.  
[Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us)

## Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc. are encouraged to submit articles to the *Loudon Ledger*. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, “attaboys,” etc. are all welcome.

Please note, however, that the *Ledger* will uphold its mission:

*To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.*

We will also follow our *Articles of Agreement*, which are on file with the Secretary of State:

*The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office, nor shall it sponsor or endorse any plan or proposition that does not facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation.*

In other words, any article submitted must present *all sides* of an issue in a factual, unbiased manner so that the reader may form his/her own opinion based on the information presented. To paraphrase Eric Severard: “You should elucidate but not advocate.”

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com). From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

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**October 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 9/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/19

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**December 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 11/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/21

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# Where to Worship in Loudon

## Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor  
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org  
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. for all ages

Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, meets at noon)

FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



## Family Bible Church

“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”

Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 or 267-8066  
www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org • Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org

Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.

Fellowship time provided following the morning service.

Monday Evening: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Time 7–8:45 p.m.

Tuesday Morning: Ladies’ Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group

Other adult groups meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings: call or email for details

FREE Monthly Community Dinners: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



## Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info

Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!



## Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. John M. Young, Pastor

433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307

Proud member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.

For information on scheduled events, call Gayle Doyle at 435-0496 or email:

gad022948@gmail.com. For general church information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 608-5833 (days) or 435-6510 (evenings).



## Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference ([www.cccusa.org](http://www.cccusa.org)).



## New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson

Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger

Visitation Pastor Rev. Mike Matthews

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.

office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–3-year-olds.) Jr. Kids Church (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Children’s Church (Grades 1–4)

Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Josh: 7–8 p.m.

Kids Time (Grades 1–6). 7–8 p.m.



To have your Church’s information added to this column, please email your information to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com)

# LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

## New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene will have a Family Friendly one-hour Candlelight Christmas Eve Service beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 24. The church is located at 33 Staniels Rd. near the Red Roof Inn and is wheelchair accessible.

The Christmas program **Journey to Bethlehem** will be presented by New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene. This is a free event for the entire community. **The hours will run from 6–8 p.m. on Friday, December 11 and 5–8 p.m. on Sat.**

Alex Johansen, age 11, of Loudon, tries on the Roman soldiers attire along with his brother, Chase, age 9. **urday, December 12.** The church will be transformed into the streets of Bethlehem. The characters are portrayed by the congregation and include the innkeeper, Mary, Joseph, and their new baby, along with Roman soldiers, census takers, shopkeepers, and the general citizens of Bethlehem. This is a real Christmas experience for the whole family.

According to the Journey to Bethlehem Director Jaimie Gareau, “We would like to offer the community an opportunity to find Christ in Christmas. Please join us in celebrating the greatest gift the world has received by visiting that little town of Bethlehem where it all began.” You can even dress in period clothing and have your photo take as a souvenir of the evening.

We want to give our guests the opportunity to visit with the people they’ve read and heard about in the Christmas story. New Beginnings Church is located at 33 Staniels Rd just off Route 106, near the Red Roof Inn and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call New Beginnings at 603-224-1311.



Alex Johansen, age 11, of Loudon, tries on the Roman soldiers attire along with his brother, Chase, age 9.

## Loudon Congregational Church to Hold Christmas Eve Service

The Loudon Congregational Church will be holding a **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols on Thursday, December 24th, at 6:00 p.m.** The church is located at 7018 Church Street, Loudon. Everyone is welcome. For further information, please contact Rev. Moe Cormier at 603-783-9478.

## Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Come join us for a Fellowship Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, December 19th at 5:30 p.m. After dinner, Ms. Anna Carlson and her students will present a “Christmas Concert.” This will be followed by a Carol Sing-A-Long. Enjoy delicious homemade food and a great night of music. Bring your family and friends. The Supper is free, but we ask that a DONATION of non-parishable items be brought for our local Food Pantries. For further information, please call Lorraine Welch at 603-435-6510 or Gayle Doyle at 603-435-0496 or email Gayle at gad022948@outlook.com.

It is with much sadness that we say “Good Bye” to Ms. Anna Carlson as our Music Director. Anna is moving on to become Music Director for a Children’s Choir. We wish her the most joy in this endeavor and look forward to seeing her again when she returns on December 19th for our Christmas Concert and Carol Sing-A-Long.

On a happy note, we would like to “Welcome” Ms. Sylvia Sebek, as our new Pianist beginning November 1st. Let’s all join in making her a member of the LCFB Church Family. ■



# Halloween Party: Incredible Night of Fun for Food Pantry

**T**hanks to the generosity of the 167 kids who attended, the Party raised 1,757 food items and collected \$308!!!

The fourth annual Halloween Party was another huge success. The Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts Troop 247 and Troop 30 of Loudon joined together with Community volunteers to host a Halloween Party for the elementary school kids.

Thanks to **McDonalds of Epsom**, all kids who entered the event were given a free ice cream coupon. The gym was filled with over 30 games that the kids could play and earn prizes, candy, and even a tooth brush and tooth paste, thanks to **Concord Pediatric Dentistry**! The kids earned one ticket for each food item donated. The tickets were used to get prizes. The 10 kids with the top food donations earned bonus prizes.

A sincere thanks to the more than 65 volunteers who helped at this event. Without the help of all the volunteers, this event would not be possible. Everyone did an amazing job!

**Join Faith Community Bible Church  
For Our Manger Build  
December 11, 2015  
6 p.m.**



**Enjoy music, fellowship, cookies, hot chocolate, horse-drawn carriage rides, and Christmas crafts.**

**Faith Community Bible Church  
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH • (603) 783-4045  
Website: www.fcbcnh.org**

## Food Scraps — cont. from 1

On top of that information, the US spends about **1 billion dollars** a year to dispose of this horrible food waste! This wasted food is either filling up the landfills or is combusted in incinerators.

## You Can Help!

**Think!** Be a smart shopper and think about what you are buying and when it will be eaten. Become aware of how much food you throw away. Plan meals and use shopping lists. Bring your leftovers home from restaurants in reusable containers.

**Eat!** Become a mindful eater. When possible request smaller portions & take your leftovers home.

**Save!** Save your food, save your money and save the environment. Donate to food banks and become a conscious consumer.

Do you want to continue to learn more about recycling? Join the recycling committee! For more information email us at [loudonrecycles@comcast.net](mailto:loudonrecycles@comcast.net)

And now you can follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Loudonrecyclingcommittee>

More in-depth information can be found online on the following links:

- Think, Eat, Save [www.thinkeatsave.org/](http://www.thinkeatsave.org/)
- World Food Day [www.worldfooddayusa.org/food\\_waste\\_the\\_facts](http://www.worldfooddayusa.org/food_waste_the_facts)
- Society of St. Andrew [endhunger.org/food-waste/](http://endhunger.org/food-waste/)
- Natural Resources Defense Council [www.nrdc.org/food/files/wasted-food-ip.pdf](http://www.nrdc.org/food/files/wasted-food-ip.pdf) ■

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A HUGE thank you to the many companies that make this event so spectacular with their amazing donations. **Mrs. Masterson the Principal of Loudon Elementary School** graciously provided the use of the school. **Environmental Soil Management, Northern Design Precast, Shaver Disposal, Foothills Physical Therapy, Jabil Kennels**, all generously donated cash. **Coca Cola of Belmont** generously donated beverages and allowed the purchase of additional soda at a discounted price. **Brookside Pizza** generously discounted the price of the pizza that was sold at the concession stand. **Concord Pediatric Dentistry** provided toothbrushes and toothpaste that were given away at the Giant Toothbrush game.

The amazing bonus prizes that were given to the 10 kids who donated the most food were generously donated by the following: **Pats Peak** donated 2 ski passes, **Evo Rock** donated \$75 of climbing coupons, **Chuckster's** donated mini golf coupons. The following companies generously donated gift certificates: **Goodales Bike shop, Crazy Kids, Cowabunga, Fun Spot** and **Boutwells Bowling**. The child who brought in the most food had over 150 items!

Elizabeth West, a junior at MVHS and a Girl Scout of troop 12356, was the coordinator of the event for the third year. Elizabeth started last November working on this year's event, and put in well over 50 hours to plan and prepare for the party. She was so excited that the food donated exceed her goal of 1,500 items. In order for the Halloween Party to continue to be an annual event even after she goes off to college, Elizabeth set up a succession plan. Next year, Sophie and Natalie Nolin will coordinate the event and Elizabeth will be their mentor.

Mrs. Susan Houck, Sarah Houck, and Bill Cushing from the Loudon Food Pantry are to be recognized for the incredible work that they do every day for running the Loudon Food Pantry.

**1,757 food items were collected at the event!!!!!! Thank you so much for the donations! ■**



## Loudon Food Pantry News

### Annual 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser — November 1st through to December 15th

**O**ur annual raffle is on. The lucky winner will receive half the ticket sales — so the more tickets we sell, the more the winner takes home. Ticket Prices: 1 Ticket for \$1; 3 Tickets for \$2; 7 Tickets for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon. Our office hours are Mon.–Thur. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. then we reopen from 3–6 p.m. An order form will also be available online at [LoudonFoodPantry.org](http://LoudonFoodPantry.org). The winner need not be present to win. Need more info? Call Sue at 724-9731. Good Luck Everyone!

### Thanksgiving Boxes

As of the submission of this publication we have over 80 Thanksgiving Boxes being handed out. We'll have a final number in next month's article.

### Holiday Boxes — Sign Up Now

There is still time to sign up for your Holiday Boxes. Anyone who is a patron of Loudon Food Pantry is eligible for a Holiday Box. Please sign up early so that we know how much food we need to have on hand. Again, if you need a box, don't hesitate to sign up. Call 724-9731 and speak with Sue.

### Donations Still Needed

Donations can be brought or mailed to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D., Loudon NH 03307. There are also many collection bins in Loudon, Canterbury, and Epsom. Go to our website [LoudonFoodPantry.org](http://LoudonFoodPantry.org) for a current list of items needed.

### Turkey Trot

We received quite a bit of food from the Turkey Trot and are still in the working on processing it all. An update will be in the next publication.

### Boy Scouts of Loudon

The donation received from the Boy Scouts of Loudon was more than received in past years. As with the Turkey Trot, we'll update you next month on the amount of food received.

Thank you for all your donations. It is helping to fill holiday boxes and restock our pantry after a tough summer and spring. ■





# Premier Leadership Through FFA

By Maria VanderWoude, Student Services Coordinator, Winnisquam Regional Agricultural Education Center

What parent doesn't want their child to grow into a productive citizen, one with the talents necessary to succeed in life? We all hope that skills such as communication, problem solving, teamwork and time management will be learned during the 13-plus years a student spends in school. Often, unfortunately, they are not. Extracurricular activities such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other programs can be an excellent means for children to develop such abilities. But what if you could be assured that your child would get these skills *during* the school day?

FFA is a youth leadership organization that is integral to agricultural education. In other words, it's intracurricular, not extracurricular (although many supplemental activities take place outside of the school day). And the good news? Any high school student in New Hampshire is entitled to enroll in agriculture classes, even if they're not offered at his or her school. Merrimack Valley High School students who wish to take ag and participate in the FFA are enrolled in the Winnisquam Agricultural Center. Every day, they board a bus headed for Tilton, where they take part in a 90-minute agriculture class, then return to MV to complete their school day. This year, three Loudon students are enrolled at the Ag Center.

Why is it important for students to learn about agriculture? First and foremost, all of us, every day, are consumers of agriculture. It's vital for individuals to understand where their food, clothing and many other everyday items come from. Secondly, agriculture is about much more than production farming. The term "agricultural education" encompasses topics such as greenhouse management, floral design, landscaping, forestry, small animal care and wildlife management. At Winnisquam, students start out with a course called "Agricultural Science and Technology", where they learn a bit about all of these subjects, as well as leadership, personal finance, and much more. In their second year of the program, they choose to focus on either Natural Resources or Animal and Plant Science, where they study these topics at a greater depth.



Left to right: Caroline Crouch, Kate Merrill and MacKenzie Wallace.

So, what is FFA? Founded in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, FFA is the largest student-led organization in the world with over 630,000 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Today, although the letters still stand for Future Farmers of America, the group is known simply as the National FFA Organization to better reflect the diversity of members' interests. FFA members participate in a wide variety of activities and Career Development Events designed to help them grow as leaders and develop an understanding of agriculture. In New Hampshire, there are 12 FFA Chapters in high schools across the state. The Winnisquam FFA Chapter is one of the most active, participating in nearly every event offered by the state association. To learn more about the FFA, visit [www.nhffa.org](http://www.nhffa.org) or [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org).

How can your child get involved? In late winter, sophomores at Merrimack Valley are presented with information about the Winnisquam Ag Center. At that time, they can choose to sign up for Ag Science & Technology for their junior year. They will also be required to fill out a short application. The program is available to all students, no matter their achievement level. Most ag program completers (those who finish the two-year sequence) go on to college, although many jump right into the job market or the military. Regardless of post-secondary plans, ag ed and FFA

provide students with a strong foundation for career success!

Please visit the Winnisquam Ag Center's website at <https://sites.google.com/a/wrsdsau59.org/ag-center/home> to view our video, learn more about the classes, and download a program application. Email Maria VanderWoude, Student Services Coordinator, at [mvanderwoude@wrsdsau59.org](mailto:mvanderwoude@wrsdsau59.org) for more information or to set up a tour of the facility. ■



## Lions Club News

The Angels 5k Race will be held this coming year on May 6, 2016 at Merrimack Valley High School. Entrants may register on [coolrunning.com](http://coolrunning.com). We welcome volunteers to help on race day; anyone interested in volunteering may contact Chris at [cwyer43@gmail.com](mailto:cwdwyer43@gmail.com).

We meet at the library on the first and third Tuesday of the month; we welcome anyone interested in joining the Lions Club to drop in to meet us. ■

## Watch for Deer on the Roads

Motorists are advised to watch for deer crossing roadways this time of year, especially at dawn and dusk. Deer are very active right now, as the mating season, or rut, is underway and bucks and does have their minds on things other than traffic!

According to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department deer biologist Dan Bergeron, a hefty percentage — almost a third — of all deer-vehicle collisions in New Hampshire occur from mid-October through the end of November (see graph at [www.wildnh.com/wildlife/brake-for-deer.html](http://www.wildnh.com/wildlife/brake-for-deer.html)). In a typical year, an estimated 1,200 deer/vehicle collisions occur in New Hampshire.

A few things to keep in mind to reduce the chances of colliding with a deer on the road:

- Be especially cautious when driving at dawn and dusk, when deer are most active.
- Remember, deer are creatures of habit. If you have seen deer crossing the road in a certain location, slow down and use caution when driving in that area.
- If you see one deer on the road, keep a sharp eye out for others.

"Don't get distracted watching the doe disappear into the woods," said Bergeron. "Stay alert — her fawns or a rutting buck may be following close behind."

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department conserves and manages the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Learn more at [www.wildnh.com](http://www.wildnh.com). ■



## FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

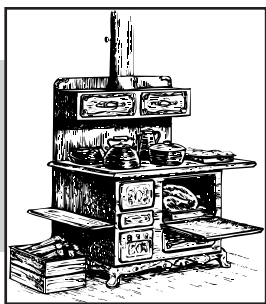
Serving dinner:  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Family Bible Church  
676 Loudon Ridge Road  
Loudon, NH 03307

Bring your friends.  
Bring your family.  
Bring your appetite

EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU

Call Cindy at 393-4384 for information  
or directions. Leave a message.



## What's Cookin'! It's Cookie Swap Time

By Jenn Pfeifer

It's cookie swap time! Or if you're like me, it's make a batch of yummy cookies and hide them time! I actually don't have to hide them very well in my house since my husband and son aren't really sweets eaters. I do enjoy going to cookie swaps so I can taste lots of cookies but only have to make one batch myself. But by far my favorite holiday tradition is when my childhood bestie Amanda shows up on my doorstep with the most delicious and beautiful plate of sweet treats that she makes herself and all I have to do is eat them...I sure hope I make the list again this year. I also hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season filled with peace, love and happiness.

### GOOEY BUTTER COOKIES — By Paula Dean

*(This is a go-to recipe for me. I know it without the recipe and you can switch out the boxed cake mix for any flavor you like. You can also switch out the butter for any flavor nut butter you like and the vanilla extract for your favorite flavor. Be creative with this one because it is very forgiving.)*

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 18½-ounce box white cake mix or 1 box yellow cake mix
- confectioners' sugar

Cream together cream cheese and butter. Add egg and vanilla, then cake mix. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until cookie dough is firm. Roll into 1 inch balls, then roll in confectioner's sugar. Preheat oven to 350. Bake cookies on ungreased cookie sheet for 10–15 minutes or until cookies are slightly firm to touch. Wait a minute or two before removing cookies to cooling racks. Dust with confectioner's sugar.

### TWIX COOKIES — By Mandy's Recipe Box

- 1½ cups softened butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 15-oz. jar caramel sauce
- 2 Tbsp. evaporated milk
- 2 cups milk choc chips
- 2 tsp. shortening

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and sugar together. Add your vanilla, flour and salt. Mix well. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough out to ½ inch thick. To cut cookies you can use a biscuit cutter or I just used a small glass that was 2 inches wide. Place round cookies on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 14–16 minutes. Let cookies cool.

Melt caramel and spread the caramel over the cooled cookies. Let caramel cool completely.

Add your shortening into the chocolate chips and melt in the microwave. Use a microwave safe bowl and watch so that the chocolate does not burn. Spread melted chocolate over cooled caramel. Let chocolate set before serving. Do not put in the refrigerator as it will discolor the chocolate.

### CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE COOKIES — By Sandra — A Dash of Sanity

#### Chocolate Cookie

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Pinch salt

#### Pecan Cookie Filling

- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- ½ cup pecans, chopped
- ⅓ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup corn syrup
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ⅛ teaspoon salt

#### Prepare Pecan Cookie Filling.

Add butter, pecans, brown sugar, corn syrup, salt, and beaten eggs to a medium non-stick pan. Cook over medium-high heat until it thickens. Don't overcook, you want it the same consistency as pudding. Remove from heat; set aside.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a stand mixer or large bowl using a hand mixer, blend the butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar, vanilla, and eggs. In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, cocoa, baking soda, and salt. Gradually add the flour mixture into the butter mixture and blend until combined.

Drop the dough by tablespoonful onto the prepared baking sheets, 12 cookies per sheet, and bake 8 minutes. Remove from oven and top cookies with approximately 1 tablespoon of pecan cookie filling on the center of each cookie. Place back in oven and cook for another 4 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool on baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough and pecan cookie filling.

### CRANBERRY ORANGE SHORTBREAD COOKIES — By Trish — Mom On Timeout

- 2½ cups all purpose flour
- ¾ cups sugar, divided
- 1 cup butter, cubed (and cold)
- 1 tsp almond extract
- zest of 1 orange
- ½ cup dried cranberries (Craisins)
- additional sugar to coat cookies before baking if desired

Preheat oven to 325F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Combine cranberries and ¼ cup of sugar in a food processor and process just until the cranberries are broken down into smaller pieces. Set aside. Combine flour and remaining sugar in a large bowl. Use a pastry blender to cut in butter. You want very fine crumbs. Stir in extract, cranberries and sugar mixture, and orange zest. Use your hands to knead the dough until it comes together and forms a ball. Shape dough into a log about two inches in a diameter and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for two hours or up to 72 hours. Cut slices of cookie dough about ¼ inch thick. Place about a half a cup of sugar in a bowl and coat the cookie slices with sugar. Place cookies on baking sheet and bake for 10–12 minutes or just until cookies are set. Do not over bake. I pull mine at 10 minutes. Let cookies cool for several minutes on baking sheet before removing to cooling rack. Let cool completely. Store in airtight container for 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

### CHOCOLATE CHIP MERINGUE COOKIES — By HRrecipes.com

*These cookies are the perfect combination of vanilla and chocolate. If you prefer chewy meringues, make them the day before you plan to eat them.*

- 1 spray cooking spray
- 1 tsp all-purpose flour
- 4 large egg white(s)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips, semi-sweet
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 200°F. Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray; coat with a light dusting of flour and shake off excess. In a large mixing bowl, beat egg whites with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar and beat until stiff, glossy peaks form; gently fold in chocolate and vanilla extract. Drop mixture by heaping tablespoons onto prepared baking sheet about 1 inch apart, making 24 cookies. Bake until lightly golden and no longer sticky on the surface, about 1 hour. Turn oven off and let cookies sit in oven for 1 hour. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool completely. Yields 1 cookie per serving. ■



# What Is A Farmer?

Submitted by Cindy Shea, Loudon Agriculture Commission

*Agriculture makes vital and significant contributions to the food supply, the economy, the environment and the aesthetic features of the state of New Hampshire. — NH Right to Farm Law*

## What is a Farmer?

This speech was attributed to Paul Harvey in 1978. Some of you may have heard this at some point, but I thought it was important to put the text here. Farming isn't a 9–5 job and yet many farmers must work a 9–5 job, then come home, and farm as farming today is very difficult to survive on. Trust me when I say that the average full-time farmer makes less than minimum wage.

We are a confusing culture as we agree with the words written for the NH Right to Farm Law. We agree that farming is a wholesome yet difficult way of life. We want to save farms and farmland and preserve our culture and the aesthetic beauty of our state. We enjoy the farmers' markets and fresh food farmers provide. Yet we are often quick to criticize the farmer, the farm or the farming way of life.

Please read and enjoy this speech and, as you sit down to dinner this evening, remember to "Thank a Farmer."

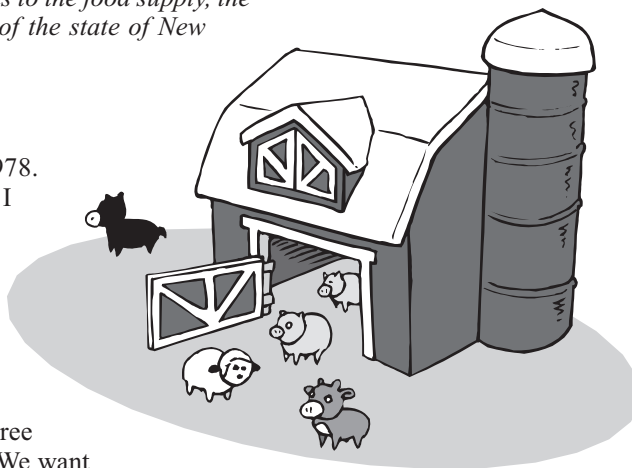
And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board." So God made a farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon — and mean it." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, come planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor back,' put in another seventy-two hours." So God made a farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees



the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" So God made a farmer. ■

## Find Great Gifts for Outdoor Enthusiasts at Fish and Game!

If you're looking for exciting gifts for the hunters, anglers and wildlife watchers on your list, check out the N.H. Fish and Game Department gift shop. Every purchase supports Fish and Game's work conserving and managing the state's natural resources.

**Shop WILD NHSOP ONLINE:** Visit Fish and Game's online store at [www.shopwildnh.com](http://www.shopwildnh.com) to order Fish and Game logo gear — shirts, hats, mugs and more. New for this season, a camo "onesie" for infants is the perfect gift for a newborn. Round out your gift selection with a 2016 New Hampshire Wildlife calendar to get started planning a new year of outdoor adventure.

**ORDER BY MAIL — OR STOP BY FISH AND GAME HEADQUARTERS:** Many great gifts for outdoor and nature enthusiasts are available at Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord (open 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. weekdays), or by using the mail-order form on the Fish and Game website at [www.shopwildnh.com](http://www.shopwildnh.com):

Gift certificates for 2016 fishing or hunting licenses — Our most popular outdoor gift! This certificate is redeemable at any license agent or can be used for merchandise at Fish and Game headquarters. Purchase over the counter or call 603-271-3422 to order by phone. You can also use a mail-order form at [www.wildnh.com/shop/gift-certificates.html](http://www.wildnh.com/shop/gift-certificates.html). (Gift certificates available now; 2016 license sales start December 15).

2016 New Hampshire Wildlife calendar — (\$9.95; free shipping for 1-5 calendars, US addresses only). Fish and Game's award-winning wall calendar features New England wildlife and New Hampshire hunting and fishing season dates. Order at [www.wildnh.com/shop/calendar.html](http://www.wildnh.com/shop/calendar.html).

Gift subscription to *New Hampshire Wildlife Journal* — Full-color bi-monthly magazine explores New Hampshire's wildlife and outdoor recreation. A great gift idea at \$12 for one year (six issues) or \$20 for two years. Order by mail or online at [www.wildnh.com/pubs/wj-magazine.html](http://www.wildnh.com/pubs/wj-magazine.html).

**WILD Deal** — Limited time offer: Get a full year of *N.H. Wildlife Journal* PLUS the 2016 N.H. Wildlife calendar for just \$17. Order by December 2 at [wildnh.com/shop/wild-deals.html](http://wildnh.com/shop/wild-deals.html).

Many Fish and Game logo hats, shirts and mugs are available at Fish and Game headquarters or by mail. (You'll find a larger selection at [www.shopwildnh.com](http://www.shopwildnh.com)).

**Baby's first Christmas** — The newborn lifetime license makes the best-ever outdoor baby gift. Wrap it up along with a camo onesie in green or pink.

**Hike Safe Card** — For the hikers, kayakers, climbers, bikers and other outdoor adventurers on your list, give the annual Hike Safe Card. Supports Fish and Game search and rescue and exempts the holder from liability for reimbursing rescue costs. (2016 Hike Safe Card sales start December 15).

**Wildlife books and art** — Browse our specialty selection of reference books for the informed outdoor enthusiast, humorous "Warden's Watch" stories, wildlife prints and art.

**Shop KTP** — Order *N.H. Wildlife Journal* magazine online or browse an exclusive line of N.H. Fish and Game logo shirts developed in partnership with Kittery Trading Post; look for the KTP link at [www.shopwildnh.com](http://www.shopwildnh.com) or shop in-store at KTP in Kittery, ME.

Another great gift idea for anglers on your list is non-lead tackle. After June 1, 2016, state law will ban the use of lead sinkers and jigs weighing one ounce or less. This law protects loons and other waterfowl. ■

## Power Outage — cont. from 1

has ice crystals. Sometimes the issue is one of quality versus safety. For example, refreezing meat that has thawed and not been held above 40°F will lose some quality but is still safe to consume.

Some general guidelines are to throw out perishable food such as meats, poultry, milk and leftovers that have been held above 40°F for more than two hours. This is where the thermometer in the refrigerator is most helpful. Generally, hard cheeses, butter, margarine, fresh fruit, jelly, relish, mustard, and soy sauce are fine to keep. Cooked vegetables and fruit with no meat or added fats can be safely composted.

As for frozen food, if raw meat and poultry still have ice crystals or not been held above 40° F they can safely be refrozen. The only caveat is to use them within a month or two for best quality. Vegetables and fruit that have completely thawed can be composted. Any food that has been contaminated from leaking meat and poultry packages should be tossed. Frozen fruit that still has ice crystals can be made into jam or jelly.

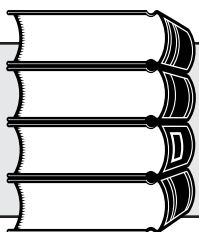
The last thing to consider is cleaning the inside of the refrigerator and freezer with hot soapy water before reloading. After washing, rinse with hot water and then sanitize with a solution of 1 tablespoon of germicidal bleach to one gallon of warm water. This will cut down on any foodborne microorganisms that could lead to a foodborne illness.

For a complete list of what to keep or toss go to [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov) and look up power outages and how to handle frozen and refrigerated food. For general food safety questions, including how long to keep food, contact the UNH Cooperative Extension Education Center and Info Line at 1-877-398-4769, 9–2 Monday–Friday.

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## Maxfield Public Library News



*Story Time Trick-or-Treaters paid a visit to the Town Office, Police Dept., and Fire Dept.*



*Learning about fish at the Library. Fish look like they're lots of fun!*

### Trick or Treat

There were princesses and transformers, the Hulk and Super Girl, along with pirates and a fire dog visiting the library this Halloween.

Story time would like to thank the **Town Office**, the **Loudon Police Department**, and the **Loudon Fire Department** for their participation in this year's Story Time Trick or Treating. We look forward to this "parade" every year — thank you!

### Story Time

On December 1, 2, and 3, we'll start the month by listening to *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell* by Lucille Colandro and Eric Carle's *Dream Snow*. The craft to follow will have the children creating a winter scene with special snowflakes.

On December 8, 9, and 10, Story Time will dig in and prepare for SNOW! Join us as we read *Outside* by Deirdre Gill and *Blizzard* by John Rocco. Hopefully, the children will be making the first — and only — blizzard of the winter.

On December 15, 16, and 17, story time will celebrate Christmas. After reading *The Knights Before Christmas* by Joan Holub and Doreen Cronin's *Click, Clack, Ho, Ho, Ho*, the children will paint a Christmas tree to bring home. The children are invited to stay after for a Christmas party. Please bring a treat to share and the library will provide juice.

### Vacation Week

Join us Tuesday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. for a movie and popcorn. Please call the library to find out what's playing.

Join us Thursday, December 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., for the drop in craft. Participants will create a space shuttle using paper tubes. Will you fly for the Jedi? Or the Empire?

### Polar Express Party

Join us on Friday, December 11, for a magical trip to the North Pole on the famous *Polar Express*. Come dressed in your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and pillow so you can snuggle in to watch Chris Van Allsburg's popular holiday classic.

The library will provide hot cocoa and snacks to enjoy during the movie. You may pick up your train ticket in the children's room at the circulation desk. Space is limited, so please be sure to reserve your seats! The train leaves promptly at 6 p.m.

*"The bell still rings for me as it does for all who truly believe...."*

### Coloring For Adults

Adult coloring has become very popular — and with good reason: it is a great way to relieve stress. Forget about the demands of this busy time of year and take an hour for yourself. Join us on Wednesday, December 16, for a time of coloring and conversation. Supplies will be provided, please sign up at the main circulation desk or by calling 798-5153.

### Book Group

Due to the holiday, book group will not meet during the month of December. Please call the library for January information.

### Yoga

In the midst of the holiday season, replenish your mind, body, and spirit with yoga at the library.

Fran Nash's yoga sessions are offered Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Low-impact chair yoga is offered on Thursday at 11 a.m.

NEW! Starting December 15, Fran will be adding a second chair yoga session at 9:00 a.m. every Tuesday. The cost per session is \$5.00.

### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Saturday, December 26, for Christmas.

The library will be closing at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, for New Year's Eve.

### Library Hours

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



*There are lots of classes and fun times for adults at the Library! It's not just for kids.*





## Loudon Police Department News

By Kristoffer R. Burgess, Sergeant

From our family to yours, the members of the Loudon Police Department extend our wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

We urge you to plan ahead for the upcoming parties and gatherings. Let's not ruin the holiday season by a tragedy. PLEASE use common sense when planning to host or attend these gatherings. Don't drink and drive. We again will be out with extra patrols to deter drinking and driving. Plan ahead and utilize a designated driver and PLEASE buckle up.

With the season upon us, so is the inevitable inclement weather. We remind you to SLOW down. You must be travelling at a reasonable and prudent speed under the conditions — *not necessarily the posted speed limit*.

As with all police departments across the state, we are concerned with the heroin and drug epidemic. We encourage you to sit down with your family and discuss the concerns. Be aware who your children are "hanging out" with. This could strike any family. There is no prejudice. If you have concerns and would like to talk to us, please reach out to us. We are here to assist you and by working together, we hope to make a difference!

We are also receiving lots of calls regarding the different scams that have recently targeted our area. Some of them include the IRS calling stating you owe money and an arrest warrant will be issued; utility companies calling stating if you don't pay a sum of money, your utility will be shut off; several different companies calling to state you have won money or prizes and all you need to do is send them a sum of money to claim it; persons calling and claiming they are from the FBI and state your student loans are past due and you must pay or an arrest warrant will be forthcoming; a family member has been involved in an accident or has been arrested and you need to wire money. These are just some of the recent fraudulent activities. We suggest that if you don't recognize a phone number, don't answer it. If you receive a message, do not return the call. If you receive questionable correspondence in the mail (such as a large check made out to you which you didn't expect)



Sgt. Akerstrom poses with a group of pint-sized trick-or-treaters.

— it's probably a scam. *If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!* Feel free to contact an officer to review it.

Again, we thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department and on behalf of all members of the Loudon Police Department, Happy Holidays! ■

## Looking for Help With Nuisance Wildlife?

Got mice in the attic, squirrels in the rafters or raccoons looking for a warm bunk in your barn? Fall and early winter find many New Hampshire residents actively seeking ways to deal with uninvited wildlife at their residences. Help is just a few clicks away, thanks to wildlifehelp.org, a website built to assist with wildlife damage issues. The wildlife website is supported by the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and the Northeast Wildlife Damage Management Cooperative. Thirteen eastern states and the District of Columbia are represented, with wildlife species and damage control information specific to managing wildlife in those jurisdictions.

Wildlifehelp.org is designed to assist with common wildlife problems presenting solutions to resolve those conflicts. The website offers several ways to obtain information about a wildlife damage conflict, such as animal identification, solutions and ideas to prevent damage caused by animals, and a listing of professional Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators to call when assistance beyond the basics is necessary.

"This time of year, we're getting lots of calls from people needing help with everything from beavers building dams on their property to red squirrels in their attics," says Mark Ellingwood, N.H. Fish and Game Wildlife Division Chief. "Wildlifehelp.org gives them a start with great information on how to deal with nuisance wildlife, and is a place to go for basic information."

Start finding solutions to your wildlife problems today by visiting Wildlifehelp.org for helpful ideas and knowledge to solve a multitude of common wildlife damage issues. Additional help combatting nuisance wildlife can also be obtained by calling USDA / Wildlife Service at (603) 223-6832. ■



## Maxfield Public Library Passes!

*Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either*

*by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.*

### CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 discounted admissions of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 18. Children under 6 free.

### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4.50. Children under age 1 free.

### CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

### McAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

### MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

### SEE SCIENCE CENTER

Free admission for a family.

### SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

\$3 trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$10 each.

### STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

Free admission for a family.

### WRIGHT MUSEUM

Free admission for 2 adults and 4 children (under 18 years).

# It's Coming...



## Hazardous Waste Collection Day

**Date and time to be determined, sometime in April  
2016 at the Loudon Transfer Station.**

**This event is open to all residents of Loudon.**

**Must bring proof of residency.**

### What To Bring:

#### ***From your workbench:***

- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Oil paint, stains, thinners, and strippers

#### ***From your garage:***

- Engine degreasers, brake fluids

#### ***From your yard:***

- Insecticides, weed killers, poisons
- Pesticides
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Wood preservatives

#### ***From your home:***

- Aerosol cans
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets

### What NOT To Bring:

#### ***From your workbench:***

- Ammunition, fireworks, and explosives
- Infectious and biological waste
- Prescription medicines/syringes
- Radioactive waste
- Unknown compress gas cylinder

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information  
about this event!**





## News From American Legion Post 88

By Commander Shawn Jones



*Editor's Note: The October American Legion News was inadvertently left out of the November issue of The Loudon Ledger so it is being printed here, along with the November News. We apologize for the inconvenience.*

### October News

To my Legion family,

By the time you read this I will have attended the Legion's Fall Conference hosted by Post 1 in Laconia on October 31st. I'll make a report on this at our November meeting and pass along any information I receive and present this information in the December edition.

We held our October meeting on the 21st with 13 members present. Adjutant Joe Piroso asked that we observe a moment of silence to honor the passing of a 38-year member Jim Dymont. Our Chaplin also included Jim and his family in a nice prayer at the conclusion of our meeting.

Finance Officer Larry Elliot reported that we brought in some annual revenue from our Charitable Gaming partnership with the Lakes Region Casino in Belmont. This income will allow us to continue to operate and provide services to our community and veterans in need.

We had an informative building committee report from Judge Advocate Stan Prescott regarding the filing of a variance application with the town's ZBA. Stan met with the Loudon Fire Dept. Code Inspector Deputy Chief Bill Lake and went over some of the fire safety codes and building occupancy numbers based on what our septic system is able to handle on a daily basis. There are still various permits and paper work that needs to be done before any demolition or construction can take place. Many members said they would be in attendance at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday night in support of our post.

Members present discussed increasing our dues by \$5.00 or \$7.00 for the 2017 year to keep pace with the National dues increase of \$5.00. *A motion was made by Chaplin Larry Hemphill to increase the dues by \$7.00 to a total of \$32 per year to help bring in a little revenue to cover expenses. It was seconded by Historian Mike Moffett but was voted down by the majority of members present in favor of a \$5 increase. Sargent at Arms Scott Newton made the motion to increase our dues to \$30 and seconded by Stan. The motion passed and the new increase will go into effect in January 2016.* This means for any member who waits to pay after December 16th you will have to pay the additional \$5.00. This increase will be the amount owed when the 2017 renewal notices are mailed out. With this new rate your post will still keep \$3.50 per member with \$26.50 going to the Department and National. I can not empathize enough on the importance to mail in your dues for next year before our December meeting at the current rate of \$25.00. You may also pay at an upcoming meeting or contact myself to make arrangements to pay. I will see to it that your dues are given to Joe. He will, in turn, mail your membership card to you.

I spoke about the upcoming Districts 2 and 5 Revitalization efforts being conducted by National and Department from 10/22–10/24 at Post 21 in Concord. The

organizers of this effort are asking that each post in the districts send as many members as interested to help out by calling members or making face-to-face contact and encourage members to renew their expired membership dues. Some of our members expressed an interest in helping out with the goal of making contact with our members who have not renewed for this year. Post 88 is currently third in the district with 67.12% dues paid for



American Legion High School Oratorical Informational Display Board.

2016. We still have members who have not paid for 2015; you still have until 12/16/15 to pay and keep your continuous years of membership intact.

Our Children and Youth Officer Michael Hartt brought in a wonderful display board he made for the High School Oratorical program (below, left). Mike's plan is to bring this to MVMS on November 10th where he was asked to be a guest speaker for the school's Veteran's Remembrance Day ceremony. He also hopes to have a Junior Oratorical Display made up to display as well. Our hope is to partner with the Penacook Post 31 and the Merrimack Valley School District to find prospective candidates to compete for money to help with their educational expenses.

Mike Moffett made a request on behalf of the Loudon Lions Club seeking to raise \$156.00 to buy dictionaries for the third graders at Loudon Elementary School (LES). *Mike made a motion that we donate \$75 to the Lions Club, seconded by Joe Piroso and voted in favor by all.*

Our Commanders Fund Raffle winners were: \$50/G. Tasker, \$25/S. Cahn, \$10/G. Laforo, \$10/J. Chamberland; and \$5/J. Dymont. His widow will receive the payment.

I let everyone know I received a call from Our Community Service Officer Bob Ordway who recently left for Arizona to be closer to his children. Bob and his daughter Joani arrived safely and he is doing well. We will sadly miss him at our monthly meetings. He was a good friend and had sound judgment when it came to post business.

### November News

To my Legion Family,

At our November meeting we had 11 members present. Sr. Vice Commander Gary Tasker and Judge Advocate Stan Prescott gave reports from the building committee. They continue to work on the redesign of our new building and have met with a local contractor to get a price on the work that needs to be done.

I updated the membership on the work that Children and Youth Officer Mike Hartt has been doing. He was invited to give a speech at Merrimack Valley Middle School (MVMS) on November 10th during a Veteran's Day Assembly. Mike made up two display boards for the Junior and High School Oratorical Programs and set them up at the school. He also put out informational flyers for students and guest to take with them. Mike was able to give a Public Service Announcement (PSA) on the program. He represented our post well and we'd like to thank Principal Patricia Severance, Assistant Principal William Hinkle, and the students of MVMS for inviting us veterans and showing how much they appreciate us. A job well done by those students over there. They sure did put smiles on all the veteran's and their family members faces. It would be great if we can get some students from these schools who would be interested in competing for some prize money. If anyone has any questions please contact either American Legion Post 88 in Loudon or Post 31 in Penacook. Both posts have a C&Y officer who can answer your questions. Mike also has plans to reach out to our Lighthouse and AGAPE Homeschool Associations as the programs of the American Legion is not just limited to public school students. He also wants to see if Post 21 in Concord has any interest in doing a joint presentation on the Oratorical Programs at Concord High School.

Since our October meeting I attended the Fall Conference on October 31st at Post 1 in Laconia and the Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting on



Children and Youth Officer Mike Hartt addressing the MVMS Veterans' Day assembly while Principal Patricia Severance looks on.

Legion — cont. on 12

**The Loudon Ledger is always interested in what you or your organization is doing in Loudon. See page 2 for upcoming deadlines and send your items to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. Before writing an article, please read the "Submission Policy," also on page 2. If you are writing about your business, every effort must be made to keep the article from being a "commercial." Items of that sort may be run as an advertisement and you will be charged appropriately — or your article may be edited. The Communications Council approves all content before publishing.**

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*Legion — cont. from 11*

November 14th at Post 43 in Manchester. Topics discussed where membership, dues increases, the June convention in North Conway, IRS tax exempt status, do's and don'ts of running a meeting were just some of the topics covered. At the DEC meeting nominations for Department Treasurer were made. PDC Bob Dione was the only nominee and was voted to fill the recent vacant seat of Dept. Treasurer to finish out the term that expires in June. We also voted in favor of a NH Departmental dues increase from \$45 to \$50. Also discussed posts that have caught the eye of the Department, including two in District 5 that have needed corrective action taken by the Department to make sure they maintain the full honesty and integrity of the American Legion in maintaining their post operations. One Son's of The American Legion Squadron's charter was voted on to be pulled due to a lack of members participating in the squadron. Lastly, I attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony in Boscawen on November 11th. It was a wet morning but well worth my efforts since it was said there are military men and woman who are serving in worse conditions than a little rain. I was able to dry off for a little while on one of the NHVH buses that our own Fred Osgood was riding on. It was nice to visit with Fred and catch up with him. He is still enjoying his stay at the "Old Soldiers Home." We'll see you later in December, Fred, when we come up to bring a donation to the Resident Benefit Fund.

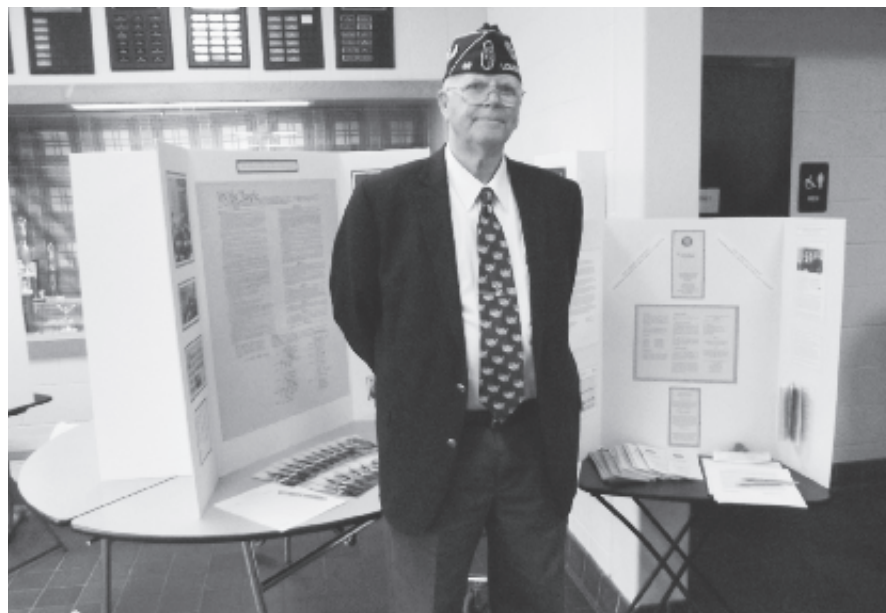
From November 19th–23rd, the Lead Candidate for 2016 National Commander, Charlie Schmidt from the Department of Oregon, will be in the state visiting various posts and participating in several events throughout NH.

Our 2016 membership renewals so far are at 71.23%. We need to have all members pay their 2016 dues no later than December 16th to avoid the extra \$5.00. I can't say enough — don't wait until January to pay your 2016 dues. We need them in to us by 12/16/15 so that our Adjutant can process the payments and send them into the Department. If there are any readers who belong to Post 200 and wish to join your local post and save \$20 a year please contact me.

*Motions where made by members to donate \$250.00 to the Loudon Food Pantry and \$150.00 for the USMC Toys for Tots program.* Gary Tasker will deliver the donation to the food pantry and Mike Moffett will take the donation down to the Marine Corps.

Our Commander's Fund Raffle winners for November were \$50/R. Sylvester, \$25/K. Wood, \$10/M. Brogan, \$10/D. Denis, and \$5/E. Bean. Congratulations to our winners.

Our next meeting will be on December 16th at 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a Merry Christmas and God Bless You all. Thank you all for being members of Loudon Post 88, with out your support we wouldn't have a post. ■



Mike Hartt is shown here with the display boards he made for the American Legion Oratorical Programs.



Post 88 Commander Shawn Jones and Children and Youth Officer Michael Hartt post together at the MVMS Veterans' Day Ceremony.



Loudon Troop 247 member Scout Wade Fisher is shown here with Post 88 Commander Shawn Jones.



## JOIN THE CLUB



### Rolling Bones 4-H Dog Club

Informational Night for interested youth and their parents

**When:** Wednesday December 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

**Where:** A Furry Affair Grooming Salon, 248 Sheep Davis Road, Suite 7, Concord, NH 03301

**What:** Join us to see if you are interesting in joining our club! We will be discussing what we are all about and what we do all year in our 4-H club.

**Please leave your dog at home**

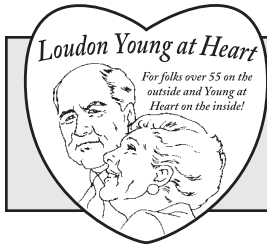
**About Us:** The Rolling Bones 4-H Dog club is a 4-H Club open to members between the ages of 8 (as of January 1st) and 18. Both purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome to the club. Members learn how to train and show their dogs. They also learn dog general knowledge including dog care, grooming, first aid, breed identification, career opportunities, and more!

Volunteer leaders meet with members twice a month (2nd and 4th Wednesday nights 6-8pm) in the Concord, NH area. In the Summer/Fall, 4-Hers are able to compete in many 4-H fairs across the state and can qualify to compete in regional events. We hold many special events throughout the year such as fundraisers, a fun match, field trips, weekend clinics, public relations events, Quiz Bowl practices, and more!

- For more information about the event or to RSVP email Danielle Furness [daniellesnook@hotmail.com](mailto:daniellesnook@hotmail.com) OR Sarah Gardner [agilelab10@gmail.com](mailto:agilelab10@gmail.com)

- Visit our club website for more information about our club [www.rollingbones4h.org](http://www.rollingbones4h.org)
- For more information about 4-H go to: <http://extension.unh.edu>





## Loudon Young at Heart

By Letty Barton

On Tuesday, November 10th, 45 members of the Young at Heart gathered at Charlie's Barn to listen to a presentation on "Fraud and Scams Against Seniors" given by Mr. Peter Kawonczyk, a volunteer from AARP. The presentation covered fraud trends and behavior, the con artist's playbook, prevention and resources. The top scams in NH are identity theft, bank, lenders and debt collection. In the US, 12.6 million are victims and \$20.9 billion stolen. There are online and offline scams including lottery scams, tech support scams, charity frauds, and grandparent scams. Don't be a victim and learn to recognize the "Red Flags" that help you identify scams such as:

- Are they trying to get you excited?
- Does it sound too good to be true?
- Does it require an "up-front" processing fee?
- Does the offer have a short fuse?
- Are they asking for personal/financial information?
- Are they asking you to "follow a link" in an e-mail?

During the presentation Officer Chris Burgess from the Loudon Police Dept. came in and also explained about senior scams right here in Loudon. Officer Burgess told the group that if you feel as though you have been targeted for a scam, to notify the Loudon Police Department.

Five new people were recognized at the meeting: Mary Alton, Diana Osgood, Ann and George Franz, and Janet Graves.

Winners of the door prizes were: Michaela Warren, Marilyn Debuc, and Pauline McCarthy.

The Pittsfield Senior Center RTS Bus is now serving Loudon on Mondays 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. If you are age 60 or over, for a low suggested donation of \$1.00 per ride or \$2.00 round-trip, you can get to the doctor, to the bank and/or shopping. This service is door-to-door; they ask for a 24-hour notice. If anyone is interested you can call the Bus service at 435-8482.

**Remember December 8th!!!** It is the Christmas Pot Luck and Sing-a-Long with Bill Parker. Members are asked to bring either a casserole or dessert. Please remember to also bring something for the Loudon Food Pantry if possible.

Callers, please have your numbers in to Dottie by Friday, Dec. 4th. ■

## UNH Extension December Workshops

### Gardening Gadget Gift Giving

**B**oscawen Municipal Complex, 116 North Main St., 4th Floor, Boscawen, Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener, Derrick LaBranche (also known as the Gardening Gadget Guy) has been collecting submissions of favorite garden implements from Master Gardeners statewide, with notes about why each particular tool is awesome. Come find out what the coolest gardening gadgets for your garden are. This workshop is aimed squarely for home gardeners who want to put gadgets on their holiday wish list or people who want to make gardeners happy by giving just the right gardening thingamabob, gizmo or whatsis. You will also learn what may not be worth a trip to the garden center. The talk is free and open to the public, but we do ask that you pre-register by contacting the Boscawen Agricultural Commission at 753-9188 x 301 or agriculture03303@gmail.com.

### Fall & Winter Care of Laying Hens

**Friday, December 4, 2015, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Hillsborough County Extension Office, 329 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH.** Keeping laying hens productive through the winter months means keeping them well-fed, well-watered, healthy, and comfortable. Topics included in this workshop are designed to assist you in keeping your farm flock comfortable right now, how to bring them back into production, and what to expect if you allow them to follow their natural cycle. Dot Perkins, UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialist, Food & Agriculture, will discuss molting, lighting, nutrition for the molting birds, parasites, and treatment options. CEUs: 1.5, Register on-line: vols.pt/LZRVU6. Questions? Contact Pamela Doherty at pam.doherty@unh.edu. ■

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# The Environmental Kids Club Gets Its Hands Dirty Learning How to Compost!

*Photos and article by LeeAnn Childress, Loudon Recycling Committee*

Barb Parent, Barb Burr, and LeeAnn Childress of the Loudon Recycling Committee had a great time visiting with the children in the Environmental Kids Club at Loudon Elementary School. With the help of the children's teacher, Mr. Raymond, the Committee presented a "hands on" demonstration on how easy it is to compost. Each child did a great job of listening to information and instructions. They didn't hesitate to scoop up handfuls of dirt, leaves, veggie scraps, paper, and more, to build their miniature compost buckets.

Thank you to Shaw's at 20 Fort Eddy Road in Concord for donating the plastic containers we used for the miniature compost bins!

For more information email us at [loudonrecycles@comcast.net](mailto:loudonrecycles@comcast.net). You may also visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Loudonrecyclingcommittee](http://www.facebook.com/Loudonrecyclingcommittee). ■



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## Boy Scout Troop 247 Had a Busy November!

In November, members of Boy Scout Troop 247 acted as the honor guard at the annual Veteran's Day assembly at Merrimack Valley Middle school. The boys did a great job leading the flag ceremony.

As part of a national effort, the boys participated in Scouting for Food, the food drive sponsored by the Daniel Webster Council to benefit food pantries in Merrimack County.

Starting Saturday, November 7th, our troop distributed more than 1,500 door hangers around Loudon. We also hung a large banner in front of the Crouch home on North Village

Road letting people know it was a "Scouting For Food Drop Here." Thanks to everyone who left donations here. On Saturday, November 14th our Troop traveled around town to collect the food left by generous townspeople. The goal set by council was 45,000 items. Our troop collected more than 1,600 food items and 1 turkey for the effort. The boys brought the food to the National Guard Armory in Concord and helped sort and organize items. Thank you to everyone who donated! ■



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## Apples for Dinner...and Breakfast...and Lunch?

By Carole Soule

The cows followed me from tree to tree as I knocked down apples. I kept my head down, afraid of a direct hit, as the apples plummeted down on me and the cows. The grass this year suffered from lack of rain. By the end of August there was little grass for our herd of cattle to eat. When the grass stopped growing due to the lack of rain, the apples picked up. Just as the grass was disappearing the apples ripened.

One of our remote pastures is an old apple orchard in Barnstead, NH. In past years these aging apple trees produced some apples for the cows' eating pleasure. This year the apple crop was amazing. The apples were big, plump, and abundant, bending tree branches under their weight. Daily we knocked apples from the upper reaches of the trees and daily the cattle would clean up the drops.

Apples alone, though, cannot sustain cattle. They are ruminants and need roughage to help digest the apples so we bring them hay to supplement the apples. We bring a round bale (about one thousand pounds of hay) to the pasture every few days. Yes, we were still feeding hay but a lot less of it.

There is a danger with apples and cattle. Cattle can get upset stomachs if they eat too many apples too quickly. Fortunately cattle know just how to deal with indigestion. They gobble down sodium bicarbonate. Cattle don't like to get sick and innately know when to hit the bicarbonate. Cattle can also get "drunk" eating too many apples all at once but if introduced gradually they

are less likely to over eat. Just think about it. If you were starved for ice cream for months, then presented with gallons of it, would you gorge yourself? These cattle started with a few apples in August gradually building to the overabundance of apples in early October.

Not only were the cattle fed by the apple drops, so were we. We brought bushels home for applesauce, canning, and just plain eating. This was definitely the year of the apple. And let's not forget all those busy bees who pollinated every single apple. I'm not sure what made this year so special for apples but let's celebrate with this easy-to-make applesauce.

Why not make applesauce with local maple syrup? Local apples, local maple syrup, what could be better?



### Applesauce

8-12	cored and chopped apples
1/4	cup water
1/4	cup maple sryup
1/2	teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a saucepan, combine apples, water, maple syrup, and cinnamon. Cover and cook over low heat for 30-40 minutes, or until apples are soft stirring frequently. Turn off heat, add cinnamon. Serve hot or cold. ■



# Loudon Station — A New Shop in Loudon!

Photos and Article By Cammy Nolin

Jackie Powell's smiling face is familiar to regular post office patrons at the Brookside Mall postal station. And now, as the shop's new owner, she hopes to greet many more visitors to the newly-named Loudon Station. Jackie, who started working at the shop this past May, says she quickly fell in love with the people. So when the opportunity arose and the shop went up for sale, she ran the numbers and decided to take a "leap of faith" to buy it. Her vision, which appears to be off to a strong start, is to feature only locally-made artisan gifts in a price point the average family can afford.

Gifts currently on display at the shop include inlaid-wood cutting boards, hand-turned wood pens and wine stoppers, all-natural air fresheners, cozy up-cycled mittens, hand-made goat-milk soap and lotion, crocheted scarves, and packaged nuts and granola bars. Excitement from other vendors is catching on, and she expects to bring in several new lines shortly. The store will still carry Yankee Candles in medium and large jars, Silver Forest jewelry, and Blue Mountain Arts greeting cards. For shoppers' convenience, credit cards are now accepted for gift purchases.

The postal station will not change: post office boxes, postage, and basic mail service will continue. (Note that though the store will accept credit/debit cards, post office purchases are still by check or cash only.)

Jackie, a long-time Canterbury resident who worked for more than 10 years at Concord Christian



Jackie Powell, owner of The Loudon Station, poses here with some her creations — beautiful and colorful scarves.

Academy, was ready for a change when she came to the shop in the spring. Now, as its newly-minted owner, she is turning her passion for supporting local artisans into a unique shopping experience that she

hopes makes the Loudon Station the first place people think of for gift-buying. Stop by Monday through Saturday and say hello, and support the local economy during this holiday season! ■



Just a few of the items offered at The Loudon Station. Clockwise from above: Pens and wine stoppers are from Loudon. The item in the foreground on the grey bag is a seam ripper that is gorgeous! Air fresheners, goats milk soap, and mittens are all hand made and are from Canterbury.





## Halloween Horribles!

By Janice Sinclair

**P**ictured here are some of the unique trick or treaters we had this year. This year we had two special ladies who paid us a visit. Who remembers the Bow Haunted House?

Vampira and her daughter, Sister Kim, came and walked out in the crowd meeting, greeting, and blessing the little trick or treaters. One girl mentioned how she has been coming to the house every year since she started trick or treating.

She said she appreciates what we do. This year we even had a gorilla that moved in the neighborhood. Our new next door neighbors even got into the festivities. ■



## Recreation Committee News

**T**he Rec Committee met last month to reflect on summer programming, the annual budget, and upcoming programming ideas. Long-time committee members were happy to welcome two new faces at the meeting. Thank you for joining us and learning about this committee. Ideas were shared and the committee is looking forward to continuing to offer opportunities to the folks of Loudon. In order to do that, we need to hear from you! The Recreation Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 at the Maxfield Public Library. Ideas can also be shared through email by emailing Laurie Jaquith at [cljaquith@comcast.net](mailto:cljaquith@comcast.net) or Alicia Grimaldi at [aliciagrimaldi7001@gmail.com](mailto:aliciagrimaldi7001@gmail.com).

Currently, the Recreation Committee is offering Country Line Dancing at the Richard Brown House on South Village Rd. Lessons and dancing will be held every Thursday from 1–2 p.m. and 6–7 p.m. All are welcome: beginners, adults, seniors...the group enjoys lots of laughs! The aim of the group is dancing for fun — not perfection. Line dancing is good exercise for your body and mind. If you would like more information, please contact Janet at 961-0061. There is no charge, but tips are o.k.

Please watch the *Ledger* for program updates in the New Year. ■



## Agriculture Commission's Grant Writing Workshop A Success

**T**he Loudon Agriculture Commission hosted a grant-writing workshop for farmers on November 12th. The workshop was well attended by both local farmers and farmers as far away as Sandwich. Two different Agriculture Commissions also had representatives attend.

The main topic focused on the Value Added Producers Grant (VAPG) with the expertise of Susan Poland, Business Programs Specialist for the USDA's Rural Development. Susan drove all the way down from her Vermont office to share her knowledge and give advice on applying for grants.

Carole Soule, owner of Miles Smith Farm and the recipient of many grants, provided her input on taking advantage of the grant money available to farmers. "You have to follow the rules of the grant," says Carole, "But since you are the one writing the grant, you are basically saying you will follow your own rules."

Besides the VAPG, grants such as the Animal Nutrient Management Grant (ANM), Local Food Promotion Grant (LFPP), and the Farmers Market Promotion Grant (FMPP) were also discussed.

There are many more grants out there, including the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grants (SARE) and the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund (NEGEF) to name just a few. The NH Department of Agriculture offers grants as well as many local community banks.

The Loudon Agriculture Commission is looking at providing more workshops in 2016 as funding becomes available. The workshops and Farm Map provided this year were supported in part by grants and donations from local farmers. If you are interested in helping us coordinate workshops or would like to learn more about what we do, please stop by our monthly meeting the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn. ■



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# Loudon Elementary School News



## Veteran's Day Celebration

On November 10th, the Loudon Elementary School community gathered to recognize the service of our nation's veterans. Student council members presented the story *America's White Table*. This moving book helps young children understand the significance of this holiday.

Choral students performed the *National Anthem*. Fourth-grade students led a patriotic sing along.

Students created a large tree in our entrance hallway. Each leaf on the tree represents a soldier with a connection to an LES student.

Thank you to Ms. Painchaud, Ms. Keaton, and all of the LES Student Council members for their efforts to prepare for this memorable assembly.

## Turkey Trot

The LES Turkey Trot was held on Friday, November 13th. Over 350 students, staff, and community members joined in the event. Throughout the weeks leading up to this annual tradition, students bring in nonperishable items which are donated to the Loudon Food Pantry. Students celebrate their generosity by following their favorite Turkey on a trot through the woods. The event concludes with refreshments in the cafeteria.



This year we were able to fill two vehicles with the donations. These were received by the food pantry just in time to fill holiday food baskets.

This annual event is coordinated by LES Physical Education teacher, Sue Staples. Thank you so much to Ms. Staples and the entire LES community for their support!

## The Benefits of Mental Math

By Jess Jacques, MVSD Math Specialist

One of the shifts in mathematics instruction is having children think critically about the problems they are solving. Teachers are utilizing a variety of strategies to teach operations so children can think of numbers more flexibly and become better problem solvers. This helps students persevere and try out ideas when faced with a challenge and also helps them build fluency by using known facts to solve other facts. In primary grades, for example, a child might reason that  $9 + 4$  can be solved by making a ten. In his/her head the child might break 4 into  $(1 + 3)$  and then reason 9 and 1 make 10 and 3 more make 13. In the upper grades, an example would be  $7 \times 8$  is a fact students typically struggle with, but a child might reason that  $8 \times 5$  is 40 and then reason I need two more groups of 8 to find the answer. 8 doubled is 16 so  $8 \times 7$  is 40 and 16 or 56.

Here are two easy suggestions for mental math activities that parents can try out to support this learning at home. *Guess My Number* is a game that needs no supplies and is easy to play. In the younger grades, work with numbers between 1–100 and in upper grades try numbers greater than 100. One person thinks of a number and the other person asks a series of yes/no questions to help limit the possible



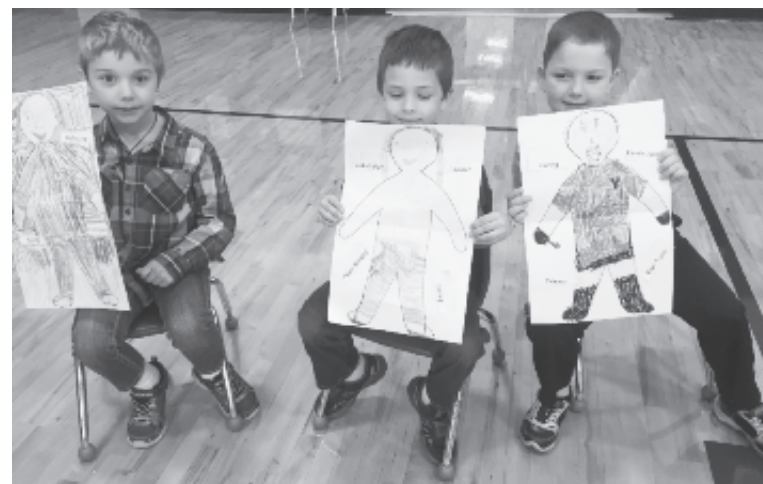
Pictured at left are students selecting books at Loudon Elementary School's recent Book Swap.

answers and discover the number. A challenge is to see who can guess the number in the fewest number of questions. While playing, you can also discuss the types of questions that can be asked. For example, "Is the number greater than 30?" is a better question than, "Is the number 39?" because it eliminates more possibilities than just one number. Another example that is easy to do is, "I have 29 cents in my pocket. How many coins do I have?" You could extend this one question by asking, "Are there other possibilities?" "What is the fewest amount of coins I could have?" "What is the largest amount of coins I can have?" etc. You can change the value of money depending on grade level and still ask a variety of questions that foster critical thinking on your child's part.



## LES Goings-On

- On October 30th, LES students participated in our annual Halloween Parade (shown above). Record numbers of community members joined in this fun tradition.
- LES students were VERY generous in donating their sweet treats after Halloween to support Operation Gratitude. These donations were sent to soldiers. Thank you to Noah and Sadie Byron for coordinating this event.
- LES First Grade students recently concluded their Hero unit by inviting their favorite heroes in for some much deserved recognition (see below). Students displayed their presentations and shared their learning with all of their heroes and family members. LES invited our favorite local hero, Chief Fiske, to attend for some much deserved recognition.



## Upcoming Events

- 12/4 PTASnackCart
- 12/5 PTA Santa's Breakfast
- 12/14, 12/17, 12/18 Drums Alive
- 12/21 Holiday Sing-a-long
- 12/23–1/3 Holiday Break ■





## Between the Covers: Down and Dirty Edition!

By Kate Dockham

I have so much to share with you this month. I've decided to write a **Between the Covers: Down and Dirty Edition**. All the titles and descriptions below are mentioned on multiple "Best Books of" lists. I've tried to reach many age levels and many genres so this list can help with your holiday shopping. So, no time to waste!

Gregory Maguire is known for taking a beloved story and inventing something new. He did this in his bestselling books, *Wicked* and *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*. Now Maguire is taking a second look at *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* with his new title, *After Alice*. Told from the perspective of Ada, a friend of Alice's briefly mentioned in Lewis Carroll's original story, as she follows Alice into Wonderland. The book also explores what's going on at home while the girls have their adventures, populating these sections with real historical figures.

Hailed by many as the "most buzzed about debut book in...forever" is *City on Fire* by Garth Risk Hallberg. This dense story is set in 1977 New York, a year marked by the infamous blackout that plunged the city into chaos for a few hours one sweltering July evening. Filled with creative visuals pieces, including letters, emails, photos, and diary entries, the cast of characters from all walks of life are tied together by a mystery surrounding a violent crime. With writing that captures this moment in time and the inner voices of characters who offer unique views of life, the arrival of this novel heralds a major new talent in American literature.

Nina George's novel, *The Little Paris Bookshop*, intrigued me because I profess the same reader/book matchmaking ability as the main character, Monsieur Perdu. As the proprietor of a floating bookshop on the Seine River, Perdu dispenses each book a prescription to heal broken hearts, bruised souls, and other ailments. But Perdu cannot find the prescription to help him recover from his own doomed love affair with a woman who left him nothing but heartbreak and an unopened letter. Then one day he finally reads his letter, and is inspired to take his bookshop on a journey in search of closure.

Historical fiction fans will love *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. It is the story of the Nazi occupation of France told through the eyes of two estranged sisters: Vianne, left behind with her daughter while her husband fights at the front, and Isabelle, a headstrong 18-year-old whose first heartbreak sends her into the arms of the French Resistance. The two women fight very different battles in the hopes of not only surviving the war, but coming out its other side as people they can bear to be, marked by courage rather than cowardice.

In *Purity*, a dark-hued comedy of youthful idealism, extreme fidelity, and murder, author Jonathon Franzen truly seems to pick up the young adult world of today and set it in the darkest of places. Saddled with student loans, self-doubt, and a hypochondriac single mother, Purity "Pip" Tyler takes a sketchy job with the Sunlight Project, a cultish WikiLeaks-inspired entity working out of Bolivia. There she falls under the influence of project head Andreas Wolf, and returns to the U.S. to serve as his embedded operative. The story expands over six decades and an expansive web of vividly original characters, and follows their intertwining paths through landscapes as contemporary as the omnipresent Internet and as ancient as the war between the sexes.

There are two new books out from the publishers of the "For Dummies" series of books that are aimed at kids. In *Making YouTube Videos* by Nick Willoughby, kids are shown how to star in their own videos and post them online. Kids today are drama queens, young activists or pint-sized mad scientists and their future is video. YouTube is where more than a billion people go to express themselves and connect with others. In *Getting Started with Coding* by Camille McCue, kids are introduced to the basics of coding. Code is what is used to create apps and software. This is how ideas become everything from bestselling eBooks with augmented-reality features to 3D-printed prosthetic hands. The simple activities encourage confidence and build a foundation of knowledge that give young coders the freedom to design any digi wonder they can dream of.

Author Rick Riordan has introduced children everywhere to the Gods of Ancient Rome and Ancient Egypt. In his newest endeavor, *The Sword of Summer*, Riordan is bringing the legends of the Norse Gods to the pages. As the book's description ominously states, "Sometimes, the only way to start a new life is to die." And while Magnus, who discovers that he's the son of a Norse god, does make a fatal decision, it seems that the end of his life is only the beginning of *The Sword of Summer* and Magnus's many adventures to come.

Three very popular tween series have a new titles out. *Dork Diaries 10: Tales from a Not-So-Perfect Pet Sitter*, by Rachel Renée Russell is the latest installment about middle-schooler Nikki and her friends Brandon, Chloe, and Zoey. The tenth

in the crazy-popular tween series has Nikki on a mission to hide seven puppies who were left at Fuzzy Friends, where she volunteers. Her family cannot find out about these pups! Plus, something strange is going on with mean-girl Mackenzie since she switched schools — but what else is new? Number 10 in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series from Jeff Kinney, *Old School*, is also now available. Fictional middle-schooler Greg Heffley still keeps a pen-to-paper diary which, in the modern technological age, is still a pretty old-school concept. But when his whole town decides voluntarily to totally unplug — no electronics?! — Greg finds himself wondering if kicking it old school is really such a good idea. *The Phantom Bully*, the third in Jeffery Brown's Jedi Academy series, finds Roan in his last year and busier than ever as he prepares for graduation. In addition to his schoolwork, however, Roan is faced with figuring out who's setting him up to get in trouble with just about everyone at school, including Yoda himself. Roan soon realizes that if he doesn't get to the bottom of the mystery, he might actually be expelled. The invisible "phantom" bully offers the likable Roan — and young readers — lessons on how to handle conflict and how to survive the pressures of school and other children, while delighting young and old alike with charming illustrations and a story that's surprisingly deep and affecting for all its impish tweaking of established Star Wars mythology.

If you read R.J. Palacio's unforgettable 2012 novel *Wonder*, you most likely fell in love with Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. Palacio has a new book out and, while not a sequel, fans will be delighted. *Auggie & Me: Three Wonder Stories* is this collection of three stories about 10-year-old Auggie's world from the points of view of Julian, the bully; Auggie's oldest friend, Christopher; and Charlotte, a new friend at school. These stories are an extra peek at Auggie before he started at Beecher Prep and during his first year there. Together, these three stories are a treasure for readers who didn't want

to leave Auggie behind when they finished *Wonder*.

An inspiring nonfiction for kids is *The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold* at the 1936 Olympics, by Daniel James Brown. I'm a little biased here. My son rowed crew with the local Concord Crew team and I've read the adult version of this book. Now, designed for readers aged 10 and up, this is the exhilarating tale of nine working-class boys who shocked the world with their grit and determination during the 1936 Olympics. This special edition of the *New York Times* bestseller, simplifies some details from the original book, but retains the emotional heart of the story; a tale of young people who set goals and surpass them, overcoming numerous obstacles in the process. A great memoir for kids is *Remember My Name* by Mo'ne Davis with Hilary Beard. Even if you don't know sports, you know Mo'ne Davis. And you likely know her as the first girl to ever pitch a shutout in the Little League World Series. She's also the first African-American girl to play in the series, and the first Little League player to appear on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. Mo'ne's memoir follows her journey to the LLWS — including her experiences playing with, against, and oftentimes better than the boys; her team's barnstorming tour across the country; meetings with celebrities; and even a trip to the White House. The main takeaway for readers in this lively, inspiring book isn't that they should strive to be Mo'ne Davis; it's that they should strive to be the best version of themselves — a great lesson to learn at any age.

And while we are talking about presidents, let's talk about one of my favorites — *Kid President*. A YouTube sensation, ten-year-old Robby Novak, AKA Kid President, has a lot to say about how to make the world a better place. For example? Live every day like it's your birthday, or, better yet, everyone else's birthday. Eat more burritos. Be chill. Full of energy and optimism, *Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome* by Robby Novak and Brad Montague is full of all the lighthearted, silly advice you'll wish someone had given you when you were ten! One of the more recent First Kids has a new book out too. *It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired & Get Going!* by Chelsea Clinton brings young readers her own vision of making the world a better place. Filled with stories about real kids who have made an impact, this book is sure to inspire a new generation to do their part.

Phew! A whirlwind article this month and I didn't even get to picture books or books for teens! There are amazing books, old favorites and new endeavors, out there for gift giving this season. In all the hustle and bustle around us, relaxing with a book — together or alone — can be a special time. Remember to take some special time for yourselves and your loved ones this month and until next time...keep turning those pages. ■

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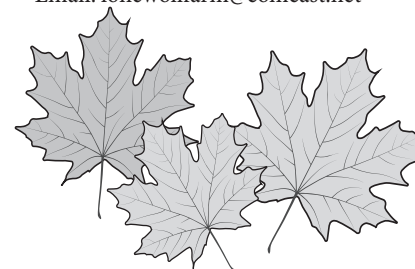
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## Energy Saving Tips For The Winter

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No one enjoys watching their energy bills rise in the winter. Take steps to reduce the amount of natural gas, wood, propane, oil or electricity you use.

Here are some ideas:

- Turn down your thermostat. For every degree you lower it you can save up to 5% on your total heating costs. Try setting it at sixty eight degrees during the day and sixty degrees at night. Wear sweaters during the day and add an extra blanket to the bed at night. Be sure an automatic thermostat is set to have the heat rise early enough in the morning prior to you getting up.
- Replace and clean your filters regularly. Old filters hinder circulation. Winter is also the perfect time to schedule a furnace tune up.
- You can save seven to eleven percent on water heating costs by setting your water heater to 120 degrees. Check around your house for leaks around doors, windows, pipes and vents. Use caulk for small gaps and check your hardware store for tools to larger gaps.
- Turn your ceiling fans to circulate in a counter clockwise motion to bring warm air down from the ceiling.
- Don't forget about using the energy saving cycles on your appliances. Use them on your dishwasher, washing machine, and dryer whenever possible. ■



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### Concord Regional VNA Offers Giving Back-Feeling Good Presentation in Loudon

Concord Regional VNA is offering a free presentation "Giving Back — Feeling Good" on Wednesday, December 16 at 10 a.m. at Richard Brown House, 142 South Village Road in Loudon.

Participating in volunteer opportunities is a great benefit to you, your family, and your community. Finding the right opportunity can provide you the chance to socialize, develop new skills, and better your community. Volunteering can also protect your mental and physical wellbeing. Learn more about the benefits of volunteering and the opportunities available to volunteer with Concord Regional VNA.

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## OBITUARIES

### WALTER R. DAVIS

Walter R. Davis, 79, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, after a brief illness.

He was born in Northfield, VT, son of the late Robert and Helen (Gould) Davis. He lived in the Concord/Loudon area for the past 65 years. Walter graduated from Concord High School. He was employed at Tenney Fuel in Concord for many years and then started his own business, Walt Davis Heating, in 1983. He served honorably in the NH National Guard and was a Volunteer Callman with the Concord Professional Fire Fighters for many years. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Walter loved and appreciated all of God's natural wonders. He loved birds and animals and was awed by all the beautiful sights on his travels to Alaska, Hawaii, California, Nova Scotia, and the Caribbean. He loved to dance, hike, and work outdoors. He was also an avid Red Sox fan. Walter will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Walter is survived by his daughter, Darlene Echavarria and her husband, Brian of California; his sister, Shelba (Shelley) Dane and her husband, Sam of Loudon. He is also survived by grandsons Patrick, Aaron, and Darryl Echavarria of California and one very dear great-granddaughter, Paris Echavarria; also many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Walter also leaves his loving partner, Virginia Devost of Bow and her daughters, Michelle Devost of Florida and Monique Devost and her husband, Marcus Hanschen of California. Also, grandchildren, Tyler Slamon of Warner and Kai Hanschen of California and last, but not least, granddog Ninja.

In addition to his parents, Walter was predeceased by his sons, Walter Davis, Jr. and Larry Davis and his sister, Maydene Wright Provost.

A memorial gathering for family and friends to celebrate Walter's life will be held at a later date. Notification of service details will be published in the *Concord Monitor*.

Donations may be made in Walt's memory to Concord Regional VNA Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord NH 03301 or to a favorite charity of one's choice.

### LOYS EARL "SONNY" ASHLAND

Loys Earl "Sonny" Ashland Jr. went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, at Concord Hospital after a period of failing health, surrounded by family.

Loys was born Nov. 16, 1933 in Loudon to the late Loys E. Ashland, Sr. and Violet Mae (Ward) Ashland. Loys was born and raised in Loudon.

After serving in the Army, he returned to Loudon and married Betty Ashley Fiske. He and Betty ran "Ashland's Garage" in Loudon Village for years. After retiring, Loys and Betty traveled extensively throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Loys also operated the first bus service from Loudon to Concord High School. He also drove bus occasionally for the Merrimack Valley School district.

*Obituaries — cont. on 22*

## Include Your Family Tree In The Loudon Town History!

The Loudon Historical Society is looking to have a Loudon Town History written. We will be asking for help in different areas and one of those areas will be a

genealogy of each family in town and sending us your family tree. Let's

use WORD for creating your genealogy with 12 point Times

New Roman Text and send them to The Loudon Historical

Society's e-mail address: loudonhistory@gmail.com.

Be on the lookout for more information and other ways to help.



Our Family Tree



**Obituaries — cont. from 21**

Loys was a former deacon with the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church. He and Betty were members of the “Concord Coach Square Dancers” and the “New Hampshire Wanderers” Good Sam camping club.

Loys was predeceased by his wife, Betty; a son, George L. Fiske, Jr.; and brothers, Donald Ashland and Robert Cheney Sr.

Loys leaves behind two sons, Robert N. Fiske and wife, Cheryl of Loudon and William H. Fiske, Sr. and wife, Jean of Loudon; two daughters, Betty L. Martin and husband, Dennis of Florida and Barbara L. Jameson and husband, Douglas, of Laconia; grandchildren, Jason Fiske, Stacie Fiske, Stephanie Gagne, William Fiske Jr, Jennifer Riley, Gigi Angwin, George L. Fiske III, Brandon Fiske, Jacob Loys Jameson, Kathryn Chase, Ian Jameson, and Aaron Jameson; along with 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Norman and wife, Gladys Ashland of New York, Andrew and wife, Virginia Ashland of Ohio, William Ashland of Arizona and Dennis and wife, Molly Ashland of Loudon; a sister, Joyce and husband, Kenneth Kendall Sr. of Loudon; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will have a private ceremony at a later date.

Donations in Loys’ name may be made to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association.

**STEVEN J. VACHON**

Steven J. Vachon, 62, of Memory Lane died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015, at Concord Hospital.

He was born in Portland, ME, on Sept. 27, 1953. He was the son of Patricia Pelletier of Concord and the late John Vachon and was a graduate of Concord High School, Class of 1971.

Steve was a successful flooring businessman, owning his own business, JJ’s Carpets, until his retirement this past June. He was a master of his craft. He was an avid motorcyclist and snowmobiler. He coached the local baseball teams for many years. He enjoyed camping and golfing. He always had a kind word and always looked on the bright side of life.

Steve was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Debbie Vachon, in 2005.

In addition to his mother, he leaves behind one son, Jay Vachon of Indianapolis; and his daughter Stacey Vachon of Concord; his two grandchildren Taylor Rose and Noah Vachon. He is also survived by his fiancée, Michelle Mankiewicz, and her children, Jeffrey and Rebecca; his sister Judith Mathison and nephew John Mathison; and many friends and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord 03302. ■

**Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes — September 3, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Officers:**

Cindy Shea – 2016 President  
Chris D. Koufos – 2016 Vice President  
Carole Soule – 2017 Secretary  
Bruce Dawson – 2017  
Doug Towle – 2018

**Attendees:**

Cindy Shea – President  
Bruce Dawson – Board Member  
Doug Towle – Board Member  
Carole Soule – via phone – Secretary

**Old Business**

Minutes were reviewed and accepted with minor changes.

Cindy will email Bruce copies of the two seminar ads and the chicken article and pictures for the website.

Follow up is needed with Carole on Facebook ads that were mentioned in the previous minutes.

Website was down for a while due to server issues. Is back up now.

All grant paperwork that needed to be resubmitted for the NH Dept. of Ag Mini grant has been sent in.

Cindy to speak with Randall Davis on Friday regarding beekeeping seminar. Cindy will keep in touch with him.

Some ideas for next year or future events discussed included winters farmer market. (Tilton still does not have a home.) A Farmer’s rodeo, Horticultural Fair, Agriculture Fair, Permaculture Day.

Cindy or Carole will contact Sanborn Mills Farm if we can use facility to host events?

Carole and Cindy will meet this month to review possible grant submissions for next year.

Carole looked up the old Master Plan and spoke with Bonnie/Brenda about the new plan. There will be a public hearing in October when a draft of the new plan comes out. We should have representation at that meeting. We can submit suggestions to the Master Plan if we choose to.

No new business was discussed  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

**Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — October 5, 2015**

Ken Krzewick called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

*In attendance:* Trustees Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Alice Tuson; Alternate Herb Huckins; Library Director Deborah Gadwah-Lambert

*Acceptance of minutes:* The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting. *Molly moved to accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.*

The Trustees reviewed the Director’s Report, which consisted of the following:

- There was a safety inspection from the Department of Labor. The library needed to add an eye wash station in the maintenance closet. This has been completed.

- The Town has reconvened the Joint Management Loss Committee. Debby met with other town department heads on 9/30/15. They will meet again on 11/4/15.

- The carpet behind the circulation desk still needs to be repaired.

- Debby had contacted General Linen Service about their poor service. It was agreed that the library should use a different company.

- Debby spoke with Frank Gooch about the upstairs door that was sticking.

- The covers over the A/C are in need of repair.

- The low hanging tree at the entrance of the library should be pruned back.

The rotting door and frame to the exterior of the Children’s Room needs to be addressed.

- The Trustees reviewed two documents for library volunteers: a Volunteer Application and a Volunteer Service Statement and Agreement.

The Trustees reviewed the results from the library survey. This survey was to determine how the library could better serve its patrons.

The next Trustees’ meeting was scheduled for November 2, 2015 at 5 p.m.

*Adjournment: Molly Ashland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.; seconded by Alice Tuson. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by:*  
*Ken Krzewick*  
*Molly Ashland*  
*Alice Tuson*

**Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes — November 5, 2015**

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Doug Towle – 2018

**Attendees:**

Cindy Shea – President  
Bruce Dawson – Board Member  
Chris Koufos – Board Member  
Carole Soule – Secretary  
Absent: Doug Towle

**Old Business**

Minutes from the September 2015 meeting were not reviewed. They will be reviewed at the December meeting

Recycling Committee has scheduled to attend tonight but canceled today.

- A recycling workshop would be worthwhile

Website was down briefly in early October. Stats are available on website access

Final invoices and bill from the Commission needs to be submitted to the NH Mini-Grant for funds to be released. We will compile at the December meeting.

The Grant for Farmers workshop will be held next week. Carole will send out an email invite to the 44 names on our mailing list.

Followup with Bonnie/Brenda about the Master Plan is needed. We can submit suggestions to the Master Plan if we choose to.

A Ledger Article is due by Nov. 20th

**New Business**

No warrant articles are planned

A new President and Vice President will be elected at the December meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes — October 13, 2015**

*Present:* Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present were Road Agent Lance Houle and Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and noted that there will be no Board of Permit meeting this evening, as there was nothing on that part of the agenda.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 6, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle and Sergeant Burgess from the Police Department.

Mr. Houle stated that he’d been having an ongoing problem with East Ricker Road. He said that there are potholes in the Chichester section that haven’t been repaired,

even though the town of Loudon plows that section of the road during the winter. He said he’s gotten four phone calls about how bad the potholes are since mentioning it last, so on Friday he rode out to that part of the road again and observed that the potholes are pretty deep. He wondered if the Board could possibly send a letter to the town of Chichester’s Board of Selectmen to ask if they could repair the potholes since the town of Loudon maintains that section of the road during the winter and wouldn’t want to damage any of their equipment doing so. Selectman Maxfield acknowledged that he had talked with Mr. Houle about that; he asked if the school buses travel on that section of the road and Mr. Houle confirmed that they do. Selectman Maxfield suggested writing a cordial letter

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to remind Chichester that the town of Loudon plows and maintains that road and that residents and school buses use that road as well, and to kindly request that they patch the potholes. Selectman Ives stated that he has spoken with people in Chichester and confirmed that the section of the road in question is located in Chichester. Selectman Maxfield noted that the portion of the road in question is approximately one quarter mile, and Mr. Houle agreed that it was approximately 1,000 feet or so that it is really bad. Selectman Maxfield stated that the town of Loudon perambulated the line with the town of Chichester and walked the section to confirm that it is definitely in Chichester. Selectman Ives agreed that a cordial letter can be written stating that in order for the town of Loudon to maintain that part of the road this winter, the potholes would need to be fixed. Mr. Houle reiterated that he has to travel that section of the road one way or the other, so if they don't take care of the potholes, he's going to have to do something because it could potentially damage the plow equipment and create additional costs. Selectman Ives agreed that if the town of Loudon has to fix the potholes, then the town of Chichester will be billed for the work.

Mr. Houle mentioned a previous discussion with the Board about getting a different plow for the one-ton truck, and presented a quote for a Fisher plow (including replacement and installation costs, but not the plow itself). The Highway Department would remove the 9-ft. Boss plow setup that is currently in use, and the Selectmen agreed with Mr. Houle that a 10-foot plow would probably be too large and unnecessary for the truck. Chairman Krieger noted that such a large purchase has typically involved getting more than one estimate, and Mr. Houle replied that he hadn't yet done so because there aren't that many people around who carry the Fisher anymore but stated that one place he did know of is Donovan Spring, and offered to call them to get a price. Selectman Ives agreed that the quote Mr. Houle presented did have a good price, but also agreed that it would be helpful to ask Donovan Spring as well.

Mr. Houle reported that he had received a call from a resident on 250 Clough Pond Rd. about a sink hole in her front yard. He went to check it out and observed a concrete culvert that crosses Clough Pond Rd. near Berry Rd.; there was a pipe coming out of the other side of the road, but he did not see anything on her side of the road. After digging a bit by hand, he located the concrete pipe on her side of the road; he went up the next day with the excavator and dug on her side of the road and found a piece of PVC pipe connecting the driveway culvert to the concrete culvert, and that the under drain of the house was also under the concrete pipe, which had all been buried. He stated that he tore all of it out, cut off their drains right at the wall, made a retaining wall all the way around to add on to the culvert at that point so it would drain and go across the road. Although it was all done and rocked up, it's still a problem because there's a hole in the road. He'll come up with a grate to go across it and will install it.

Mr. Houle stated they patched the cross ditch on Ridge Road and put a new culvert in that went in today, and used an excavator to make sure everything drains properly.

Mr. Houle said they have been grading. He explained that part of the hill on White House Rd. is in such rough shape that it's tough to clean. Russ Pearl and Mickey Mulkhey have a reclaimer that goes on the front of the loader. Mr. Houle proposed getting a price to go up there to do a shallow

grind (about 4 inches) and to get some regular reclaim (which is just ground up hot-top with mixed gravel) that binds and packs really well to help the road stay more like a hard-packed gravel that would help improve drainage on the road and could facilitate plowing this winter. Selectman Ives stated that they don't want to put a lot of money into this project since it is not a very well-traveled road, but stressed the importance of making it useable. Selectman Maxfield asked when Mr. Houle planned to do this; Mr. Houle reiterated that he was still in the initial phase of the project but intended to address it this fall and agreed with Selectman Maxfield that it should be done before the frost comes in.

Mr. Houle mentioned getting Truck #11 back from Fairfield's and received a bill for \$1,200 over and above the estimate. He explained that truck #11 was the truck that had been sent in last year because the body had totally rotted out, so it received a new stainless steel body and slide-in sander. Selectman Maxfield asked about the year of the truck; Mr. Houle replied he wasn't sure but thought it may be a 2004 and stated that although he wasn't too pleased with the additional cost, a lot of extra work had to be done on the truck and not much could be done about that.

The Board met with Sergeant Burgess.

Sergeant Burgess stated that things had been relatively quiet.

Sergeant Burgess submitted a pistol permit renewal for signature.

Chairman Krieger noted that the Punkin' Chunkin' event is to be held on October 24–25. Sergeant Burgess noted that they will have extra people on for that event. Selectman Maxfield added that approximately 5,000 people are expected to attend the event. Chairman Krieger confirmed with Sergeant Burgess that there would be two officers required per day; Sergeant Burgess stated that they were working on getting those filled right now.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an invoice for October from Merrimack Valley School District for \$722,040.64.

The Board received a correspondence from town council regarding the NHMS v. the Town of Loudon case. It has been continued until the end of summer, 2016.

The Board received a letter from ESMI containing a self-report for September 2015; they took a little over 13,000 tons of soil and treated 14,000 tons, but everything else looks normal.

The Board received an abutter's notice from the Zoning Board for a meeting on Thursday, October 22 regarding a handicap variance.

The Board received an abutter's notice from the Zoning Board for a meeting on Thursday October 22 at 7:00 regarding a variance for the American Legion.

The Board received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding loud explosions heard at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. There was discussion about whether the date was Saturday or Sunday. A copy will be sent to the police department to have them look into it.

The Board received a pamphlet from the University of New Hampshire with forest laws for municipal officials containing different laws and upcoming meetings on November 9 and 10.

The Board received a thank-you letter from Donna Newcomb in appreciation of the scholarship that her son received.

The Board received a letter from Chief Wright regarding repainting the old cruiser for use in the Code Enforcement Department; he received a quote for \$2,500 to fix any rust, remove decals, and to repaint the vehicle and stated that there is money avail-

able in the budget for this. Chairman Krieger stated that he would like to see another quote for the job.

The Board received the following reminder:

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.: Planning Board meeting.

Chairman Krieger brought up a discussion that took place at last week's Selectmen's meeting with Bob Fiske and Janice Morin.

Chairman Krieger stated that the money left over is approximately \$26,000, which will not be enough to do much with until after the town meeting. As a board, they haven't gone through the whole thing yet, they will be checking into other options, but don't anticipate being able to do much until town meeting.

Selectman Ives mentioned one attorney's advice. Chairman Krieger added that one attorney says one thing and another attorney says they can hire anyone they want at any time. Chairman Krieger stated that before anything is done, the town must be protected and everything must be in order.

Chairman Krieger mentioned two town meeting articles from 1998 and 1999 in which hiring a full-time police chief was voted down by the town both times. He reiterated that approximately \$26,000 remains for anybody that would be put in that position at this point. Selectman Ives pointed out that a full-time police chief's salary is approximately \$6,000 a month or \$72,000 a year; that means there is only about 4.5 months worth of pay and it is not possible to guarantee at this time whether that person would be hired or if their salary would be voted in at town meeting. Selectman Maxfield said that this point, it can't be said in good faith to a candidate for the position that they'd be hired for four months and that the town would pass a vote regarding their salary and additional benefits.

Chairman Krieger stated that advertisements for the opening would likely begin in January or February, but reiterated that it would not be fair to begin the process with a candidate knowing that the town might not approve the necessary budgeting for the salary. Janice Morin wondered whether it would be possible to notify the candidate up-front that the position was going to be voted upon in the town meeting; she expressed her concern about the timing of the vote at the town meeting, the time it would take to on a new employees and the upcoming race season that would be starting within a few months. Chairman Krieger acknowledged her position, but stated that the \$26,000 would probably be sufficient to July 1 and that he is hoping that the town meeting in mid-March will result in the hiring of a new police chief immediately following.

Jeff Miller asked whether it would be feasible to call an emergency town meeting to review this matter. Chairman Krieger stated that in order to do that, the issue would have to go to court to explain the need to do so. Sue Brocious asked what the problem would be with doing that. Selectman Ives responded that it would be possible to have a special town meeting to vote on the matter if they were able to convince the court of the need to do so, but even if the town voted to approve the full-time position, there would still be the need to ensure the budget for the chief's salary passed as well. Ms. Brocious asked about contingencies for something like this. Selectman Maxfield responded that there is a contingency, which includes the two current sergeants that can run the police department and manage the full-time officers and noted that Chairman Krieger has been appointed officially to oversee the police department

until a full-time chief is hired. Chairman Krieger stated that his position within the police department is as a Selectman, so if there's an administrative issue, they can come to him.

Ms. Brocious submitted a letter to the Board and stated that she would like to be included in the hiring process for the new chief. Chairman Krieger stated that the hiring committee for the new chief would be hosted by the Selectmen. He said they would take her letter for review in good faith, and they will pick a committee that they see fit.

Sue Brocious acknowledged that there is a protocol that must be followed for this process, but she stated that as a citizen, she feels insecure about not having a police chief in place; she also stated that she understands what the Board is doing and was not criticizing the Board or anybody on the police force, but feels that the amount of crime that goes on in the area is frightening to her, based on her reading of *The Patch* news source. She said it's not in Loudon but it does make her uncomfortable.

Mr. Fiske said he takes exception to Selectman Ives's statement at last week's meeting that this came about with very short notice; he stated that he totally disagrees with that because they have been talking about it for two or three years; that something was going to have to be done. He said he does not want to let the people of Loudon down so he is making the offer to fill the part-time position until March. Mr. Fiske acknowledged hearing concerns similar to those of Mrs. Brocious. Selectman Ives acknowledged Mr. Fiske's disagreement, but stated that it was a short notice as far as he was concerned, seeing as they were given a few weeks' notice. Selectman Ives also acknowledged past discussions about Mr. Fiske's likely retirement, but reiterated that it was a short notice for the Board since they had no plans in place and had no idea that it was going to happen when it did. Selectman Ives felt that quite a bit has been done in the short time they've had since Mr. Fiske's retirement to ensure things continue to run smoothly: he did not feel that the town's security has taken a hit at all since the town has a police department that has been running efficiently, minus a few bumps that were to be expected, because there are people in place that can handle the job, and he did not think there was anybody in the town has to have the feeling of insecurity any more than they did a year ago.

*Selectman Ives made a motion to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) at 6:31 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 6:47 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. Motion carries.*

The Board met with Office Manager Brenda Pearl to sign documents for the sale of 7060 Pleasant Street Ext, a tax deeded property sold at auction.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

## LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman  
Steven R. Ives, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman



## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 20, 2015

*Present:* Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present were department heads Lance Houle, Sergeant Burgess, and Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 13, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger stated that he had signed three pistol permits.

The Board met with department head Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle stated that it had recently been brought to his attention by a gentleman who lives in the Villages at Loudon that someone had put up five or six No Trespassing/Private Property signposts in the vicinity of the intersection of Old Concord Road and Fox Pond Road. Chairman Krieger asked if there was a name on the signs; Mr. Houle said no. Selectman Maxfield felt it was important to ask who owned the property on Fox Pond Road. Mr. Houle stated that he spoke with Mick Mulkhey, who said he believed that Old Concord Road was a town road while Fox Pond Road was private, but Mr. Houle couldn't say for sure and felt it was worth looking into since it's blocked off right now and could cause safety concerns if used for snowmobile trails. The Board and Mr. Houle discussed the location and direction of the roads in question, and Selectman Ives stated he believes Fox Pond Road leads into Riverview Lane, which is still a town road. Selectman Ives noted that Mick Mulkhey has a camp in that area, and so he initially wondered if Mr. Mulkhey had put up the signs since there had been issues in the past with people breaking into his camp, but agreed with Mr. Houle that Mr. Mulkhey would be knowledgeable about the area since he'd lived there for many years. Chairman Krieger suggested finding out who owns the property in question and asking them about the signposts; Mr. Houle confirmed that there are smaller signposts are located along Morning Glory Road in The Villages that were likely posted by a resident of The Villages, and that there are larger, more rugged signposts that have been driven into the ground on Fox Pond Road that block the road off. Selectman Ives noted that when the development was put in, part of the zoning was that those roads remain open, which Selectman Maxfield confirmed based on previous Planning Board minutes.

Mr. Houle presented a bid for a plow from E.W. Sleeper in addition to the previous bid from Donovan. He confirmed with Selectman Maxfield that the Donovan bid has a better price for the same equipment and service. Chairman Krieger asked if there was any reason to not go with Donovan, and Mr. Houle said there was not. Mr.

Houle also mentioned that the plow on the Dodge truck is so heavy that it weighs down the front-end suspension and learned after checking with Donovan that the truck is too new to be refitted with heavier coil springs, so he plans to stop by Bonneville to pick up some fuel filters and will see if he can get the springs needed for the truck while there. The Board agreed that Mr. Houle should contact Donovan to move forward with getting the new plow.

Mr. Houle noted that he and another Highway Department staff person would be attending a salt seminar in Windham the following day.

Mr. Houle asked whether new developments within the past five to ten years have been added to the block grant program that provides funding for road maintenance. The Board members stated that they did not know but suggested checking with Donna White in the Planning/Zoning office; Mr. Houle felt it might be worth looking into since it could potentially increase the amount of funding available for maintaining new roads. Selectman Maxfield stated that to his knowledge, the last road that was approved was Veterans' Drive and assumed that if Veterans' Drive was included in the block grant then the others would be as well.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Houle to begin clearing the asphalt and other road maintenance materials from the lot where the new Town Hall building will be built. Selectman Ives also mentioned a well on the far side of the recreation field and the eventual need to run a new water line and extra utility line for the new building; he wondered whether that was something that could be done now or would have to wait until the spring. Mr. Houle stated that the ground is drier right now, but agreed with Selectman Ives that baseball teams will be using the recreation field in the spring so it may be best to install it sooner rather than later to give it a chance to settle back in. Selectman Ives noted that Tom McNeil installed the original well, and asked Mr. Houle to get in touch with him for further information about the well.

Chairman Krieger noted that the Board had signed a letter to the town of Chichester regarding East Ricker Road that will be mailed.

The Board met with Chief Rick Wright of the Loudon Fire Department and Sergeant Burgess of the Loudon Police Department.

Chief Wright stated that he and Sergeant Burgess had met with Jack Shaver earlier that afternoon regarding the status of his light commercial hauler application. Chief Wright noted that Mr. Shaver is currently under a cease and desist order that was given by Bob Fiske earlier this summer approximately three months ago; however, Chief Wright observed when he visited the property that Mr. Shaver had done lots of clean-up since then, and stated that he

would like to get the cease and desist order lifted. The Board asked Chief Wright for further details on his stance, such as whether the neighbors were satisfied with Mr. Shaver's efforts. Sergeant Burgess added that the neighbors who had previously brought this matter to light had since sold their house, and the new neighbors have not had any complaints. Sergeant Burgess did, however, state that the property is still considered a junkyard according to statute, since Mr. Shaver still has some unregistered vehicles on the property and some remaining "junk," even though much of it has been cleaned up. Sergeant Burgess stated that he wouldn't consider the clean-up efforts being to the point of satisfactory, but acknowledged that some progress has been made. Sergeant Burgess also mentioned that Mr. Shaver's willingness to have 30 or 60-day follow-up visits if his hauler's permit was reinstated to ensure that he was following through with the clean-up requirements. Chairman Krieger asked Sergeant Burgess if that was still something he was going to be working on; Sergeant Burgess agreed and confirmed a court hearing with Mr. Shaver on Thursday at the Concord District Court, which was a continuation of a series of hearings that have been going on for close to a year now. Chairman Krieger asked Sergeant Burgess if it would be a good idea to check with the new neighbors anyway and provide them with an update, and Sergeant Burgess agreed that it would be worthwhile to get his input despite not having any complaints thus far. Selectman Maxfield asked whether there was an ordinance pertaining to how many unregistered vehicles are permitted on a property, and whether there is a fine associated with it. Sergeant Burgess confirmed that there is an ordinance and clarified that it is permissible to have only one unregistered vehicle on a property. Selectman Maxfield asked whether Mr. Shaver had more than this, and Sergeant Burgess confirmed that he currently has three. Chairman Krieger and Selectman Maxfield then asked that Sergeant Burgess speak with Mr. Shaver about his unregistered vehicles and assure him that it is not the intention of the town to interfere with his livelihood as long as he was following through with the clean-up requirements and his neighbors did not have any issue with his efforts. Chairman Krieger also stated that he was open to possibly issuing a temporary permit for 90 days and revisiting the issue then to make sure that things were progressing satisfactorily. Sergeant Burgess reiterated that clean-up efforts were being made, but that progress has been slow because Mr. Shaver has been doing much of the work by himself since some of his workers have been out with injuries; he also stated that Mr. Shaver has been taking his trash outside of the town and has been incurring costs doing so. Selectman Ives agreed with Chairman Krieger in that it is not the Board's intention to interfere with Mr. Shaver's livelihood but acknowledged that in the past Mr. Shaver has given excuses such as not having time or resources to follow through in a timely manner, and that at some point it becomes necessary to directly address such issues in an official way; Selectman Ives then stated that if it would be permissible to grant Mr. Shaver a temporary permit, it would need to be issued with clearly-defined conditions and consequences for noncompliance. Chairman Krieger agreed that setting a specified time limit would assist Sergeant Burgess and Chief Wright with their

enforcement of the issue and serve as documentation of the town's efforts to the court system. The Board discussed whether it was possible to move forward with issuing a temporary permit, and Chairman Krieger proposed tabling the issue until next week to allow time to determine whether it was possible. Sergeant Burgess agreed to pass this information along to Mr. Shaver at the upcoming court hearing on Thursday. Chief Wright agreed to have his administrative assistant look into possibly issuing a permit as well.

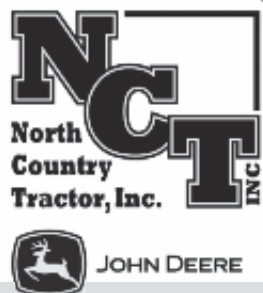
Chief Wright noted that the Board had received his letter responding to the state's proposal to discontinue state maintenance of the street lights on Route 106 and stated that he had also provided a copy to the State Representative George Saunderson to see what he could do. Selectman Ives confirmed with Chief Wright that he had received his email about the letter, and commended Chief Wright for the quality of the letter he wrote. Chairman Krieger stated that he had spoken with Representative Saunderson on the phone yesterday to voice his concerns and the hidden concern that the state would allow all the lights to stay there as long as towns pay the bills for the lights, which Chairman Krieger felt was obviously not a desirable outcome. Chairman Krieger also brought up an instance where three lights were out and only one was on when Waterville Valley was at Chichester Road and had to use their own vehicle lights. Chairman Krieger also mentioned that seeing as the State was one of the first to acknowledge the revenue generated by the racetrack that benefits the State of New Hampshire, it makes sense to request the State to pay for some of the lights. A statement was made in a letter from the State of New Hampshire about the street lights not being necessary for motorist safety, with which Chief Wright stated he disagreed seeing as the lights were installed for a reason. Chairman Krieger and Selectman Maxfield agreed, stating that there must have been a formula used by traffic safety at one point regarding streetlights but it must have changed.

Chief Wright said that he requested estimates from three local auto body shops to repaint the old police cruiser for use in the Code Enforcement department so that it would have red on the bottom and white on the top to match the other vehicles used. As of the meeting, however, he had only received one estimate but in the meantime had also found all-white car with red lights, and thought its red lights could be swapped out with the lights on the cruiser if it is to be painted red and white. He had also confirmed with Sergeant Akerstrom that it would not be cost effective to remove the blue lights from the cruiser to replace them with red lights. Chief Wright also said that the blue lights at the front of the cruiser's bumper would need to be removed, and would pass along the other two estimates as soon as he receives them. Chief Wright also mentioned that he had found an old siren but wasn't sure if it still worked; he thought that it could be left in, removed and put in a new cruiser if it is functional, or that a new one could be purchased if necessary. Chairman Krieger agreed that it would require less work to keep it as-is if possible.

Chief Wright reported that the fire alarm system dialer at the safety complex has been repaired and is back in service.

Chief Wright brought up his proposal for a new dry hydrant on Route 129. He stated that there is a great need for a dependable

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year-round water source on Route 129, especially since there is nothing on that road at this point. He had approached the owners of Meadow Ledge Farm on 612 Route 129 about installing a dry hydrant in the farm pond in the back of the store, and found the owner to be very supportive of this project. Chief Wright explained that the pipe would be run from the pond to the dry hydrant, which would be located next to the driveway. He stated locating the hydrant next to the driveway would allow access by fire protection for any fires in the neighborhood while preventing the additional cost of running water pipes all the way to the road. Selectman Maxfield asked how far the water source is from the road; Chief Wright confirmed that it is approximately 600 feet, but proposes to build a hydrant at the driveway instead to save costs. Selectman Maxfield asked about the depth of the pond; Chief Wright stated that the portion of the pond closest to Route 129 is pretty deep, but shallows out to about five feet at the end closer to the orchard. Selectman Maxfield confirmed with Chief Wright that the pond is of adequate size for the purpose, even during the frozen winter months. Selectman Ives asked whether the owner was willing to give an easement for this project and Chief Wright confirmed that he is.

Chief Wright stated that the fire department's first factory-built fire truck, which Jeff and Warren Jenkins have owned and cared for for almost 40 years, is ready to be donated free of charge back to the fire department and that the transfer of ownership paperwork is in progress. Chief Wright stated that he would prefer that the town retain ownership of the truck once returned since the town owns all its fire trucks, and that it is both his and Jeff Jenkins's goal to ensure that the paperwork reflects this. The Board confirmed with Chief Wright that it is Jeff Jenkins's intention to donate the truck to the town and that ownership of it should belong to the town rather than the association, especially in light of some recent changes that have taken place at the association with respect to its non-profit status, leadership, and voting capabilities. Selectman Ives stated his belief that the town has the resources and insurance necessary to maintain and cover the truck, and reiterated that it would be owned by the town of Loudon and not another entity associated with the town of Loudon. Selectman Maxfield asked where the truck was to be stored; Chief Wright responded that he would like to keep it at Station 1 so that people can see it, but also had heard that others felt it would be better kept at Station 2 so it would be out of the way. Chairman Krieger agreed that keeping it at Station 1 would be ideal, especially to show visiting schoolchildren and to have the oldest and newest trucks side-by-side.

Chief Wright stated that he had talked with Faith Stevens of the Loudon CERT Leadership; she is still the leader of the team, which has allowed the state-issued items in the trailer to remain. Chief Wright had also spoken with Domenic DiNatale, VolunteerNH Coordinator, regarding the Loudon CERT team; Chief Wright stated that Mr. DiNatale has been trying to move to an area team instead of a town-by-town team, since that seems to make more sense. Chief Wright noted that there has been a move to combine Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Response Corps (MRC), which is what Mr. DiNatale said he would like to see. The Board discussed with Chief Wright what would happen if the town of Loudon chose to participate in the combination efforts as well as the desires of some existing partici-

pants to either lead or participate more directly with the efforts. Chief Wright stated that Mr. DiNatale would really like to see the trailer returned to the \_ (?) \_ building, since it's truly their trailer, but at this point it's not set in stone. Chairman Krieger asked if it was worth advertising in the *Loudon Ledger* for a leader for the CERT team; Chief Wright stated that he wasn't sure if there was enough activity to warrant each town having its own team, which seemed to be part of the difficulty in keeping the interest up. Chairman Krieger stated he felt that these teams could be utilized more than they have been; Selectman Ives agreed, but stated that while people want to be involved, oftentimes they don't want to have to get out of bed at 2:00 a.m. to go to the scene of an accident to help direct traffic. Chairman Krieger listed several other events that occur throughout the year where a CERT team could be utilized, and Selectman Ives agreed that a motivated leader could help to find more ways to utilize a CERT team. Chief Wright agreed to speak with some people who might be interested to determine whether it would be worth having a town-level CERT team or an area-level CERT team. Selectman Ives proposed a hybrid town and area-level CERT team, much like the Loudon-Chichester ambulance service; Chairman Krieger expressed concern that an area-level team would lead to the trailer and other resources leaving Loudon and potentially not returning. Selectman Maxfield mentioned a gentleman who lives on Oak Hill Road with whom Chief Wright may want to speak about the CERT teams.

Chief Wright stated that the aerial tower truck had gone to E-1 Greenwoods earlier in the day so that a few things could be looked at, such as some minor paint, upholstery, hydraulics, electrical, and lights issues; he said that E-1 will have the truck for at least a week and will be able to provide a cost estimate and more accurate timeframe for the repairs to help determine which repairs are most immediate and which can wait.

Chief Wright stated that the Harvest Supper went well. He said about 440 people came to enjoy it, plus the 60 or 70 workers and they did not run out of food. The Board congratulated Chief Wright on successfully running the Harvest Supper.

Chief Wright stated that the flags at the war memorial are worn out and torn, and had spoken with the town office manager to order new ones.

Chief Wright spoke about the trainings that Deputy Lake has been giving to the Villages at Loudon about the sprinkler, carbon monoxide, and smoke detector systems.

Chief Wright spoke about a fire extinguisher class taking place on Wednesday at Meadow Ledge farm for all the workers there.

Chairman Krieger brought up the Cease and Desist order that Chief Wright had given to Map 53 Lot 11 and asked how it was going. Chief Wright said it was going okay.

The Board met with Sergeant Burgess of the Loudon Police Department.

Sergeant Burgess presented the Board with some estimates for equipment and new rugs in the police department. He said that Janice Morin is working on getting a few quotes.

Chairman Krieger asked if the detail was all set for the Punkin Chunkin event this upcoming weekend at the racetrack; Sergeant Burgess stated that it was, and that they had to reach out to some other agencies for assistance and did not have any updates as far as how many people were expected to turn out for the event.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of a Cease and Desist letter from the Code Enforcement Officer.

The Board received information from Donna and Nobis regarding Cross Brook cul-de-sac paving. *Selectman Ives made a motion to reduce the bond for this project to 15% of the original cost, which was \$40,000.00, to be held at \$6,000.00 until April 2016; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.*

The Board received a request from Solid Waste & Recycling Committee to create a Facebook page.

The Board received a list of September 2015 Property Transfers.

The Board received a letter from George Sansoucy regarding 2014 Eversource Energy Appeals.

The Board received information from the NH Bar Association regarding free pri-

vate legal consultation for homeowners in foreclosure.

The Board received information from Davis & Towle Insurance regarding educational sessions.

The Board received a thank you letter from scholarship recipient S. Newcomb.

The Board received the following reminders:

Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. is the Zoning Board meeting.

Saturday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, October 25 is the Extreme Punkin Chunkin Event at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman



## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 27, 2015

*Present:* Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present were Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake, Sergeant Burgess, and Sergeant Akerstrom.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 20, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger stated that he had signed three pistol permits.

*Selectman Ives made a motion to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:01 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 6:11 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.* Chairman Krieger stated that the non-public session was about who is going to be in charge of the police department interim. He explained that Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield met with the two Sergeants from the police department. They interviewed both Sergeant Burgess

and Sergeant Akerstrom and decided that Sergeant Burgess will be in charge of the police department until a chief is found. He will be assisted by Sergeant Akerstrom. The Board congratulated Sergeant Burgess. Chairman Krieger reminded him that this comes with a great deal of responsibility. *Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess as the interim Officer in Charge until a new police chief has been hired. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield.* Selectman Maxfield stated that they interviewed the two Sergeants and they both performed very well in the interviews. Selectman Ives agreed with Selectman Maxfield and stated that they both presented themselves very well, he believes they will work together to run the department but they need one person to be a liaison and make final decisions and they agreed that Sergeant Burgess would be that person. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Deputy Chief Bill Lake.

Deputy Lake submitted a copy of Rich Maltais' six month review. Chairman Krieger explained that they've been hiring people at a lower rate, reviewing them in six months and giving them an increase if war-

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ranted. Selectman Ives said Mr. Maltais is doing a great job, whenever he sees him he is working hard. *Selectman Ives, under the recommendation of Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake, made a motion to increase the pay rate of Richard Maltais, due to his six-month review, from \$17.26 per hour to \$18.26 per hour to take effect November 14, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield.* Chairman Krieger stated that Chief Wright wrote a lot of good things about Mr. Maltais and he concurs with the Chief's recommendations. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Deputy Lake submitted three quotes that the Fire department received to repaint the old cruiser red. The first one is from J&D Repair for \$2,500.00, the second from C&S Sales for \$2,250.00 and the third from Lane Automotive for \$2,200.00. Selectman Ives agreed with Chief Wright's recommendation that they go with Lanes Automotive. Deputy Lake explained that the price is the lowest and they want to work with someone in town; the only issue will be scheduling, if he can't do it timely they will have to go with someone else.

Deputy Lake submitted a letter regarding the clean-up at Jack Shaver's property. Deputy Lake explained that they went to court; it was extended for ninety days, with a check every thirty days. Deputy Lake said the biggest hang up at this point is the three unregistered vehicles. Chairman Krieger recognized Mr. Shaver from the audience. Chairman Krieger asked how this is going to progress. Mr. Shaver said it will progress like it is supposed, he said yes it is slow but it is going. He said nothing was said at court about the vehicles being gone in ninety days; it's a matter of him showing that he is getting rid of stuff. Deputy Lake explained that the town only allows one unregistered vehicle on a property, he has three. Chairman Krieger asked if the vehicles will be gone in ninety days. Mr. Shaver said he is hoping but the price of steel is way down and the guys don't want anything because they aren't making any money off them. Selectman Maxfield mentioned that there is a fee associated with having more than one unregistered vehicle and the town could impose the fine. Mr. Shaver said that Bob Fiske said the trucks were the least of his problems; the stuff all over the yard is what

he wanted to see gone. Deputy Lake said the progress has been pretty good with that but there is an ordinance about the unregistered vehicles so that has to be taken care of. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Shaver if there are three unregistered vehicles and how long they have been there. Mr. Shaver said there are and they've been there for several years. Chairman Krieger stated that in ninety days a judge will make a decision whether or not he has to pay a fine or they might make an order for someone to take that stuff out of there so he has ninety days to get it corrected. Chairman Krieger said he can have only one unregistered vehicle and he hopes that in ninety days two of them are gone because if they are not Concord District Court will probably take some kind of action. Mr. Shaver said in ninety days he can get two out of there. Chairman Krieger said he is leaning towards signing Mr. Shaver's haulers permit; however, they will check on it every thirty days. He explained that the Selectmen can vote to take it back. Selectman Ives stated that he is inclined to sign the permit as well; with the caveat that they can revoke it at anytime. He explained that they will do that at the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Office and Sergeants Akerstrom and Burgess because they will be doing the inspections. Selectman Ives said if they come back and say the cars are still there and no progress is being made, they will revoke the permit. Mr. Shaver said he understands that. Selectman Maxfield said the Code Enforcement Office said progress is being made so it needs to continue. Mr. Shaver's haulers permit was signed.

Chairman Krieger asked Deputy Lake if they are all set with the junkyard permit for Jeff Green. Deputy Lake said they are. He explained that it was contingent on a septic issue and an oil spill from when Bob Fiske was still in Code Enforcement. Deputy Lake said he went there; the septic system shows no signs of problems, DES told them it was all set unless they felt there was an issue which they do not. He explained that the cover was cleaned off and it had been pumped. Deputy Lake said the Mr. Green explained that the issue was because too many people were living there; however, the tenants have moved out and he and his family moved into the house so there should be no problems. Deputy Lake said Mr. Green had receipts for the oil spill cleanup

so he feels that he is all set to go. Chairman Krieger said with that the Board will sign the junkyard permit.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Loudon Code Enforcement regarding Jeff Green and his junkyard permit.

The Board received Jack Shaver's Light Commercial Haulers Application/Permit Form for consideration.

The Board received a request from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church to share the cost of cleaning the Town Hall. Selectman Maxfield said the town only uses the hall once or twice a year for elections. Selectman Ives read that the church wants it cleaned due to the fact that they use the hall to serve food at fellowship suppers. Chairman Krieger said he is not in favor of doing

it. Selectman Ives said the town holds elections there but doesn't serve food so he is not in favor of helping to pay the cleaning cost.

The Board received a letter from HealthTrust regarding health insurance rates for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

The Board met with Office Manager Brenda Pearl.

The Board signed closing documents for 7060 Pleasant Street Ext. The property was taken for taxes and sold at auction.

*Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 3, 2015

*Present:* Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 27, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Sergeant Burgess.

Sergeant Burgess stated that the transition in the department is going well; everyone is adapting.

Sergeant Burgess said the new cruiser is in and is currently at Ossipee Mountain Electronics getting things installed. They should be completed with it Wednesday or Thursday. Sergeant Burgess said they have an appointment to get the graphics put on the car Monday.

Sergeant Burgess said they are working on the budget; it is about 98% complete. Selectman Ives stated that the Selectmen will discuss and come up with a salary for a police chief.

Sergeant Burgess stated that they are losing Officer Hebert. He is going to Milton Police Department for more money and it's closer to his home. Sergeant Burgess said that Officer Hebert has indicated that he would like to stay part-time with the Loudon Department.

Sergeant Burgess explained that he would like to fill the vacant full-time position with Dimitrios Lazos. Officer Lazos has been with the department part-time, they have invested a lot of time and assets in him; his FTO program is almost completed at this point and they can get him into the full-time academy in January. Selectman Ives confirmed that as of right now Officer

Lazos cannot ride alone. Sergeant Burgess said that is true until he is full-time certified. He explained that he has been working with Officer Lazos two days per week through the summer; outstanding guy, he thinks he will be a great police officer, he has people skills, and he's young and full of energy and fits in well with the other people in the department. Selectman Maxfield asked how long the full-time academy is. Sergeant Burgess responded fourteen weeks. Sergeant Burgess asked the Board if they wanted to sign Officer Lazos appointment paper for full-time. Selectman Ives asked if it needs to be done this week and if not he would prefer to sign it next week when Chairman Krieger is present. Sergeant Burgess agreed to bring it back.

Selectman Ives stated that he had signed one pistol permits.

Sergeant Burgess said the Police Department is having a blood drive on Tuesday, November 24 at the Fire Station.

Sergeant Burgess stated that Officer Martel will be attending Fire Arms Instruction Course the week of November 30th.

Sergeant Burgess said they have a couple of interviews this week for part-time officers. He explained that since Officer Hebert is staying on part-time they only need one or two to be completely staffed.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

*Selectman Maxfield made a motion to appoint Julie Robinson to the Hazard Mitigation Committee with the appointment expiring December 31, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Ives stated that Ms. Robinson will be a good asset to the Hazard Mitigation Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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The Board received an accounting for the 7060 Pleasant Street Ext. property that was auctioned. Selectman Ives explained that when the bank put locks on the doors they shut off the heat, water, etc. The new owner had to hire a plumber to turn everything back on; they are asking to be reimbursed the \$200.00. Selectman Ives said the town will reimburse them and that \$200.00 will be retained from the proceeds. He explained that the house sold for \$129,000.00, total taxes due were \$54,740.12, cost incurred by the town were \$1,055.68 the remaining \$73,204.20 will be forwarded to the town attorney who will file an interpleader with the court. The court will decide how that money will be dispersed.

The Board received a check in the amount of \$29,509.23 from ESMI for the 3rd quarter 2015 Host Community Fee.

The Board received a quote for approval from the Road Agent for a snow plow. This replaces the previous quote from E.W. Sleeper. Selectman Ives explained that Fisher does not recommend putting the plow they were going to purchase on the one-ton; it's too much plow for the truck. Selectman Ives explained that Donovan Equipment makes a plow right there called the Continental. He said this plow has a 9' blade, is made for a lighter weight truck and is \$6,700.00. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the purchase of the Continental plow from Donovan Equipment Co. Inc for the amount of \$6,700.00.* Selectman Ives said that the Road Agent went to Salem, NH; they have eighteen of these plows, one that they bought back in the 1980's that they are still using. *Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received Ladd Conservation Easement information. Selectman Ives explained that the Ladd family is trying to set up a conservation easement on their property. He explained that the Town Council is reviewing the easement as well as the Conservation Commission.

The Board received a petition from Russ Pearl asking the Board to accept Dragonfly Drive which is approximately 1,983 feet of paved road located off Lovejoy Road. Selectman Ives read that the subdivision and road design were approved by the Planning Board, recorded in the MCRD June 2, 2005, inspected by the Town Engineer and the Road Agent. A request was made for the Board of Selectmen to schedule a public hearing and notify the abutters of that hearing. Selectman Maxfield asked if a bond would be held. Selectman Ives said yes; the Planning Board would set that bond. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to accept the petition to accept Dragonfly Drive as a town road and to schedule a public hearing.* Selectman Ives clarified they are accepting the petition not the road; they will schedule the public hearing next week when Chairman Krieger is in attendance. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the October 5, 2015 Maxfield Public Library minutes.

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 10, 2015**

*Present:* Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright, Deputy Chief Bill Lake, Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess, Road Agent Lance Houle, Stanley Prescott representing the Planning Board, and Roy Merrill representing the Zoning Board.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 3, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger opened Board of Permit.

Chairman Krieger stated that they received an email and picture from Mike Harris regarding what Mr. Harris is calling an illegal build. Chairman Krieger explained that it is a small building and a sap tank. Mr. Merrill confirmed that this is in the woods on Lower Ridge Road. Deputy Lake said they got a call at their office about it so they went and took a look at it. He explained that there is no power or anything running to it at this time. Deputy Lake said he received a call from Mr. Harris who asked about it, Mr. Harris was under the impression that there was going to be lights and a pump at the site. Deputy Lake said Mr. Harris called a second time and asked why as an abutter he was not notified about this. Deputy Lake said the only issue they saw was that there might be front setback

issues. Chairman Krieger asked if there is a setback issue; it seems that everyone's sap tanks are next to the road. Deputy Lake said he isn't sure, normally any structure needs to meet the 50' front setback but he isn't sure if sap tanks are exempt from that. Selectman Maxfield asked what the small building is. Deputy Lake said it is a very small shed probably for the pump or something. Selectman Ives said it looks like it is about the size of a bob house and neither is on a foundation. Deputy Lake explained that the only issue that might come into play is that it is in the AFP District and the piece where those are sitting on could be in current use. Selectman Maxfield stated that you can have this type of facility on current use land. Selectman Ives said he doesn't see an issue with the tank and if the building is smaller than 10 x 10 it's okay as well. Deputy Lake asked if there is an issue with the setback. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't think so because everyone else has their tank close to the road so they are able to collect the sap. Selectman Ives said if this was a permanent tank dropped into the ground it would be different. Roy Merrill said if people were told they had to take their land out of current use to place a sap tank they wouldn't be able to sap. Stan Prescott said they don't need a building permit for anything less than 100 feet. Chairman Krieger asked Deputy Lake to contact the property owner to see what further modifications they intend to make. Deputy Lake agreed he will contact the property owner and follow up with Mr. Harris.

Chief Wright submitted a Letter of Intent form NHMS for the Gift of Lights that will run November 20, 2015 through January 2, 2016. Chief Wright explained that this was already permitted March 17, 2015 so this is just a reminder.

Chief Wright said they had a complaint from Mike Smith on 129 about his neighbor. He explained that there were three issues. The first was about a deer fence that Mr. McCarthy put up around his property; Chief Wright said fences are allowed in the setbacks so there are no issues there. The second was excavation on the property; Mr. McCarthy moved soil around and screened rocks out of it. Chief Wright said there is no issue with that. Chief Wright said the third is that Mr. McCarthy intends to plant trees on approximately 1 acre of his property for Millican Nurseries. Chief Wright explained that the trees will be dug up and sold by Millican Nurseries when they are ready and something else will be planted in their place. His question is whether there is a zoning issue because this property is in rural

residential and they are planting trees to be sold commercially. He said Mr. McCarthy stated that he won't be making a profit from the trees; Chief Wright asked if Mr. McCarthy needs to see the Zoning Board. Roy Merrill said he doesn't see that it makes any difference if he's making a profit or not; it's agriculture. He said if Huntington's can sell millions of dollars worth plants then he ought to be able put in a few trees. Stan Prescott stated that it looks like a greenhouse/horticultural use. Selectman Ives asked if it behind the house. Chief Wright confirmed that it is. Deputy Lake said it sounds like Mr. Smith is more worried about trucks in and out when they remove the trees. Selectman Ives said it takes 3-4 years for trees to grow; he doesn't think there is a problem with it. Mr. Prescott agreed that it will take time for the trees to grow and he doesn't see where there will be a mass exodus, he doesn't see a problem with it.

Chief Wright said they received a complaint from Polly Touzin of 57 Berry Road. She said the Rhino shelter that is on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Darling of 58 Berry Road is 7 feet from the road so she is wondering about the setback. She is also concerned about a spotlight that shines towards her house. There was an issue with junk in the road but that has been worked out. Deputy Lake explained that they are in a district that should have a 50 foot setback but being on the pond there is no way to meet that. Discussion ensued about the fact that the shelter is not taxable and portable. Selectman Maxfield stated that if people start putting up portable garages all over town it could become an issue. Deputy Lake said it only goes over the car, if it's not there the car will still be there. Chairman Ives asked Chief Wright and Deputy Lake to look into it further. Roy Merrill suggested they check the measurement because it might be in the right of way. Road Agent Houle said the right of way is 33 feet from the center of the road.

Deputy Lake explained that there is a home on School Street that owns a camper sale business, all the business is supposedly done on the internet. There is a complaint by the neighbors that they have a bunch of campers on their property. He explained that they have been dealing with this issue since September and any time they go there there is only one camper. Deputy Lake said they got a call this week that there is propane tanks, generators, and extra stuff there so they went and talked to them. He explained

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The Board received a request to participate in Canterbury's Update to their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Selectman Maxfield stated that Loudon is also updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Board received a thank you from the North East Motor Sports Museum. Selectman Ives explained that because they are a non-profit organization the Planning Board reduced their fees.

The Board received a thank you from the Concord Regional Crimeline.

The Board received an offer from Dan Schroth to do a stone project in Loudon. Selectman Ives explained that Mr. Schroth volunteered his time to do a project in Loudon; the Town would supply the materials and he would supply the labor. Selectman Ives thanked Mr. Schroth saying that he has an idea and might take him up on that offer in the future.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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that the police have been there; it sounds like a civil issue. Deputy Lake said the owners are adamant that it is an internet business, they own a lot in Northwood where they normally keep the campers. He explained that they rent campers; they rented a bunch of them for the September race and brought them back to the house 2 or 3 at a time to clean them. They would take them to the next place where they were going to be rented. Deputy Lake asked if they need to see the Zoning Board, would this be considered running a business out of their home. The owners claim they are not running a business from their home. Stan Prescott asked if they have a home occupation permit. Chief Wright said no. Selectman Ives suggested that they might need to at least get a minor home occupation permit for the internet sales, if they have an office in the house. He said this might be their best bet so there are no questions. Stan Prescott said this would give the neighbors a chance to voice their opinion. Selectman Ives recalls the Zoning Board giving someone a permit for a home occupation for detailing cars. Chief Wright said that sounds like a good idea; they will contact the Towle's.

Chairman Krieger closed Board of Permit.

The Board met with Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that the old cruiser is at Lane's Automotive getting a paint job. It should be done next week.

Chief Wright said they inspected the water levels in all seven cisterns and they all look good except for the one on Creekwater. He explained that that one continues to lose significant amounts of water. He said that is a private road and they will ask Mr. Merullo to address the cistern issue.

Chief Wright said there was a small brush fire on Mudgett Hill Road last week caused by pellet stove ash, and there was a brush fire yesterday on Clough Hill Road, cause unknown. Chief Wright said conditions are dry until snow comes.

Chief Wright submitted a confidential personnel issue to the Board.

The Board met with Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess.

Sergeant Burgess said they have been receiving complaints about the end of Berry Road. He explained that the issue is with Mr. Page having his family members using the turnaround on private property. Sergeant Burgess asked if this is a Canterbury issue since the turnaround is on Canterbury land. Chairman Krieger stated that it is; however, the town needs to know if they will be allowed to use the turnaround for plow trucks. Road Agent Houle said he already spoke to them and they have no issue with them using the turnaround for plowing. Chairman Krieger suggested that Sergeant Burgess contact the Sergeant in Canterbury and let him know about the issue so they can address it with Mr. Page and his family. Sergeant Burgess said he did contact Canterbury. Selectman Ives said he thought the

issue was resolved; however, it seems like Mr. Page has pushed the issue by using family members to turn around there.

Sergeant Burgess said the new cruiser is equipped and on the road.

Sergeant Burgess said last week they discussed the opening in the department for a full-time officer. He proposed that the Board of Selectmen appoint Dimitrios Lazos to the position; Officer Lazos will attend the academy in January. Selectman Ives asked if there is a procedure about putting someone through the academy. Sergeant Burgess said the agreement is that they will stay with the department for three years. Selectman Maxfield asked what happens if they leave before the three years. Sergeant Burgess explained that the town would then decide whether to pursue repayment. *Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Dimitrios Lazos as a full-time patrolman for the Town of Loudon, this appointment shall have a twelve month probationary period, and the appointment starts November 10, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Sergeant Burgess explained that currently the part-time salary for police officers is \$16.67 per hour. He checked part-time pay with other departments in the area; Loudon is the lowest in the area. Sergeant Burgess said they range from \$17.00 to \$20.00 per hour. Chairman Krieger explained that they are losing a part-time patrolman because he can make \$20.00 per hour somewhere else. Selectman Maxfield asked if they wanted to do this now and asked if there is money in the budget. Chairman Krieger explained that they can raise the hourly rate, they just have to limit the number of hours so they don't go over the budget line. Chairman Krieger explained that Officer Arkell was a part-time police officer and he got shot and killed. He said "there is no 'P' on an officer's chest that says he is part-time so don't shoot him." Chairman Krieger said where he works they pay the part-time people the same wage as full-time people because they are doing the same thing. He explained that it used to be that part-time people used to work detail but now they are better trained they have more knowledge and he thinks they need to be paid more. Chairman Krieger said he thinks \$19.00 per hour would be good, he thinks that maybe the guy that is thinking about leaving would stay for that. Sergeant Burgess said they are currently interviewing part-time people. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to raise the part-time police officers pay to \$19.00 per hour starting immediately. Chairman Krieger added that all part-timers will be making the same; it doesn't matter how long they have been here. Selectman Ives added that it shall not exceed the total budget. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Sergeant Burgess asked that now that Officer Lazos is full-time he would like to bring his pay up to what the full-timers are making. The Board agreed that Officer Lazos' pay rate should be brought up from

his current \$16.67 per hour to whatever the lowest patrolman is making.

Sergeant Burgess said they completed their budget and has submitted it to the office manager.

Sergeant Burgess thanked the Fire Department for helping them move the boxes out of the storage unit at the dump; they were able to put all of them in the storage unit at the town office parking lot. He said the Fire Department did a great job and he appreciates their help.

Sergeant Burgess said everything is going well and everyone is adapting to the changes.

Chairman Krieger asked if they got carpet prices. They received two and are waiting for one more.

The Board met with the Supervisors of the Checklist; Marge Schoonmaker, Tracy Huckins, and Francine Clave.

Marge Schoonmaker explained that they talked to two people about the moderator position. One declined and the other gave them her resume. Ms. Schoonmaker submitted the resume to the selectmen. The Supervisors said she has experience in meetings, seems very competent, and interviewed very well. Chairman Krieger asked for her name. Ms. Schoonmaker said it is Sharon Drake. Chairman Krieger said this normally an elected position but she will be appointed until the next election. Ms. Schoonmaker said that is correct and Ms. Drake intends to run for the position. Ms. Schoonmaker said she has saved a spot for Ms. Drake in the January moderator training so she will be ready for the primaries in February.

Ms. Schoonmaker stated that they submitted their budget today.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that their uniforms are pretty worn. He said that he and Tad Flagg met with another company; they were not impressed with the representative. Mr. Houle met with their current company and received a contract for new uniforms at the same price as they pay now. He explained that the new shirts and jackets will have reflective trim and be safer. Chairman Krieger asked how long the contract is for. Mr. Houle stated three years. Chairman Krieger asked if it is a fixed price for the three years. Mr. Houle said it is. Selectman Maxfield asked if the names will be on them. Mr. Houle explained that he would like to upgrade that and include the town seal with the town name. The Board agreed to the uniform upgrade.

Mr. Houle said he has a few more hills where they intend to pick up the leaves before snow.

Mr. Houle said the road tractor for the transfer station had to go to Liberty; they were having dash issues.

Mr. Houle said they have a truck at Liberty now that has a fuel problem.

Mr. Houle said one of his employees gave his notice yesterday. Chairman Krieger said he was made aware of that so he asked

the office manager to get an ad put together; he understands that she worked with Mr. Houle on that. Chairman Krieger stated that the price to put the ad in the *Concord Monitor* ranged from \$381.00 to \$759.00. Chairman Krieger said they can put it on the NH Municipal Association website, the town website, post it around town, and put it on Craigslist all for \$25.00. Selectman Ives recommends giving that option a try. The Board agreed that is the way to go.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:56 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 7:25 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. Motion carries.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District November invoice for \$722,040.64.

The Board received NHDES information regarding Private Well Sampling in Loudon.

The Board received NHDOT information regarding the Traffic Signal Erection Permit for Staniels Road/Route 106.

The Board received a letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding the Fairpoint Litigation.

The Board received an email from Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church regarding a cleaning quote. The Board agreed that they are not willing to contribute to the cleaning cost.

The Board received Bankruptcy Court information for a piece of property of Route 106.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received a petition last week to accept Dragonfly Drive. They set the public hearing date for Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

The Board received the Comcast Renewal Agreement. The Board set a public hearing for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and will ask the town attorney to be present to answer any questions.

*Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — Oct. 15, 2105

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

### Attendance:

George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Dow, and Alternate Alice Tuson

Alice Tuson was appointed to be a voting member for this meeting.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**September 17, 2015 Regular Meeting** — George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Alice Tuson. All were in favor.

### Board Discussion:

1. The chairman read a letter of resignation from Bob Ordway. The resignation was accepted with great regret. It was stated that Dustin Bowles has voiced an interest in being an Alternate on the board. After brief discussion, George Saunderson made a motion to appoint Dustin Bowles as an Alternate to complete Bob Ordway's term (March 2016); seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

2. **Zoning workshop** — A workshop was scheduled for November 4th at 4:00 p.m. Zoning Board members will be notified.

### Report of the ZBA:

There is a variance application for a meeting hall in the Village District and a variance application for prospective buyers in the Villages.

### Report of the Board of Permit:

Tom Dow reported that there was no meeting this month.

### Adjournment:

George Saunderson made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Submitted by,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant

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## Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — October 22, 2105

Chairman Dave Powelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Roy Merrill, Dave Powelson, Ned Lizotte, Earl Tuson, and alternate Charlie Aznive. Charlie Aznive was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl.

Deputy Chief Bill Lake represented the Fire Department.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**Regular Hearing** — Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the minutes of September 24, 2015 as presented; seconded by Charlie Aznive. All were in favor.

### DISCUSSIONS

**Ben Carter/Ed Rollins** — Not present; were to meet with the ZBA at the request of Code Enforcement.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Application #Z15-19, American Legion Post #88** — Variance to allow meeting hall, Map 20, Lot 39, Village District. Stanley Prescott represented the Legion. He explained that the Legion purchased the property at 45 S. Village Road. The building was once the police station/court house/meeting hall before being used as a real estate office and then a home. After the purchase, it was discovered that meeting halls are not a permitted use in the Village District according to the Zoning Ordinance, thus the need for this variance.

Mr. Prescott went through the points of the application. Earl Tuson asked about parking. Mr. Prescott pointed out the parking on a plan provided with the application. Dave Powelson asked how the number of spaces was calculated. Mr. Prescott said it was based on the square footage of the building. The chairman asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the application. Roger Maxfield pointed out that the Legion met just down the road for thirty-five years. He said the average attendance is ten to twelve members monthly, and they are a quiet organization. Dave Copson stated that he is in favor of the variance. Shawn Jones, post commander for the last five years, said the group works very hard to serve the veterans of the community. He said this location is easily accessed by the post's members. Larry Hemphill, post chaplain, said the group is community-minded, as well as working for the town's veterans. He noted a couple of projects they have done for the school. Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against the application. Abutter Nancy Marchillo said she heard there would be a bar at the hall. Stan Prescott said that was incorrect, there will be no bar.

Ned Lizotte asked if they see future growth for the post. Stan Prescott explained that they have approximately sixty-eight

members but a very small, active group. Dave Powelson asked if they would be using the hall for other events, such as party rentals. Mr. Prescott said the maximum occupancy is thirty-eight due to the size of the building and septic system. Shawn Jones said the Boy Scouts and/or 4-H might meet there. Charlie Aznive stated that 4-H used to meet there years ago with twenty to twenty-five in attendance at the most. He said he feels this is a great thing to have in the Village. Roy Merrill said it only seems logical to have a meeting hall in the Village.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the variance as presented; seconded by Earl Tuson. Larry Hemphill asked if this is a permanent approval or if they have to go through the process from time to time. Dave Powelson explained that the approval goes with the land and is permanent. A roll vote was taken: Charlie Aznive — yes; Earl Tuson — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes. Unanimous — PASSED.

**Application #Z15-20, Jerry & Jo-Ellen Magalnick** — Variance for waiver of age and number of occupants, Map 29, Lot 7-28, Village District. Abutter John George was present. Many residents of the Villages at Loudon were present. Roy Merrill and Ned Lizotte recused themselves from this case as they are abutters to the Villages. The chairman explained to the applicants that this would leave only three members to hear the case. He explained the process needed to approve or deny an application (three votes, not just a majority). Mr. Magalnick said they would like to begin the process.

Mr. Magalnick explained their request to have their 27 year old daughter live with them due to disabilities that prevent her from living on her own. He said the variance is to waive the age limit restriction and to allow a third occupant in their home. Dave Powelson said he does not read Section 303.2 as limiting occupancy to two people. Earl Tuson initially disagreed but then said he understands Mr. Powelson's interpretation more clearly and agrees that it does not limit the number of occupants. Roy Merrill said the age limit is definite with one occupant having to be at least 55 years of age and allows a second to be 52 years of age or older. He agreed that there is no cap on the number of occupants in the definition. Mr. Magalnick said the number of occupants was not brought up when he and his wife have been talking with the developer about buying a home in the Villages. Bill Lake was asked if there is a problem with the fire department with more than two occupants in the homes. Mr. Lake said the department does not limit residential occupancy, only public. Dave Powelson said the number of occupants does not need to be addressed by the ZBA. He said there may be an Association rule that addresses the num-

ber but the ZBA does not have jurisdiction over that. He said this application will be to address the age variance.

The chairman went through the points of the application with Mr. Magalnick. Mr. Magalnick said they were not sure what information Question #5, Section A (i) was requesting. Mr. Powelson referred him to the Zoning Ordinance purpose and the Section 303 purpose. Mr. Magalnick read a statement further explaining their request.

Charlie Aznive said he is worried if the Board makes an exception then their job will become more difficult. Mr. Magalnick stated that he has heard there have been a couple of requests for age variances that were denied. There was discussion on what the Americans with Disabilities Act is about. Abutter Ned Lizotte asked to verify that occupants meeting the age requirements would be covered by ADA; they could not be excluded. Chairman Powelson said he believed that to be correct. Roy Merrill said if a person buys a condo and needs a wheelchair, etc. that is their business. Charlie Aznive said if the ZBA approves this application they will have more difficulty down the road. Mr. Magalnick said an owner would not need to use ADA if they met the age requirements. Mr. Lizotte said if he was in the applicant's position he is not sure he would put himself in the position of conflict. He said there are other alternatives, other places to buy. Mr. Magalnick stated that they have looked at every adult community in the area, and the Villages meet all they would be looking for.

The chairman asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the application. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against the application. Abutter John George read a statement. Bill Lake said it would be different if the applicants already owned the home, something happened to their daughter, and she had to move in with them. He said he is not sure if ADA applies since they do not already own. His concern is that an approval could open the flood gates to more exceptions.

Villages resident Carol Hall stated that she was the second resident at the Villages, and she moved there because it was a 55+ community. She said they have people there with disabilities now and they meet the federal requirements. Ms. Hall noted that the applicant spoke about one doctor's note they have saying their daughter was unable to live by herself; she said most people would get a second opinion. She also said that the variance would decrease property values because she would not have bought there.

Villages resident Carol Boisvert noted that the applicant said his daughter is her own guardian, so she isn't sure why he has to be her guardian. Mr. Magalnick said he is

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**Zoning — cont. from 29**

not her guardian. Ms. Boisvert said the applicant stated that his daughter has the mentality of a thirteen year old but drives and is employed. She said there are other condo associations in the area without age restrictions. Ms. Boisvert said the infrastructure was designed to handle the elderly, not families. She said the age is the problem; she moved there because it is an elderly community.

Alice Tuson asked if people with minor children could make the argument that their children had to live with them and request variances.

Villages resident Joyce Lamy said the Villages was built to accommodate 200 people with regard to water, septic, the hall, parking, etc. She said the houses are meant for two people; anything more would be a burden to the Association.

Villages resident Walter Belanger said he has lived at the Villages for one year. He said he feels sorry for the applicant but an approval of this request would just open doors to more situations.

Villages resident Alan Robichaud said it was very clear that this was a 55+ community when he was purchasing. He said he and his wife have younger children who might, from time to time, need financial assistance or even move back home. He said they gave up that option when choosing to live at the Villages. Mr. Robichaud said their second bedroom is to accommodate them as guests, not to live there. He said the developer is in the business of selling homes, and it is unfortunate that things sometimes get left out during that process.

Villages resident Dave Copson said the specific reason he purchased here was because it was 55+, a new way of life. He said he feels there is an element of fraud between the town and the developer. Mr. Copson said these homes carry a \$40,000 to \$50,000 premium per house compared to other single family houses in the area. He said if the applicant moves in with his daughter that premium goes out the window, and he wonders if the applicant is going to cut everyone a check for \$50,000. He said this variance is not a good idea.

Villages resident Barbara Potter asked if it is right for someone who does not live in the park to change a variance for those who do live there. The chairman said it is right for him to apply; it is a right anybody would have. He said it is up to the Board to see if they are convinced one way or another.

Villages resident Nancy (last name unintelligible; said from 11 Violet) said she has a 47 year old daughter with Down Syndrome, and she placed her in a residential program. She said the Villages is not a place for handicapped younger people. She said she feels bad for the applicants but this is just not the right community.

Villages resident Steve Johnson asked if the Board will be trying to determine if this is about two people or more than two people as part of the deliberations or go with the earlier opinion. Dave Powelson stated that the Board has not made a specific finding, although he did express his opinion as to what the Ordinance is. He said he has not heard that strongly refuted by the other two voting members. Earl Tuson said he shares Dave's opinion. Charlie Aznive said it is a moot point; he still feels if this is passed it will create problems for the Board in the future. Mr. Johnson said it is an understanding at the Villages. He said operating costs would go up, homeowner association fees would go up, and property values would go down. He said he is very concerned how this turns out. Earl Tuson explained that the ZBA does not write the Zoning Ordinance; it is voted on by the voters of Loudon. He said the ZBA has to interpret the Ordinance, and they currently interpret that there is no specific limit as to the number of occupants above and beyond fire and safety codes. Bill Lake said the fire department doesn't have a limit; if the community sets a limit that is another thing. Roy Merrill said if they are concerned if it is three people it is up to them to change the condo rules as it is not something in the Zoning Ordinance.

Deborah Jutra said she thought she was very familiar with ADA 1990 but perhaps she's not. She asked if the law states that a person with disabilities cannot be discriminated against to live where they choose. She said sometimes it comes down to the law. She asked the applicant if he had ideas of

suining the Association. She asked again what the law states. Dave Powelson explained the appeal process that is in place in the event someone is unhappy with the outcome. Earl Tuson said ZBA members, when elected, are asked to enforce the Zoning Ordinance. He said he has no knowledge of ADA and is not in the position to make judgments on that; he can only go by the Zoning Ordinance. Carol Boisvert said this has nothing to do with the disability; it is the age that is of concern. She said she would agree with Ned Lizotte in that it would be different if the applicant already owned in the Villages, but he doesn't have to live in a 55+ community.

Chairman Powelson noted that the Board has been presented with a petition with eighty-five signatures, approximately a dozen letters from Villages residents, and a letter from Orr & Reno representing the Homeowners Association. Charlie Aznive and Earl Tuson reviewed the letters.

Roland Lamy said the simple fact of the matter is that this will affect the total infrastructure and property values. He asked the applicant to give serious thought to what has been said here this evening.

The chairman closed the hearing to the public. Earl Tuson stated that the applicant should be given the option to have a vote taken now or wait for a full board. The applicants said they would like to wait until there are more members present. Because the next meeting date would be Thanksgiving, the meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 30th. Several had questions about the process from this point. It was explained that the hearing will continue; tonight's testimony will be part of the record and reviewed by missing members.

Robert Clinton asked about the intent of the Elderly District when it was written. He suggested that whoever wrote it be at the next meeting to explain their intent. The chairman said he thought it may have been as requested by the Villages association.

*Earl Tuson made a motion to continue this hearing to November 30, 2015; seconded by Charlie Aznive. All were in favor.* The hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; there will be no further notification.

Roy Merrill and Ned Lizotte returned to the table.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Bill Lake spoke with the Board about a cease and desist order that has been issued to Adam Bousquet. Mr. Bousquet met with the Board a couple of months ago about a repair shop on Lower Ridge Road; he was given paperwork for a variance at that time. In the meantime, it has been discovered that he is operating the shop. Donna informed the Board that an application came in from Mr. Bousquet earlier in the week and is scheduled for the November meeting. Bill also spoke about a business being conducted at the Carter residence on Foster Road, thus the reason that Mr. Carter and Mr. Rollins were supposed to meet with the Board earlier this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.; seconded by Earl Tuson. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*

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<p><b>6</b></p> <p>HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>PEARL HARBOR DAY</p> <p>5pm•Library Trustees Meeting 6pm•Yoga @ Library 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg. 6:45pm•Victory Workers 4H Club</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. Christmas Pot Luck and Sing-Along 10:30am•Story Time @ Library 1–2pm•Yoga @ Library 6pm•Selectmen’s Meeting @ Com. Bldg. (Board of Permit)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>2–4pm•Creative Wednesdays @ Library 2:30pm•Story Time @ Library 6pm•Sit ’n Stitch @ Library 7pm•Two Blocks a Month @ Library</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Turkey Trot @ LES 10:30am•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga @ Library</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Turkey Trot Rain Date</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>4:30–6:30pm•Free dinner @ Family Bible Church</p>
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