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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.

Chichester Road Bridge Finished — Road Open!



Chichester Road is now open to through traffic. This new bridge looks quite a bit different from the old one — its wider and the road has been raised and leveled. Great job!

Black

John O. Cate Van Garage Making Progress

It is amazing what can be accomplished when a group of talented men get together. On Saturday Nov. 4th, a cold and windy day, a mini barn raising began. Putting their expertise and equipment to work were: Roy Maxfield, State Rep.; Jim McNeil, Fire Captain; Mike Labonte, of Labonte Enterprises; Russ Pearl, Selectmen Roger Maxfield, Steve Ives, and Dusty Bowles, Tim Barton of Barton Logging, his son Timmy and Tom Jamilkowski of Daneu Trucking. Dunkin Donuts' generous donation of coffee and donuts helped supply a little heat. First the sides went up, then the ends, and finally some trusses on the roof. Without Tim Barton's crane equipment this would have taken considerably more time and effort to achieve.

Barbara and Judy Jamilkowski served sandwiches and drinks to help get them through a full days work. Great job guys! There is more to come so stay tuned. Any volunteers will be more than welcome as there is still a lot to do.

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Dave Nicholson, our Treasurer and faithful attendant. We miss you, Dave. ■



The Selectmen are looking for the oldest resident of Loudon to present the Boston Post Cane. If you think you qualify, please contact the Loudon Selectmen's Office at 798-4541.

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 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

Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

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

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.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$1.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: 1–7 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

798-5203 (Mondays only) to schedule a ride.

For more information or on other days, call Barbara Cameron: 783-4534

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

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For more information, call Rev. Henry or Betty Frost: 783-4540

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303-2411

James W. Danforth: 50 Kilcare Rd., Andover, NH 03216-3210

Priscilla P. Lockwood: 435 Northwest Rd., PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001

Roy D. Maxfield: 7126 School St., Loudon, NH 03307-0911

Joy K. Tilton: 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276-1611

Frank A. Tupper: PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224-0092

Senators — District 07

Robert B. Flanders: PO Box 1, Antrim, NH 03440-0001

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. 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 Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128. ■

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2007 Schedule

January 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/15	Council Meeting: Mon. 12/17
February 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/19	Council Meeting: Mon. 1/22
March 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/16	Council Meeting: Mon. 2/19
April 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/16	Council Meeting: Mon. 3/19
May 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/13	Council Meeting: Mon. 4/16
June 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/18	Council Meeting: Mon. 5/21
July 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/15	Council Meeting: Mon. 6/18
August 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/13	Council Meeting: Mon. 7/16
September 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/17	Council Meeting: Mon. 8/20
October 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/14	Council Meeting: Mon. 9/17
November 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/19	Council Meeting: Mon. 10/22
December 2007	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/16	Council Meeting: Mon. 11/19

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Pastor Jeff Owen

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Winter: Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • **Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group Friday: 6:30–8 p.m. for grades 6–12

Sept.–June Faith Weaver Friends: Age 3 through 5th Grade. Fri. 6:30–8 p.m.



First Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Tues.–Fri.

phyllish@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays: Sunday School, All Ages: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided for Infants and Toddlers. Kinder-Church (Preschoolers and Kindergarteners). Children's Church (Grades 1–6)

Wednesdays: Youth Group w/Youth Pastor: 6:30 p.m. [Doug Milne (224-1311 x12)]

Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m. • **Kid's Time:** 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Ages 3–Grade 6)

Thursday: Teen Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. at Youth Pastor's Home

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS.

Please call the church office for details: 224-1311.



Landmark Baptist Church

Pastor Eric Davis

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • **Sunday Morning:** 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. • **Wednesday Evening:** 7:00 p.m.



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Currently meeting at the Loudon Community Center in Loudon Village until our Church on Clough Hill is repaired following a June 12, 2005 fire.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Staffed nursery for infants–pre-K)

Sunday School (all ages): 11:15 a.m. (Sept.–June)

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

Monthly at 5:30 p.m. Please call for details.

Women In Christ Study and Fellowship: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

LCC Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High teens): Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.



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676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577

www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: fbc@emlot.com

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs. Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

Sunday Evening: Youth Group — For Grades 6–11: 6–7:45 p.m.

Monday: Men's Fellowship and Prayer 7–8:45 p.m.

Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.

Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons



To have your Church's information added to this column, please email your information to debbie@debbiegraphics.com



Loudon Congregational Church News: Hilltop Cafe Will Be Open For Sledgers

Loudon Congregational Church announces the opening of the Hilltop Cafe at their meeting house on Church Street this winter. During the afternoon hours on select weekend days this winter, the Hilltop Cafe will be open for those who come to sled on the Loudon Congregational Church hill. On weekend days when there is enough snow on the hill fit for sledding, the Cafe will be available to sledgers and their families. We invite you come on in and warm up with a hot cup of coffee, tea or cocoa, quench your thirst with a cold drink, or enjoy a light snack. The Cafe will also be a cozy spot to rest, change into dry mittens, or sit and read or chat with friends while the kids slide. Of course, restroom facilities will be available during the hours the Cafe is open, and all refreshments are complimentary. If you have questions, or need to contact Loudon Congregational Church for any other reason, please call 783-9478. ■

December Happenings at Loudon's Church of the Nazarene

December Sunday Mornings with Pastor John White:

- 12/10** Christmas Comes at Just the Right Time
- 12/17** Does Christmas Make Any Difference?
- 12/24** Could God Use Me?
- 12/31** Starting the New Year Right

NEW: College & Career Sunday School class for high school graduates, college students and young married couples (without children yet).

"An Old Fashion Christmas Pageant"

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10th at 6:00 P.M.



Just like the title says, this will be a pageant like the older adults remember being in when they were kids. The children will sing and act out the Christmas Story straight from the pages of God's Holy Word and the audience will have a part as well...singing the Christmas Hymns and Carols. It will be a fun time for all!! This is a family orientated event, so bring your little ones to see the Christmas Story come alive.

Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 P.M.

This year's Christmas Eve Service will feature Carols — Candles — Communion.

Senior Pastor John White will deliver at message entitled: "A Gift to Open on Christmas Eve."

Nursery care will be provided for babies (if needed) and the toddlers will have their own special Christmas Eve Service, with activities designed just for them. ■



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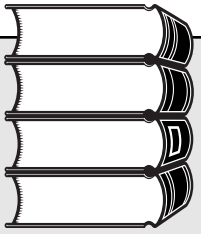
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

Story Time

An abundance of seasonal crafts will light up the month of December for the story time children. On December 5th and 7th, they will start off by making macaroni snowflakes to go along with Eric Carle's story *Dream Snow* and listen to *Robert's Snow* by Grace Lin. The children will hear *Midnight Snowman* by Caroline Feller Bauer and Caralyn Buehner's *Snowmen at Night*, on December 12th and 14th, followed by making their own snowman. On December 19th and 21st, the children will celebrate the holidays with a festive gathering. Parents are encouraged to bring a snack to share and the Library will provide juice. The children will listen to *The Mouse Before Christmas* by Michael Garland and *What the Little Fir Tree Wore to the Christmas Party* by Satomi Ichikawa. They will make sparkly pinecone ornaments to decorate their homes. The Library will be closed December 25th through January 1st for the holidays, so there will be no story time on the 26th and 28th of December. Please join us Tuesday, January 2nd, as we start off the New Year!

Trick or Treating

We saw lobsters and cows, race car drivers and Indians, Curious George and Little Bo Peep in the Library on Halloween! The story time children enjoyed walking to the police station, the fire station, and the selectman's office to collect some ghoulish goodies. In addition to the trick or treating, they listened to a story and shared their yummy snacks. Thank you to Chief Fiske, Janice Morin, John Reece, Bonnie Theriault, Jean Lee, and everyone at the town offices for their part in our Halloween celebration.

New Books

The children's room has some new books for elementary readers with seasonal themes: *Sally's Snow Adventure* by Stephen Huneck, *Bear Dreams* by Elisha Cooper, *Pumpkins* by Ken Robbins, and *Apples* also by Ken Robbins. Or, if you have a little one interested in the new addition being built at the Loudon Elementary School, we have a book you may want to check out called

Building with Dad by Carol Nevius. The book is about a boy whose father is helping to build a new school. The Library also has new books for the children's nonfiction section. Middle school-aged children might enjoy *All Aboard! Passenger Trains Around the World* by Karl Zimmermann, *Wildfire* by Taylor Morrison, *The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin* by Susan Goldman Rubin. Children of all ages who are interested in poetry will enjoy *Once Upon a Tomb: Gravely Humorous Verses* by J. Patrick Lewis, *Count Me a Rhyme* by Jane Yolen, and *In the Garden: Who's Been Here?* by Lindsay Barrett George.

Watercolor Course

Whether you consider yourself a watercolorist or have always wanted to try your hand, here is your chance. The library will offer watercolor painting instruction in January if enough people are interested. The course will run for six weeks and cost \$90. Beginners are welcome. Please call 798-5153 for more details.

Book Sale

Over 1,000 donated books and VHS tapes were available at the Library's last sale in October, and we expect to have close to that many to offer again in January. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, an array of titles covers the tables at prices that are impossible to beat. Stop by on January 6th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to find your own treasures.

Library Hours

The Library is open Monday 1–7 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesday 1–9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Holiday Hours

From December 25th through January 1st the Library will be closed for inventory. Grab some books by December 23rd to get you through the holidays until we open again in the New Year. Remember that the book drop is available to those who need to return books, DVDs, and other materials during the hours that we are closed. Happy Holidays! ■



The Mummy visited Maxfield Public Library at Halloween to catch up on some reading!



What does the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

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 ODCL _ ☐ _ _ _
 NOSW _ _ ☐ _ _
 ABEK _ _ ☐ _ _
 RWNTEI _ ☐ _ _ ☐ _
 ELDS ☐ _ _ _ _
 DLIHYOA ☐ _ _ _ _ _
 TIEMTSN _ _ _ _ ☐ _ _
 CIE _ _ _ ☐ _ _
 IGTSF _ _ _ _ ☐ _

November word scramble answers:

pie
family
pumpkin
football
stuffing
tradition
squash
cranberry
onion
corn
turkey

Plymouth Rock

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Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

Our November 14th meeting turned out to be pretty informative, as we expected. Wendy Dumais, coordinator of the capital area public health network gave us literature with tips on putting together emergency kits for weather or health emergencies. She also passed out sheets on which we could sign up to volunteer in many areas in case of pandemics or other widespread emergencies.

Selectman Dusty Bowles spoke briefly on property tax exemptions for the elderly and veterans. He also answered a question from the group regarding the presentation of the Boston Post Cane for Loudon's oldest citizen. Mr Bowles promised to bring it up to his fellow selectmen for discussion.

Police Chief Fiske addressed the "vacant house check" and distributed sheets to fill out if you plan to be away from home for extended time to be presented to the police department. He also passed out pamphlets from USDA with information about loans for low-income seniors who need home repairs.

Cheryl Scanlon of Vista Volunteers of America spoke on Medicare Part D Prescription Program. She advised that there are now 53 plans versus the 42 plans that were offered last year from which to choose. November 15th begins the new enrollment term.

We had an excellent meal provided by CAP which consisted of stuffed chicken with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, peas, carrots, and three choices of pie.

Speaking of food, December 12th will be our Christmas potluck lunch. Luck is the key word here because we always have wonderful selections to pick from. We will sing Christmas carols and eat great food. We always have a really enjoyable time, and why would this year be any different? We had two new members, Judy Johnston and Stanley Prescott join us in November and we were happy to welcome them. ■

CORRECTION:

On page 14 of the November *Loudon Ledger*, the NH Lakes Host inspecting a boat is Mathieu Nichols, not Mathieu Nadeau. Our apologies for the mis-identification.

Boating Education Class Schedule

The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required, Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

12/02/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Dr., Concord
12/02/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	NH Department of Fish & Game, Keene
12/09/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	St. Joseph's Hospital, Nashua

TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

12/04/06 & 12/06/06	6:00–9:30 PM	Wolfeboro Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro
12/11/06 & 12/13/06	6:00–9:30 PM	Bedford Police Department, Bedford
12/11/06 & 12/13/06	6:00–9:30 PM	Derry Running Brook M.S., Derry
12/11/06 & 12/13/06	6:00–9:30 PM	Dover High School, Dover
12/11/06 & 12/13/06	6:00–9:30 PM	Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack ■


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Your Tax Bill At A Glance

By Debbie Kardaseski

It's that time of year again. Tax bills have appeared in our mailboxes and are due December 13 this year. In case you were wondering where those numbers come from, this article is an attempt to explain the process. I hope it clarifies things a bit. If you still have questions, I suggest you speak to the very knowledgeable and helpful staff in our Town Office. They are available to help you and may explain the process a bit better than I do here!

The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), which is an arm of the State of New Hampshire, determines your property taxes using a complicated formula that takes into account things like how much Loudon needs to operate; how much Merrimack County needs to operate; and (and this is a biggie) how much the Merrimack Valley School District needs to operate. DRA looks at Loudon's expenses (including our portion of all of the above) and subtracts our estimated income (including income from departments, recycling fees, our share of the State Rooms & Meals Tax, State revenues, etc.). The final figure is what must be raised through property taxes.

Take a close look at your most recent tax bill. In the bottom left corner you will see a breakdown of your bottom-line rate of \$17.05. Of that final figure, nearly 70% pays for education. Only about 19% (\$3.22) funds the operations of the Town of Loudon.

If your assessment was \$250,000.00, your tax bill would equal \$4,263.00. Of that total, only \$805.00 funds town expenses. \$498.00 goes to the county. The remainder — \$2,960.00 — pays for the schools!

Through the years, Loudon's Selectmen have been a pretty frugal bunch. This year's rate was reduced further by using \$292,500 from the unreserved fund balance. By using that money to reduce taxes, the Selectmen chose to help lessen the impact on residents of higher county and school taxes.

Those of you who attended Town Meeting will recall an amendment to Article 9 that would take \$250,000 from the unreserved fund balance and place it into a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) for a future town office building. The amendment passed. However, DRA determined the amendment was improper as it changed the original intent of the warrant article — something a motion from the floor of Town Meeting can't do. Therefore, the money could not be transferred into a CRF and remained in the unreserved fund balance. The Selectmen chose to use the money, plus a bit more, to

reduce taxes. This is not unusual. Most years a bit of the unreserved fund balance is used to reduce taxes. It's a standard practice. In the past, DRA recommended not less than 5% of the unreserved fund balance be *retained* as that money is used to cover emergencies such as the flood damage experienced this past year. Current recommendations put that figure at 8–17%. What this means is that the Town cannot use *all* of its unreserved fund balance to reduce taxes — not matter how much it would like to do that! It is important to hold some money aside for emergencies.

Comparing last year's tax rate breakdown to this year's is akin to comparing apples to oranges. As I'm sure you have noticed, your home is probably worth a lot more this year than last. Again, these assessments are driven by the State. If the average *sale* price of a home in Loudon is 110% more (or 90% less) than the average *assessed* price, the State mandates the assessments be brought into line to reflect more closely the sale price. Assessments are *market driven* but are usually a bit behind of the current market due to the time lag in getting all the numbers through DRA. So, even though the market is slowing a bit right now, your assessment is more in line with what you could actually get should you choose to sell your home today.

The higher assessments mean a large pool to draw money from. This is why we saw our rate go down — the pool is much bigger. In some cases, people saw their total bill decrease as their assessment did not change very much. In cases where homes are now assessed closer to what they would actually sell for, the total tax bill may have increased.

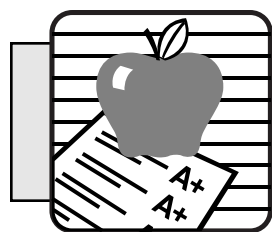
It is all very complex and I am not sure I've helped matters a whole lot here. I always ask people two questions when they start to rant about their tax bill:

1. Have you checked your property card recently to determine if you are being taxed on what you actually own?

And, more importantly, I ask:

2. Did you go to School Meeting this year? That is where the largest portion of your taxes go and it is important that you participate in the process.

Let your voice be heard in town, school, and county government. Contact your representatives. Don't think your opinion doesn't count — it's that apathy that produces poor results. There is strength in numbers; encourage your neighbors and friends to participate in government. ■



Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

Turkey Trot a Big Success

The 12th annual Turkey Trot was held at the Loudon Elementary School in November. Thanks to a very generous community, this year's event allowed the school to donate 30 cases of food and numerous bags of paper goods to the two local food banks the school supports! Thanks to everyone that participated and to the many people that helped with this wonderful event!

Important Dates

December 1: PTA Polar Express 6:00–8:30 p.m.

December 7: PTA meets first Thursday of every month

December 9: Santa's Breakfast 8:00–10:00 a.m.

December 15: Marks close for midterm grades

December 19: Fourth grade field trip to the State House

December 21: Sing along 9:30–11:00 a.m.

December 22: Spirit Day (Hat's and popcorn), mid-term grades issued, Holiday celebration

December 25–January 1: School closed for Holiday Break

January 2: Classes resume

MV Middle School

December 8: 7th & 8th grade dance

December 11: School board meeting at MVMS

December 12: 2nd quarter progress reports issued

December 22: Spirit Rally & Hat Day

December 25–January 1: School closed for Holiday Break

January 2: Classes resume

To have your Loudon school event listed in future editions of the Loudon Ledger, please contact the Loudon Communications Council at the following e-mail address: Debbie@debbie

kgraphics.com or call Kris Tripp at: 783-0448. We look forward to hearing about your event or activity!

Merrimack Valley High School News

Construction Update

The new science wing, which was simply a foundation when school started, is now nearing completion. The exterior walls and roof are nearly done, and the interior walls are framed with the plumbing, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems well underway. We anticipate instruction will begin in this new space by the start of second semester classes on January 29th (maybe sooner). The music room is proceeding nicely and the new cafeteria, library and art classrooms are moving ahead each day. We hope the new stairs by the flagpole will be in use after the New Year, and work on the exterior of the technology wing is gaining ground each day. New windows and doors in the tech wing will be in place soon, and the masons will start building the new red brick walls any day.

New Telephone System

Thank you to everyone for your patience while we installed our new phone system. The "continuous busy signal" issue has been resolved now that the conversion is complete. A few key points with the new phones:

1. The new system actually has many phone numbers embedded on the high school line. The incoming number for the high school remains 753-4311, but whenever a call is placed from the high school, people will see another number on their caller ID (6800). Return calls to this number will not reach the high school, so please continue to dial us at the same old number (753-4311).

2. Each teacher now has Phone-Mail, and messages for teachers may be left during business hours. Teachers are expected to check E-Mail and Phone-Mail every day and to reply within 24 hours. The school urges people to leave a follow-up Phone-Mail if an E-Mail

goes unanswered (due to E-Mail filters rejecting some outside messages). If Phone-Mail goes unanswered, please contact an administrator.

Gubernatorial Candidate Jim Coburn and Congressman Charlie Bass Visit MVHS

On September 28, the Political Action Club hosted Republican Gubernatorial candidate, Jim Coburn's visit to MVHS. Mr. Coburn spoke to the students about the importance of voting and staying informed, the important issues facing New Hampshire, and his solutions and ideas on how he would help keep the New Hampshire advantage. Ms. Ean, one of the Political Action Club Advisors, had met Mr. Coburn, back in February, at a G.O.P. meeting. Ms. Ean asked Mr. Coburn that if he decided to run for Governor, would he please come and speak to the M.V. Students? Mr. Coburn graciously accepted and kept his promise. Mr. Coburn was very impressed with our students' interest and knowledge of the issues.

A simple telephone call to the Concord office of Representative Charlie Bass by Geri Gormley got the congressman here to address about 150 students in October. Topics such as North Korea, the word "God" in the Pledge, and constitutional rights were discussed. Prepared questions as well as a spontaneous discussion enabled students to meet the man who represents us in Washington, DC.

John Lynch and Paul Hodes were also invited by the PAC but could not fit a visit before the election into their schedules.

Submitted by Pam Ean, PAC Advisor, and Geri Gormley, American Studies Teacher

MV Umbrellas!

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT ON RAINY/SNOWY DAYS WITH AN MV LOGO UMBRELLA. These navy and white golf umbrellas measure 48", have a wooden handle and proudly display the MV Pride logo. These make a great gift for MV students, parents and supporters. For more details or to purchase an umbrella please call Kim Taylor at 934-2255 or 455-4921. All proceeds benefit the MVHS Girls' Basketball Booster Club.

Submitted by Kim Taylor

Key Club Fund Raising

The Merrimack Valley High School Key Club, as a service project in 2006, has decided to assist the Immaculate Conception Food Pantry. The Food Pantry located in Penacook, is a non-denominational food pantry that serves the greater Penacook area. In the month of October the pantry served 36 fami-

lies with 85 individuals. This equates to 1275 meals served for the month. Of this group of 85 individuals, 16 were over the age of 60, and 23 were under the age of 18.

The Food Pantry is open 3 mornings per week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9–10 am. They also provide Thanksgiving Baskets to approximately 40 families each year. These baskets include the basic staples of a Thanksgiving dinner, including the turkey.

While the pantry is able to obtain food to provide to their clients through local donations, the Capital Region Food Program, and the Community Action Program, they also look to assist their clients with basic needs such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, cleaning supplies and paper products. While these items are important to all of us, many folks have insufficient income to purchase these items as they are using their limited income to put food on the table and pay their bills. This is an area in which we seek community support in providing donations of these items. The Merrimack Valley Key Club will be doing a drive to assist the food pantry in obtaining these items.

Submitted by Leah Powers, Key Club Advisor. Written by Debbie and Nicole Matott

National Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Thank you to all who joined us at the National Art Honor Society Induction ceremony. The students were great. We really appreciated all your wonderful feedback, in emails and in person, on the opportunity to hear David Carroll speak. You enjoyed his views on how art can improve one's quality of life and also be used as a vehicle for reflections on current events, especially today. Many of you also expressed your enjoyment of his artwork, his books as well as sketchbooks. And we were pleasantly surprised to have such a supportive group of parents (40+) in our audience.

Submitted by Robin Denham, NAHS Advisor

From MVHS Guidance Department

Greetings from Guidance! We are into the college application season full swing, and students are reminded to check their deadlines and get requests in for records, letters of recommendation, and whatever else they need before they send in their applications. We have had our three college mini-fairs and they were a resounding success. A total of 90 colleges visited MV and our students took full advantage of the opportunities to meet college reps,

School News — cont. on 7

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School News — cont. from page 6

ask excellent questions, and get valuable information. Attendance was high. Thanks to our faculty for helping us promote these fairs and for their flexibility and support.

Guidance will be going into Junior English classes during the second week of November to conduct career counseling with all students using Bridges. Bridges is a career resource with information and links about career opportunities, salary and job outlook, education requirements, college information, and a plethora of other helpful information for students. All students will have a username and access code they can use anywhere they have internet access. Parents are encouraged to spend some time with your teen looking over career and college possibilities.

PSAT's were administered on Saturday October 21st. Turn out was good with 103 students testing, mostly juniors. Results and a discussion of how to interpret results will be shared in December.

New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation came in on October 12 to present a college application overview to parents of seniors. NHHEAF will be back in January to do an overview on filing the FAFSA and on financial aid in general.

Andover 8th grade students will be visiting the high school for a tour in November. Juniors interested in applying to St. Paul's Advanced Studies summer program are reminded that applications are due December 1. Qualified juniors have received an invitation packet in their homerooms.

Parents of seniors: Be on the lookout for letters sent home for any senior who is in danger of failing a course required for graduation. These letters will be sent home after grades come out for the first quarter of the year. Please contact your student's guidance counselor with any concerns about your student's graduation status.

NECAP Testing: All juniors will be taking tests designed by the New England Common Assessment Program. This is a collaborative effort between New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont to develop a set of assessments that meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. This is a grade 11 pilot test, given to all students who took the NHEIAP tests in May (reports from those tests were distributed at the fall open house or mailed home a few weeks ago). The purpose of the pilot tests is to complete a statistical correlation between student achievement on the NHEIAP and the NECAP. Students will complete three tests: reading, mathematics and writing. The total testing time for the pilot NECAP tests is a total of 3 hours, and we have developed a schedule to minimize missed class time. As always, we expect our juniors to do their best work on this test, and to make an honest attempt to answer each question. Questions about the test should be directed to Dr. Jette.

Guidance news was compiled and submitted by Mark Ciarametaro,

Rebecca Kennedy, & Mitchell Taranow, Guidance Counselors

JAG News

Cara Valley, current NH-JAG Career Association Treasurer, was recently awarded a scholarship sponsored by the New Hampshire JAG organization to attend a 4-day Student Leadership Training Event in Washington DC. She and approximately eighty other JAG candidates submitted essays for an opportunity to be chosen. This young woman was one of only four students selected for the Washington DC trip. "Our congratulations to Cara." As part of the NH-JAG program each student is a member of a student led organization called the Career Association where they learn and develop their leadership skills. As an enhancement to this leadership development component, the National JAG organization provides an annual Student Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. This event is attended by over 500 other JAG students from 30 States. Attendees are provided leadership training, activities and tours of the Washington area. This year's conference will be held from December 7th to the 11th. She will have an opportunity to compete in employment skills and public speaking. Also, she will also attend a formal luncheon on Thursday, December 8th attended by major corporate donors and politicians who are supporters of the JAG program, as well as the newly crowned Ms. America.

Submitted by Fred Marion, MVHS JAG Director

Senior Class News:

Auction. The Merrimack Valley High School Senior Class auction will be held on December 7th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Please provide your support by donating hand made items, gift baskets, food/baked goods, gift certificates, services, art work, furniture, or any other auctionable item. If you don't have anything to donate please provide your support by making sure to attend. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

Royal blue fleece blankets with an embroidered pride logo are for sale by the Senior Class. The blankets are \$10 apiece, if you're interested in purchasing one please contact Mrs. Timmons at jtimmmons@mv.k12.nh.us or by phone at 753-4311.

Submitted by Kristin Anderson, Senior Class Advisor

Spanish Club

The first Spanish Club meeting was held November 20th in Senora Ean's classroom, Room 220, from 2:45 to 4:00pm.

Submitted by Karla Lizotte, Spanish Teacher

News from the Library Media Center

For those of you interested in the how the brain processes the written word and how children learn to read, you may be interested in the following news item from PBS.

A new PBS internet and broadcast documentary, "Reading and the Brain,"

"Give Cancer the Boot" Campaign Raises More Than \$20,000

The fourth annual "Give Cancer the Boot" campaign raised more than \$20,000 to help provide financial assistance for patients in need at Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care.

Concord Hospital, along with the Nassau Broadcasting stations 93.3 The Wolf and New Hampshire 99.1 and New Hampshire Distributors, hosted four restaurant promotions, and the three-day radiothon in Concord Hospital's Gregory Grappone Lobby. The restaurant promotions were held at Patrick's Pub in Gilford, Cheers Grille and the Barley House in Concord during October and November. Nearly 50 volunteers from area businesses and Concord Hospital answered the telephones during the three-day radiothon and assisted at the restaurant promotions.

Each year, with the help of the "Give Cancer the Boot" campaign, funding is given for many cancer-related programs and services including treatment for uninsured or underinsured patients; cancer support groups and education; financial and nutrition counseling, health screenings and free transportation to and from cancer treatment.

"In 2006, Concord Hospital provided more than \$500,000 in medical care to 1,500 cancer patients in need. Charitable support helps make this assistance possible," said Pamela Puleo, the hospital's vice president of philanthropy and public affairs. "Since its inception, the 'Give Cancer the Boot' campaign has raised more than \$124,000 for Payson Center patients."

With the help and support of the community, Concord Hospital opened the Payson Center for Cancer Care in June 2003 to bring comprehensive cancer services to central New Hampshire. Today, the Payson Center is treating more patients than expected and continues to meet the ever-growing need for cancer care in the community.

Concord Hospital is a regional medical center that provides comprehensive acute-care services and healthcare programs to people throughout New Hampshire. The hospital currently has 280 active medical staff in 50 specialties and subspecialties and offers leading-edge technology and equipment not available anywhere else in the state. In 2005, the charitable, not-for-profit organization provided more than \$21.6 million in community benefits to the residents of central New Hampshire. For more information, visit www.concordhospital.org ■

looks at how advances in neuroscience are helping researchers better understand why nearly 40 percent of children have a hard time learning to read—and others don't. "Reading and the Brain" is the eighth episode of the series "Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers." It offers what PBS calls "an intriguing look at exciting scientific breakthroughs that may fundamentally change the way reading problems are resolved." The show is hosted by actor/director Henry Winkler, who reportedly struggles with dyslexia himself. "Reading and the Brain" explores how brain scientists in Washington, D.C., Houston, Chicago, Louisville, and Toronto are working to solve the puzzle of why some children struggle to read and others don't. New research shows the answer might lie in how a child's brain is wired from birth. PBS says the documentary offers an "age-old remedy" to get children off to a great start in reading — nursery rhymes and word games.

You can access this information at the following site: <http://pbsmail.org/ct/ndq9ECY1iRIz>

PBS reading related videos. FREE. There are several reading related videos from PBS to be viewed at the following link. One in particular (*Reading and the Brain*) explores the neural links involved in reading in an attempt to explain why some students learn to read and others don't. <http://www.readingrockets.org/shows/watch>

Submitted by Jim Clapp, Library Media Specialist

Up Coming Events:

Senior Project Papers Due. Friday, December 1st

Term 2 Midterms close. Friday, December 8th

Cat Herder's Day. Friday, December 15th

Holiday Vacation. Monday, December 25th—Monday, January 1st. ■

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A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse



This month's Mystery Photos

Last month's mystery wasn't really a mystery; the photo was of the Beanstalk Store. Raymond Cummings provided the photo and the following details. Raymond and his wife Eileen (Mulkhey) Cummings opened the Beanstalk store on Friday the 13th in September 1963. After being open for a year, they decided to double the size of the building and then the following year, double the doubled building. Since then there have been additional enlargements. The Cummings' ran the store until selling it on July 1, 1965 to Nate and Mary Smith.

I didn't receive any responses to this photo! I am shocked! But, I am giving you some more time to share your stories of the Beanstalk Store. I would really like to share more information and your stories of the history or your memories. Please share!

This month I am sharing a few photos of the snow storm of 1958 which were given to me by Harriet McLaren. Harriet told me that it was "quite a storm" and took a while to clean up. She remembers the kids having quite a bit of fun in it though. I think there are a few winter weather enthusiasts who hope to see a bit more of the white this year. Thank you for sharing these photos!

Contact me Amanda by e-mail at jaelmasse@comcast.net or by calling 783-0227 if you have a photo of something you think would be interesting to others. ■

Last month's Mystery Photo



Quit Smoking Programs Offered Close to Home

Smokers who are interested in quitting smoking can take advantage of one or more of the many programs offered at Concord Hospital and the Center for Health Promotion. This is the best time to check the courses out because New Year's is coming and quitting is often a New Year's resolution.

An estimated 45 million United States adults smoke, according to the American Cancer Society. Tobacco use may cause cancer as well as heart and lung disease. According to the American Lung Association (ALA), smoking-related diseases claim the lives of about 438,000 American each year. This estimate includes cases in which people are exposed to second-hand smoke and babies born prematurely due to prenatal maternal smoking.

"Smokers participate in the Great American Smokeout every year by either smoking less or quitting for the day," said trained expert Diane Masters of the Center for Health Promotion. "Our hope is that by providing a number of smoking cessation programs in conjunction with the Great American Smokeout, smokers will decide to quit for good."

The eight-week "Freedom from Smoking" program, in collaboration with the ALA, is held a handful of times each year at Concord Hospital and is facilitated by Masters. "We not only hold classes at Concord Hospital, but we also will travel to work sites, if

there is a particular need," she said. "Quitting smoking is a complex behavior that is difficult to change and it sometimes takes more than one attempt to quit."

A free monthly support group is held the second Monday of each month at the Center for Health Promotion from 6:30–7:30 p.m. One-on-one counseling is also available to discuss goal setting, coping skills, personal triggers, problem solving and relapse prevention. "This approach is typically for people who have tried everything else and who tend not to be group oriented," Masters said.

Additionally, individualized "Quit Smoking with Hypnotherapy" classes take place at the Center for Integrative Medicine.

For more information on smoking cessation programs and fees, please call the Center for Health Promotion at (603) 230-7300. For more information on the Quit Smoking with Hypnotherapy classes and fees, please call the Center for Integrative Medicine at (603) 228-7600. For a listing of smoke-free dining in the capital region, pick up a copy of Concord Hospital's Healthy Connections or request a copy by e-mailing publicaffairs@crhc.org.

The NH Smokers' Helpline, an initiative of the NH Department of Health and Human Services through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is free and open to all residents of NH at (800) TRY-TO-STOP. ■

Loudon PTA's Annual Breakfast With Santa

**Saturday, December 9
8–10 a.m.**

**Loudon Elementary School
\$5 per person or \$15 per family
Homemade pancakes, real maple syrup,
sausage, juice, and coffee.**



- **Visits with Santa** — bring your camera.
- **Quarter raffle.** (Donations accepted through 12/8. Drop off at school or contact Sue Kowalski, 513-1744.)
- **NEW THIS YEAR: A Cookie Walk!** Buy a container and fill it with a variety of homebaked cookies.

LYAA News

By Kris Tripp

Little League Baseball — Right Around The Corner!

The Little League baseball program is right around the corner and we need your help! **David Meeken**, our Baseball Commissioner, has done an outstanding job in the past making our program one of the best in the state. Regretfully, he is not able to continue to perform the duties of the commissioner and is looking to assist a new commissioner next year. David has done an amazing job with the baseball program and we thank him and appreciate all he has done for the L.Y.A.A. and for the sport of baseball in our town. With the season just around the corner, we will be looking for out-going parents to help us through this next year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Meeken at: 798-5266 or e-mail: dkameek@comcast.net

New Playground Equipment at Landry Field!

Thanks to the hard work of **Norma O'Brien** and **David Meeken**, you will see new playground equipment at the Landry Baseball Fields next year. The plans have been approved, the order has been placed and we are good to go! Thanks Norma, David, and all the volunteers and supporters of this project.

The kids of Loudon and surrounding towns will surely enjoy this addition!

"Snack-Shack" Super Hero's!

Cindy and Bob Labonte stepped up to the challenge of running our "snack-shack" at the Loudon Recreation field this past fall offering delectable items like chili and breakfast sandwiches! I for one indulged in the expansion of tantalizing temptations and enjoyed every single bite!!! For their superb contribution — I say "Thank you!" as does the entire L.Y.A.A. board! Can you imagine a game without a hot dog? Or an early morning without coffee or cocoa? I certainly can't! This couple made a huge difference in our town by working behind the scenes and providing a very needed service.

Thank you very much for your hard work — the hungry bellies in Loudon really appreciate it! *All proceeds from the concession stand go back into the youth athletic programs organized by the L.Y.A.A. The L.Y.A.A. also helps fund other local youth activities including the M.C.C.A. cheerleaders and the I.C.B. basketball program.*

Soccer — Worlds number one sport!

The Fall Soccer program was once again a huge success! **Colette Garside** came out of retirement and stepped in



Jake's Trucking, a fifth/sixth-grade Loudon girls soccer team went 13-0 this season and beat Pittsfield in the tournament final for the 2006 championship! Congratulations to the girls! The team's coaches were Kasey Fillion and Collette Garside.

to go above and beyond to fulfill the position of Soccer Commissioner. She and her son Matt worked very hard this year to organize the Loudon soccer program. This is Colette's last year as the Soccer Commissioner and we will miss her face on the field next year. Colette has done an amazing job with the soccer program — organizing over 300 kids each year. *This year the 5/6th grade girl's team coached by Kasey Fillion and Collette Garside was undefeated and won the Championship for the district! Congratulations!*

Candidates who are considering the position of Loudon's Soccer Commissioner should plan to attend the January meeting.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library. **Due to the holidays, our December meeting will be on Monday, December 18th at 7:00.** Our Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd. We hope to see you there! ■

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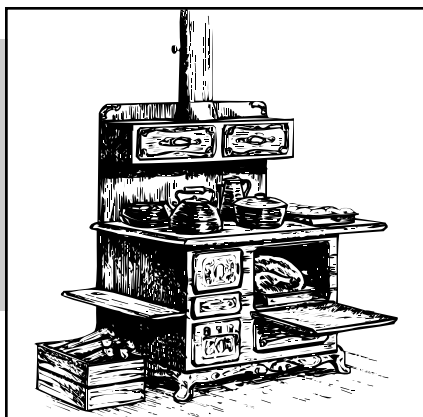
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What's Cookin'! Recipes from Loudon kitchens...

This month: Sugar & Spice

*This Month: Sugar & Spice:
Family History for the Holidays
by Jennifer Pfeifer*

About 10 years ago my husband Nick's grandmother, who lived in Berlin, WI, sent me a cookbook for Christmas. After all the presents were opened, my mother-in-law and I sat in front of the fireplace and looked through our cookbooks, "Recipes & Remembrances" (a collection of recipes by members of the St. John Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Berlin, WI). Now I'm all for a quick meal with a little help, but I would have to say that more than 50% of the recipes from the cookbook included one of the following ingredients: Canned Condensed Soup or Jello Pudding (they were also pretty fond of marshmallows).

But the section that had us laughing to tears was the recipe for a Holiday Rum Cake in the "Inspirations" section. I wanted to share this recipe with you, but there is also a note that follows the recipe that I will share first: "The exchange doesn't guarantee results on this recipe. In fact, we aren't even sure if it was actually 'kitchen-tested.'"

HOLIDAY RUM CAKE (Who says cookin' can't be fun...) — from *Recipes & Remembrances*, St. John Lutheran Church, 2000

- 1 or 2 qt. rum
- 1 Cup butter
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 Cup dried fruit
- Nuts

Before starting sample rum to check quality. Assemble mixing and measuring utensils and ingredients. Check rum again — it must be just right. (To be sure rum is highest quality, pour 1 level cupful into a glass. Drink quickly, then check for aftertaste.) (Double ckeck by repeating process.) With electric mixer, cream 1 cup butter in large fluffy bowl. Add a seaspoon of thugar and beat again. Meanwhile, to check rum again for quality, try one more cup. (Open second bottle if necessary.) Add 2 arge leggs and 1 cup of fied druit and beat tiil high. If druit gets stuck to beat-ers just loosen with drew scriver. Sample rum again, checking consistency. Next, sift 2 cups of pepper and salt (or to taste). Sample rum again. Sift a pint of brown thugar — or whatever color you find. Mix well. Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350°. Put whole mess into coven and bake. Sest on rofa with remaining rum while cakes bakas. Cake test done when inserted poothtick come out clean. Enjoy!

CANDIED PECANS — from *Recipes & Remembrances*, Dorothy Braun, St. John Lutheran Church, 2000

(Feel free to change the pecans to your favorite nuts.)

- 1/4 Cup melted butter
- 1 egg white
- 1/2 Cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 lb. pecan meats

Melt butter. Beat egg white until stiff. Fold in sugar, cinnamon and pecans. Bake at 300° for 30 minutes in a 9" x 13" pan. Stir often during baking. Cool on brown paper (or parchment paper).

CRYSTAL ROLLS — *Recipes & Remembrance*, Lorraine Wesse, St. John Lutheran Church, 2000

- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

- 1/2 cup nuts, chopped
- 1 cup dates, chopped
- 1 cup flour
- Pinch of salt

Bake 30 minutes in a 300° oven. I use an 11" x 7" glass baking dish (greased). When cool, slice and roll in powdered sugar.

In keeping with the grandma theme, I thought I would give you a few recipes out of a cookbook given to me by my grandmother Wormhood, which was published in 1942, "The American Woman's Cook Book." It has tons of great recipes and tips. I love old cook books and when you can tell what the favorite recipes were by the amount of splatter spots on the pages. Here are a few of my favorites.

GINGERSNAPS — *The American Woman's Cook Book*, 1948

(Santa loves these dipped in melted white chocolate after they're cooked)

- 1-1/2 cups shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 4 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons cloves
- 2 teaspoons ginger

Cream shortening and sugar together. Beat in eggs, add molasses and sifted dry ingredients. Roll into 1-inch balls. Dip in sugar. Place on baking sheet 2 inches apart. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 15 to 18 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.

SOUTHERN EGGNOG — *The American Woman's Cook Book*, 1948

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 4 tablespoons brandy or whisky
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar

Beat the yolks till thick and lemon colored. Slowly beat in the brandy and sugar. Fold in the stiffly beaten whites and the whipped cream. This must be eaten with a spoon. Excellent.

NEW ENGLAND PANDOWDY — *The American Woman's Cook Book*, 1948

(If there is one thing that I can remember always having at holiday gatherings at my Grammy's, it was her Apple Pandowdy. She made hers from memory, but this recipe is very close.)

- 2 cups pared, sliced apples
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1/2 recipe Drop Biscuits

Place apples in greased baking dish; add sugar, spices, salt and water. Cover and bake in hot oven (425° F.) 20 minutes. Spread drop biscuit dough over apples. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 15 to 20 minutes or until browned. Serve hot. Serves 6.

Other fruits may be used in place of apples. Cooked, dried fruit may be used and first baking omitted.

Next Month: Keep up with your New Year's resolutions with some light and healthy recipes that will fill you up without filling you out. As always, I'd love to hear from you with your own recipes or suggestions for recipes. Let me know by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

LOUDON WILDLIFE

By Kris Tripp

Moose — The Largest Wild Animal in North America

For December's issue, I wanted to find out if we had any resident reindeer — it appears that the only reindeer in the state are in exhibitions and on farms for display and education — so my next logical choice was a NH native, the moose, the largest member of the deer family. I have lived in New England all my life and to this date, I have only seen 2 moose, but I can say with certainty that they are living in Loudon!

Moose is an Algonquin term for "eater of twigs." In the mid-1800's there were fewer than 15 moose in the state of NH. The population did not have a noticeable number until the early 1970's. The habitat of the 1970 included mature and young re-growing forests which providing an excellent place for moose to live and survive. Currently there are approximately 6,500 moose in New Hampshire. Moose have been documented in all ten counties with highest populations in the northern parts of our state.

Description

Moose are huge! The first one I ever saw was enormous! The adult moose will have an average weight of 1000 pounds. At the shoulders, they measure about 6 feet. They are the largest wild animal in North America. They have a great sense of smell and hearing, but they're also near-sighted. The males are called bulls and the females are called cows. Bulls will have a dark brown or black muzzle, while the cows face is light brown. Cows also have a white patch of fur just beneath their tail.

Like the white tail deer, only the bulls grow antlers. Starting in March or April, the antlers are completely grown by August or September. The velvet on the antlers that once supplied blood starts to dry up and is then shed. The antlers fall off around December after the mating season. The younger bulls sometimes retain their antlers into early spring. On an adult bull, the antlers can

weigh up to 60 pounds and can be as wide as 5 ft! The hair that covers the moose is hollow.

Life cycle

Rut (or the breeding season) occurs in mid-September through mid-October. During mating season, females attract males with their deep calls and strong scent. In NH, moose do not mate for life but instead, the bull will stay with the cow only long enough to breed. He then leaves in search of another cow. Bulls that are five years or older will breed. Since bulls will not feed during this season, they will lose considerable weight but after the rut they will fatten up for the upcoming winter. Cows will generally start to breed at the age of 1-1/2 years and give birth at age two. One calf is typically born the first year. Twins are not uncommon in cows over four years of age. Calves will stay with their mother until new calves are born. ***Cows have been known to kill wolves, grizzlies, black bear, and people in defense of their calves so it is imperative that spectators stay clear of cows with their offspring!*** In late May to early June the calves will be born weighing approximately 20–25 pounds. Unlike fawns, they will not have spots. By fall they will weigh almost 400 pounds. Moose may live more than 20 years but they also die from several causes including collisions with automobiles.

Predators and Threats

The moose can live up to 20 years but sadly, 200 moose are killed each year on our highways. They are impossible to see at night due to their dark color. Black bear and coyotes are predators of moose calves until they are about nine weeks old. Moose are susceptible to a tiny parasite known as *brainworm*. White-tailed deer carry the parasite but they appear to remain unaffected. The parasite passes from deer feces to a land snail to the moose which ingest the snail while feeding on browse. Moose usually die from this infection. They also die from severe infestations of *winter ticks*. While attempting to remove the ticks by scratching, licking, and rubbing often



removing their hair at the same time, secondary infections and hypothermia can occur. *One moose can carry 10,000 to 120,000 ticks.* Yuck! That's reason enough for me to view at a distance!

Food and Habitat

Moose eat about 40–60 pounds of leaves, twigs, and buds of trees and shrubs. They also eat some aquatic plants like water lilies. Cows prefer to keep their calves near water — this acts as an escape route if required since they are very good swimmers. Ponds and swampy areas are favorite spots for both the cow and bull to escape from moose flies and other insects. "Wallows" form in wet areas on the sides of highways where road salt accumulates. They will drink the salty water to satisfy their taste for salt. A bull moose will create a wallow by pawing out depressions then urinating in them. Bulls and cows will roll in the wallow during the breeding season.

As the moose population in New Hampshire continues to grow, we must remember to watch from a safe distance and be respectful. According to Ellen J.

Snyder, Wildlife Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension and Kristine Bontaitis, Wildlife Biologist, NH Fish and Game Department, "moose are bigger and faster than any person and give little warning before attacking a perceived threat... No one should ever approach these animals no matter how tolerant they appear. Moose are unafraid, not friendly. A moose that decides someone has crossed into their 'personal space' will knock down the offender and kick and stomp until the threat stops moving."

For more information about the moose visit: www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Wildlife_profiles/profile_moose.htm or www.nhptv.org/natureworks/moose.htm. Facts for this article were obtained from the previously mentioned websites.

Do you have a picture you would like us to publish of an animal you have seen in Loudon? We would love to hear from you! Please send ideas or pictures to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or e-mail Kris Tripp: tripp.kris@comcast.net. ■



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kids page

What Christmas Means to Me

By Sidney Ingraham, Age 7

Summer is gone, winter is here
Snow is coming, and Santa with his Reindeer

I love getting together with family and friends
And having a party that never ends

Decorating the tree with light
Makes me look at it all night

On Christmas Eve, I give Santa cookies, milk and a note
The note I wrote for Santa is:

I know you love to show you care,
But please not with socks and underwear

In the morning, I see presents under the tree
I want them all to be for me

On Christmas day, we listen to music
That's about old St. Nick
Then I eat a lot of candy, I hope I don't get sick

So, be good...
Or the man from the North Pole
Will fill your stocking with coal

This time of year is fun
So happy holidays to everyone

- Build a graham cracker village
- Do something nice for a neighbor
- Holiday baking as a family (remember that kids love to measure, mix and pour) the end result isn't as important as how much fun you had making it together!
- Start your own holiday traditions
- Recycle your Christmas tree by making a "bird haven" spread peanut butter on pinecones and roll them in bird seed. Put out cut oranges, pretzels, popcorn, old bread, etc.
- Illustrate your New Year's Resolutions
- Make a New Year "plan" for your family. List everyone's goals and dreams for the new year

Play the Holiday Card Game

Save your holiday cards and once things have calmed down a bit, take the opportunity to re-read your cards as a family activity. Refresh your kid's memories of friends and family and share a fun story about each person that sends you a card. Share why that person is an important part of your family. Everyone may learn something new! You could also make it a guessing game by sharing clues about the person and letting the others guess who sent the card.

Here are a few fun recipes:

The holidays are a fun time for kids to experiment with different dips. Try these healthy and fun recipes from www.familyfun.com

Healthy Black Bean Salsa

From the kitchen of Angela Plasko, Nashville, Tennessee

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can white corn, drained and rinsed
- 2 cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can diced tomatoes, drained and rinsed
- 1 half red onion, chopped
- 1 small can green chilies, chopped
- 3/4 cup white vinegar
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 8 cloves garlic, pressed
- several dashes Tabasco or hot sauce (to taste)

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Cover and refrigerate

overnight. Serve with tortilla or pita chips.

Perfect Guacamole

From the kitchen of Melissa Jainchill, Atlanta, Georgia

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 Haas avocados, pits and skins removed
- 3 plum tomatoes, diced
- 2 to 3 tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tsp. minced fresh garlic
- 1 to 2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- 1/2 of 1 small jalapeño pepper, minced (optional)
- Salt to taste

Mash the avocado with a fork until smooth. Mix in the remaining ingredients. Serve with tortilla or pita chips. Makes 4 cups of dip.

Cottage Dill Dip

From the kitchen of Robyn Belyea, Anchorage, Alaska

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 small container of cottage cheese
- 2 medium dill pickles, chopped fine
- 1 small can black olives or to taste
- Green Olives (to taste)
- Tabasco Sauce (to taste)
- Pinch of dill weed
- 1 to 2 tbsp. of dill pickle juice
- 1 small splash of olive juice (green and black)

Place the cottage cheese into a medium-sized bowl. Chop the pickles, black and green olives. Put into bowl with the cottage cheese and mix thoroughly. Add only enough of the pickle juice and the juices from the olives to thin down the mixture a bit. Mix in the dill weed and Tabasco sauce to your own personal taste. Cover bowl and chill for at least 1 hour. Served with chips, pitas or crackers.

Honey Mustard Dressing/ Dipping Sauce

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 3 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

Whisk together all of the ingredients. Mix well before serving. Recipe makes 2/3 cup. Store any left over in a covered bottle in the refrigerator. ■

Fun Activity for the Whole Family:

Make a family card/letter

From *Prime Time Together with Kids* by Donna Erickson

You will need:

- A picture of each member of the family doing something he or she enjoyed during the past year.
- paper
- adhesive

Place your photos on the paper in whatever arrangement you choose. If you wish, cut out the figures in the photos, trimming away backgrounds. Leave enough space around each photo to write a paragraph about each photo. Include names, ages and a quote if you choose. You can document the on goings of your family as a group or let each person tell their own story. Add your own holiday comments if you are going to send it out as a card or letter. Or if you choose you can state your wishes and goals as a family for the coming year. Be sure to save a copy for a family scrapbook and make it an annual tradition. You can take the project to a print shop and have as many as you need printed. It is a nice way to get everyone involved and make your holiday card more personal.

Make homemade gift wrap:

From *Prime Time Together with Kids* by Donna Erickson

You will need:

- brown paper bags, butcher or shelf paper or any large piece of paper
- rubber stamps, ink pads, crayons, markers, stickers, foam shapes or other craft materials

Kids will enjoy keeping busy on a cold December afternoon making their own gift wrap. Homemade gift wrap is economical and adds a personalized charm to the gift you are giving.

Cut paper bags open if you are using pieces of them. Lay out paper on work surface. Decorate away! Let the kids create whatever they want. Children may also enjoy researching other cultures by printing holiday messages in other languages, for example "Joyeux Noel" (French for Merry Christmas), "Feliz Navidad" (Spanish), "God Jul" (Swedish), "Froliche Weihnachten!" (German). Do your research, have fun and be creative!

Some other fun holiday ideas:

- Make paper chains
- String popcorn and cranberries
- Locate origins of holiday cards you receive on a map
- Make your own gift tags

Attention kids of Loudon.... We want to hear from you!!! If you are bored during Christmas vacation, sit down and draw a picture, write a poem or a story. Send it in for inclusion in the kid's page of *The Loudon Ledger*. Type it up or write it down and send it to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or email to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. ■

Loudon Cub Scouts



Above and below: Cub Scouts from Pack 247 picked up trash on Village Road Nov. 4.

Loudon Cub Scout Pack 247 has participated in two community service projects this fall. The Pack planned to pick up trash on South Village Road as part of Make a Difference Day on October 28, but because it was pouring rain on the 28th they rescheduled for November 4. It was a cold but bright morning and the boys collected several bags of trash from the sides of the road as well as around the town offices and recreation field.

Also in November, they participated in the Scouting for Food Drive by distributing plastic bags to homes and picking up the filled bags the following week.

The pack held another successful popcorn fundraiser, netting \$1,280.44. This money helps pay for the boys' advancements and pack activities. The top-selling Den was the Wolves followed by the Bears. The Wolf Den won a pool party donated by the Red Roof Inn and the Bear Den will enjoy a pizza party donated by Brookside Pizza. The top selling scouts were: 1. Malcolm Thompson, 2. A.J. Rattee, 3. Alec Decato, 4. Devan Valenti, 5. Levi Fisher, 6. Deven Eldred, and 7. Dylan Fifield. Each of these boys received a T-shirt and toy car donated by New Hampshire International Speedway.

The following advancements were awarded at the October Pack Meeting.

Corey Ackerson and Alec Decato received the Map and Compass Beltloop and Pin they earned while at summer camp.

Danny Dockham and Devan Valenti earned their Fishing Beltloops. Devan also received his Golf Beltloop.

Malcom Thompson and Nathan Coulombe received their Collecting Beltloops. Nathan also earned his Golf Beltloop.

Second Year Webelos earned their Citizen and Aquanaut Activity Badges: Larry Stone, Nick Ackerson, Charlie Wright and Andrew Smith. Charlie also earned his Outdoorsman Activity Badge.

Chance Grimaldi earned Gold and Silver Arrow Points.

Following are the advancements from the November Pack Meeting.

Levi Fisher earned his Bobcat Badge, completing the first step in Cub Scouting.

The Tiger Cubs earned their Totem: Michael Ainsworth, Dylan Babonis, Alex Drago, Gabe Jaquith and Tyler Metalious.

Carter Segien received his Swimming Beltloop.

Flag Football Beltloops were awarded to several scouts who participated in the flag football games at the rec. field this fall: Hunter Blake, Danny Dockham, Deven Aldred, Mitchell Filion, Jacob Ingle, Gabe Jaquith and A.J. Rattee.

First Year Webelos earned their Citizenship Beltloop: Aaron Cooper, Jonathon Cooper, Danny Dockham, Mitchell Filion, Chance Grimaldi, Jacob Ingle, Scott Martell.

Finally, Malcom Thompson earned his Roller Skating Beltloop.

Pack 247 continues to support the Blessed Hope Food Pantry by collecting canned goods and winter coats at their monthly pack meetings. ■

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Girl Scouts



Brownie Troops 45 and 300 sing at the VA Home in Tilton in honor of Veterans Day.

Loudon Service Unit

The Loudon Service Unit is stepping it up. The girls will be enjoying numerous upcoming town-wide events. On Sunday, December 17th from 2–4 p.m. the Loudon Girl Scouts will be “Caroling through the Village.” Hot cocoa and smiles will be enjoyed after caroling in the Community Building. Next up is the “Cookie Kick-off” in January. You know what that means... Yes, Girl Scout Cookies!!! At this event the girls will participate in crafts and games to prepare them for selling those wonderful treats during the month of January.

Our service unit bake sale, held this past month, was a huge success. Thank you to those who baked items for the sale and thank you to everyone who came out to support girl scouting in Loudon by purchasing delicious goodies. It is with everyone's efforts that we can continue to offer a great program to the girls here in town.

For community service the unit is holding a food drive during the months of November and December to benefit the Blessed Hope Food Pantry. There will be a collection box set up at the Maxfield Public Library. Please feel free to drop off non-perishable items to help those in need.

The Loudon Service Unit is always looking for adult volunteers. You can make a difference in the lives of girls in Loudon. No matter what your skills or interests there is a place for you in Girl Scouts. Please contact Amanda Masse, Town Registrar, for more information, at 603-783-0227.

We are also looking for a local business to sponsor the purchase of troop flags for all the troops here in Loudon. If your business is interested please contact, Michele Holbrook, Public Relations Coordinator, at 603-798-3669 or Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager, at 603-783-4275 for more information.

The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit wishes everyone a happy holiday season! See you next month.

Brownie Troop 45

Michele Holbrook & Lysa Crouch

Troop 45 has grown to a total of 14 girls and 5 registered adults. We have been out and about the month of November. Our first trip was to Petco in Concord to learn about animals and how to care for them as part of earning the “Animals” try-it. Next trip, the girls enjoyed a day of fun in the greater Nashua area. Our troop was given an awesome tour of the Nashua Police Dept., followed by individual pictures with the famous Clydesdale horses, and then it was off to Roller Kingdom for an afternoon of roller-skating. Everyone had great time although most went home with sore bottoms. Lastly, Troop 45 along with Troop 300 went to visit with the veterans at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton in honor of Veterans Day. All the girls sang patriotic songs and passed out their home baked cookies and crafts to the many men and women there who were overjoyed with their visit. Thank you to all our parents who have helped with driving on our field trips this past month. We appreciate your support.

The girls in Troop 45 are now collecting their pennies for a troop penny drive to benefit the food pantry here in Loudon. They will be continuing this service project along with our others till the end of the scout year. That's all for now. See you next month.

Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse & Michele Paquette

Troop #300 has grown to 14 registered girls and 7 registered adult volunteers! The girls have earned their second Brownie Try-it called Wave the Flag. We held our Investiture and Rededication ceremony in October. We worked with Loudon Brownie Troop #45 making crafts and cards for the veterans. The girls from each troop made a

dozen cookies and went to the Veteran's Home in Tilton for a Veteran's Day celebration. The girls delivered their cookies and craft and sang to the residents. The residents and girls were so thankful for the time they spent together. The girls learned just how thankful we should all be to those who have given so much for the freedoms we hold so dearly. Our troop participated and did very well with the Girl Scout fall product sale. We can't thank Norma O'Brien enough for taking on the organization of the sale for our troop — THANK YOU Mrs. O'Brien!!! We are participating in the town-wide Girl Scout bake sale, and look forward to going Christmas Caroling with all Loudon Girl Scouts through the village. We are also planning a booth at a World Thinking Day event in February and are working on making blankets for Concord Hospital. The girls (and adults) of Brownie Troop #300 are having fun learning and growing together.

Junior Troop 361

Samantha French and Jenna Paquette

Community service is the key to Troop 361. We have made and donated 4 fleece blankets to the Pediatric Unit at Concord Hospital. We served refreshments at the Blood Drive in Loudon and are donating our dues starting October 31st (Juliette Low's birthday) until the New Year to go towards canned food/non-perishable food items for the Blessed Hope Food Pantry. We also are responsible for maintaining the food drive bucket at the Maxfield Public Library.

Troop 361 had their rededication ceremony on November 7th where all members of the troop pledged to uphold the Girl Scout Law and Promise and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

December 2nd we are heading down to Boston to enjoy a visit at the New England Aquarium, have a quick tour of Quincy Market, and then off to the North End; where we will visit the Old North Church and a statue of Paul Revere.

Troop 361 will finish off the month of December with some crafts and complete work on some badges.

Brownie Troop 685

Christine Campbell & Karen Minery

November has been very productive for Troop 685. The girls have been collecting non-perishable food for the Blessed Hope Food Pantry that the troop will deliver at the end of the month. The girls earned the “Colors & Shapes” try-it by making weaved place-mats and salt dough. A field trip to Borders Bookstore completed our fun badge for “Learn to Read”. A huge thank you to Cecile Merrill for chaperoning that event.

December events for us include some surprises for our family members as the holiday approaches. A field trip to Kaleidoscope Kids and a community service project; making fleece blankets for Concord Hospital pediatric patients. A pat on the back goes to Elizabeth, our highest seller of fall product, and to all the girls who participated.

Girl Scouts — cont. on 15



Loudon Girl Scouts help pack Thanksgiving boxes and sort food at the Blessed Hope Food Pantry on Sunday, November 18.

Girl Scouts — cont. from page 14

Cadette Troop 2356

Christine Campbell & Michelle Drago

The Cadette's were very busy with their community service project of organizing and executing the haunted house for the annual NHIS Halloween party. The girls had a great time and the haunted house was a "scary" success. Last week the girls traveled to Derry to watch the play, "The Hot Mikado," a comedy set in Japan during the 1940s. Although they enjoyed the play, the real treat was being able to meet and chat with the cast members.

For November, the girls are visiting the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and also lending a hand at the Blood Drive. December events include a visit to Stonehenge Park and working to make fleece blankets for pediatric patients at Concord Hospital.

Good job to the girls who worked hard to sell fall product. Elizabeth sold the most items and Cara raised the most profit. Great job by the whole troop, considering many of them have younger siblings at the Junior and Brownie level.

earning two badges: "Jeweler" and "Art in 3-D." The adults attending will be enjoying some leader enrichment workshops at the same time. It will be a good time and a great chance to meet new friends.

For community service projects the girls have decided to make "no-sew" fleece blankets and donate them to Concord Hospital for their pediatric patients. Instead of their regular dues during the month of November our troop collected food to give to the Blessed Hope Food Pantry here in town. Thank you to our girls and their parents for doing this. We will be discussing future service projects at upcoming meetings. I think at least one project will involve animals.

Darlene and I would like to thank the parents for providing snacks for our meetings and for driving on our trips. We appreciate all your help.

Our troop plans on participating in the Loudon Service Unit Christmas Caroling this month, a Cookie Rally in January and the World Thinking Day Event in February. We will be busy! With help from the girls we should have a fun and exciting next couple of months. We will keep you posted on our adventures and happenings. ■

Junior Troop 2641

Heather Herter & Darlene Conte

This year we have gotten off to a great start. We have eleven great energetic girls who are full of awesome ideas. The first couple of meetings were spent getting to know each other by playing games and working together as a group. So far the girls have earned the "Outdoor Fun" badge by participating in the Outdoor Living Skills event in October. The girls learned a lot and are ready to go camping. They just finished the requirements for another badge, "Girl Scouting in the U.S." For this badge they worked on different activities that involved the Girl Scout Law and what it means to be a Girl Scout, visited the Swift Water Service Center in Bedford to see what happens in Girl Scouting beyond our town, and helped plan and participate in our troop's Rededication and Investiture Ceremony.

We will be participating in a council event called "Novemberfest" in Salem. This event is for Junior Girl Scouts throughout the state. The girls will be

Loudon Girl Scouts FOOD DRIVE through Dec. 20th

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Last year's Kindergarten squad.

MCCA – GO – FIGHT – WIN!

By Kris Tripp

By now Loudon cheerleaders have started to gather for practice and are getting ready to show off their stuff at ICB basketball games. This program continues to grow and this year we have approximately 140 girls from Boscawen, Penacook, Loudon, Salisbury and Webster participating in this fabulous sport!

We have a great group of Loudon coaches and sponsors lined up this year. Our Kindergarten squad is sponsored by ANB Fire protection coached by Beth Mulleavey and Eva Davis. Our 1st grade squad is sponsored by Transitions Hair Salon of Concord and will be coached by Dena Rae. Our 2nd grade squad is sponsored by Mulleavey Electric and will be coached by Tina Mulleavey and Stacey Bastian and last but not least, our 3rd & 4th grade squad is sponsored by Red Roof Inn and will be coached by Gayleen Smith. Practices are held at the Loudon Elementary School. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be having their practice at the Boscawen Elementary School and will be supervised by Michelle Brochu.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who make this program possible, LYAA for their support which has allowed us to continue this sport in Loudon. If you have questions about the cheerleading program or would like to volunteer in Loudon, please contact Kris Tripp: 783-0448 or E-mail: tripp.kris@comcast.net.

Help Wanted: We are looking for a **town coordinator for next year's program**. If interested, please contact Kris. Your support makes this program possible! ■

Loudon Lions Club News

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all the generous people of this community who purchased raffle tickets for our "Thanksgiving Dinner in a Basket" raffle and who gave us contributions during our White Cane Day on November 4th. As a result of your kindness, the Lions Club will be able to assist several more people in procuring glasses or hearing aids and thus will greatly improve their quality of life. Thank you all so very much. A special thank you also goes to the Z-1 and the Eggshell for allowing us to use their facilities.

The Lions' motto is "We Serve." The Loudon Lions Club has tried to live up to that motto. Since January alone, we have provided seven people with hearing aids and four people with glasses, collected money for the Smith family, gave a scholarship to a graduating Merrimack Valley student, held our first annual Biker Breakfast, appeared at Old Home Day and ran a blood pressure clinic from the Health Services Van, and held an Ice Cream Social. We are busy, but that's the way we like it.

So what's in our future (other than more of the same)? For one thing, we will be inducting two new members in December. For our Christmas Party and throughout the year, we will collect food for the Food Pantry spearheaded by fellow Lions Rev. Henry and Betty Frost. In the spring, we may consider holding an "Over 25" Prom while preparing to present our next scholarship and planning for the Biker Breakfast.

We are also looking for community projects that we can either assist with or help to organize. If anyone has any suggestions for projects, please don't hesitate to let us know. You can find us at the Maxfield Library on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, or you can contact Rev. Henry Frost at 783-4540 or Lee and Laura Smith at 798-5838. Above all, just keep your eyes open for our next appearance. You never know where we'll be providing a service. ■



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The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

The month of December is here and winter arrives with cold and snow. It is time to think about the holiday season, including Christmas and New Years. Additionally, December 7, 1941, is the day Pearl Harbor was attacked — a day that will live in infamy, so spoke President Franklin D. Roosevelt. On this day, we should remember our veterans.

This month we would like to honor one of our Legion family members. We like to do this every now and then so people outside the Legion can get to know some of the dedicated people we have and have had in the past.

Ethel Eaton

Ethel was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 88 for over twenty years. She was president and held other officer positions over the years. She leaves wonderful memories of hard work and motivation and will be remembered for her love for and devotion to the auxiliary. We still miss her and think of her at every meeting.

We recently asked her daughter, Karen Andrews, to share her mother's Legion activities with us until her death in November 2003. Karen was happy to share the following very fond memories. "She was very involved in the Legion before I was, and she actually got me interested. I have to admit, that's part of the reason I joined and even held the position of president for a year — because of all the work she did! She seemed to be having so much fun at it. She always thought she was doing something for everyone, and giving something back. From organizing, almost single-handed, a raffle for a quilt, to making food, to organizing the election of officers, she was always there. If she missed a meeting, they were very few and far between. When the Legion was going through tough times, she never gave up on them. For all she did for the Legion, I think her greatest accomplishment, other than all the offices she held, was her work on the annual Old Home Day. She gathered things for the auction, helped on and cooked for the breakfast. And she was always there for bingo — I think that was her favorite!"

She was at a bingo game on just about every Tuesday night that she could make it through her illness. Dan, her husband, is still a regular bingo player every week.

THANK YOU ETHEL.

Post News and Events

We have lost another member, Stanley E. Chamberlin, this past month. He lived in Loudon with his wife and family. He will be missed.

We are still in our membership drive. Join now before the first of the year, when dues will be going up. If interested please call Jim at 435-8892 or Fred at 224-0172.

Happy holiday and have a safe New Year. ■

Thank you, The Legion Family

Merrimack Valley High School Basketball Alumni Games

December 21
(Snow Date: Dec. 22)

Games will start at 5:30 p.m.

Both men's and women's varsity teams will take on past alumni.



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Fish & Game Seeks Nominations for Awards of Excellence

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission is looking for nominations for its Awards of Excellence program to recognize outstanding achievements in furthering the N.H. Fish and Game Department's mission.

Nomination forms can be printed from the Fish and Game website at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>, or call (603) 271-3511 to request them to be mailed. Nominations must be postmarked by December 31, 2006. The awards will be presented at Discover WILD New Hampshire Day in April 2007.

"These awards give us a chance to express our gratitude to the people of New Hampshire who have worked hard to further the work of the Fish and Game Department in conserving and managing the State's fish, wildlife and marine resources," said N.H. Fish and Game Commission Chair Glenn Normandeau.

There are seven award categories in which nominations may be made:

1. Ellis R. Hatch Jr. Commission Award of Excellence — Recognizing an individual, group, organization, club, foundation or agency that has excelled in efforts to promote, enhance or benefit fish, wildlife or marine

resources or the Department's mission through any variety of involvement.

2. Youth Conservationist — Recognizing an individual, 18 years of age or younger, who has excelled in efforts to benefit fish, wildlife or marine resources or the Department's mission through any variety of involvement.

3. Communication — Recognizing an outdoor communicator, writer, or media source (radio, television, magazine, newsletter or periodical) that has written or published articles or materials beneficial to public understanding about fish, wildlife or marine resources as they relate to the Department's mission. This category will be judged on fairness, accuracy, timeliness, balance, and quality of reporting.

4. Conservation Organization — Recognizing any organization, group, foundation, or agency that has excelled in efforts to enhance the welfare of fish, wildlife and marine resources, and supporting achievement of the Department's mission. Recipients will be judged on their efforts to promote the wise use of natural resources for their recreational or economic value.

5. Volunteer — Recognizing an individual who, as a volunteer with the Department, has excelled in efforts to support and achieve the Department's mission.

6. Habitat Stewardship — Recognizing an organization, non-governmental entity, individual or corporation that has excelled in the enhancement, conservation or creation of land management practices beneficial to New Hampshire's fish, wildlife and marine resources and the Department's mission.

7. Landowner Appreciation — Recognizing an individual who excelled in the preservation or enhancement of opportunities for public use on private property as it benefits the Department's mission.

To nominate a person or organization for one of these awards, download the nomination form from the Fish and Game website, pick up a copy from a Fish and Game office, or call (603) 271-3511 to request a form. Mail your nomination package, postmarked no later than December 31, 2006, to: Commission Awards Program, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. No electronic submissions will be accepted. Posthumous nominations are acceptable.

As guardian of New Hampshire's fish, wildlife and marine resources, the Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to:

- Conserve, manage and protect these resources and their habitats;
- Inform and educate the public about these resources; and
- Provide opportunities for the public to use and appreciate these resources. ■

OHRV Safety Course Offered

The New Hampshire area Off Highway Recreation Vehicle (OHRV) SNOWMOBILE SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE begins January 14, 2007 and will be held at New Hampshire Sno-Shakers Clubhouse from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The sponsor of this program is The New Hampshire Sno-Shakers Snowmobile Club.

In New Hampshire, OHRV operators aged 12 years and older must possess a Safety Certificate or valid driver's license. A Safety Certificate is issued upon successful completion of the OHRV Safety Course.

The OHRV Safety Education Course includes instruction in proper preparation and care of the vehicle, basic operation and safe riding techniques. Operator requirements are also discussed, such as appropriate clothing, what to bring with you, outdoor survival skills, and medical self-help. The OHRV Laws are reviewed as well as environmental considerations, landowner relations, and multiple use trail issues. A written exam will be required and a field test may be included.

For further details or to pre-register contact Mary Boyd, at 753-4758 or contact the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department at (603) 271-3129. There is no charge. Parents are encouraged to attend. ■



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

PO Box 1797, Concord, NH 03302-1797, 224-4093

Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic on December 19 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Community Center. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information, call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. If you need a ride in Loudon, call 798-5203.

Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

CRVNA is also offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages: Monday, December 4, 2006 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 19, 2006 from 2:30–4:30 p.m.

These clinics are held at the Downtown Health Clinic at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

A free walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be offered Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, from 10 a.m. until noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord.

These blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. Blood pressure screenings are free of charge. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620.

Hospice Room Opens at Presidential Oaks

Hospice care in a private, comfortably furnished room will now be available at Presidential Oaks on Pleasant Street in Concord as the result of a collaboration between Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association and Presidential Oaks. A full range of hospice services are available at Presidential Oaks, including inpatient level of hospice care for complex and acute needs of patients at the end of life. These services increase the quality of end-of-life care in the Greater Merrimack County region.

"We commend Presidential Oaks for its commitment to services for the dying, as evidenced by this beautifully refurbished room. It has opened just in time for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, which is recognized in November," says Lois Ferguson, Vice President—Hospice Program, Concord Regional VNA.

According to Ferguson, more than half of Concord Regional VNA's community hospice patients live in nursing homes. In addition to Presidential Oaks, Concord Regional VNA serves residents of Merrimack County Nursing Home, Epsom Healthcare Center, Harris Hill Center, Pleasant View Center, Hillsboro House Nursing Home, Havenwood-Heritage Heights, and Pine Rock Manor.

Hospice is a philosophy of caring that seeks to provide physical, emotional and spiritual comfort to individuals with a terminal illness. Concord Regional VNA's hospice team provides hospice care in homes, at its Hospice House in Concord, and in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the area.

For more information, contact Lois Ferguson, Vice President, Hospice, Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093, ext. 2825. ■

**Next Deadline: Friday, Dec. 15 for
the January 2007 issue of the
"Loudon Ledger."**

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles and Ives. Selectman Maxfield was not present.

Also present: Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Planning Board member Bob Ordway, and ZBA Chairman David Powelson.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 3, 2006 as presented. Seconded by

Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

David Powelson discussed the idea of allowing property owners to put in their septic system and foundation prior to the building permit being issued. Discussion ensued regarding the Town of Barnstead having a system in place for this type of situation and it appears to be working very well. Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives both

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agreed that they did not have a problem with allowing the septic and foundation, however, it would probably be difficult to enforce and keep track of. Bob Fiske stated that he thought it was a very bad idea to allow this before the building permit was in the property owner's hands. He suggested that the Town consider, at Town Meeting, to change the dates from January to December to July to June. Mr. Fiske stated that by allowing "structures" to be in place prior to the building permit issuance creates problems with enforcement. Discussion ensued regarding accessory buildings being built prior to the residential structure. Chairman Bowles discussed the building permit waiting list versus not having a waiting list and people being able to apply for a permit at anytime during the year and having their one-year timeframe start when the permit is picked-up. He said with the waiting list in place and people having to pickup their building permit in January, their one-year timeframe starts in January. Mr. Fiske stated that there is nothing in the Zoning Ordinance allowing for the septic and foundation to be in place prior to the building permit. Discussion ensued regarding considering an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance during the Zoning Workshops this Fall.

Mr. Fiske discussed the building permit issue for Michael Harris. He stated that Mr. Harris misrepresented himself at the time he made the request for the accessory structure. Chairman Bowles stated the representation was that Mr. Harris would build his garage and that he would apply for a 2006 building permit for the residential structure. Now it appears that he did not do what he agreed to do. Mr. Fiske said Mr. Harris had all of his paperwork in order to build both the house and garage but wanted to begin building the garage before he had the building permit. He went on to say that, he told Mr. Harris that he would not be allowed to start prior to the issuance of the building permit, but that he would bring the issue up to the Board of Permit for their consideration. Mr. Fiske said that Board of Permit made the decision to allow Mr. Harris to build the garage prior to the building permit issuance based on the representation that Mr. Harris would follow through with the proper process. It was discussed that the garage became the house over night. That Mr. Harris had initially built the structure as a garage, and then converted it into a house. Mr. Harris applied for a building permit for a new residence as well as for the garage. Mr. Fiske stated that Mr. Harris has built a one bay garage and has subsequently decided to turn it into a residence. He said that it does meet the 920 square feet required by

the Zoning Ordinance for a residential structure. Selectman Ives asked if the building meets codes. Mr. Fiske stated it does. The Board discussed the fact that if Mr. Harris sells the residence within one year he may be subject to a fine. The Board stated while they are not happy with this situation, Mr. Fiske should proceed as though it were a residential structure based on this conversation.

Mr. Fiske discussed impact fees for the Villages at Loudon. Discussion ensued regarding the Zoning Ordinance relative to the impact fees. Mr. Fiske asked if the impact fee were to be imposed per unit or the entire project. The Board agreed that it should be per unit. Mr. Fiske asked if he was all set with collecting the \$456.00 per unit as determined by the Planning Board. Chairman Bowles discussed the dates the application was completed and accepted by the Planning Board relative to being able to impose the impact fees. Mr. Fiske asked if the property owner is required to pave the 300 feet of the road to bring it up to Town Standards, do they still get the \$456.00 per unit impact fee imposed. Chairman Bowles stated yes, as it was a condition of their approval. Mr. Fiske asked about the construction bond for this project. Chairman Bowles stated he would have to review the Planning Board minutes relative to the road. Discussion ensued regarding the 300 feet of paved sidewalk required by the Planning Board approval as well as the construction bond for the road.

Mr. Fiske discussed Debora Rattees notice of decision relative to a lot line adjustment. He discussed the requirement by the Planning Board that Ms. Rattee apply for a building permit for a residential structure to go with the accessory structure. Mr. Fiske stated he felt it was more of a subdivision than a lot line adjustment. He said he can not issue a building permit on that lot with the accessory structure because it does not have a recorded deed, the plan is not recorded because the stipulation is that Ms. Rattee has to obtain a building permit or be put on the chronological building permit list in order for the plan to be recorded. Mr. Fiske also said that Ms. Rattee wants to have the frontage on Rainbow Drive. The Board stated the only way Ms. Rattee could use the frontage on Rainbow Drive was if she brought that portion of Rainbow Drive up to Town Standards. Mr. Fiske stated he was asking the Board to make the decision that Ms. Rattee could get on the chronological building permit list for 2008 so that the plan could be recorded. He also advised the Board that Ms. Rattee is on the building permit list for 2007 for other building projects and is planning on coming before the ZBA to ask that she be allowed to switch one of her 2007 building permits with the one for

2008. Discussion ensued regarding what has taken place to date with the lot line or subdivision that Ms. Rattee has gone before the Planning Board for. Mr. Fiske stated Ms. Rattee has signed that she would be residing in the home for at least one year on two separate building permit applications, which cannot happen. Roy Merrill discussed Ms. Rattee applying for a resident permit for 2007 and one for 2008 and asked if it was because she would have to be on the 2009 building permit list if she applied as a contractor. He said it did not seem right to give one person two residential permits. Mr. Fiske said he felt that the first thing Ms. Rattee needed to do was to go back to Planning and get approval for the road frontage on Rainbow Drive but she would lose the 2008 permit. Ms. Rattee could go before the ZBA and ask to have the 2007 permit switched to this lot. The Board members stated that this was a subdivision, not a lot line adjustment as there was one lot, and now there are two.

David Powelson discussed a special exception application for Lovejoy Road. He stated the ZBA tabled the application and advised the applicant to go back to the Planning Board for further review. Mr. Powelson said that he had discussed this issue with Town Counsel and asked if the Board wanted to discuss this in an executive session. Chairman Bowles asked if there was a specific question that needed to be addressed. Mr. Powelson said he felt there was. Chairman Bowles said that he felt it should be tabled at this time and that he would contact Town Counsel to get clarification as to how to proceed. Chairman Bowles said that if this needs to be addressed in an executive session, the Board members would be contacted.

Mr. Powelson discussed a house on Bee Hole Road relative to in-law apartments and extra kitchens. He said it is being marketed as a house with two apartments, which does not follow Loudon's Zoning. Mr. Powelson asked what constitutes a kitchen. Discussion ensued regarding kitchens. Mr. Fiske stated the issue with this property is that there were never any permits issued for the additional kitchens in this house. He said he felt that the additional sinks and stoves should be removed from the home. Mr. Fiske stated that the in-law apartment has been voted on at Town Meeting and the Town voted to no longer allow this use. Mr. Powelson stated the property owner came before the ZBA requesting a variance to allow the kitchens; however, the ZBA decided to table the discussion until they could do more research. Mr. Fiske said he did not know why the variance wasn't denied. He said that no one has gotten any permit to make it conforming and it bothered him to know that it was tabled and the whole thing is going to be a moot issue. Mr. Powelson said that it will be discussed at next months meeting as the property owner wants to come back requesting to turn the property into a bed and breakfast. The Board members said they felt it does not qualify as a bed and breakfast. Selectman Ives said that the main issue is

the property owner never took out the proper permits to do the work to begin with. Mr. Fiske said even if she had applied for the permit, it would have been denied. The Board agreed that this would be on hold until the ZBA was able to do more research.

Chairman Bowles discussed the property on Route 106 owned by Mr. Hyatt relative to the race weekend trash. He stated that this is the second year in a row where there was still trash left behind from race weekend. Chairman Bowles said he felt the parking permit should be pulled and they will no longer be allowed to park cars. Mr. Fiske said that there are three or four parking permits that need to be reviewed and discussed prior to issuance. Roy Merrill stated he felt that this was three strikes against the landowner as the first year he parked cars without a parking permit. The Board agreed that they would review the parking permit issues.

Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit and reopened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

Mr. Fiske discussed the demolition bond for Marilyn and Elmer Green. Chairman Bowles stated the building has been demolished and the bond can be released.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Deputy Chief Rick Wright.

Deputy Chief Wright stated he had a letter for the Board from Chief Burr announcing the promotion of Captain Robert Bottcher to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Bottcher has been with the Fire Department for 20 years and has a lot of experience.

Deputy Chief Wright provided two applications for reappointment of Deputy Wardens for Bob Wilcox and Dick Wright. *Selectman Ives moved to reappoint Robert Wilcox, 203 Old Shaker Road, Loudon and Richard E. Wright, 242 North Village Road, Loudon as Deputy Wardens. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Steve Bennett of the Solid Waste Recycling Committee regarding Loudon's Guaranteed Annual Tonnage figures.

Mr. Bennett discussed the current GAT and stated that the Town is currently on target. He discussed the recycling credit that the Town has received in the past years and stated that beginning next year, there is no longer a credit for the recycling tonnage. Mr. Bennett said that if the GAT were over the established figures, the Town would be paying the \$41.00 per ton, as the two-tier payment system is no longer in place. He stated that based on his calculations he initially would have suggested the GAT be changed to 3900 Ton, but now he is thinking it should be lower. Mr. Bennett discussed the budget figures relative to having to pay any tonnage over or under the GAT figure. It

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, October 17, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little, and her Assistant, Greg Wells.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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was discussed that if the Town delivers under the GAT, they still have to pay the \$41.00 per ton and if we go over the GAT, it will be \$41.00 per ton. Mr. Bennett advised the Board that electronic recycling should begin soon which will also reduce the tonnage. The Board agreed to drop the GAT to the 3900 Ton and would include funds in the Transfer Station budget for any overage costs. Mr. Bennett discussed the electronic recycling that begins July 2007.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Selectman Ives moved to sign the contract with Boston Lightning Rod Company to install lightning rods at the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church building in the amount of \$3,440.00, of which the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church would pay half. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a request from Wayne Thistle to hold a public hearing for his petition to layout his new road. Mr. Thistle has requested the Board consider naming the new road, Thistle Hill Road. The Board agreed to hold the public hearing on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

The Board received a request from Loudon Youth Athletic Association to install playground equipment at Landry Memorial Field on Staniels Road. The Board will look into the liability issues and let LYAA know their decision.

The Board received the work schedule for Cross Brook Road from CPM Constructors.

The Board received an e-mail from Judy Houston regarding Berry Road. The Board will look into where the funds will come from for the dredging of the pond.

The Board advised Office Manager Jean Lee to draft a letter to Treasurer Melanie Kiley regarding the release of the bond for Marilyn and Elmer Green for the Board to sign.

The Board received a letter from Superintendent Michael Martin regarding the October 25, 2006 meeting with the School Board.

The Board received a letter from Comcast regarding re-designing their monthly billing statement.

The Board received a regional impact notice from the Town of Belmont regarding a balloon test for a cell tower.

Selectman Ives moved to appoint Brenda M. Pearl to fill the vacancy in the Trustee of the Trust Funds, term to expire March 10, 2009. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. Discussion ensued regarding the RSA that states the appointment is to fill the term, not the next election cycle. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 10, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little and Assistant Greg Wells.

Mrs. Little asked the Board if the volunteers under the CERT team for Emergency Management would be covered under the Town's insurance policy if Emergency Management activated them during an emergency incident. She stated if a CERT member was working on their own, not having been activated by Police, Fire, or Emergency Management, they would be covered under the Good Samaritan law. The Board will look into this issue and get Mrs. Little an answer.

Chairman Bowles stated that Mrs. Little has obtained all the signatures required for the Loudon Emergency Operations Plan. The Plan is now in place.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a confidential letter that they received while Selectman Maxfield was away and the Board needed to take action on it. Chairman Bowles advised Mrs. Lee to remove the other letter from the file as directed.

The Board reviewed copies of the draft MS-1 for review.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston regarding Berry Road and well monitoring.

The Board received notification that the CD for the maintenance bond for Joe Bohi's portion of Bee Hole Road is up on October 25th. The Board advised Mrs. Lee to check with Fire Chief Burr and Engineer Tony Puntin regarding inspections, but at this time, they do not agree to release the bond.

The Board received a reminder of the School Board/Municipal Officials meeting, which is next Wednesday, October 25, 2006.

The Board received a letter from Claire Crowley regarding the dry hydrant on Greenview Drive. Ms. Crowley stated in her letter that the ponds would be constructed this month.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Local Government Center — Property Liability Trust to pay Target New England \$20,725.00 for work performed at the Town Hall/Loudon Freewill Baptist Church and authorize the Chairman to sign the request. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated he felt this was the final payment for reconstruction of the downstairs. Selectman Maxfield stated he felt they did a nice job with the restoration. Selectman Ives said they did it in a timely manner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing to accept the FEMA Grant Monies received from the May Floods.

Chairman Bowles read the public notice for those present. He stated the Town has applied for \$304,953.16 for bridge repair for Cross Brook Road, \$296,495.12 for bridge repair for Chichester Road, and \$44,400.91 for total road repair. To date, the Town has received \$266,468.32. Chairman Bowles stated that the money received so far is for reimbursement for road damage that has already been repaired. A member of the audience inquired if by accepting this money does this mean the Town would not be eligible for other money. Chairman Bowles stated no, this is the first payment, the Town has three different applications to FEMA, and this money is for reimbursement of the money the Town has already spent on road repairs. Selectman Ives said the Town has also applied for State Bridge Aid. Selectman Maxfield said the repairs to the bridge/dam in the Village are being paid for by the Warrant Article passed at Town Meeting and is not part of FEMA money. An audience member inquired about the status of Chichester Road Bridge. Chairman Bowles said that the contractor felt the bridge should be set next Monday, and if all goes well, the bridge should be able to be traveled the first week in November. *Selectman Ives moved to accept the \$266,468.32 FEMA Disaster Grant money with said funds to be deposited into the general fund for reimbursement of monies already spent. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles closed the public hearing.

The Board reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

Chairman Bowles read the notice of the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the petition and pole license and one new pole on Pittsfield Road, Town of Loudon, pole number #9AA0JS dated September 1, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the haulers permit for Waste Management, 104-A Route 132 North, New Hampton, NH for a front loader truck for the ensuing year. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the haulers permit application for Waste Management, 104-A Route 132 North, New Hampton, NH for a roll-off truck for the ensuing year. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles recognized William Lehan of Flagg Road from the audience.


Mr. Lehan said that he wanted to talk with the Board about the new property assessments. He said that he received his notification late and did not have the opportunity to meet with the Assessors. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Lehan that Assessor David Wiley would be at the Office on Thursday, and he suggested that Mr. Lehan setup an appointment with him to discuss his concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the update being based on sales in Town over the last few years as well as the tax rate setting process. Mrs. Lehan asked about the company doing the assessing and stated that she did not think that anyone did a site visit to their property regarding their new home. Chairman Bowles said that if no one walked the property there could be problems with the assessment of the new building. Mrs. Lehan asked what the criteria were for the assessments. Selectman Maxfield discussed how the assessments were derived. Selectman Maxfield discussed Cross Country Appraisal Group and stated that Jeff Earls is a former DRA employee who has a lot of experience. Mr. Lehan discussed the land that he donated to the Town for a turnaround and stated there is no notation on his assessment card addressing the turnaround. Selectman Ives stated that there have been property owners that have been happy and satisfied with the answers they received regarding their assessments as well as others that have not been happy with the assessment or answers they received. Discussion ensued regarding taxing properties, the budgeting process, and cash flow issues if the tax bills are delayed. Discussion ensued regarding the turnaround and no mail being delivered to Mr. Lehan's home.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, October 24, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Assistant Emergency Management Director Greg Wells.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 17, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a quote from Northeast Tire requested by the Highway Department for approval. The Board authorized Tad Flagg to move forward on the purchase of the tires.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the training on the Budget module of the new software for the Selectmen's Office. In addition, all Department Heads have received a memo advising them the deadline for submitting their budget requests is November 27, 2006.

The Board received copies of the agenda for the meeting with the Merrimack Valley School Board members on Wednesday, October 25, 2006.

The Board received an acknowledgement of the State Bridge Aid application for Cross Brook Road Bridge Project from DOT.

The Board received status reports on both bridge projects and photos of Chichester Road work from Engineer Jason Gallant. Chairman Bowles said that the Chichester Road Bridge Project is coming along quickly and Cross Brook Road Bridge Project is now moving forward.

The Board received notification from DOT regarding the meeting to discuss the signal replacement at Route 129 and Route 106 on November 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Community Building.

The Board received a letter from the Town of Chichester regarding town organization and possible regional cooperation agreements. The Board will discuss this at next weeks meeting.

The Board received a letter from Bob Phillips.

The Board received the ESMI 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee calculation for review.

The Board received the Zoning Amendment calendar/schedule from CNHRPC.

The Board noted that Jean Lee hand delivered the MS-1 to Department of Revenue.

The Board received information on the Northeast Resource Recovery Association Annual Meeting.

Chairman Bowles stated there was a meeting with Engineer Tony Puntin, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Assistant Road Agent

Tad Flagg at Bee Hole Road to review the fire pond and review of the road. Discussion ensued regarding not releasing the bond until the Town accepts the road.

The Board received a packet of information from the Police Department, which included photos of the Chichester Road Bridge Project.

The Board received the draft October Planning Board Minutes for review.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with The Louis Berger Group, Inc., at a cost of \$925.00. This contract is to update the existing locations plan of the three monitoring wells at the Landfill to include field locations of three new wells, which will be included in the data submitted to NH DES for this fall's Ground Water Monitoring

event. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield stated that he meets with the Contractor and Engineer working on the Village Dam Project every Wednesday at 9:00 AM.

The Board discussed having the Highway Crew work on Wiggins Road this week.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, October 31, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 24, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement / Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Mr. Fiske discussed the crosswalk on School Street. He has requested the crosswalk be painted on the road and had asked for the caution sign to be placed in the road. The Highway Department will be taking care of this issue. Mr. Fiske also discussed putting up "No Parking" signs on the west side of School Street once the Street is reopened to two-way traffic. Discussion ensued regarding the bus pick-up and drop-off being in the back of the Elementary School, not on the road as well as not allowing trucks to travel through the portion of School Street near the Elementary School.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that five pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Maxfield discussed the Planning Board Minutes relative to Rainbow Drive and the requirement to have a Class VI Road waiver in place. Discussion ensued regarding Rainbow Drive being a Private Road versus a Class VI Road. Chairman Bowles said that Greenview Drive is a Pri-

vate Road and Class VI Road waivers were required for building there. He said that in the event an emergency vehicle cannot get to a location due to the condition of the road, the Town would not be liable if the Class VI Road waiver is in place. Chairman Bowles stated that if the property owner on Rainbow Drive should decide to subdivide on Rainbow Drive, she would be instructed that Rainbow Drive would have to be brought up to Town Standards.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board the dry hydrant on Bee Hole has not been completed yet.

Chief Burr stated nothing had been done on the fire ponds on Greenview Drive. A member of the audience stated that construction on the fire ponds had begun this week. The Board asked if the engineer had been contacted. Chief Burr will do a site visit on Wednesday.

Selectman Ives asked about the status of the tanker truck. Chief Burr said that he had contacted the company to check on the status and they have not gotten back to him.

Selectman Maxfield said that if the building for the Cate Van is not completed in time, the Van might need to be housed at Station #2. The Board agreed. Discussion ensued regarding moving the remaining items from the Town Hall out of Station #2 now that the project is complete.

Mr. Fiske inquired if the Board had a letter that was going to be discussed at tonight's meeting. Chairman Bowles stated that he forgot to contact Mrs. Lee and ask that it be included in the correspondence.

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Next Deadline: Friday, December 15 for the January issue of the "Loudon Ledger."



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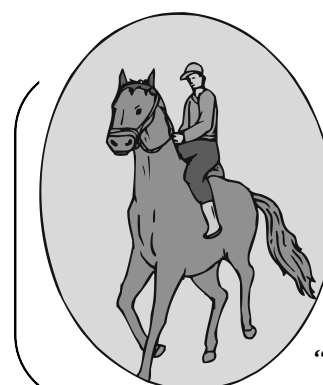
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He stated he would get Mr. Fiske a copy of the letter first thing in the morning. Selectman Maxfield asked if it were public information. Chairman Bowles stated he did not know if it was public information at this time.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received correspondence from a Loudon Citizen and provided Bob Fiske with a copy.

The Board received information from the Planning Board Office on Governmental use of Property and Charter Schools.

The Board received a copy of the letter sent to Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding security initiative during the recent NASCAR race.

The Board received a copy of Fire Chief Jeff Burr's certificate for a National Fire Academy course that he recently completed.

The Board received legal correspondence regarding ZBA litigation.

The Board received correspondence from Engineer Tony Puntin regarding Ms. Maratea's driveway on Berry Road.

The Board received correspondence from Engineer Jason Gallant regarding Cross Brook Road documents submitted for the State Bridge Aid application.

The Board received a letter from Tom McCue regarding releasing a portion of the bond for Greenview Drive.

The Board was advised of an inquiry from a local resident asking if School Street would be re-stripped due to safety issues. The Board will look into this issue.

The Board was reminded of the Tax Rate appointment at Revenue Administration for Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 2:30 PM.

The Board received the September ESMI compliance report.

The Board received copies of Dale Gregory's resignation letter as the Children's Librarian. Selectman Maxfield said it would be a loss for the Town.

Selectman Maxfield moved to forward past due ambulance bill account #29495 in the amount of \$1,183.04, account #33374 in the amount of \$97.13, account #2992 in the amount of \$295.44, and account #27112 in the amount of \$209.66 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing to discuss the petition received from Wayne Thistle to layout approximately 1,700 feet of road over an existing right-of-way beginning at Cross Brook Road.

Chairman Bowles stated Mr. Thistle has requested the name of the road be "Thistle Hill Road." He said that Mrs. Lee had checked with Concord Post Office and they have given their Okay for the road name.

Chairman Bowles discussed the escrow account for engineering fees for the road inspections as well as the construction bond that was determined on October 20, 2004 for the construction of the road in the amount of \$235,000.00. Mr. Thistle stated that he is planning to pave next June and that the road is approximately 85% complete. Chairman Bowles stated that the bond would be recalculated on the construction that had not been completed, as Mr. Thistle will have done most of the work by the time the bond needs to be in place.

Selectman Maxfield asked if there would be a cul-de-sac at the end. Mr. Thistle said the cul-de-sac would be 120 feet wide.

Selectman Ives asked how many house lots would there be. Mr. Thistle said he has approval for seven house lots.

It was discussed that a maintenance bond would be calculated after the construction is complete. Chairman Bowles said that the Board had received copies of all correspondence from Engineer Tony Puntin regarding the road layout and Mr. Puntin did not note any concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the road being 20 feet wide.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the request from Wayne Thistle to layout approximately 1,700 feet of road over an existing right-of-way beginning at Cross Brook Road. Second by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated the Board would contact Engineer Tony Puntin to calculate the bond amount and forward the information to Mr. Thistle. It was also stated that the lots could not be sold until the bond is in place or the road is constructed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to accept the name of Mr. Thistle's road as Thistle Hill Road. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Ives commented that naming the roads is a big help for the Road Agent and Fire Chief when they are doing the street addresses and driveway permits. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles closed the public hearing and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request from NH Legal Assistance to supply them with a copy

of our Welfare Guidelines. The Board agreed a copy of the Welfare Guidelines would be forwarded.

Chairman Bowles stated the Office had received a phone call from a concerned resident regarding the distribution of the new "Talking Phonebook." The people distributing them cannot place them in or hang them on the mailbox and have been leaving them on the ground near the mailbox instead of delivering them to the door. This can cause an issue with litter if the books are not picked up. The Board has drafted a letter to be forwarded to the publisher of the "Talking Phonebook" with this concern.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board received the proposal for the Berry Road drainage issue for Map #058, Lots #031, 039, & 040. Discussion ensued regarding the drainage issues. The Board will take this proposal under advisement at this time.

Selectman Maxfield moved to enter into executive session at 7:40 PM to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Bowles yes, Maxfield yes, Ives yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles stated the Board moved to come out of executive session at 7:50 PM. The results of the executive session were discussion of a personnel issue and the minutes of the executive session are to be sealed until October 31, 2011.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Planning Board Minutes — October 19, 2006 (DRAFT)

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

Attendance:

Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Bob Ordway, Chairman Tom Dow, Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, and Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles were present. Julie Robinson was present to represent the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

September 21, 2006 Public Hearing. Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

September 27, 2006 Site Walk. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the site walk minutes as presented, seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.

Discussions:

Voluntary Lot Merger — Ernest & Lisa Mills, Map 47, Lot 12 and Map 47, Lot 20. The applicants were not present. The Board reviewed the lots and application. All was in order. Stanley Prescott made a motion to

approve the lot merger, seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor and the merger was signed by all members.

Voluntary Lot Merger — Albert Dwyer, Map 31, Lot 12 and Map 31, Lot 13. The applicant was not present. The Board reviewed the lots and application. All was in order. Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the lot merger, seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor and the merger was signed by all members.

Charter School — Beth McClure and Colleen Sliva told the Board of their plan to begin a charter school and their proposal to use the former dance hall on Mudgett Hill Road for this school. They said they are seeking direction from the Board as to what the Board will be asking for from them when it comes to the application process. The Board noted that schools are not listed as a permitted use in the C/I District. There was discussion about the charter school concept, the state's requirements for such a school, and general information regarding enrollment, studies, and purpose of the

charter school. Ms. McClure and Ms. Sliva explained that the school would be K-4 with 60 students the first year and 105 the second year. They would begin with grades 1, 2, and 3 and then expand to K and grade 4 the second year. Ms. McClure presented copies of health inspection and fire report forms that are required by the state. She also noted that there is an RSA that states that a school can go in any district. The Board instructed Ms. McClure to come back with this RSA as part of their conceptual review. Ms. McClure also presented a letter that acknowledges their approval as a charter school and clarified for the Board that this is a public school. Bob Ordway asked about the condition of the building. Ms. McClure stated that they will have an engineer inspect the building once they get a feel for how the idea is received by the Board. Gary Tasker told Ms. McClure and Ms. Sliva that the Board will be working on zoning ordinances in the next few weeks and suggested that they get involved in the process if need be with regard to allowing schools in the C/I

District. Tom Dow told them that it is very important that they get the information about being able to put the school anywhere. It will have to be determined if the state's information overrules local zoning ordinance.

Deb Rattee — Tracy Sweeney from Richard Bartlett Associates and Mark Chamberlain were present to clarify some confusion on Ms. Rattee's recent lot line adjustment. In May the Board approved the lot line adjustment with the condition that Ms. Rattee applied to be put on the building permit list prior to the plan being recorded. The building department will not approve the building permit application until the plan is recorded. Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Chamberlain asked the Board to consider recording the plan so that Ms. Rattee can continue with the process. They told the Board that Mr. Fiske had concerns about Ms. Rattee using Rainbow Drive as access to the back piece of her lot rather than accessing from the School Street frontage

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because he feels that Rainbow Drive would have to be brought up to town road standards to create the required frontage. They pointed out that Ms. Rattee has 61 feet of frontage on School Street where Rainbow Drive begins. Ms. Rattee owns Rainbow Drive, therefore could use that as her driveway access to the property. Dustin Bowles stated that he feels that using Rainbow Drive as access to this property will require a Class VI waiver from Ms. Rattee. There was extensive discussion about the lots, road frontage, and accessory buildings on lots without a residence which was the reason that the Board had put the condition on the lot line adjustment approval. Dustin Bowles stated that he has not been able to locate anywhere in the regulations or ordinances where it states that there cannot be accessory buildings. The Board agreed that this definitely needs to be addressed in the upcoming zoning workshops. Tom Dow stated that Rainbow Drive would have to be brought up to road standards if this property comes up for future subdividing. *Henry Huntington made a motion to have the lot line adjustment plan recorded, seconded by Bob Ordway. All in favor with the exception of Dustin Bowles who was opposed. Motion passed with majority vote.*

Gravel Pit — Dan Plourde of Plourde Sand & Gravel was present to discuss the gravel pit on South Village Road that the company recently purchased from Roy Buttrick. Mr. Plourde was asked to come before the Board to discuss updating the excavation file on this property. Bob Ordway suggested that the Board might want to do a site walk of the area for better understanding of what is there now, particularly where there are two separate lots and only one being mentioned in the excavation file. Mr. Ordway asked Mr. Plourde what the company plans to do with the pit. Mr. Plourde said they will be taking sand out but he isn't sure just what they might do overall. There was discussion about having it surveyed, the closeness to the river, and how much of the parcel would be open pit area. Gary Tasker asked if the lot is grandfathered. Mr. Plourde said it is. Mr. Tasker asked about the size of the piece that is grandfathered. Mr. Plourde said there are 9 acres more or less and then a second piece of about 20 acres. Tom Dow stated that the Board has to be sure everything is in compliance with RSA 155-E. He said they want to have Mr. Plourde be able to do what he wants with the property but also have to their job ensuring compliance. Bob Ordway asked Mr. Plourde if it would be fair to say the Board would see an excavation plan. Mr. Plourde said he would have to say probably not, he is not sure what he is going to do. He said he has leveled off some piles that were left by the previous owner, would probably end up putting some trees along the river, but other than that can't tell the Board what might be done. Mr. Ordway again stated that he would recommend a site walk so that the Board members have a mental image about

what it is they are discussing. Gary Tasker asked if there is an intent-to-excavate form that is to be filed regularly. Mr. Plourde said he has filed that form with the Selectmen's office. Mr. Ordway said there should be a plan for reclamation. Mr. Plourde said there is not at this point. There was discussion about the required forms, plans, and bond on gravel pits. Mr. Plourde said his company has pits in other towns that do not collect bonds, naming Hooksett and Pembroke. Dustin Bowles explained the formula used to calculate the reclamation bonds that are held on all of the other pits in town. Mr. Tasker asked if the Selectmen set that bond and Mr. Bowles said they do. Mr. Tasker stated that RSA 155-E can be confusing and the Board wants to ensure that everything is in order with the transfer and files. He suggested that Mr. Plourde might want to talk with the Selectmen about a bond. Mr. Tasker asked Mr. Plourde what assurances the town has that he will reclaim the parcel once excavation has been completed. Mr. Ordway said that is the purpose of the bond. Mr. Plourde said his word is their assurance, adding that he has already improved the property by cleaning it up and by taking care of the town's water problem by installing a catch basin at the edge of the road. There was discussion about a bond being calculated from a reclamation plan. Mr. Plourde would not commit to any plan, area to be worked, or materials on site for reclamation. He said he is having it surveyed by a retired surveyor simply to know where his boundaries are. A site walk of the Plourde property on South Village Road was set for Wednesday, October 25th at 4pm. The secretary will research if the second lot can be excavated under the grandfathered permit. Mr. Plourde said he believes because the lots are contiguous he can keep going from the original lot to the second lot.

Old Business:

Application #05-11, Wildwood Sanctuary Association, Inc. — Major Subdivision, Located on Young's Hill Road, in the AFP District. Map 34, Lot 2. There were no abutters present. Owner Len LaPadula was present. Louis-Berger Group reviewed the off-site improvement plan for Young's Hill Road and noted 9 concerns in a memo that was forwarded to Sandford Engineering. Ray Shea of Sandford Engineering addressed those items and sent revised plans and information to Louis-Berger. A memo from Louis-Berger was received on today's date stating that all points have been addressed and everything with the off-site improvement plan appear to be in order. Stanley Prescott said he has a concern about a property that is adjacent to the new road, saying that he doesn't feel that the homeowner will be real happy about the banking being cut and boulders placed there. Mr. LaPadula said he would do what is necessary to make things right. The Board reviewed town counsel's response to the agreement that Mr. LaPadula had developed with regard to completion of work, bonds, and easements. A copy of the response was presented to Mr. LaPadula since he had not

seen it prior to this meeting. Mr. LaPadula stated that he will incorporate the town counsel's comments into his agreement and get it back to the Planning office for further review. Mr. Prescott stated that it should be noted that if the town does not vote to do the additional 600 feet of improvements to Young's Hill Road, Mr. LaPadula still has to uphold his part of those road improvements. Dustin Bowles said this needs to be written in the agreement. Mr. LaPadula said he would prefer to defer his portion of the improvements to 2008 (once he has contracts on the first few lots) if the town does not elect to do the 600 feet next year. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was brief discussion about getting Mr. LaPadula's agreement finalized prior to the next meeting and the improvement work being tied in with town meeting, funding, and other town projects. *Stanley Prescott made a motion to continue this hearing to November 16, 2006, 7 p.m. at the Community Building, seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.*

Application #06-25, Patricia Perkins — Minor Subdivision, Located on Route 129, in the RR District. Map 15, Lot 5. The applicant and surveyor Christopher Ogden were present. There were no abutters present. Mr. Ogden reviewed the project to this point. He explained that he has moved the proposed lot line rather than go before the ZBA to ask for special exception to have the new driveway in the side setback. This still meets the acreage and frontage requirements for both lots. The wetlands permit has been received and the subdivision permit is pending. Mr. Ogden explained that he had to resubmit the subdivision permit application to the state because of the change in lot line, thus the delay. Mr. Ogden stated that he is asking for conditional approval based on the pending subdivision permit. Chairman Dow stated that the Planning Board does not make it a practice to do that and explained that this is not a complete application because of the missing permit. There has been no driveway permit turned in on this application but it has been issued according to Mr. Ogden. Tom Moore asked about the 180 x 240 box that designates the required buildable area. Mr. Ogden agreed to put it on the plan. Chairman Dow said the plan looks fine, they just need to have all of the permits in place and everything should be in order for the next meeting. He closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Gary Tasker made a motion to continue this hearing to November 16, 2006, 7 p.m. at the Community Building, seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.*

New Business:

Application #06-24, Eastern Propane — Amended Site Plan to add a 2,000 gallon aboveground diesel storage tank, Located on International Drive, in the C/I District. Map 49, Lot 127. Chairman Dow explained that this application was carried over from the last meeting because abutters were not

notified at that time. Abutters were notified for this meeting, none being present. Bill Massey was present as the representative for Eastern Propane. Mr. Massey explained that they have been to the ZBA and received special exception to have a storage tank larger than 500 gallons. He told the Board that this is for diesel storage for company trucks only, not for resale. There was discussion about the tank specifications, location of the tank on the site, and safety precautions being in place. *Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing, seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. Chairman Dow asked if there were any questions or comments from anyone. Hearing none, he closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Gary Tasker made a motion to approve the amended site plan application, seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. APPLICATION FOR AMENDED SITE PLAN APPROVED.*

Application #06-27, H. Wayne Thistle & Theresa O'Donohue — Minor Subdivision, Located at Cross Brook Road, in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 41. There were no abutters present. Web Stout represented the applicants. Mr. Stout stated that he had received subdivision approvals earlier in the day and presented the approval number to the secretary for the file. *Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing, seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.* Mr. Stout explained the location of this lot that is to be subdivided from Mr. Thistle's property on Cross Brook Road, showing that the new lot would have 216 feet of frontage on Thistle Hill Road. He said they are requesting a waiver of Section 12.4, Item #13. Tom Moore asked where Mr. Thistle's frontage is. Mr. Stout pointed this out on the map, saying that Mr. Thistle's house is on Lot 41. Henry Huntington asked if there is sufficient contiguous area on the proposed new lot. Mr. Stout stated there is approximately 1.6 acres of contiguous area and pointed out the 180 x 240 box. Stanley Prescott asked if Mr. Stout would be going for a wetland crossing. Mr. Stout said the proposal is to use Wiggins Road for the driveway. Mr. Huntington asked to clarify that the front setback is off Wiggins Road. There was discussion about accessing from Wiggins Road and the need for a Class VI waiver to use Wiggins Road as a driveway. Gary Tasker asked if there would be work done to Wiggins Road. Mr. Stout stated that it is in fairly good shape at this point because of work done to accommodate Cross Brook bridge traffic after the floods. Mr. Tasker asked if the town has to be involved if Mr. Thistle does any work to Wiggins Road. Dustin Bowles stated that they would if he is pulling frontage off Wiggins Road. There was discussion about Wiggins Road staying as it is after the Cross Brook bridge repairs are complete. Chairman Dow pointed out that Wiggins Road has been kept open as a recreational trail and if it now will essentially be a driveway it

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will affect the recreational usage. Gary Tasker asked if it should be noted on the plan that this is a Class VI road and recreational trail that cannot be blocked or paved. Dustin Bowles stated that he feels it may be reaching out a bit by allowing Wiggins Road to be a driveway. Discussion continued about the wording of a note to be put on the plan. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Stanley Prescott made a motion to grant the waiver of Section 12.4, item #13, subject to the next time this parcel (M 12/L 41) comes before the Board it is shown in its entirety, seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. WAIVER GRANTED.

Henry Huntington moved to approve the application with the condition that notes are added to the plan with reference to recreational trail, no paving of Wiggins Road, and the waiver to have a driveway on a Class VI road; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor. APPLICATION FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Application #06-28, Roy D. Merrill & Cynthia Merrill — Minor Subdivision, Located on Lower Ridge Road, in the RR District. Map 51, Lot 15. There were no abutters present. Web Stout represented the applicants. Dustin Bowles recused himself from the Board for this application. Mr. Stout presented the state subdivision approval number to the secretary for the file. *Stanley Prescott made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing, seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.* Mr. Stout said they are requesting a waiver to Section 12.4, Item #13. He pointed out the 180 x 240 box, saying that the proposed new lot is almost 3 acres and has 252 feet of frontage. Mr. Stout said there are an area of wetland and some steep slopes as indicated on the plan. Chairman Dow asked about the area of wetland on this property. Mr. Stout stated that it continues to where there is a little pond to the upper side of this lot. There was discussion about the history of the property, an old foundation and retaining wall at the river. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Stanley Prescott made a motion to approve the waiver of Section 12.4, Item #13, seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor. WAIVER GRANTED.* Mr. Stout stated that he will show the entire parcel when it next comes before the Planning Board. *Stanley Prescott made a motion to approve the subdivision as presented, seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. APPLICATION FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION APPROVED.* Dustin Bowles returned to the Board.

Application #06-30, Glenn & Francine Clave and Lester & Karen Maloon — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Creek Water Lane, in the RR District. Map 58, Lot 153 and Map 58, Lot 123. Tony Merullo represented the applicants. The Claves were present; there were no abutters present. *Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the application as complete, seconded by Henry Hunt-*

ington. All were in favor. Mr. Merullo explained that the proposed lot line adjustment would cut a small triangle off Lot 153 and add it to Lot 123, simply to clean up the property lines. Chairman Dow said he did not remember the lot being shaped like shown. Mr. Merullo explained that the road layout created the triangle because of the curvature of the road, showing the subdivision prior to the road layout. He stated that this adjustment leaves conforming frontage and acreage on both lots. There was discussion about the shape of the lot and the tax map was checked to confirm the shape to be as shown on the plan. Chairman Dow told Mr. Merullo that he had done a nice job taking down the front of the property for better sight distance. Other Board members agreed. The chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment, seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. APPLICATION FOR LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT APPROVED.*

Discussion from earlier in the meeting:

Lisa and Ernest Mills arrived after the Board had considered and approved their application for a Voluntary Lot Merger. Mrs. Mills stated that they would like to withdraw the application as they have determined that the lot merger does not address their original plan for the property. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to retract the Voluntary Lot Merger application, and subsequent approval, of Ernest and Lisa Mills at their request; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY LOT MERGER RETRACTED AND VOID.*

Board Discussion:

Board members would like a copy of the newest tax map. Donna will get a set for each member. New "Planning and Land Use Regulations" handbooks have been ordered for all Board members.

Tom Dow stated that there will be a DOT public hearing on November 14th at 7 p.m. immediately following the Board of Permit. This hearing will address changes to be made to the lights at the intersection of Routes 106 and 129. He also informed the Board about an upcoming planning conference and instructed the Board to contact Donna for details if interested in attending.

Report of the ZBA:

There are three applications before the ZBA. Two are special exceptions for reduced setbacks: one for reduced side setbacks for 15 lots in subdivision (tabled from September) and one for reduced front setback. There is a use variance to allow multiple kitchens in a home on Bee Hole Road (tabled from September).

Report of the Board of Permit:

Bob Ordway reported on the October Board of Permit meeting.

There was discussion at the Board of Permit about allowing property owners to install their foundation and septic system in the fall prior to the issuance of their build-

ing permit. This came about after such a request was received by the ZBA at their September meeting. Barnstead has a special permit that allows this work to be done, a copy of which was reviewed at the Board of Permit meeting. Mr. Ordway said that the compliance officer feels this would create too many problems and convinced the Board of Permit that it is not a good idea. Dustin Bowles added that the Board of Selectmen has decided to have town counsel draw up an agreement of this sort and the Board will move forward with it.

There was discussion at the Board of Permit about impact fees being assessed on the Villages at Loudon. The Board of Permit agreed that these fees should be assessed.

There was discussion at the Board of Permit about the Deb Rattee property on School Street. Mr. Ordway said he felt there was missing information at the time of the Board of Permit meeting but this has now been taken care when the Planning Board addressed the situation earlier tonight.

There was discussion at the Board of Permit about a building permit issue on property owned by Michael Harris. Mr. Harris was given approval for a garage with the understanding that a house would be built once the building permit cycle came around. He has since converted the garage into a house and is marketing it as such.

There was discussion at the Board of Permit about an application for special exception for reduced setbacks that was before the ZBA at their last meeting. The ZBA tabled the application and advised the applicant to return to the Planning Board for further review. Mr. Ordway said he expected to see the applicant here tonight. Chairman Dow reported that town counsel had advised the ZBA that they could not send the applicant back to the Planning Board but could act only on the application before them.

Gary Tasker asked to clarify that the ZBA could only deny or approve the application. Bob Ordway stated that the applicant is on the ZBA agenda for next week to continue the process. The secretary reported that the applicant had stated at last month's ZBA meeting that he had not done the conservation land deed to the town because he was waiting for a letter from the town, notifying him that minutes of 7/05 had been corrected. There was discussion about the correction having been done at a public meeting, at which the applicant was present, and the correction being in subsequent minutes, of which the applicant has copies. Discussion continued about the need to enforce conditions of approvals. Dustin Bowles said if town counsel is approached for guidance he must be refreshed of the situation and needs the entire history to make an accurate determination of direction. It was decided to wait for ZBA review of the application next week before contacting town counsel.

Dustin Bowles brought up an issue that came before the Board of Permit with regard to daytime parking permits. He stated that the parking site for Atlas Fireworks was left a mess with trash everywhere and recommended that the permit be revoked for next year's races. Mr. Bowles stated that Bob Fiske had reported problems with a couple of other parking sites at the Board of Permit meeting.

There was discussion about accessory buildings and the need to address this in upcoming zoning workshops. Roy Merrill said the closest he had found in the ordinance was page 11, section J.

A motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. was made by Dustin Bowles; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*



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Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — October 26, 2006 (DRAFT)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on October 26, 2006 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Dave Powelson, Chairman; Roy Maxfield, Vice Chairman; Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and alternates Jon Huntington and Howard Pearl.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2006 MINUTES:

Roy Maxfield made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George Saunderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #06-15, Alvin R Davis III – Special Exception for Reduced Setbacks – Map 39, Lots 11-001 through 11-015, Lovejoy Road. Roy Merrill recused himself from the Board. Howard Pearl was named as a voting member in Mr. Merrill's absence.

Chairman Powelson explained that this application was tabled at the September meeting and the Board had requested that Mr. Davis return to the Planning Board for review of the application for compliance with the 2006 Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Powelson informed the Board that town counsel has advised that the ZBA may have gone a little further than they should have on this matter and his advice is to stick specifically to the application as presented with no further action. The chairman stated that he would like a motion to reconsider the actions of the September meeting with regard to sending Mr. Davis back to the Planning Board.

Roy Maxfield said since the Board has an opinion from the town attorney to stick with the setback issue and that the ZBA is not authorized to direct the Planning Board he would move to rescind the motion, re-open the hearing for additional testimony, and then make a decision on the application for reduced setbacks. Ned Lizotte stated that he had tabled his first motion at the last meeting with the option to be able to bring it back and that was about the reduced setbacks. Mr. Lizotte seconded Mr. Maxfield's motion. Chairman Powelson asked if there was discussion from the Board. Howard Pearl asked to clarify that they are to consider the application as originally submitted. The chairman said that was correct, to consider the application for reduced setbacks. Hearing no further discussion, the chairman

asked for a roll vote. *Howard Pearl – Yes; George Saunderson – Yes; Ned Lizotte – Yes; Roy Maxfield – Yes; Dave Powelson – Yes. Unanimous; hearing re-opened.*

Chairman Powelson stated that they had rescinded the motion and the Board would go back to the application for a reduced side yard setback, which is really a front yard setback, reducing it to 30'. Ned Lizotte corrected Mr. Powelson, saying the application is for reduced side setbacks for all lots in addition to the two front corner lots. Friedrich Moeckel of Tarbell Professional Association introduced himself as Mr. Davis's representative. Mr. Moeckel said he feels the Board accurately described the request before the ZBA. He said he would like to clarify what "front yard" is and what "frontage" is. Mr. Moeckel stated that in Loudon Zoning Ordinance the frontage is not necessarily the front yard. He stated there are three roads for Mr. Davis to choose from with regard to front yard therefore it is not necessary to have relief from setback regulations. Mr. Moeckel stated that a front yard is anything that is on a street. He stated that Mr. Davis is not asking to put houses on lot lines but simply putting driveways where permitted, just a little closer to the setbacks. He stated that the neighborhood is not going to be affected because it is a new neighborhood and all will be new and similar. In addressing Lot 15 across from the Butterfields, Mr. Moeckel said when the applicant designs the house he will move it back from Lovejoy Road a little, stressing that he does not have to do this for any reason other than to accommodate the neighbors.

Chairman Powelson said this would seem a large leap from having frontage on three streets to not requiring any front setbacks. Mr. Moeckel said the definition of frontage does not distinguish between front yard, side yard, or rear yard and only refers to the area on the street. He then read the definition of frontage from the Zoning Ordinance. He went on to read the definition of front yard until stopped by Ned Lizotte. Mr. Lizotte referred to page 26 of the Zoning Ordinance, Requirements Applicable to All Use Districts, section 208.3 Corner Lots (B). Attorney Moeckel stated that driveways are on the lesser traveled road but the applicant can choose which road the front yard will be on. Ned Lizotte stated that the Board has seen the proposal before them as "Kristian Way" (not yet an accepted name) off Lovejoy Road. He said it has been accepted by most of the Board that the front of these lots would be Lovejoy Road or Kristian Way with the first lot being the one in question.

Mr. Lizotte stated that Mr. Davis had told the Board at the September meeting that he got mixed up on the frontage of Lot 001 between Lovejoy and Kristian Way, saying Mr. Davis was not even talking about Batchelder Road. Mr. Moeckel said it does not matter if you pick Batchelder Road or Kristian Way as the lesser traveled road, the frontage is there. He said Lovejoy Road and Kristian Way have the front yard setbacks and Mr. Davis is able to choose Kristian Way as his front yard and meet the setback requirements. Roy Maxfield said that was about as crazy an idea as he's heard proposed. The attorney asked Mr. Maxfield why he felt that way. Mr. Maxfield referred to page 27, Section 208.3 Corner Lots (B), saying because it is a corner lot the frontage requirement shall apply to the heaviest traveled street. Attorney Moeckel stated that a front yard is different from frontage, saying a corner lot is a classic example. He said that is his position, based on the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Maxfield said they understand Mr. Moeckel's position. Howard Pearl referred to page 93 of the Zoning Ordinance, the definition of front setback. Roy Maxfield said this turns the Zoning Ordinance upside down and they would be happy to challenge that if that is Mr. Moeckel's position. Mr. Moeckel said he did not come to this meeting to overturn the Zoning Ordinance but to articulate the interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Maxfield told Mr. Moeckel that he has made his position very clear.

There was discussion about driveways. Attorney Moeckel said they are simply asking for relief to allow driveways and in one situation move the house back by 15' to appease abutters. He said the only people affected by these properties being closer together will be the people who buy houses in this subdivision, no one else in town will be affected. Roy Maxfield asked how the reduction is going to appease an abutter. Mr. Moeckel said abutters are the future property owners who will make an economic decision that it will appease them because when they go in there they will see where their driveway has to be. Mr. Maxfield said Mr. Moeckel had a great argument for future owners but the folks across the road (Lovejoy) feel they have some frontage here and Mr. Davis shares some frontage here. He stressed that the ZBA defines frontage as the heaviest traveled road and that is what has to be complied with the 50' being on or ask for a reduction. Chip Davis said he could do something different on Lot 015 to appease the neighbor and wouldn't need the side set-

back relief. He said a different design could be used, still be attractive, and not be offensive to the neighbor. Mr. Davis said the house on Lot 001 is where it is and they need the relief of a reduced setback. George Saunderson said this is a brand new subdivision and asked Mr. Davis why he could not design something to fit the lots rather than ask for special exceptions. Mr. Davis said the lots were designed based on the regulations. Mr. Saunderson asked if what Mr. Davis was saying is that according to regulations every lot is going to need reduced setbacks. Attorney Moeckel stated that when it comes to approving or denying the special exception, that issue is neither here nor there. Ned Lizotte asked Mr. Moeckel what he had just said. The attorney stated that Mr. Saunderson's question was irrelevant. Mr. Lizotte stated that the application is for reduced setbacks for the front lot and side setbacks for the entire subdivision. Mr. Moeckel said that was not altogether accurate. Mr. Lizotte pointed out that that is what the request is on the application that came before the Board. Attorney Moeckel stated that the application is for special exceptions for the driveways. Several members questioned what Mr. Moeckel was reading from as it was different from the applications before them. Mr. Saunderson referred to the application, asking Mr. Moeckel where it states that. Mr. Moeckel said the Board does not need to grant special exception on Lot 001. He was asked if Mr. Davis is asking for reduced setbacks for all of the other lots. Mr. Moeckel said that was correct, reduced setbacks for the driveways. Review and discussion of the application continued.

Attorney Moeckel then apologized to the Board, saying there is no mention of driveways on the application as he had earlier understood there to be. Chairman Powelson stated the Board will deal with the application as presented, saying the Board has heard from Mr. Davis and his attorney. Mr. Powelson 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. Huntley Halvorsen, an abutter, stated that this house on Lot 001 does profoundly affect his house. Mr. Halvorsen said there is no buffer and the house is approximately 30' from Lovejoy Road. He said by asking for special exception Mr. Davis seems to admit the house is in the wrong place. Mark Seltzer, an abutter, stated that he submitted a letter in September and wanted to add that the

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new zoning ordinances require a 150' setback on open space subdivision yet this one was approved at 50' and Mr. Davis is asking for even more of a reduction. Mr. Seltzer said it is disappointing that it has come to this point.

Mr. Moeckel said he would like to address George Saunderson's question about the intent of the application, saying it is asking for relief of side setbacks. He said it was his understanding that Mr. Davis was asking for blanket relief to allow driveways in side setbacks. He stated that Mr. Davis had agreed to accommodate the abutter of Lot 15. Mr. Moeckel said he gave the Board an analysis of the Zoning Ordinance to point out that the Board does not need to grant a special exception on Lot 001. Chairman Powelson said it was his recollection, and believes the minutes indicate this as well, that Mr. Davis is seeking reduced front yard setback from 50' to 30' from Lovejoy Road and the rest of the lots could be addressed at a future time as permits came up. He asked the Board if that was an accurate recollection. There was brief discussion and the attorney repeated his former statements about the Zoning Ordinance, definitions, and relief sought.

George Saunderson stated that the Board had asked Mr. Davis to bring a plot plan in showing the house locations and setbacks, asking Mr. Davis if he had done that. Mr. Davis said he did not. Ned Lizotte stated that the regulations call for both conventional and open space plans to be submitted yet Mr. Davis had submitted only open space plans and those were without setbacks listed. Attorney Moeckel asked to clarify that the applicant was asked for a subdivision plat depicting all setbacks. Mr. Lizotte said that is required by the Planning Board as in the ordinances. Mr. Moeckel stated that this plan was approved by the Planning Board and he felt that the ZBA was crossing that line again. Howard Pearl stated that the Board had simply asked for the plans so they could visualize the lots. He asked Mr. Davis if he can fit houses on these lots. He

also asked how special exceptions for driveways would affect the lots. There was discussion about the original request, the need for reduced side setbacks to accommodate the driveway locations as designed and approved by the engineer and Planning Board, and the matter of the reduced front setback on Lot 001. Mr. Davis showed the driveways on a set of plans and explained the need for special exceptions due to drainage layout.

Referring to the chairman's previous recollection and reference to the minutes, Roy Maxfield said he has reviewed the minutes of the September 28, 2006 ZBA hearing where he had said "that the Board typically listens to abutters and their opinions so he is not in the mood of giving Mr. Davis 15 setbacks on vacant lots. Mr. Davis said that was fine, he thought he'd ask, and would build houses that fit the lots." Mr. Maxfield said there was some confusion there about the fact that when they wanted to zero in on this one lot and make a decision on this one lot it didn't get captured in the minutes. He said Mr. Davis's agreeing to only talk about this one was not captured in the minutes so they are back to dealing with his request for everything. Mr. Moeckel reviewed the points that the ZBA is required to consider. Martha Butterfield, an abutter, stated that it is unacceptable that this house on Lot 001 is so close to the road and, although she likes the house design, she wishes it had been better planned. Attorney Moeckel said he would like to state one last thing and that would be that it is inappropriate for the Board to deny the application because they do not like the plan or the fact that it was approved by the Planning Board. Mark Seltzer said it has been stated that there will be relief to the neighbors and asked where there is relief to Huntley Halvorsen. Mr. Davis said before he went to the Planning Board he specifically moved the roadway to accommodate Mr. Halvorsen. He said by doing so, that caused the problem with Lot 001, making it long and narrow. Mr. Davis said he felt where he put the house was not a bad spot and that he had designed an appealing house that would be viewed from three sides.

Chairman Powelson clarified that Mr. Davis is asking for approval as submitted. Attorney Moeckel said as clarified for driveways. He asked the Board to look at the Zoning Ordinance, front yard versus frontage. Mr. Moeckel stated that granting the special exception does not turn the Ordinance upside down.

The chairman closed the hearing; the application to be considered under Unfinished Business. Roy Merrill re-joined the Board.

Case #06-17, Geraldine Gowlis – Variance, Map 12, Lot 33, Bee Hole Road. Chairman Powelson stated that this application would be continued to the next meeting because Ms. Gowlis or her representative was not present. Ned Lizotte stated that he felt the application should be terminated rather than continued. He stated that Ms. Gowlis has not been to talk with Code Enforcement as directed by the Board at the September meeting. There was brief discussion about the matter. Mr. Lizotte said, due to Ms. Gowlis's lack of dealing with the situation and her inaction, the application should be terminated. Roy Merrill said he agreed 100%. Roy Maxfield said this could be done as long as the hearing was reopened. Chairman Powelson opened the hearing. He asked if there was anyone who would like to speak for or against the application. Kendra Hebert stated that she had submitted a letter but would also like to address the Board, saying that she has been an abutter to this property for three years and has seen more than routine traffic in and out of the house. There was brief discussion about the type of traffic and activity seen at the house, making it appear to be a multi-family house. The chairman closed the hearing; the application to be considered under Unfinished Business.

Case #06-20, Michael Martel – Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 28, Lot 15, Oak Hill Road. Mr. Martel told the Board that he would like to construct a 32' x 50' barn on his property and is asking for a 10' reduction in the front setback. There was discussion about the property and Mr. Martel stated that he is doing some improvements. He explained the existing buildings and showed the location of the proposed building for which he has a building permit. Mr. Martel stated that there is a slope on the back side of the building area, thus his request to move the proposed building forward by the 10'. Roy Maxfield asked how this would make things better. Mr. Martel said it would square things off, putting the new building into alignment with an existing structure. Chairman Powelson asked Mr. Martel to go through each point of the application. It was confirmed that abutters were notified. The chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board. There were none. He asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application. Hearing none, the chairman closed the hearing; the application to be considered under Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case #06-15, Alvin R Davis III – Roy Merrill stepped down from the Board; Howard Pearl was named a voting member. Ned Lizotte made a motion to deny the application for reduced setbacks as presented. George Saunderson seconded the motion. Mr. Lizotte referred to page 2 of the September minutes, reading "Mr. Davis said that was fine, he thought he'd ask, and would build houses that fit the lots. Mr. Pearl pointed out that Mr. Davis had shown building setbacks on his plans for Ilona Lane and asked why the setbacks weren't shown on this subdivision. Mr. Davis said it was an omission, nothing deliberate, and that Web Stout did it and he is not someone you can bully around to do something. Mr. Davis said he knew this question would come up and that he had looked at it too and honestly thought they were on there." Mr. Lizotte stated that he spoke with Web Stout earlier today and had asked Mr. Stout if he had done conventional subdivision plans for this parcel. Mr. Lizotte said Mr. Stout told him he was not asked to do a conventional plan. He reported that Mr. Stout also told him that he was directed not to put the setbacks on the plans. He said that Mr. Stout told him in his business all the plans that he does and registers have side setbacks shown with the exception of Mr. Davis's. Mr. Lizotte said there appear to be a lot of inconsistencies.

Roy Maxfield said he would take this one step further and referred to the existing house on Lot 001. Mr. Maxfield said the Board should clarify their position that it would require a 50' setback from Lovejoy or a setback reduction so they don't get confused with someone else thinking front setback on a piece of property as they deem appropriate. He said it is very clear in the Ordinance that front means front, facing a major road, and that is the way it has been interpreted since the Ordinance has been in existence. Mr. Maxfield said he would agree that each lot should be acted on individually. He said the property owner or developer of each lot should come before the ZBA if the need of special exception is there. Howard Pearl stated that he clearly has concerns on granting relief on every lot in the subdivision, saying he understands the drainage concerns with the driveways but would like to see houses designed for the lots rather than having to grant special exceptions for all of them. Dave Powelson asked if it is the Board's finding that their interpretation of front setback would be to the road with the frontage, the major traveled road. Mr. Pearl said yes, he thinks it is very clearly spelled out. There was discussion about frontage, corner lots, and was stated that it is clearly addressed in the Ordinance. Mr. Powelson verified that the Board finds that this is where the front setback should be measured from. The Board agreed that the front setback is from the road of the frontage.

Chairman Powelson stated there are 16 questions that Mr. Davis has answered and

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in order for the Board to grant the special exception they have to find if he has met all 16 criteria for a special exception. Ned Lizotte said he made his motion to deny based on the application. Mr. Powelson said if the Board finds that Mr. Davis has not met all 16 criteria then they have to deny. The chairman said he feels it would be good to go through the criteria to determine where Mr. Davis appears to meet and where he appears not to meet the criteria.

Roy Maxfield stated it appears that the applicant is asking for a blank check and there's nowhere in the Zoning Ordinance that allows that. Mr. Maxfield said the Board is not seeing the lot designs and when looking at the section about its impact on adjacent setbacks in the neighborhood he noted that the older houses on the road are all well back from the road so it would appear that Mr. Davis is not meeting the criteria. He stated that this house (Lot 001) is the only house within 75' of the road all the way up through Lovejoy, and he said there is no reason to grant a special exception when there are plenty of available opportunities for Mr. Davis to provide adequate frontage. George Saunderson stated that he would agree, citing section 204.5 (6, 7, and probably 9). Mr. Saunderson noted that not only are there aggrieved and complaining neighbors, there also is not a plot plan with setbacks on it and he does not see how the Board can do anything but deny the application. Chairman Powelson read from page 2, Section 1 of the application, #1 "Special Exception is specifically authorized in Article II or III of the Loudon Zoning Ordinance," asking if it is or is not allowed by the ordinance. Roy Maxfield said no, they are looking at 15 lots with no opportunity to make sure this is consistent, to make sure abutters are not affected, and to make sure that this is not going to diminish conditions...it is a blank check with no understanding of what impact that is going to cause. He said this needs to be looked at on a case by case basis. The chairman asked if the Board agreed. All said yes.

Chairman Powelson asked the Board to consider item #2. Howard Pearl said there are abutters that feel it would be detrimental. Ned Lizotte said he agreed. Chairman Powelson read each item. #3 Dave Powelson said he does not think so specific to the special exception. Roy Maxfield said he is not sure they know the answers as this is a blanket request. #4 Dave Powelson said apparently it does not appear to be. #5 Ned Lizotte said he is not sure they would know that at this point. Dave Powelson said he does not think the special exception would affect the amount of traffic. #6 Roy Maxfield said they don't know because it is a

blanket request and are not looking at individual pieces of property. #7 The Board feels this is unknown. The chairman continued on to Section 2 of the application. #1 Ned Lizotte said he thinks the closeness of the lots would diminish light, air and space. #2 This is unknown. #3 It was felt that it will most likely increase storm runoff or drainage as the drainage has to go somewhere. #4 George Saunderson said they have some neighbors who think this would adversely affect abutting property values. #5 Chairman Powelson stated that Mr. Davis indicated on the application that this would actually increase the versatility of design for future homes in the subdivision. #6 Dave Powelson said everything in the area seems to have fairly substantial setbacks. #7 Roy Maxfield said no, this is not consistent with other setbacks in the neighborhood. #8 Roy Maxfield said if looking at the back lots, they don't know. #9 George Saunderson asked how far into the future the Board is supposed to look.

Chairman Powelson said he had tallied the responses on the application for special exception and has several "don't know," a sure NO on #6, a sure NO on #7, and a NO for blanket for every lot in the subdivision. The Board agreed that they were ready to vote. It was asked that the motion be read again. The secretary repeated the motion. The chairman asked for a roll vote. *Howard Pearl — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Roy Maxfield — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes. Unanimous, application denied.* Roy Merrill re-joined the Board.

Case #06-17, Geraldine Gowlis — Roy Maxfield made a motion to deny the application. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion. Mr. Maxfield stated that the Board told Ms. Gowlis that multi-family dwellings are not allowed and asked her to do some things such as discuss this matter with the Code Enforcement officer. He said the Board has heard other things that she had in mind such as a bed and breakfast but there has been no further action by Ms. Gowlis. Mr. Maxfield said this is in a single family district and will be a single family house. Ned Lizotte stated that the applicant should be directed to dismantle the extra kitchens. Chairman Powelson stated that was not part of the initial motion and is not sure if it has to be. Mr. Lizotte said he thinks it is appropriate for the ZBA to give some direction yet deny the application for the variance as this does not fit the Zoning Ordinance. Roy Merrill suggested that the Board could make a motion to have it brought into compliance. Roy Maxfield said that could be done. *Roy Merrill made a motion to bring the house into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion. Roy Maxfield said they should amend the initial motion to deny the application to include that the*

house be brought into compliance. That was seconded by Ned Lizotte. The chairman clarified that the motion was to deny the application for a variance for three kitchens and bring the house into compliance with the town's Zoning Ordinance. There was discussion about the motion and that the directive may be going beyond the Board's duty. Dave Powelson said it would appear that it would be up to Ms. Gowlis to bring the house into compliance, the Code Enforcement officer to enforce it, and the Board to act on the application as presented. The secretary stated that the Code Enforcement officer is given a copy of the notice of decision rendered by the Board. The chairman asked the secretary to read the motion back. Once the motion was read, the chairman said that acting on the application is what the Board is expected to do more so than tell Mr. Fiske to bring it into compliance. Ned Lizotte stated they are acting on the application and also enforcing that with direction for the Code Enforcement officer so that it is clear and there is no gray area. Howard Pearl asked if Mr. Fiske wouldn't know to enforce the ordinance if this application is denied by the Board. There was further discussion about the best way to ensure compliance with the Ordinance. Chairman Powelson asked the secretary to read the motion once again. The motion is to deny the application for a variance for three kitchens and bring the house into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. *The chairman called for a roll vote. George Saunderson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Roy Maxfield — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes. Unanimous, application denied.*

Case #06-20, Michael Martel — George Saunderson made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion. Chairman Powelson stated that Mr. Martel had gone through all 16 points of the application and all had been met. Howard Pearl stated that he knows Mr. Martel's property and what he is doing to the property is a definite improvement. Roy Maxfield said there is a steep slope in the back, this has been done for others in that area, and this would make sense as there are ample setbacks on the property. Dave Pow-

elson said this would be consistent with other setbacks on the lot. *He then called for a roll vote. George Saunderson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Roy Maxfield — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes. Unanimous, application approved.*

DISCUSSION:

Anthony Greska spoke about a letter he submitted to the Board requesting an extension on his building permit #06-009 issued January 3, 2006. Mr. Greska explained his circumstances as he had outlined in the letter, saying he has not been able to work due to accident-related injuries. Roy Maxfield asked what type of permit Mr. Greska was asking to extend. Mr. Greska said it is for a house and a garage to be built on Kenney Road. Roy Maxfield clarified that Mr. Greska is asking for the extension because he has not been able to get the foundation and septic completed. Mr. Maxfield stated six months is generally what has been granted for extensions. Mr. Greska said he is asking for a year because the permits begin in January and there isn't much that can be done about putting in a foundation and septic weather-wise. There was discussion about the request and what was thought to be a reasonable extension. *Roy Maxfield made a motion to extend permit #06-009 issued January 3, 2006 by one year for the purpose of getting the cellar hole and septic in due to injuries to the applicant. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.*

Chairman Powelson said the only other business to address was the November meeting. The fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving so the meeting would need to be changed to a different date. Because there is a fifth Thursday in the month this year it was suggested that the Board meet on that day, November 30th. All were in favor of the change.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Ned Lizotte; all were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White, Secretary*

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24	25 CHRISTMAS 	26 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session	27	28 7pm•Book Group. Title to be announced. Check at the Library for more information. 798-5153. 7:30pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	29	30
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