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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.

Loudon Food Pantry Update

We at the Loudon Food Pantry would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their donations and support. Organizations such as Loudon Young at Heart, Loudon Brownie Troop 45, The Girl Scouts of Canterbury, Loudon Elementary School's Turkey Trot, The Boy Scouts of Loudon Troop 30, and SonLight Christian Fellowship have been a huge help in taking it upon themselves to collect food on our behalf. Local businesses and residents have also been doing what they can to ensure that we can meet the needs of those in town. Several local businesses have even set up a donation box or collection can at their location to encourage continued support from the community. We, and the people who utilize the pantry, greatly appreciate all you have done and all you plan to do.

Since opening July 1st, the number of individuals we feed has increased dramatically. In our first month, 193 people received food from the pantry and just in this past month that number has increased to 438. On average each week, we serve about 30 households.

Without the support and help of everyone, we would not be able to hand out 60 Thanksgiving boxes with 10 days worth of food in each. We are looking forward to handing out Christmas boxes this year as well, but we are concerned that because of the short time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will have difficulty meeting the Christmas box needs. **We need your help!**

We are asking that people continue to do what they can to ensure that we do

not run out of food during this time of economic struggle. Those who wish to donate food can drop it off at Ivory Rose, 106 Beanstalk, TD Banknorth of Loudon or directly to the food pantry. The pantry itself is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. to serve those in need, but the bookkeeping business next door will accept donations any time during their business hours. The pantry is located at 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, NH 03307 (across from Loudon Garage). If you have any ideas about how to help out or want further information, you can contact us at (603) 798-3886 (we share a phone with the bookkeeping business) or email us at LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com.

Thank you for all your help! ■

Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Enforcement Blitz Continues This Holiday Season

Now that the holiday season is here Americans across the country are revving up for travel and holiday activities. For some, however, the season won't be free of cost or disaster — **Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.**

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in December 2007, 992 people were killed in crashes that involved a driver or motorcycle rider (operator) with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, which is above the legal limit in every state as well as the District of Columbia.

The human toll is only half the picture. Drunk driving is illegal in every state and the District of Columbia. If caught, violators are subjected to arrest and will spend their money on bail, court, lawyers, and towing fees instead of buying holiday presents for loved ones. That's a miserable way to end the year.

To avoid spending the holidays in a jail cell, Loudon Police Department recommends designating a sober driver and stopping friends from driving drunk as two simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. Here are others:

- **Plan ahead:** Whenever you expect to drink, designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys.

- If you're impaired, call a taxi or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
 - Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement.
 - Wearing your seat belt is your best defense against an impaired driver.
- There is no excuse for impaired driving that will satisfy a police officer or

a court. Do the right thing this holiday season and throughout the year. The next time you decide to put your pedal to the metal, think first. As the old cliché goes, the life you save just may be your own — **Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.**

For more information, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org. ■

Loudon PTA's Annual Breakfast With Santa!

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Breakfast 8-10

Cookie Walk & Craft Fair 'til Noon

Loudon Elementary School

\$5.00 per person or \$20 max per family



- Homemade pancakes, real maple syrup, sausage, juice, and coffee.
- Visits with Santa — bring your camera!
- Quarter Raffle
- Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

If you would like to donate an item or rent a craft table (\$15 plus donation to raffle), please contact Cindy Labonte at 783-0464.

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 7:00 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.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Open Wednesdays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. or for emergencies.
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 798-3886 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives

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Maureen Baxley: PO Box 67, Andover, NH 03216. 682-3782
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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 Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

Classified Ads are available. Please mail your ad copy, along with a check payable to LCC, to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. A 1–3 line, 1-column ad will cost \$10. A 4–5 line, 1-column ad costs \$15.

“The Loudon Ledger” 2009 Schedule

January 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 12/22

February 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/19

March 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/16

April 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/20 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/23

May 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/20

June 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/18

July 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/22

August 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/20

September 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/17

October 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/21

November 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/19

December 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/16

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs.

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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

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Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor • Tom Stevens, Minister of Youth

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcfc-loudon.org

Fall, Winter, and Spring Hours (Sept.–May):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • *Sunday School:* 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours (June, July & August):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (no Sunday School classes)

Prayer Meeting: Weds. 6:30 p.m. • *Pioneer Club:* Weds. 6:30 p.m. (ages 3–5th grade)

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. • *Youth Group:* Sun. 6:00 p.m.

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries. Please call the church

office for more details. Office Hours: 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Tues., Weds., Thurs.

Email: phyllis.minery@fcfc-loudon.org

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (New Beginnings Class:

for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions

and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children’s Church Provided)

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. • *Master Club:* Weds. 6:30–8 p.m. (ages 5–6th grade)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying

verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • *Saturday Youth Group:* 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road. 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.

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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.

Wednesday, 7–9 p.m.: **Family Night.** Small groups for men, women,

teens, and kids.

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

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

phyllish@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) *Jr. Kids Church* (2-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

Early Evening: House Churches. (Call the church or visit our website for a location near you.)

Tuesdays: *Children’s Bible Quizzing* (Grades 1–6). 5:30–6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesdays: *Youth Group* (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. [Brian Bollinger/Rick Smith]

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors

(50+) called OASIS.

Please visit our website or call the church office for details.

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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

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

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse Features Guitarist Julie Kinscheck Saturday, Dec. 6

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse at Loudon Congregational Church will be open for its next concert performance on Saturday, December 6. Julie Kinscheck, singer-songwriter guitarist from Massachusetts will be performing her original music. Kinscheck, a graduate of the Berklee School of Music, plays a unique blend of vocal jazz improvisation, folk, and new country. Her upbeat groove is a favorite of audiences of all ages. You can check out her sound at www.juliekinscheck.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the music starts at 7:00. Admission is free; however, the coffeehouse does solicit an offering for the benefit of the musicians who perform. Coffee and other refreshments will be available at reasonable prices.

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is a community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church, and holds concerts on the first Saturday of each month, featuring a relaxed, cafe-style setting, good, simple refreshments, and skilled musical artists of faith performing in all styles. A fun, safe, substance-free, positive environment for youth and adults, GraveRobbers promotes warm community interaction and provides a venue for persons of faith in the arts.

Loudon Congregational Church and GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is located at 7018 Church Street in Loudon Village. For more information, please call the church at 783-9478, or visit www.loudoncongregational.org and click on the GraveRobbers Coffeehouse link.

Sneak peek: Coming up on Saturday, January 3rd will be 2008 Soulfest performers Borderline Eleven; fresh young rock from Hooksett, NH. Check them out at www.borderlineeleven.com and plan to see them at GraveRobbers right after the new year! ■

Loudon Congregational Church’s Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

Loudon Congregational Church will celebrate Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24th. Individuals and families are welcome to come and worship with carols and candlelight! The LCC facility is located at 7018 Church Street in Loudon Village. For further information, please call 783-9478. ■

December Happenings at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m.

A family Christmas service. There will be various presentations from our children. If you are looking for a church for your family, this will be a great time to visit. Following the service will be our monthly potluck dinner. Come and be our guests.

Sunday, Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m.

A Christmas Concert: “Pieces of Grace” will be performed by the Lowell Massachusetts First Church of the Nazarene’s Jazz Band. Everyone is invited to this no charge event. A love offering will be taken for the performers.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:00–7:00 p.m.

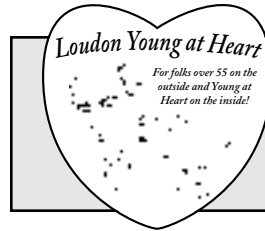
Christmas Eve Service Candlelight Service. ■





Congratulations, Joseph!

Joseph Baylus, 9, of Loudon, won the Gold Medal for sparring at the American Tae Kwon Do Championships at Southern New Hampshire University on November 1st. This tournament included several schools from all around New England. Joey has been doing Tae Kwon Do for 3 years at Capital City Tae Kwon Do in Concord and is testing for his Junior Black Belt in January. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

At our regular meeting on November 12th, we welcomed Sheila King from the Community Services Council. She spoke to us concerning dementia/Alzheimers Disease and the concerns of caregivers of those people. She had hand-outs and invited us to visit their facility.

Surveys were distributed to the members asking for their opinions on future trips that we may take. The larger numbers of the survey results are as follows: fees in the \$16.00 to \$25.00 range, 2 hour one-way trip, and destinations Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and Warner Indian Museum. Many other items in these categories will also be considered.

The food items that the members brought in were boxed up and delivered to the Food Pantry by Stanley and Maureen Prescott. Door prizes of \$10.00 each were won by Janet Brown and Peg Rice. Henry Frost said a Christmas concert will be held at the Richard Brown House on December 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at the Richard Brown House on Tuesday, December 9th at 10:00 a.m. Members will be called and asked to bring either a main dish, casserole or dessert. The Planning Committee members will each bring a salad and one or two table centerpieces. We will sing Christmas Carols along with the piano accompaniment. We get right into it and have a great time. We may be older, but we still know how to have a good time. Ledgeview has graciously agreed to donate poinsettias for door prizes. Gee, I hope I win one! ■



Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic on December 23 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m.–noon. 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. For a ride in Loudon, call 798-5203.

Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering an affordable walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages on Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 from 1:00– 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 from 2:30– 4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are held 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 Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics: Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10:30–11:30 a.m. at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers blood pressure screenings in the areas that it serves. 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.

Men's Grief Discussion Group Offered

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer a Men's Grief Discussion Group on Friday, December 19 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant Street, Concord. There is no registration or fee to attend. Continental breakfast is provided. For additional information, please contact Laurie Brooks at 224-4093 ext 2826. ■

**Deadline for the January 2009 "Ledger":
Friday, December 19, 2008**



Left to right: Tianna VanderWoude, Amanda Nagle, Seth Tilton-Fogg, L.J. Burleigh, Britnee Cowan, Spencer Peck, Nick VanderWoude and Michelle Stover.

Loudon Students Compete in Indianapolis

Members of the Winnisquam FFA Chapter tested their skills in the Parliamentary Procedure and Floriculture Career Development Events (CDE's) at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana during the week of October 21st. Two members of the Parliamentary Procedure Team are siblings from Loudon – Tianna and Nick VanderWoude. The team, chaired by Tianna, won a silver emblem for New Hampshire. The parliamentary procedure event challenges participants to solve a parliamentary problem while utilizing certain abilities in front of a large audience and panel of judges. Contestants are also required to take a written test.

The above are just two examples of the twenty-three CDE's in which students practiced the lessons learned in agriculture classes at the 81st National FFA Convention. The convention was attended by over 54,000 students, teachers, parents, and supporters of the FFA from across the United States. Currently thirteen Merrimack Valley High School Students attend the Winnisquam Agriculture Center daily for one or more agriculture classes. ■



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NH MOTOR SPEEDWAY HOSTS HALLOWEEN HAUNTING

By Debbie Kardaseski

For over ten years, NH International Speedway — now NH Motor Speedway — has hosted a Halloween party and haunted house for local children. Not having small children, I've never had a reason to visit this annual event. This year I decided to pay them a visit.

The entire week leading up to the party is spent creating a very scary haunted house in one of the garages in the infield at the track. Led by Bruce Stone, VP of Services, a large crew of volunteers from the Speedway, along with local volunteers, work hard to create the scariest, creepiest, eeriest haunted house tour they can build. I was given a tour of the haunted house as it was being constructed and, even knowing what was coming, it was still pretty scary the night I went through on a real tour! I was especially impressed by the "gentleman" chasing me with a chainsaw! Eeeek. It took over thirty volunteers to staff the haunted house for the three hours it was open. They did a great job.

For the faint of heart and small children, the Speedway has tamer entertainment. The garage next to the haunted house is the scene of a huge Halloween party. Several hundred folks are treated to snacks, pizza, games, and a costume parade. Children from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade show off their best costumes while competing for bicycles. Bikes are awarded to the boy and girl in each grade judged to be wearing the best costume. Other winners receive trophies. The competition was stiff and I'm glad I didn't have to make the final decision.

This was a fun-filled — and spooky — event and a huge "thank you" goes out to all who helped make it possible. ■



Clockwise from top right: The Halloween Party was well attended by little ghouls, goblins, princesses, and pirates. Right, middle: Costumed kids wait in line for their turn to parade in front of the judges. Right, bottom: Tables featured detailed centerpieces with ghoulish themes. Bottom, left: This little guy couldn't decide between Spider Man and Bob the Builder so he opted for a bit of both (Spider the Builder?). Above: The people waiting in line for the Haunted House were greeted by a gargoyle whose wings moved and eyes lit up.

T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

Welcome to the Holidays. 'Tis the Season to Be...Stressed?

The holidays are here, which brings feelings of love, peace, and stress! We've made it through Thanksgiving, now our days are filled with shopping, wrapping, shipping, cooking, decorating, traveling, entertaining and family squabbles. All of these take money and time, which no one ever seems to have enough of.

Each year, millions of people suffer from increased stress and tension during the holidays. Much of this stress can be avoided, however. I came across a report written by Dr. Orman who specializes in stress elimination. I thought I would share some of his holiday stress tips with you.

Causes of Holiday Stress

Social and Personal Expectations

Social expectations are a huge source of stress for many people. The holiday season is not a happy time for everyone. And not everyone feels in a partying mood all the time.

Yet just about everyone feels compelled to look and feel merry during the holidays. This is a form of social pressure that can be very stressful, especially if you happen to be in an emotional down cycle at the time.

In addition to social pressures, watch out for intrapsychic pressures (no, I don't mean two psychics talking with each other) deep within you. Often, people believe something is wrong with them if they don't feel merry or if they aren't in a celebratory mood. Or they become angry and frustrated when their own expectations of how the holidays are "supposed to be celebrated" don't get realized.

Watch out for these and other unrealistic expectations. They're a common cause of holiday stress for many, many people.

Too Many Responsibilities

Be careful during the holidays not to over commit. Don't take on more than you can comfortably handle, and stop trying to be Superman or Superwoman by doing it all yourself.

But don't just assume that family members or other people will help you out with added responsibilities, unless you discuss this with them first and get their agreement. And remember: scheduling too many parties, too many extra activities, and too many family obliga-

tions can put a big strain not just on you, but on your family as well.

Expecting Others To Behave As You Prefer

Expecting others to behave, as you prefer during the holidays is another sure fire way to end up feeling stressed. Please, please avoid this. And if you do catch yourself trying to fulfill this unrealistic goal, stop yourself immediately.

Always remind yourself that your own opinions, attitudes, and "rules" for celebrating the holidays might not be shared by other individuals.

Your personal history and past experiences regarding the holidays will most likely differ from those of your spouse, your friends, or even other relatives. To expect others around you to think, feel, and behave as you would, therefore, is useless.

Unpleasant Memories

Many people have bad memories of past holiday seasons. Perhaps a friend or close family member died, a valued

relationship came to an end, or some other crisis occurred.

Under these circumstances, it's not uncommon for negative memories to resurface during the holidays. This can be disconcerting, since it's generally assumed that everyone should feel "good" or "happy" at this time of year.

Even positive memories of past holiday seasons can be stressful. If you're not having a good time now, and you compare your present experiences to how you felt in previous years, you can end up feeling worse.

In addition, if a child, loved one, or other valued person has died or otherwise left you, happy memories of past holidays with them can put a damper on your joy.

Blaming Yourself or Others When Things Go Wrong

During the holidays, there are many opportunities for things to go "wrong." Thus, our automatic pattern of BLAME will get triggered more often. Watch out for this insidious cause of stress, not

just during the holidays, but all year long as well.

Failing To Anticipate Likely Problems and Delays

Another common cause of stress during the holidays is FAILING TO ANTICIPATE LIKELY PROBLEMS AND DELAYS. During most of the year, this pattern comes into play when we schedule our daily activities too closely, when we don't anticipate certain problems and plan contingencies for them, or when we don't allow enough time to travel between destinations or important meetings.

During the holidays, this pattern centers around letting things go until the very last minute. Since thousands of other people do the same, an enormous wave of last-minute shoppers usually pours out to flood all the roads, malls, and shopping centers.

Many of these last-minute shoppers return home feeling angry, frustrated, and totally exhausted from fighting all the crowds. But if they had anticipated this likely problem—and avoided it by shopping earlier or during less busy hours—much of this holiday stress could have been eliminated.

Also, letting things go until the last minute puts added pressure on you (and other people) to get more done in any given day. This added stress could also be avoided by simply accomplishing just a few tasks every day, over a longer period of time.

Using Food, Drugs, or Alcohol To Cope With Stress

During stressful times, many people turn to food, drugs, alcohol, or other chemical substances to cope with their stress. These coping strategies remain very popular for one important reason—THEY WORK!—at least in the short run. They aren't good coping strategies for the long run, however. And even as short term measures, they can cause serious problems such as car accidents, family blow-ups, injuries at work, etc.

The problem with these coping strategies during the holidays is that THEY ARE ALL SOCIALLY SANCTIONED! Wherever you go, food and alcoholic beverages will be plentiful, and you'll be encouraged to partake of them in large quantities.



What a great way to have fun and deal with your stress at the same time. Right?

Wrong. If you're suffering from increased stress levels during the holidays, don't turn to food, drink, or drugs for relief. Not only will these make you fat, obnoxious, and intoxicated, but more importantly, they will shield you from learning how to deal with the deeper causes of your problems. As a result, you'll end up in the same boat again, needing to rely upon these substances every future holiday season.

So force yourself to find other strategies. The knowledge you'll gain by doing this will be very useful to you for many years to come.

Expecting Things to Go Well

Expecting things to always go well, or always go as you planned, during the holidays (or any time of year) is an excellent way to end up feeling stressed.

A better approach is to adopt the attitude that no matter how things might go, **YOU'LL MAKE THE BEST OF WHATEVER HAPPENS.**

People Who Are Single, Divorced, Widowed, or Separated

If you are single, divorced, widowed, or recently separated, it's not uncommon to feel unhappy or depressed during the holiday season. With all the images of couples and families enjoying themselves together, it's easy to feel that you're missing out on all the fun (or worse, that something's wrong with you because you're alone).

Unrealistic expectations, social pressures, painful memories, and other causes of holiday stress can be much more intense for people who are alone. Family members, children, and friends can often make matters worse by not responding appropriately to your situation, or by not visiting you at all during the holiday season.

You can remind yourself, every day, that there's nothing wrong with being single during the holidays. You have just as much right to celebrate and have a good time (whether you choose to be alone or with others) as anyone else.

Just because the whole world buys into the "happy family" mystique, you don't have to let this get you down.

How to Deal With Financial Stress During The Holidays

The last issue I'd like to discuss is the problem of financial stress during the holidays.

Financial difficulties are a great source of stress for many couples, families, and individuals throughout the year. During the holiday season, many of these financial problems come to the forefront.

Many couples, for example, struggle with money decisions all year long. During the holidays, issues such as: How much do we spend? Do we go into debt? And who makes the final decisions? can be particularly stressful.

Some years financial problems may only surface under extreme conditions, such as the loss of one's job, a big loss in business, or some other failed financial venture.

The American Psychological Association released recent survey results that suggest money issues top the list of causes for holiday stress. The survey found that **61 percent of Americans listed lack of money as the top cause of holiday stress**, followed by the pressures of gift-giving, lack of time and credit-card debt.

If year after year, you know it's going to be a struggle; my best advice is to plan ahead.

Stick to a budget: Before you go shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend on gifts and other items. Then be sure to stick to your budget. If you don't, you could feel anxious and tense for months afterward as you struggle to pay the bills. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts, give homemade gifts or start a family gift exchange.

Once you have a healthy financial system in place, you should be able to handle any increased financial pressures during the holidays.

I hope you have a wonderful stress free holiday season!

Source: www.stresscure.com, American Psychological Association, www.mayoclinic.com.

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured?

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Play It Safe: Put On The Orange!

Whether you're hunting, hiking or out for a stroll with the dog, put on an item of highly visible blaze orange clothing when you're out enjoying the great outdoors this time of year. Be aware of hunting seasons and prepare to share the woods. To make sure you can be seen, hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts should wear a fluorescent orange hat, vest or jacket. Consider decking the dog out with a colorful bandana. To play it safe, put on the orange!

New Hampshire's hunting seasons are underway, including the season that brings the most hunters into the field, firearms hunting for deer, which began November 12 and runs through through December 7 (except in northern New Hampshire, where it runs November 14–30 in Wildlife Management Unit A).

"Wearing hunter orange has definitely been shown to decrease hunting incidents across the country," said Tom Flynn, Manager of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness. "It's especially important for hunters, because the overwhelming majority of hunting-related incidents involve members of the same hunting party, not nonhunters. Along with wearing blaze orange, the top safety rules for hunters are controlling the muzzle of your gun at all times and positively identifying your target and what's beyond 100 percent of the time."

New Hampshire has an excellent record for hunting safety. The average yearly number of hunting incidents in the state has gone steadily down since the 1960s. Progress in reducing hunting-related incidents can be attributed to both the widespread use of blaze orange clothing and mandatory hunter education. The first hunter education law was passed in New Hampshire in 1963, and hunter education became a requirement for all first-time hunters in the state in 1977. The 1960s saw an average of 21.4 incidents per year in New Hampshire. Fewer incidents have occurred each decade since, with an average of 4 incidents (not fatalities) per year from 1993 to 2007. Serious incidents are even more rare — only three hunting-related fatalities have occurred in the state in the last 15 years (this includes a man who had a heart attack while hunting).

For more information on dates and details of N.H. hunting seasons, online license sales, or to download the N.H. Hunting Digest, visit:

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Loudon Recreation Committee: Lots of Plans for The Future!

The Loudon Recreation Committee put together a ballroom dance class in October and it was so successful that another five week program started in November! We are glad that so many individuals were able to enjoy their experience! Thank you again to ballroom dance instructor, Ann Wilson with the Traveling Dance Studio for your instruction. Future classes will be considered if there is continued interest.

New Playground Equipment!!!!

The Loudon Recreation Committee, with help and additional funds from Loudon Youth Athletic Association, purchased and installed new playground equipment at the recreation fields area next to the Homer LaBonte Tennis Courts. A team of volunteers from both organizations met on November 8th and got the job done. The children of Loudon (and parents, too) thank all the volunteers for their time in making this safer equipment possible.

Two Crochet Classes Offered

The Loudon Recreation Committee has teamed up with instructor Brian McGaunn to offer two crochet

classes. A one-day Beginner Crochet class is being offered as well as a Learn to Crochet a Sampler Afghan which is a five-week course. Details on both can be found on the registration form which can be printed from the website www.loudonnh.org. The courses will be held in January, so the class also makes a great gift idea. If you have always wanted to try it, please staple the flyer to your Christmas wish list. Students must register in advance. The class maximum is 8 and minimum of 4 — reserve your spot now as registrations will be open until the class is full. If you have any questions, or for more information about instructor Brian McGaunn and his work, please visit his blog at <http://brileyknits.blogspot.com/> or email brileycat8@hotmail.com. Phone call questions can be directed to Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Committee Chair at 435-5193. A registration form may be found on page 18 of this issue of *The Loudon Ledger*.

Winter Carnival 2009

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 21st is the date for Winter Carnival fun for all!! We will share more details in the January issue, but are always

looking for help on the day of the event, if you can help please let us know!!

Keep checking the website as we may have program opportunities come up between issues of *The Loudon Ledger*.

Do You Have Ideas?

We are always looking for new and exciting program ideas! Please feel free to share yours at any time! Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print and return the event/activity survey form.

Would You Like to Help?

The Loudon Recreation Committee is always looking for help. The Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Maxfield Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out. If you can't attend the meetings, but would like to get placed on our email contact list for volunteering at specific events, please email Alicia Grimaldi at affirmhealth@yahoo.com. ■

Time to Sign Up for Snowmobile Safety Class

Winter fun is right around the corner, and now is the time to sign up for snowmobile education classes offered across the state. Any child under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult when operating a snowmobile unless they are on property belonging to their parents, grandparents or guardians. Additionally, any person over the age of 12 must have either a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License or have successfully completed an approved Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Safety Education class taught by Fish and Game-trained volunteer instructors. Most classes are offered in November and December, with a few in early January. There is no

charge for the class, which is usually completed in a single day. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their children.

For a current class schedule, visit www.ride.nh.gov.

"Snowmobiling is a great way for families to get outside and have fun," said Major Timothy Acerno, who coordinates Fish and Game's OHRV Education Program. "But riders also have a responsibility to obey the rules of the trails, to be courteous and — most of all — to ride safely."

Many of the trained volunteer instructors teaching the safety classes are affiliated with one of the more than 100 snowmobile clubs in New Hamp-

shire. "Joining a snowmobile club is a great way to learn about safe riding and help maintain trails for your own and others' enjoyment," Acerno said, noting that club membership also gives riders a \$30 break on snowmobile registration fees.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and its member clubs have actively promoted safe and responsible riding since 1969. NHSA members work with Fish and Game to manage over 6,800 miles of trails in New Hampshire and provide safety education to more than 2,500 young riders each year. For more information

on how to become involved with a snowmobile club, visit www.nhsa.com.

In addition to safety education, this winter Fish and Game Conservation Officers will continue to use innovative enforcement patrols to detect and apprehend impaired snowmobile operators, and will be conducting enhanced speed enforcement and modified exhaust patrols. These ongoing initiatives will help to keep the state's snowmobile trails safe for all outdoor enthusiasts during the upcoming season.

For snowmobile safety class listings and more, visit www.ride.nh.gov. ■

D.A.R.E. NEWS

Corporal Jason S. Fiske, D.A.R.E. Instructor

This year's D.A.R.E. Program will begin January 9, 2009. The course is 10 weeks, with 9 weeks of class and the last week being graduation.

I'm enthusiastic about this program and look forward to working with the students at the Loudon Elementary School as well as the staff. Not only does this program teach the children about drug and alcohol abuse, it teaches them some life skills and to resist peer pressure that they will undoubtedly face when moving on to Middle School.

We would like to thank the many supporters of this program. We have one fundraiser, D.A.R.E. Pizza Night with a raffle held in March. The money raised at this event is supplemented by various donations from individuals and businesses. There are also many individuals that donate to this program throughout the year and we appreciate all who contribute.

I look forward to continuing my position as the D.A.R.E. Instructor to the Loudon Elementary School fifth grade classes. If you have any questions regarding this program, I encourage you to contact me at the Loudon Police Station at 798-5521. ■

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Single Stream Recycling Update — Part 2

By Steve Bennett, Loudon Recycling Committee

Last month we gave a basic explanation of how Single Stream Recycling has reached its current position in the field of processing recyclable materials. The question most of us soon have is “who receives the money from the sale of all these materials?” Unfortunately, this is usually not a simple “black or white” answer.

In a typical Single Stream operation, the facility that sorts and sells the recycled materials shares the revenue with the towns or cities which supply the facility with loads of unsorted materials. The amount of revenue the municipalities receive depends on many factors — quality of the materials, volume of the materials, variations with individual contracts, etc., and most importantly, the strength of the market at the time. Typical revenues paid to participating towns/cities in a Single Stream operation are \$10–\$20 per ton for delivered recyclable materials. Most people say — “we can get much more than this if we process the material ourselves. Why would we have someone else do it?” The answer is that the financial benefit of Single Stream Recycling is usually not in revenue, but in cost avoidance. For example, a municipality saves a considerable amount in labor costs, electricity, equipment purchasing and maintenance, etc., by not sorting/handling these materials themselves.

Shortly after the original proposal to build a recycling facility for our trash Co-op, individual cost analysis was done on all 27 member-towns/cities to determine potential benefit or loss if they became part of the project. As engineers had previously suggested, the larger communities had greater potential benefits. Some small towns were projected to have a financial loss. The reasons for this financial difference are usually apparent — many small towns have very efficient recycling programs in effect already, and a large percentage of their residents recycle. Most of these towns have some type of incentive to increase recycling (either mandatory recycling or pay-as-you-throw). In a recent study, 20% of New Hampshire’s approximate 230 municipalities are currently using a pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) trash program. This is where residents pay for the trash they dispose of, either by paying per pound or by purchasing trash bags that are the only ones accepted at their local transfer station. Also, small towns are able to be open less hours, and use part-time employees or volunteer help. They are less likely to have large apartment buildings or busi-

nesses, which can make recycling impractical or difficult.

Conversely, cities usually have trash pick-up, which makes recycling more of a challenge. There simply isn’t a good way for residents to separate and collect the individual materials and get them to a collection center. Many city residents do not see the need to recycle. After all, they just put their trash out once a week and it’s gone! What could be simpler? This attitude isn’t only common in urban areas. The sad truth is that the majority of people do not choose to recycle. Most of us need a little prodding to start. The belief that “it’s just the right thing to do” is not enough for many people.

Living in New Hampshire, we tend to take our freedoms seriously. We don’t want to be told we have to do some-

company of Wheelabrator.) Waste Management, Cassella, Best Way, and other companies in the waste-handling business have considered or are currently considering building Single Stream Recycling facilities in our area. If the members of the Co-op were to simply take our recyclable materials to their facility, they would be able to raise our costs at any time, leaving us unable to control our own financial situation. Because the Co-op would be competing with these companies for recyclable material, it is important to get commitments from other towns, cities, or businesses to bring their materials to us in the early stages of this developing market. To operate effectively (meaning to show a profit), an independent business would need many more tons of delivered recyclable

being the one to build and operate it will give us much greater control of our future trash disposal costs. (Loudon’s membership in the Co-op has served us well, as we continue to benefit from one of the lowest tipping fees in the state.) Because the 27 Co-op members do not currently produce enough material to supply the approximate 25,000 tons per year required as a minimum to make such a facility feasible, other towns would be brought into the group as “associate” members. They would receive revenue for their material as well, but at a lower percentage than original member communities.

There are, of course, some risks associated with a venture of this type. If the minimum tonnage required to operate cannot be contracted, the facility would not be built. The construction of the facility (estimated at more than \$10 million) would come from funds already put aside at the Co-op. If the facility should shut down, member towns would have to find alternatives to dispose of their recyclable materials. It is always possible that the prices for recycled commodities could fall well below current averages, resulting in losses of revenue (although in this situation, most towns would still be better off financially because it would cost less than tipping fees).

What does all this mean to the Town of Loudon? To put things in perspective, Loudon currently pays about \$165,000 per year for tipping fees. It is estimated the 2008 tipping fee of \$42.55/ton will climb to \$60.00/ton in 2 to 3 years. This means an annual cost of over \$230,000. We would be unwise not to try to reduce this growing cost to our residents. At the present time, one of the best ways to do this is with the support of the construction of a Single Stream Recycling Facility by our Co-op. When Single Stream Recycling is utilized, recycling rates virtually always increase, and when used in municipalities with trash pick-up (usually cities), the rates often double.

This March at Town Meeting we will be asked to vote whether or not we want Loudon to participate in the project to construct and support a Single Stream Recycling Facility. Though not an easy decision, it will affect our future greatly regarding how we handle our recyclable materials, and is therefore important to give careful consideration. ■



materials than our Co-op. Where the Co-op is using 25,000 tons of material per year as a minimum, most private

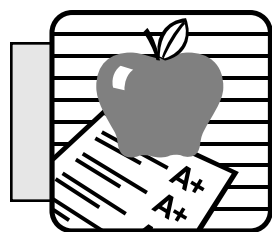
companies believe they need over 100,000 tons per year to justify such a facility. Remember, the Co-op is a non-profit organization, which simply needs to offer its members the lowest cost possible for trash disposal. A Single Stream Recycling facility is currently seen as the best way to accomplish this, by reducing the amount of trash the municipalities have to pay for disposing of at the incinerator.

With the strong possibility of a Single Stream facility being built by someone soon in this area, many Co-op members believe having the Co-op

thing if we can’t see the clear benefit. And we certainly don’t want to have to pay for it! This is often the case when it comes to trash disposal. A large advantage of Single Stream Recycling is that it increases recycling rates by making the process easier for everyone — without forcing people to pay an additional amount. Residents still would have the choice of recycling or not. (While PAYT programs have consistently proven to increase recycling rates, there is usually resistance to using them because of the “I already pay taxes; now they want me to pay more!” rational.)

Besides being the right thing to do environmentally, recycling is rapidly becoming the smart thing to do financially. Tipping fees (the cost per ton to dump our household trash at the incinerator in Penacook) are projected to begin rising substantially in the next couple of years. Most of this increase is due to higher operating costs of the incinerator’s owner, Wheelabrator. (Waste Management Inc. is the parent





Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

Santa's Breakfast & Craft Fair!

It's that time of year again that all citizens of Loudon look forward to! The annual breakfast with Santa and craft fair will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be located in both the LES cafeteria and gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you there!

Important Dates

December 4	PTA meeting
December 9	Environmental Kids club 3:30–4:30
December 12	Mid marks close
December 13	Breakfast with Santa & Craft fair
December 19	Mid-terms issued
December 22–	
January 2	School closed for Holiday Vacation

MV Middle School

Important Dates

December 10	Winter concert 7p.m.
December 11	Winter concert snow date
December 12	Dance 7–9 p.m.
December 19	Hat day
December 22–	
January 2	School closed for Holiday Vacation

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

New Technology!

Web2School provides secure browser-based access for guardians to view grade and attendance information. A guardian logging into the program sees only those students to whom the guardian is linked. Guardian access provides an additional method of communication between schools and guardians by giving them up-to-the-minute information on their children.

Letters were mailed home the week of 10/27 giving parents their personal log in and password along with detailed information on how to access their child's information. If you didn't receive a letter or are having difficulty please email Marla Miller mmiller@mv.k12.nh.us for assistance.

Any academic issues should be directed to the teacher or your student's guidance counselor.

To contact the teacher, click on their name in the "Assignments" page to email them.

Library News

MVMS Library Summer Reading Challenge readers read over 140 books this summer and were rewarded at a celebration of snacks and prizes for their efforts! Reading programs are now underway for all grades in the library with great new titles and rewards. All 6th grade students participated in Library orientations and borrowing by all students has been heavy — averaging over 90 books a day! Upcoming events include a Mock Election in late October and Book Fair Nov. 3rd–7th.

The MVMS Mock Election results 75% turnout with the winner: Obama, 325 votes and McCain, 144 votes.

Up-to-Date Information Available

Please check the MVMS website often for up-to-date assignments, sports schedules, MVMS News letter and school delays/closings: <http://mvms.mv.k12.nh.us/>

Upcoming Events

Yearbook Orders Due	12/1
NWEA Testing	12/2
Quarter 2 Progress Reports	12/5
Music Concert	12/10 7:00 @ HS
Chess Club	begins in December. <i>See Mr. Krajcik</i>
Ski Snowboard Club.	<i>See Mr. Krajcik</i>

Take Charge of Education Program

Take Charge of Education, families, teachers and members of the community have an easy way to raise money for their school. When they sign up and designate an eligible K–12 school, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase they make with their REDcard (Target Visa, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card) to that school. Take Charge of Education dollars are donated to schools twice a year. Over the past 11 years, schools have used the funds for whatever they needed, whether it was books, field trips, new technology or school supplies. Take Charge of Education is part of Target's broad commitment to education and is designed to enhance educational efforts for children in communities across the country.

MVHS News

Congratulations to all of our fall athletes for a terrific season! Class I Field Hockey Champions, Girl's Cross Country Team state Runner up and first MV Girl's team to qualify for the New England meet, First winning season in MV Football, Boys soccer team advanced to the quarter finals, Ian and Travis Landry named to all-state golf team. Plus, students, coaches and parents displayed outstanding sportsmanship at every event. Thanks for supporting our co-curricular program!!

Political Action Club News:

On October 2, the Political Action Club hosted gubernatorial candidate, Senator Joe Kenney. The Senator spoke to the students about his campaign for governor. He fielded questions from the students, and as usual, our students asked pertinent and thoughtful questions. Our school also hosted a fall visit from Governor Lynch as he toured the Woodchip Heating Facility. Submitted by Advisor Pam Ean.

National Art Honor Society News:

The following students were recently: Margaret Jones, *President*; Brooke Bucknam-Zwick, *Vice President*; Meaghan Jackson, *Secretary*; Aimee Phillips, *Treasurer*; Tyler Reagan, *Fundraiser*; SunMi Scheinler, *Events Coordinator*; Abby Bergeron, Katie Bishop, Laurynn Chalifour, Katie Chase, Elizabeth House, Tori House, Sam Laliberte, Tasha Leary, William Lynch, Nick Martin, Alyssa Thiem, Rafaela Rodrigues, Emily Pender, Trish Salomon, Alex Palmer, Diane Rumrill, Kate Mullen, Lexi Potter, Steph Walsh, Amy Evanofski, Matt Leary, Jon Raymond, Shelbi Meier, Sarah Gilbert. Submitted by Advisors Robin Denham and Erin Fitzgerald.

Library News:

We continue to grow, and to improve! Thanks to the efforts of the district's capable technology team, we now have an additional three computers in the Library Media Center for student use. This brings to 20 the total number available. We should add at least one more over the next week or two. The plan is to have enough computers so every student in all but the largest visiting classes will have his or her own computer and to have a few others for use by study hall students or those accessing PLATO.

Remember that the Library is open every school night until 6:00 for tutoring, research, computer use and assistance. Submitted by Jim Clapp, Meg Roby and Ginnie Pinard

Other Technology News:

Eventually every student will have an individual computer account and will need to log in with a user name and password. Not only will this prove to be a direct benefit to students, but it will also simplify administration of technology access by students. Because students will have their own accounts, with their own storage capacities, there will be much less chance that other students can inadvertently (or maliciously) alter or even delete files that do not belong to them. Furthermore, students will be able to customize their computer desktop to suit their needs and personalities. In terms of administration, it will now be easier to monitor and track the websites students access and to prevent unauthorized use of computers by students who have not provided signed Technology Use Contracts or have lost computer privileges.

Greetings from MVHS Guidance!

Seniors! You are advised to plan on having all college applications as well as official transcripts, letters of recommendation and other records sent out before the holiday break in December. This will ensure that materials are received on time, and it will also free students up in Spring semester to take care of other responsibilities, search for scholarships, etc. If you need help with the college application process, please make an appointment with your guidance counselor. We are here to help! Remember, a completed college application is now a requirement of the senior project portfolio.

Our **College Mini-Fairs** were a great success! They were well attended and we hope students found them helpful in the college exploration process. We encourage students who have not narrowed down a manageable list of schools to continue their exploration using Bridges, Collegeboard.com, or any other source of college related information you find helpful.

Seniors should be periodically checking the MVHS homepage for updated scholarship information! Don't let opportunities to help fund college pass you by!

Juniors. If you are interested in applying to St. Paul's Advanced Studies Summer Program please note that applications are due to them before December 1st.

Sophomores. If you are interested in C.A.S.L. (Capital Area Student Leadership) please note that applications are due to the Chamber of Commerce before December 1st.

Financial Aid 101 for Students. On Thursday Nov. 20th we will hold small group workshops for seniors throughout the school day on the financial aid process, filing the FAFSA, and scholarship information.

Financial Aid 101 for Parents. On Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 6:30 in the evening we will hold a workshop for parents of seniors in the auditorium. Please attend if you have questions about the financial aid process,

filing the FAFSA, or seek scholarship information.

SAT deadlines. Reminder to any student who has not signed up to do so soon and to carefully watch deadlines. Go to www.collegeboard.com to sign up. If any student is having trouble with the registration process please stop by Guidance for help. Please do not let financial constraints prevent you from taking the SAT! Any student enrolled in free or reduced lunch or who's family has had a recent financial hardship should see your guidance counselor for an SAT Fee Waiver. The same is true for college application fees, which can get fairly expensive.

The PSAT was held Wed., October 15th. We tested all of our Sophomores as well as close to 50 juniors on that day. MV started doing this last year as a way to promote college awareness earlier for our students. The testing went very well and students seemed to take it very seriously, so thank you and congratulations to our sophomores and juniors who took this test. The PSAT can help to:

- identify areas of weakness that students should address for success in school and college
- connect students to My College Quickstart which is a terrific tool

to help students explore career interests, colleges with majors that interest the student, and practice tools/study guides for taking the SAT

- provide excellent practice for SAT, ACT, NECAP, and any other tests students may have to take later on in life.

Students who took the PSAT will get a personalized score report in December with advice on how to improve skills as well as their access codes for My College Quickstart on Collegeboard.com.

NECAP testing took place the week of October 13th through the 17th. This state and federally mandated test was given to all juniors to measure student progress in the areas of reading, math and writing. Juniors were by and large very cooperative taking this test and seemed to put in their best effort. This test also counts as the Reading and Math competency for graduation from MVHS. Results will be announced in January. Thanks to our juniors for helping to make this testing go smoothly!

Important Dates:

Wednesday, December 3: Final draft of Senior paper due

Friday, December 5: Term 2 progress reports close ■

Watch for New "Granite State Outdoors" Program on NH Community Television Stations

Next time you're channel surfing, check out your community television station: there's a good chance you'll catch a glimpse of a moose, discover a new place to go paddling, or get some timely fishing advice on Granite State Outdoors, NH Fish and Game's new outdoor television program. This month, public access television stations across New Hampshire will begin airing Granite State Outdoors or "GSO-TV," produced by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department specifically for community television audiences, featuring local information on wildlife and outdoor recreation in an entertaining format.

"Granite State Outdoors can help outdoor enthusiasts better plan their time spent outside — whether you enjoy outdoor adventures like moose watching, salmon fishing, turkey hunting or discovering a great new destination by canoe or kayak," said Jon Charpentier, Supervisor of Media & Promotion at NH Fish and Game.

"The NH Coalition for Community Media is all about sharing with the communities throughout New Hampshire what is local and affects them personally," said Dottie Grover, President of the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media. "Over 100 towns will be able to view this program on their local public access station and learn more about New Hampshire's wildlife and the department that oversees it for all of us."

GSO-TV is a half-hour television program featuring statewide fishing, hunting, wildlife-watching and other outdoor opportunities; and a behind-the-scenes look at fish and wildlife management across New Hampshire. New episodes will appear monthly. Topics featured on Granite State Outdoors will appeal to a broad range of outdoor interests, such as landing six-pound salmon on Lake Winnepesaukee, investigating black bear populations in the state's northernmost forests, tracking the elusive pine marten, or developing better archery or survival skills.

Seventeen local public access stations have already signed on to broadcast the program, including stations in Durham, Londonderry, Manchester and Littleton. "We hope to expand that coverage statewide as local communities learn about this new resource for more fish and wildlife information," Charpentier said. "GSO-TV will help improve the outdoor experience for everyone."

For a list of participating public access stations and program schedules, go to <http://www.wildnh.com/broadcast> and click on Granite State Outdoors. ■

Deadline for the January 2009 "Ledger":

Friday, December 19, 2008

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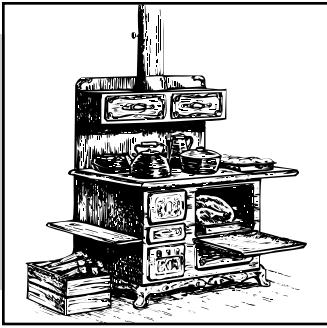
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Christmas Cookies

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Happy Holiday's Loudon! It's Christmas cookie time. I'm a big fan of cookie swaps. Where else can you make 1 large batch of cookies and come home with dozens of different and wonderfully unique cookies? What a holiday treat to be able to spend the afternoon with friends, family, and cookies.

Memories of making Christmas cookies and holiday foods will stay with your children forever. I still can be easily brought back to my childhood with the smells of banana bread and roast pork. The following recipes are perfect for little hands to help with. Please include them in as many preparations as possible- it won't be long before they are making holiday traditions and memories with families of their own. For all the following cookie recipes and many more, visit www.northpole.com.

Spritz Cookies

Recipe courtesy Denise Lynne Jensen

These are the cookies that my husband Nick thinks of when asked what his favorite Christmas cookie is. He and his sister would help make these cookies every year at holiday time.

- 1 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla or almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 cups flour
- 1/8 teaspoon food coloring (optional)

Cream butter and sugar together. Add egg and almond or vanilla and food coloring. Add remaining ingredients. Place in cookie press and form desired shapes. Bake at 375 degrees until barely brown around the edges.

Stained Glass Window Cookies

Recipe courtesy Laura

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2-1/2 cups flour
- crushed hard candies, sorted by colors (life savers, candy cane, candy sticks, etc.)
- aluminum foil

In a large bowl, beat the butter with a hand mixer until softened. Then add the sugar and beat until fluffy. Add the milk and vanilla and blend. Gradually beat in the flour. Form the cookies into a disk, wrap, and chill for an hour. Roll the chilled dough out on a lightly floured surface. Use a lightly floured cookie cutter to cut shapes and a small round cookie cutter to make the holes. Place the shapes on a foil lined cookie sheet. Add about half a teaspoon of the crushed candy to the hole. Bake the cookies in a 375 degree oven for about 8 minutes. Let the cookies cool on the foil for about 10 minutes. Peel off the foil.

Butterscotch Haystacks

Recipe courtesy Martha Paige Newsom

These are so simple, but they are one of my first choices to taste test at the cookie swaps.

- 1 package Butterscotch chips (approx. 12 oz)
- 1 can (10 ounces) cashews
- 1 can (5 ounces) chow mein noodles

Melt butterscotch according to package directions. Stir in nuts and noodles. Spoon onto waxed paper and let dry.

Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter Cookies

Recipe courtesy Michelle Burgess

- 1/2 cup crunchy-style peanut butter
- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 6 oz package chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat thoroughly peanut butter, shortening, sugars, egg and vanilla. Stir together flour, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture and blend well. Fold in chocolate chips. Drop batter 2 inches apart onto baking stone or cookie sheet. Bake 10-15 minutes. Let stand 2 minutes before removing from baking stone.

Nitey Nite Cookies

- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 tsp. cream of tarter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat eggs until fluffy with cream of tarter, and gradually add sugar. Beat until stiff. Stir in nuts and chocolate chips. Drop on foil lined pan. Put in oven, close door, turn oven off. DON'T OPEN UNTIL MORNING!!

1-2-3 Cookies

Recipe courtesy Michelle Sullivan

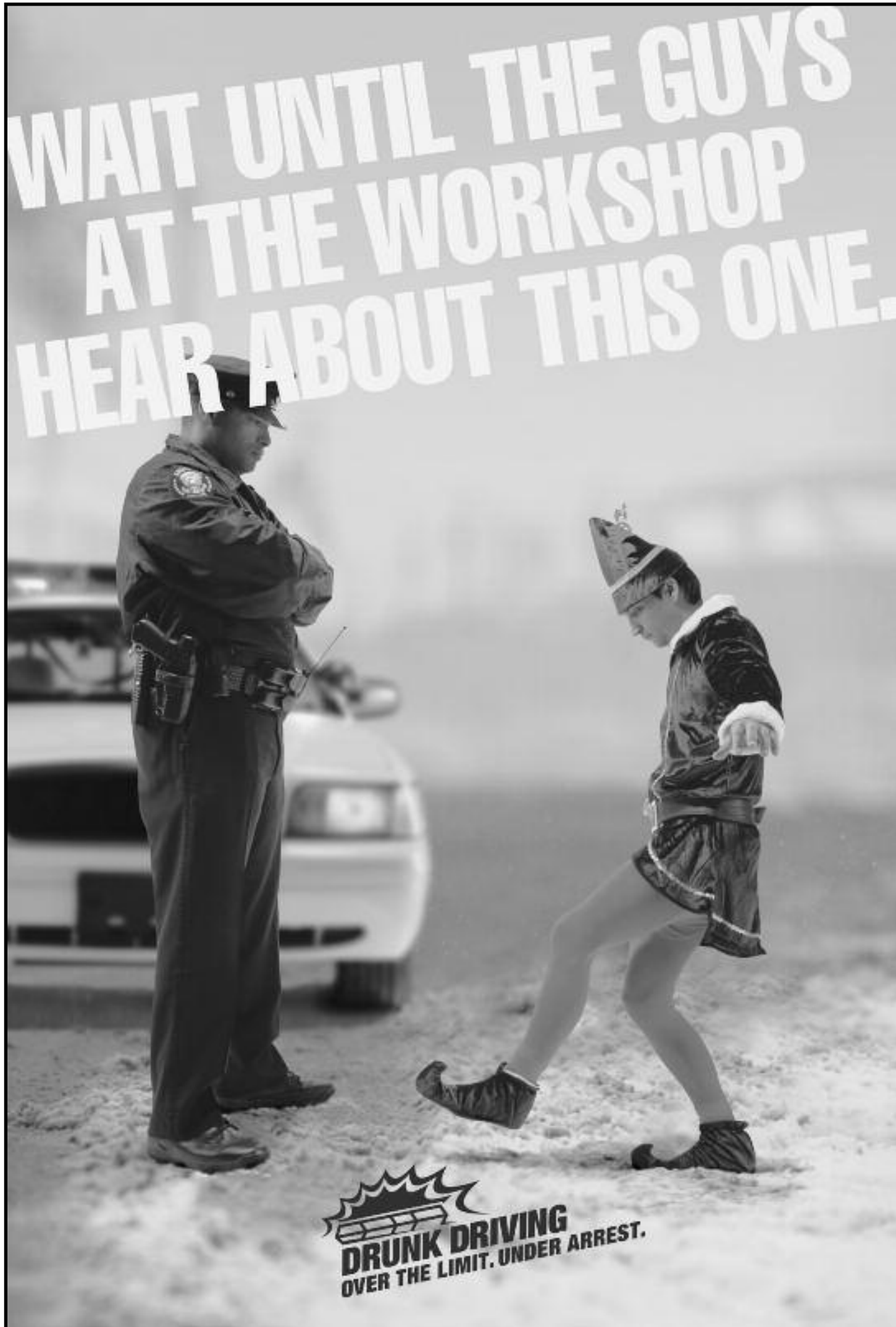
These are sweet and simple. You can also add your favorite flavors such as nuts, candies, coconut, or dried fruits.

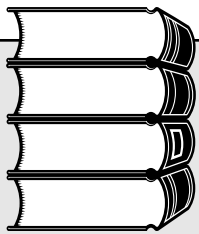
- 1-1/4 packages of Nabisco graham crackers (not the whole box)
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1-1/2 cups chocolate chips

Break the graham crackers into crumbs. Add sweetened condensed milk and chocolate chips. Pour into a buttered, small oblong or 9x9 square pan. Bake for 30 minutes @ 350 degrees.

Next Month: Healthy resolutions in the kitchen. As always, if you have any recipes or suggestions send them to me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send them by mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■







Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



STORY TIME

On December 2nd through the 4th, the library will be filled with royalty as we read *Do Princesses Really Kiss Frogs?* by Carmela LaVigna Coyle and *Serious Trouble* by Arthur Howard. Each prince and princess will create their very own crown to wear back to their palace.

A dollop of whip cream would go nicely with our choices for the 9th, 10th, and 11th of December. *Gingerbread Girl* and *Gingerbread Friends* by Lisa Campbell Ernst and Jan Brett will be our tasty selections. The craft to follow will be a gingerbread door hanger. Will he escape from his perch?

We end our regular story time for the month of December with stories of Christmas. Join us on the 16th, 17th, or 18th for *The Pirate's Night Before Christmas* by Philip Yates and *Christmas Farm* by Mary Lyn Ray. The children will make a Christmas tree that they can hang in their window.

FIRE DRILL AT THE LIBRARY

The story time theme for the week of October 21st was firefighters and fire safety. After listening to stories and making a personalized fireman helmet, the children met with Lieutenant Bill Lake and Firefighter John Reese for some basic fire safety tips (shown at left). To end the story time hour, we had a fire drill to practice our library escape route.

We'd like to send a Thank You to the Loudon Fire Department for being our guests during fire safety week.

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT STORY TIME

Story time had their annual trick-or-treating through the town offices for the week of Halloween. There were cats and dogs, Frankenstein, and princesses, Dumbo, a chicken, and even a sheriff who braved the coldest days of October!

Thank you to the Loudon Police Department, the Loudon Fire Department, and the ladies of the Town Offices for their participation. The children look forward to this event every year.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

If you haven't been in to the Children's Room since school started, then you haven't seen our collection of graphic novels.

Graphic novels are books in a format that appeal to children of all ages and are a hit with those "reluctant" readers.

They are defined as novels whose story is related through a combination of text and art.

There are different types of graphic novels, but our collection consists of mythical and classical stories. You can find books like *Beowulf: Monster Slayer: a British Legend* by Paul D. Storrie and Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in the J 398.2 or J 741.5 section.

BOOK SALE

If you're thinking about stocking your home library before winter sets in, venture down to the library for the book sale on December 6th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You're sure to find something to read while you curl up by the fireplace.

MEDITATION

During this season of rushing and running, buying and charging, stressful nights and taxing days, Fran Nash, a certified hypno-therapist, will be leading a meditation class to soothe the soul. Join her at 10 a.m. on December 13th, and remember to wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow. Please call 798-5153 for more information.

WINTER STORYTELLING

On Saturday, December 20th, professional storyteller Michael Harris will be presenting **Winter Storytelling**. It will be a celebration of the season filled with laughter and tears, family and folk reminiscences, and sing-a-longs.

Please join us at 10 a.m. for this family event geared to children, both young and old.

BOOK GROUP

Join us for a lively discussion of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, on December 17th, at 7:30 p.m. This popular story appeals to us on many levels from its themes of kindness and family strength to the triumph of individual spirit over social injustice and poverty. No stuffed goose, but there will be cookies.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed for the holidays on December 24th and 25th. The hours for December 31st will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be closed on January 1st. ■



Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — October 9, 2008

5:15 p.m. In Attendance: Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Greg Silva and Sue Kowalski, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

Minutes from the September 5, 2008 meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Nancy reported there were some errors in the statements that she did not discover in time to correct them for the meeting. She will make revisions and forward them to the trustees.

There was concern about the building maintenance line due to some unexpected costs, the most recent one being the \$1,686.22 bill for replacing the sewage pump for the basement bathroom.

Nancy reported that the tax ID issue with NH Employment security has been resolved thanks to bookkeeper Norma O'Brien's perseverance.

All other tax ID's have been obtained and applied.

Norma also set up automatic payments to the IRS. The IRS requires payments be made monthly rather than quarterly.

Director's Report:

- MVHS student Jessica Sprague will be running a food drive at the library from mid-November through mid-December as part of her senior project.

- An employee had surgery today and will be out of work for an estimated two weeks. *The Trustees decided to purchase and deliver flowers.*

- Page Carrie Jacques moved out of town at the end of September and will no longer be working at the library.

- The trust fund interest check from the Trustees of the Trust Fund was deposited at the end of September.

- The problem with the Children's Room toilet was a burned out sewer pump clogged with debris. The unit was replaced.

- As regularly scheduled, Best Septic Systems pumped out the chambered septic tank under the parking lot on October 1. The company suggests that the next pump-out be in six years.

- Irving Oil has provided an estimate on replacing corroded pipes and parts on the forced hot water unit in the basement of the old section of the building. The trustees voted to accept the estimate since the library has a service agreement with the company. They also decided the work could not be put off.

Children's Librarian's Report:

- The police and town offices were contacted about having the trick or treat parade for story time on the 29th and 30th of October.

- The Children's Librarian completed a free on-line course on basic

cataloging: Introduction to Technical Services and Cataloging.

- Thirty-eight children attended story time during the first week. Totals for the month were 122 children and 85 adults.

- The Children's Librarian resumed helping out at the Loudon Elementary School library on Friday mornings as a community outreach effort to keep the public library and school library connected.

- Bill Lake from the Fire Department was contacted about speaking to the story time children during the week of October 21-23. He will practice a fire drill with the children.

- The apple picking trip to Meadow Ledge Farm for October 7 was confirmed.

- The Children's Room Committee met twice during September.

New Business:

There was discussion of the Local Government Conference in November and the session "Communicating with Elected Officials" sponsored by the NH Library Trustees Association. The trustees felt it was not worth attending as it would most likely repeat what was covered at the spring conference.

Sandy mentioned a recycling video from the Capital Region Solid Waste Coop that she recently viewed. The group discussed options for sharing the video with townspeople.

Nancy requested the trustees start thinking about the next budget. What will our goals be? How will we reach those goals? A check list needs to be started. It was felt that townspeople need to know what we could not do this year because of the budget cut. For example, Nancy mentioned not being able to update a set of reference books on countries. The current books are

very out-of-date but a new set would cost about \$1000.

Old Business:

The Children's committee reported on the group's progress. Shelf toppers and end caps, computer stations and a counter for the audio visual room have been ordered. The manufacturer was in earlier that week to take measurements. Two upholstered love seats, two chairs and bench have been chosen. A work table and two chairs have been ordered. Six chairs (matching the ones at the table) have been ordered for the computer station and A/V room. A set of fabric covered heavy foam shapes will be purchased for the picture book area. Sarah Chalsma is repainting the current small table and the cylinder shapes will be used for chairs. It will be about three months before the work is complete and the furniture is in place. Sue will write an article for the *Ledger* letting people know what is coming.

The Trustees wished to send a thank you letter to the Selectmen for taking care of the drainage problem and for Dave Rice filling and placing the sand bags during the summer.

Air Intake Platform: Rick Hering is building a frame to hold the grates and a cover. He will install them on Friday, Oct. 10. The stonemason applied a \$200 credit from the platform work to the cost of re-mortaring loose stones in the wall.

Sandy asked Nancy to forward each trustee a copy of the personnel policy to review and make notes so that it can be addressed at the next meeting.

7:08 the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Blanchard
Gregory Silva
Susan Kowalski



What do elves learn
in school?

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The _____!

November Word Scramble Answers:

Pumpkin, Veteran, Cornucopia, Squash, Giving,
November, Cranberries, Family, Turkey,
Pilgrim

What is a turkey's favorite dessert?
PEACH GOBBLER!

**The Deadline for the January 2009 "Loudon Ledger" is
Friday, December 19.**

**The next meeting of the Loudon
Communications Council is Monday,
December 22, 2009
at 6:30 p.m.
in the Community Building.**

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LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee



Happy Holidays to all of our readers. The December mystery picture is not a person or a house. Fred Osgood sent this picture he took in the 40's. He thinks it was up on Loudon Ridge. Does anyone have any information about it??

November's mystery picture was Myra Willard in front of her house on Oakhill

Road. It is now owned by the Malfait's. Thank you to Randy Cummings for providing us with the picture. There were no correct guesses. We are always looking for interesting photos for our articles — do you have any? Call or email me, Tina, 783-0483 or trattee@comcast.net. ■

LOUDON BOY SCOUTS



Happy Holidays from Troop 247

Boy Scout Troop 247 meets every Thursday evening from 6:30 until 8:00 at the American Legion. Thank you to everyone who donated to Scouting for Food in November. That food went to local charities.

The last trip we took was to the scouting Fall Camporee on October 17th to the 19th at Elm Brook Park in Hopkinton. The theme was the medieval trebuchet, or catapult. We had Webelos from Pack 247 to help us. It was a cold morning.

We have a booked calendar this fall and winter. We're doing a bunch of activities ranging from CPR training to winter camping. Our Christmas activity will be a gift exchange and pot luck dinner for members of the troop. ■



News From Crew 247

Boy Scout Troops will form Crews so that young ladies who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age may participate in scouting. Venturing is a Co-ed youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women. The Boy Scouts of America approve and train adult men and women leaders to use the Venture program to bring out the best in each of the scouts. They are interested in helping members become adults that will be assets to society. All Advisors must be over the age of 21 and registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

Older teenagers need a program specific to their abilities, to give all youth the opportunity to partake in the enjoyment of the outdoors. While camping, each crew has its girl, leader, and boy tent sites respectively.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare to become responsible and caring adults. This program is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. The result is an exciting and meaningful blend of activities that help youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens. Our meetings are held Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Loudon. ■

UPDATE FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS OF LOUDON

Thank you to everyone who came by to shop at our Service Unit Bake Sale on Sat. November 22nd. We appreciate your support!!! Thank you to all the families that baked for our sale, that library was a yummy smelling place. We are very thankful to be a part of this great community!

Look out for the Girl Scouts in the village area. We are planning to Christmas Carol on a Sunday afternoon in early December! We hope many of you will hear our beautiful voices.

In January and February the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit will hold our annual Sock and Toiletries Drive. This year all donations will be kept right here in Loudon and donated to the Loudon Food Pantry. There will be a donation box at the Maxfield Public Library in January and February so please consider donating warm socks and toiletries — Thank you!

Believe it or not Girl Scout cookies are being sold a little earlier this year. Girl Scouts will be selling cookies from December 22nd through January 23rd and cookies will be delivered in February. Look for Girl Scouts in your neighborhood and if you don't see them, contact Michele Holbrook Cookie Delivery Manager for Loudon 798-3669 and she will place your order! Also look for booth sales from Loudon troops to happen in the months of February and March.

If this wasn't enough going on, the girls will also be having fun in February at a sledding party/cookies from around the world celebration. We are also planning a cookie sale wrap-up event and in March a community dinner event.

We wish all the citizens of Loudon much health, safety and happiness during this holiday season!

We are interested in hearing about needs in our community. With nine active Girl Scout troops, we are looking for ways that the girls can do service in their community. If you have ideas, please contact Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager for Loudon by calling 783-4275 or email mmpaquette@comcast.net.

Thank you for continuing to read about what the Girl Scouts in Loudon are up to and all that they can accomplish! Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Here is an update on a few of our great Girl Scout troops in Loudon, the girls and adult volunteers are so busy that all of them don't get a chance to update each month:

Here are updates from a few of our troops:

Junior Troop #12641

Amanda Masse, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz & Michele Paquette

The girls have finished up their Eco-Action badge and you will find in this, and upcoming issues of *The Loudon Ledger*, messages of inspiration about helping our environment — please do

your part! The girls participated in a Novemberfest Badge Blast event in Salem, NH in early November and each completed requirements for two badges. We are starting work in the new Journeys book and each of us will learn about power within ourselves, within our troop and how to use that power to make our community better. They have started work on a badge called Making it Matter which is a science experiment badge. The troop will be volunteering at the Blood Drive here in Loudon serving food to those who donate. The girls will also have a holiday gathering to celebrate our friendships within our troop. Thanks for continuing to read what we are up to!

Cadette Troop #12356

Christine Campbell, Samantha French & Amanda Masse

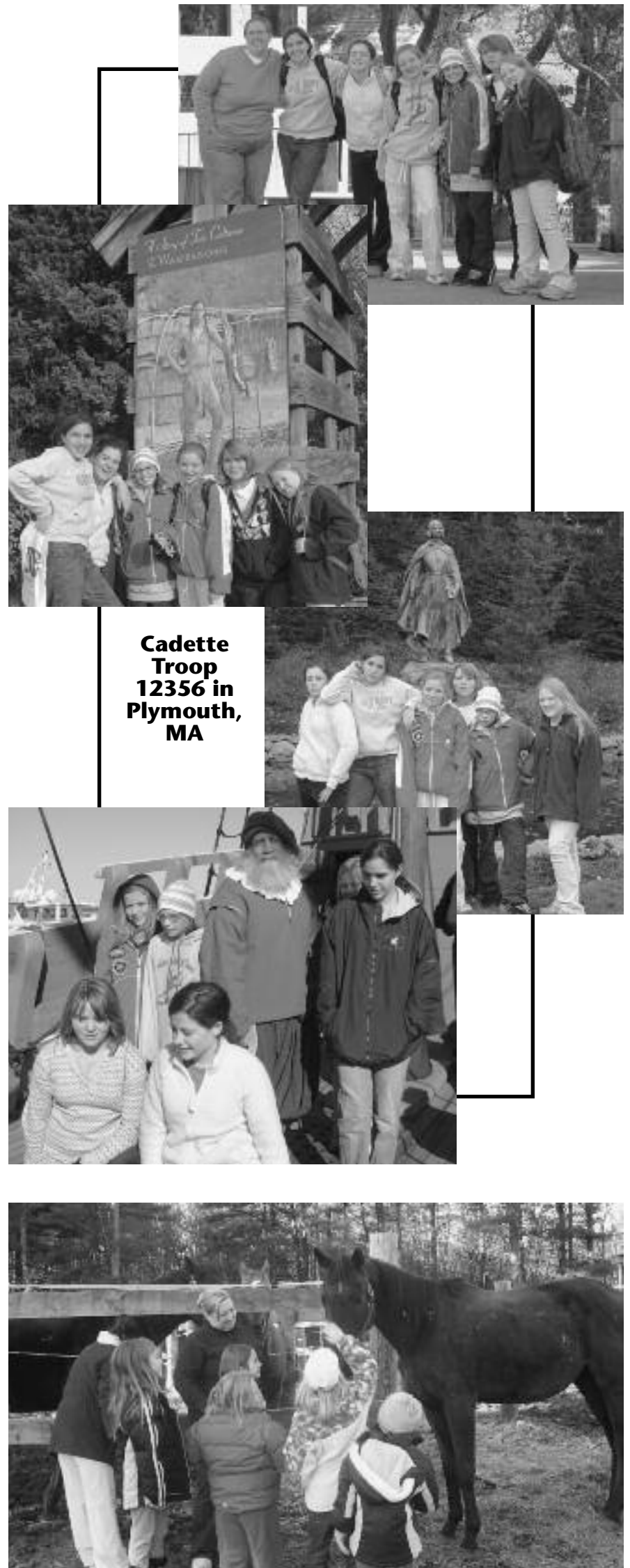
The Cadettes thank all those who came to our bake sale in October! We appreciate your support. We have been hard at work earning our first interest project patch called Heritage Hunt. We had a fantastic trip to Plymouth Massachusetts. We went to The Plimouth Plantation, the Mayflower II and saw Plymouth Rock! It was very interesting to hear what life was like back in 1620. The girls asked some great questions and we all learned so much. What a great time of learning, fun and friendship. The girls completed several of the requirements while on the trip. In November we met and made butter and pancakes. We will also be meeting with the younger Daisy troop. We are planning a holiday gathering and will be helping out at the Blood Drive in early December.

Brownie Troop #10045

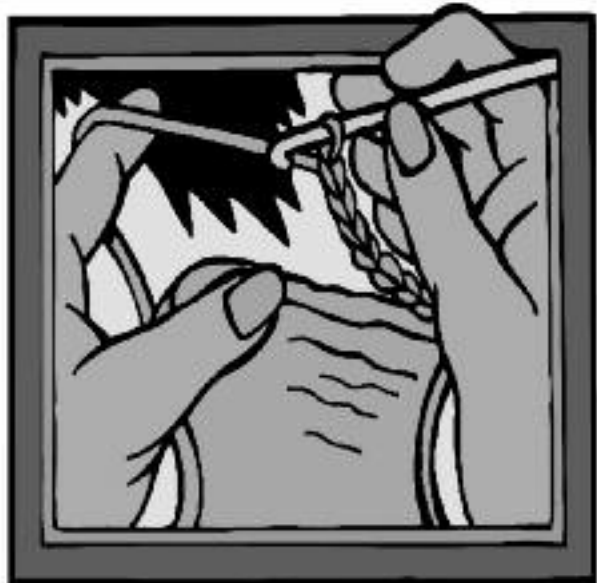
Kathy Fisher and Jen Maguire

We have started the year off welcoming three new girls to scouting and getting to know our sister scouts. As we prepare for our upcoming investiture, the Girl Scout promise, law and flag ceremony have been our focus. The girls have enjoyed learning a bit about "going green" as we made a recycled necklace and are taking part in preparing our snack each meeting. They did a great job selling nuts, candy, and magazine subscriptions to raise funds for our troop. We thank family and friends for supporting us. On November 2nd, we toured the Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester. This was a fun time to learn about how they help animals (mostly horses) that are in need of foster care until they can find new homes. We even got to pet all the animals! ■

Brownie Troop 10045 at Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester.



Cadette Troop 12356 in Plymouth, MA



**The Loudon Recreation Committee &
Instructor Brian McGaunn
Are pleased to offer two crochet classes:**

“Beginner Crochet” & “Learn to Crochet: Sampler Afghan”

**Beginner Crochet class on Saturday January 10, 2009 from
12:45–4:00 p.m. Cost for this beginner class is \$15 per student**

Class will be held at The Loudon Community Building 29 South Village Road, Loudon

This class will explore the basics of crochet, and provide a foundation for future learning. Students can expect to go home with the ability to make a simple project in single crochet such as a scarf or placemat. **Participants will need to bring: 4 oz worsted weight yarn, size H-8 crochet hook, size I-9 crochet hook, ruler or tape measure, yarn or tapestry needle and scissors.**

**Learn to Crochet: Sampler Afghan Course is a 5-week course each
Saturday beginning January 17 through February 14 from 12:45-4:00
p.m. Cost for this 5 week course is \$80 per student**

Class will be held at The Loudon Community Building 29 South Village Road, Loudon

This class will explore the basics of crochet and move into more advanced techniques through making a series of squares. Each student will learn to join his/her squares together to make an afghan. **Basic knowledge of crochet is required prior to this class. Participants will need to bring approx. 2.5 total pounds of worsted weight yarn in a minimum of 2 coordinating colors (3–4 colors is ideal), size H-8 crochet hook, size I-9 crochet hook, a ruler or tape measure, yarn or tapestry needle and scissors, yarn bobbins (suggested but not required), a notebook with pockets or folder with loose paper.**

Students must register in advance. The class maximum is 8 and minimum of 4 — reserve your spot now as registrations will be open until the class is full. If you have any questions, or for more information about instructor Brian McGaunn and his work, please visit his blog at <http://brileyknits.blogspot.com/> or email brileycat8@hotmail.com. Phone call questions can be directed to Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Committee Chair at 435-5193

Crochet Class Registration form. DEADLINE IS JANUARY 3rd

Please check: ☐ \$15 for the Beginner class and/or ☐ \$80 for the Sampler Afghan Class
Please make checks payable to: Brian McGaunn

Participant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email (for confirmation only—not shared) _____

Please mail this sign-up form with payment to: Brain McGaunn, 38 Circle Drive Belmont, NH 03220

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS IN LOUDON: The Year in Review

By Lee Laughlin

Taking Care of Business In Loudon is a monthly feature spotlighting a Loudon business researched and written on a volunteer basis by Lee Laughlin.

I know it is cliché, to say time flies, but I can't believe it is really December already. I had a great time getting to know many of our local business owners this year and I've heard from many of you that you've enjoyed learning about those that fuel our local economy. I want to take a moment to thank all of them for taking time from their crazy schedules to talk with me.

It may appear glamorous to work for one's self, but I can attest that for every minute of flexibility in scheduling, there is hours spent burning the midnight oil. That said, I can't imagine working any other way and it seems our local business owners feel the same way. As I wrap up this series, I wanted to take quick look back over the businesses I profiled and share their latest news with you.



Mary George, *The Ivory Rose*.

The Ivory Rose

The staff at the Ivory Rose survived another Valentine's Day. I was actually in the store that day it was busy, but things were well organized including the rows of flowers and plants lined up for delivery. Most recently, they have become a New Hampshire Lottery outlet, selling tickets for instant games and games held by drawing. The store is filled to the brim with gifts for Christmas. "Given the economy, we've focused on providing shoppers with lots of choices so they can find the right gift at the right price," says owner Mary George. Stop in to the Ivory Rose in the Brookside Plaza at the intersection of Route 106 and Shaker Road.

Uni-Volt, LLC Nathan Poland

univolt@tds.net. 603-254-4023

In March, I visited with Nathan Poland from UniVolt Electric, LLC. Nathan is a certified Master Electrician

who works on both commercial and residential projects. Business has been consistent for Uni-Volt, and currently, Nathan is offering whole house generator systems. A whole house generator system can give you peace of mind during those cold winter months. Nathan continues to divide his time between large commercial projects and smaller home maintenance or renovation projects. Uni-Volt, LLC is available to work on projects large or small, from the Seacoast to Keene and Plymouth to Salem.

Happy House Quilts Jodi Doody

www.happyhousequilts.com
HappyHouseQuilts.etsy.com (online store)

2008 has been quite a year for Jodi Doody. Not long after her profile ran, Jodi went in for a routine mammogram and in short order was diagnosed with

stage three breast cancer. Jodi spent the summer and part of the fall undergoing chemotherapy. Late in October, she had a mastectomy and with the help of family and friends has made an amazing recovery. In early November all the results were back and Jodi was officially cancer-free! She still faces, physical therapy, radiation and reconstructive surgery, but her spirit is strong. Throughout the ordeal Jodi has continued to create calling her art a path to sanity. Visit Jodi's blog to follow her battle against cancer and learn more about her quilt inspired accessories.

Affirm Water Alicia Grimaldi Tina White

www.affirmwater.com

Affirm Water has had a busy 2008. Their food grade stainless steel water bottles have been flying off the shelves. Alicia and Tina are excited to announce they have a new 17 oz. bottle called the mini canteen. It's more ergonomic and fits perfectly in tiny hands, purses and backpacks. Affirm Water's bottles can be customized with your logo or you can choose on of theirs, including two new logos, *Energized* and *Karma*. *Karma* was inspired by the NBC TV show *My Name is Earl* when the show's producers called to place an order for their staff of 200! Affirm Water has also added two new totes and bottlebrushes to their product offerings. The fall has seen them at several craft fairs and expos and they'll be at the Loudon Elementary School Craft Fair/Santa's breakfast again this year. To learn more about safe drinking water or to purchase your own Affirm Water bottle, visit their web site.

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Aprylle and Reed Derosiers

Aprylle and Reed Derosiers Flute and Guitar

Aprylleandreed.com. 603-783-8901

Aprylle and Reed Derosiers perform together playing flute and guitar at private and corporate functions all around Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire. They've had a busy summer and fall and at this writing, their holiday schedule is filling rapidly. They are pleased to announce that their holiday CD *Into The Winter's Night*, a collection of holiday music from the 9th to the 20th centuries, is available for purchase at the Ivory Rose in the Brookside Plaza. They hope it will be available at several other shops in Concord soon. They are currently accepting requests for performances in 2009. Please call them or visit their web site for more information.



Nathan Poland, *Uni-Volt, LLC*



Jodi Doody, *Happy House Quilts*



Tina White and Alicia Grimaldo, Affirm Water.



A look at Mike Souther's work, Souther Property Maintenance.



Michele Hollbroke, hard at work in Michele's Sweet Shoppe.

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Loudon Country Club The Lambruno Family

www.loudoncc.com. 603-783-3372

As golf season winds down, the Loudon Country is reflecting on another successful year. The course underwent extensive renovations including upgrading of the sand traps on the 12th hole, the addition of a tree line on the 14th hole and new trees on the 2nd and 4th hole. Despite the chill in the air, the season continues until the snow flies, so the diehards can get their fill.

There are more renovations and upgrades planned for the spring including the introduction of a course that is friendlier to those new to the sport or the casual player interested in limiting the amount of walking they do. LCC

anticipates completion of the new set of tees in the early summer of next year.

Intreza Designs Gary Brooks

www.intrezadesigns.com.
603 798-5775

Fox Pond Shopping Center at the intersection of Routes 129 and 106.

Gary Brooks has been busy helping clients maximize their marketing dollars in this tight economy. One of his recent projects was truck lettering for Welch's Hardware in Lebanon, Maine. Intreza Designs was hired to develop a unique Truck Lettering for Welch's new delivery trucks. Gary chose a two color layout that he installed using a vinyl cast to announce Welch's deliveries with style for at least the next eight to ten years. To see the finished product

Souther Property Maintenance Mike Souther

603-848-0957 or 603-798-3456

Mike continues to provide landscaping and light carpentry services to residents of Pembroke, Epsom, Boscawen, Penacook, Concord, and, of course, Loudon. He is also gearing up for winter. Mike offers peace of mind for snowbirds that head south for the winter, or people who own camps in New Hampshire but live out of state. He will happily check on your property to insure that Mother Nature has not unleashed her wrath on your piece of paradise. He shovels roofs and walkways. Mike is also a certified scuba diver who can maintain moorings and chains as well. Call Mike today for all of your property maintenance needs.

Michele's Sweet Shoppe Michele Hollbrook

www.michelesweetshoppe.com

Michele's Sweet Shoppe, makers of delicious gourmet popcorn is coming into their busiest time of year. The redesigned web site with e-commerce capabilities went live in mid-October and they just added another retail outlet for their popcorn. When you are in Portsmouth and in need of a gourmet snack, visit Portsmouth Provisions on State Street. Of course closer to home, you can visit Meadow Ledge Farm or visit Michele's web site to place an order.

Young Associates Conrad Young

www.watercolorbyconradyoung.com.
603-224-6361

Conrad's painting of the historic Contoocook Railroad Depot along with his other bridges and landscapes, became his collection of note cards and Christmas cards, as well as 16x20, 11x14, and 9x12 prints. All of these items are available at the Contoocook Covered Bridge Gallery. Conrad's work is also available at Warner Bookends Gallery and the Hopkinton Historical Society. Visit Conrad's web site or call him for more information.



Conrad Young, Young Associates, poses with one of his watercolor paintings.

I had a lot fun working on this series of articles. Loudon is a great place to live and we are fortunate to have lots of entrepreneurial-minded residents in our midst. I encourage you to take a moment and contact these professionals when you have a need for their products or services.

Starting in January, I'm going look at our fair town from a slightly different angle. I'm still finalizing the details, but I know we are fortunate to have a several farms in Loudon as well as a number of residents who grow some of their own food. I hope to explore the ins and outs of eating locally.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this series and all those who took the time to say they'd read it. There is no greater thrill for a writer than to know someone is reading and enjoying their work.

There were a few businesses that contacted me that I was not able to profile. I will keep your information on file and possibly contact you for a future article. Happy Holidays!

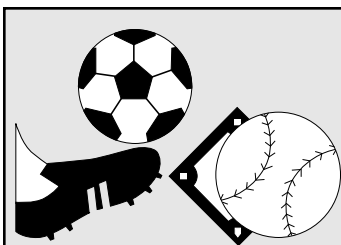
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Bill Leombruno, Sr. and Bill Jr., Loudon Country Club.



Gary Brooks, Intreza Designs.



Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

ATTENTION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FANS!

The Little League is looking for volunteers to assist with the 2009 baseball and softball season. Annually, the regular membership (coaches, parents, volunteers, etc.) of each Little League are required to meet and elect the board of directors. Following the election, the board of directors meets to elect its officers from within the newly elected board. The officers required are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Safety Officer, and Information Officer however, the more the merrier! For more Little League position duties go to: www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/BODRoles.htm.

Loudon Little League will hold its annual meeting in January for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the coming year. All members in good standing will be eligible to vote. For more information please contact John Charron at 267-6880. Next baseball/softball meeting will be December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

The future of our baseball program heavily relies on volunteers like you to fill these positions!

Melody Broider at 267-8383 or via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com or check the LYAA website for the latest updates at www.lyaanh.org. ■

**The Deadline for
the January 2009
"Loudon Ledger" is
Friday,
December 19.**

**The next meeting
of the Loudon
Communications
Council is Monday,
December 22, 2009
at 6:30 p.m.
in the Community
Building.**

Soccer Fields Project

Robinson Soccer Fields Project Update. The MVSD/Loudon soccer fields will be constructed in an area of approximately 5.5 acres. The fields will be constructed on the MVSD-owned Robinson property located adjacent to Loudon Elementary School (LES), across Old Concord Road.

The layout consists of 2 soccer fields, 1 youth size (70 X 50 Yards) and 1 regulation size (100 X 60 Yards). The ingress/egress for the fields consist of a 55 space lighted parking lot that will double as overflow for Loudon Elementary School.

The completed fields will add significant value to the community.

LYAA is still accepting bids for Top Soil Screening and Grading, Aggregate Material Removal, Grass Seeding, and Installation of Well and Irrigation System. If you would like to get involved with this exciting project or submit a proposal for services you or your company can provide, please contact Rick Broider at 267-8383 or visit the website for bid/proposal format. More info. can be found on the website www.lyaanh.org.

ICB Basketball

Check out their website for details www.icbbasketball.com. Watch for their yearbook fundraiser! The LYAA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library. Next Meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Come see what's happening! For more info, please contact

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**Eco-Action
message from
Kristie, Girl
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Passes to Area Attractions Available at the Library

For years the Maxfield Public Library has purchased free or reduced admission passes to NH attractions. The library is pleased to be able to add the **Children's Museum of NH** to the list. Formerly the Children's Museum of Portsmouth, they recently moved to a larger space in Dover. This pass was made possible by donations from three generous library users.

The other passes currently available include:

- **Canterbury Shaker Village.** Each pass entitles the bearer to two discounted admissions of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 18.
- **Squam Lake Science Center.** Free trail admissions for two people per day plus four additional discounted admissions of \$7 each.
- **The Currier Gallery of Art.** Free admission for two guests per day.
- **Christa McAuliffe Planetarium:** Valid for up to \$26.00 off admission costs.
- **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum.** Free admissions for two guests per day.
- **Museum of NH History.** Two family passes cover a maximum of \$15.00 admission fees.

These passes can be reserved or picked up at the library days in advance. Please call 798-5153 if you have any questions about obtaining a pass.

Unfortunately, the \$900 used to purchase these passes had to be cut from our budget for the 2008–2009 fiscal year. The Recreation Department hopes to be able to help pay for them but without their help or other donations the passes will not be renewed when they expire. In the meantime, we encourage Loudon residents to take advantage of the passes. Although some attractions have closed for the season, others would make a pleasant winter outing. ■

Wine Tasting Event To Benefit Concord Hospital Breast Care Center

The Annual Wine Tasting to benefit the Genetic Counseling Program at Concord Hospital Breast Care Center will be held Wednesday, February 4, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Courtyard by Marriott Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

This year's benefit, co-hosted by The Courtyard by Marriott and Martignetti Companies of New Hampshire, Inc., offers guests the opportunity to learn and experience some of the most prestigious and respected fine wines from prominent wineries throughout the world. Guests will also have the opportunity to experience fine spirits as well. This year's "Sparkling Raffle" features a pair of cultured pearl earrings with a matching pendant surrounded by brilliant cut diamonds in a 14 ct. white gold setting valued at \$1,500, thanks to a generous contribution from Capitol Craftsman & Romance Jewelers in Concord.

"The Genetic Counseling Program at the Breast Care Center, available through a collaboration with New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, is an amazing resource for our region," said Pamela Puleo, Concord Hospital vice president of philanthropy and public affairs. "Programs like genetic counseling, previously only available in Boston, Massachusetts, are now available close to home. Since the program started two years ago, 130 women have come for counseling and 65 have been tested. Philanthropic support from events like the annual wine tasting helps make the center and programs like this possible."

Tickets are available for \$30 per person. A limited number of tickets are available and advanced reservations are required. For more information, call (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076.

Concord Hospital Breast Care Center, in collaboration with Concord Imaging Center, Concord Surgical Associates and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord, provides streamlined care from education and detection to treatment and follow-up. Services provided include annual mammograms, breast ultrasound, ultrasound-guided breast biopsies, stereotactic breast biopsies, surgical consultations, and genetic testing and counseling. For more information about the Breast Care Center including the Genetic Counseling Program, call (603) 230-7266 or visit Concord Hospital's Web site at www.concordhospital.org. ■



A New Lending Landscape

By Jack Prendiville,
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

It may seem like a tough time to be in the market for a home. In the wake of the sub-prime mortgage crisis and the related banking upheaval, lenders have tightened their purse strings and put the brakes on issuing home loans, at least at the rates and terms that were prevalent just a year to six months ago. But not all the news is bad for today's buyers.

First, this new approach to lending can reduce the risk that you be a victim of unscrupulous lending practices. As a result, this more stringent approach may work to your benefit.

Use this time to learn as much as you can about the current lending landscape. Read articles in the newspapers and online. Reach out to your Realtor and ask for his or her interpretation of the recent developments. It is also wise to spend time analyzing your own finances including your income, assets, expenses, and credit score. If you know your own budget and financial qualifications inside and out, you will know what is realistic and what is too good to be true.

Once you have identified what you want and are prepared with your own facts and figures start making some calls. Banks and mortgage companies may have reined in their lending, but it is still a free and competitive marketplace. Search for the best rates and terms available. However, if you feel you may get a better offer in a few weeks or months, and your timetable permits it, wait a bit. The advice of your real estate professional will be invaluable when making this decision.

Finally, remember that the real estate marketplace still favors buyers. The inventory of homes exceeds the current demand in most locations, so you have the opportunity to be more selective and a little more demanding at the bargaining table. ■

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 14, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

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

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 7, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew installed/replaced 5 culverts last week and there are a few more that need to be completed before winter.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Landfill has been mowed for the last time this year.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been busy getting the equipment ready for inspections and winter. He also stated that the screener should be available this week so they can begin getting the sand ready for use this winter.

Chairman Ives asked if the street signs for Bear Hill Road had been installed. Mr. Rice said he was waiting to receive the new "Not a Thru Road" sign but the speed limit sign has been installed.

Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice that the Board had met with representatives of the

Merrimack County Jail with regard to their program of having the inmates perform labor tasks for the towns and cities within the County and felt that it would be good to have them assist with the brush cutting. Discussion ensued regarding equipment as well as the Town Pound project.

Chairman Ives stated that one of the Highway Department employees has put in a request for three weeks of Family Medical Leave and asked Mr. Rice if this would put the Highway Department in a bind. Mr. Rice advised the Board of the current and upcoming projects and stated he did not think it would be a problem.

Selectman Maxfield asked about striping School Street. Mr. Rice said there were no funds available for this project at this time. Discussion ensued.

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

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

Chairman Ives advised Mr. Fiske that the Board had received information regarding background checks on prospective employees. Discussion ensued regarding a need to change the Personnel Policy as well as the applicant being the one to pay the fees associated with the criminal check. Mr. Fiske stated that he had no problem with the fin-

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ger printing aspect as long as there is a form on file authorizing the finger printing.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board that the well which supports the Town buildings is back in working order. He said there was a splice in the wiring which became corroded.

Chief Burr advised the Board that the fire pond on Loudon Ridge Road by Gilmanton Road has been mucked and a pipe has been put in. He said they are waiting for one more fitting to come in and then they will be finished.

Discussion ensued regarding the well and concrete blocks to be used at the Safety Building.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Ives read the Warrant to be signed by the Selectmen for the posting of the Presidential and State Election scheduled on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. *Selectman Bowles moved to sign the Warrant as read by Chairman Ives. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Maxfield moved to sign the appointment paper for Melissa D. West, of Loudon, NH to fill the vacant position of Trustee of Trust Funds until March 8, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of a check from NH Motor Speedway for the September Nascar event for police and fire coverage in the amount of \$273,432.62.

The Board received a reminder of the Zoning Workshop meeting scheduled for October 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board received copies of a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding bids and pending items. *Selectman Maxfield moved to formally establish an Energy*

Committee effective October 14, 2008 and invite volunteers to join the Committee. Selectman Bowles seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Selectman Bowles stated that a date and time would need to be set. Discussion ensued regarding placing information in the Ledger notifying citizens that the committee has been officially established. All in favor. Motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding cable service questions. The Board discussed the retaining wall at Dee Dee Maratea's property. Selectman Maxfield stated that the Board sent Ms. Maratea a letter advising her that nothing could be done until she has an engineer forward a plan to the Town. The Board discussed Batchelder Road drainage issues. The Board discussed the possible amendment to the Personnel Policy relative to the FMLA and Military Leave updates as well as the Criminal Check policy for new hires.

The Board received copies of a letter from NH Banking Department regarding deposits in NH Deposit Investment Pool.

The Board received copies of an abutter notice for a variance for the Villages at Loudon.

The Board received copies of a letter from Donna Harvey regarding cable and internet access for review.

The Board received 2 scholarship thank you notes.

The Board received copies of a grant notice from Department of Safety for review.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 21, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 14, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr stated that he had noted in the Selectmen's Minutes there had been discussion regarding cable and internet service. He asked the Board if the contract was up for renewal. The Selectmen said no, that there have been more inquiries from residents who currently do not have, or wish to upgrade, their internet and cable access. Chairman Ives said the Board has signed a letter asking Comcast Cable to increase their network in Loudon. Chief Burr asked that when the Board renegotiates the cable contract, they include a provision that all Municipal departments and buildings receive the cable/internet for free. He said that currently the Town pays the business rate for the internet service.

Chief Burr discussed the water issue with regards to costs to run the water pump, if the water was being left trickling at the Town Office during the winter, and looking at checking the seals in the toilets at the Town Office Building to help conserve on energy.

Chief Burr asked the Selectmen to consider allowing the Fire Department to utilize

the oldest police cruiser instead of sending the vehicle to auction. He stated that the vehicle would be used to transport fire department personnel to trainings and possibly for the department officers to use for response to fire calls. Chief Burr said that most of the fire department personnel volunteer their time, with little or no pay for their service and do not get reimbursement for the mileage to and from the trainings they are required to participate in to keep their certifications and advancement. Discussion ensued regarding what would need to be changed over for the vehicle to become functional for the fire department. The Board stated that the next cruiser is not due to be replaced until next July so the Board will have plenty of time to consider this option. Roy Merrill was recognized from the audience. He asked the Board how much the Town receives when a cruiser is sent to auction. The Board said \$1,500.00–\$3,000.00. Mr. Merrill said that since the Town would not be recouping much money from the auction, this might be a good way for the fire department to get a vehicle. Discussion ensued regarding lights, radios, and equipment.

Chief Burr said the Harvest Supper went very well.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of an article for the *Loudon Ledger* regarding making residents aware of the positions that will be elected on at Town Meeting in March. The

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Board discussed the content of the article and felt they would like to see the name of the current position holder and salary amount removed from the article. Discussion ensued.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding: Selectmen's meeting dates in November due to the election and holiday. The Board agreed to cancel the Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008 and will postpone the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2008 to Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.; the newly formed Energy Committee, the Selectmen will have Ms. Lee forward a letter to the five individuals who have shown an interest in this committee to set a date for their first meeting; military duty issue, Chairman Ives stated that at this point there are no town employees on military leave. The Board agreed that an amendment should be included in the Personnel Policy.

The Board received copies of Town Report bid notice and specifications and Town Office Cleaning bid notice and specifications for review and approval. The Board discussed looking at obtaining quotes for printing 1500 and 2000 copies of the Town Report.

The Board received copies of the Best Septic bill for the porta potty at the Library for use during the water issue for approval. Chairman Ives said that there were a lot of extra people at the Library during that time due to the Community Action Fuel Assistance Program holding appointments in the Library Meeting Room and with the water issues at all the Town Buildings in the Village without running water, he agreed to the delivery of the porta potty. *Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the payment of \$100.00 for the porta potty rental for the Maxfield Public Library during the water crisis. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a request from Dan Aversa for the name of his private road. Mr. Aversa has requested the name be "Bert Lane." *Selectman Bowles moved to name the private road off Bee Hole Road on Dan Aversa's subdivision as "Bert Lane." Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of an invoice from Engineer Judy Houston for NH Borings for a repair to monitor well #8A at the Landfill for review. Discussion ensued. *Selectman Bowles moved to approve payment of the billing from NH Borings in the amount of \$450.00 to The Louis Berger Group, and to note that the Selectmen need*

to be notified by The Louis Berger Group before any further well work is done at the Landfill. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Bowles stated it should be any work to be done at the Landfill, not just the monitoring wells. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of a letter sent to the Trustees of the Trust Funds by DRA.

The Board received copies of a memo from Superintendent Michael Martin requesting a Selectman to become a member of the task force to develop recommendations on the Beede Electric property. The Board noted that the letter was received in the Office on Monday and the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

The Board received a notice from MVSD regarding the fall meeting on October 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board received a letter from Concord Ventures Area Development requesting a warrant article for town meeting to discontinue 435 feet of Staniels Road from Route 106. Discussion ensued. Selectman Bowles said he does not support this request but agreed that it should go before the Town for a vote at town meeting.

The Board received copies of the Third Quarter Host Community Fee calculation from ESMI for review.

The Board received information from PRIMEX on the 2009 Workers Compensation contribution and multi year extension to 2012 for review. The Board agreed they would obtain a quote from the Local Government Center for comparison.

The Board received copies of Single Stream Recycling information for review.

The Board received copies of a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding a new Fire Captain appointment for Richard Edgecomb effective October 16, 2008 and for Rob Morin to Lieutenant.

The Board received a Veteran's Credit for review. The Board agreed the credit should remain in place.

The Board received copies of information from Department of State on election law surveys.

The Board received copies of the September property transfers for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 28, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Recreation Committee Chairman Alicia Grimaldi, and members Amanda Masse, Christine Campbell, and Jennifer Pfeiffer.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 21, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with members of the Recreation Committee.

Alicia Grimaldi discussed the Recreation Committee budget relative to adjusting the budget to show a separate line item for the Bicycle Safety Program in the amount of \$2,300.00 which has been part of their Special Events line in the past, as well as the desire to create a revolving account for Special Events. Mrs. Grimaldi provided the Board with their budget information as well as copies of the RSA regarding Revolving

Funds. She stated that the Recreation Committee works in conjunction with the Police Department on the Bicycle Safety Program and that the funds to pay for this program have always come out of the Recreation Special Events line, and with this being an annual event, the Committee members felt it should be separated out so the community can see that information. Mrs. Grimaldi explained that the Committee members would like to try to get the Special Events portion of their program self-funding. She stated that the Committee tries to keep all the programs at a minimal cost to the residents, but there is an opportunity to generate income to continue offering more programs to the community. She said currently the Committee sets up an event, if there is a fee for participation, the townspeople pay the individual fee for participation, and those funds get deposited into the Town's General Fund. The Recreation Committee pays the expenses related to the event out of the Special Events line in their budget. Once the funds are removed from their budget line, the amount is deducted and their bottom line budget shows the decrease in funds. Mrs.

Grimaldi said that the way the current budget is set, the Recreation Committee will expend all their Special Events Funds and there will not be a way to offer the Community more opportunities until the next budget is in place. She said the Committee would like to see the Revolving Fund set up so that when the funds are received for the programs the money will be placed in the Revolving Fund, any funds generated in a surplus will remain in the Revolving Fund (not placed back in to the General Fund) to be available for future programs. Mrs. Grimaldi said that the Committee is not asking for more money in the Special Events line, they would like to see \$1,000.00 of their Special Events line placed in the Revolving Fund for a startup cushion. She stated that the Committee is aware that this would have to be a Warrant Article voted on at Town Meeting. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that to date, the Recreation Committee has spent approximately \$6,000.00 out of their budget and they have collected \$4,000.00 from program fees. Christine Campbell stated that the Recreation Committee wanted to provide the offer of Theatre Camp for the residents and their hope was that this program would break even funding wise. She stated that the Committee actually collected approximately \$150.00 more than the costs associated with the program. Mrs. Campbell stated that the \$150.00 surplus was placed into the Town's General Fund so the Recreation Committee does not have access to those funds to be used toward future programs. Selectman Bowles said the process of the funds being placed into the General Fund to offset the expenditures has been in place for as long as he can remember. Mrs. Grimaldi stated the Revolving Fund would be set up so the \$1,000.00 initial cushion would be placed in the fund and all money collected for Recreation programs would be placed into this fund to be used to pay for Recreation programs. Selectman Maxfield asked if the Recreation Committee could continue if they had a larger budget. Mrs. Grimaldi said that the Committee members felt a larger

budget would be helpful as the \$12,000.00 budget in place is fairly small compared to other Recreation Department Budgets, however, they feel Loudon would be better served if the Recreation Department program could become self funding. Chairman Ives said he could see the advantage of a Revolving Fund. Mrs. Campbell stated that the Recreation Committee members were surprised to find out that the money generated by the Theatre Camp was not placed back into their budget to offset the expenditures taken out of their Special Events line. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that the Revolving Fund would be only used for the programs that are fee based; the free to the public programs would be paid for through their regular budget. The Board stated they agree that a Warrant Article could be drafted for review by Town Counsel with any other Warrant Articles to be placed on the ballot for Town Meeting in March. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that the Recreation Committee has drafted a proposed Warrant Article based on the wording from Hopkinton and Gilford when they went for their Warrant Article for a Recreation Department Revolving Fund. Selectman Maxfield stated that the Recreation Committee has done a phenomenal job expanding their programs and asked if a \$12,000.00 budget was enough to cover the programs. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that the Lifeguard position comes out of the Recreation budget under a separate line and she felt there would be a request for a cost of living increase in that line as well as general increases in the other lines for porta john rentals and electricity which will be addressed during the budget process. She stated that there would be a request in the Swim Lesson line due to the increase in cost that the Committee was not expecting this year. Mrs. Grimaldi discussed adjusting the Arts and Crafts line to a Supply line. Discussion ensued regarding the process of changing, adding, or zeroing out a budget line. The Board advised Mrs. Grimaldi that she should make a notation

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when she submits her budget that she would like to take the \$1,000.00 from the Arts and Crafts line and create a new Supply line and add that \$1,000.00 to the new line. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that the Committee would like to adjust the Park Maintenance and Supply line to be Park Maintenance, Supplies, and Equipment line. She said the Committee would like to see this line gradually increased over the years so, as the town grows, the parks and recreation fields can be gradually improved to include, but not limited to, picnic tables, benches, playground equipment, and a year-round skating rink. Mrs. Grimaldi explained that the Committee is looking at an ice rink for the winter that can be used as a rollerblading rink in the summer. She said the Committee would like to discuss this issue with the Selectmen for direction. Chairman Ives said he felt the Committee would need to obtain cost figures associated with the construction and maintenance of this project as well as a list of possible locations for this project. He stated the liability issue would also need to be looked at when considering this type of project. Mrs. Grimaldi asked if the Board had any location ideas. Discussion ensued. Selectman Bowles suggested that the Recreation Committee obtains costs for two or more sizes of rinks and the location can be determined at a later date. Mrs. Campbell said that it is the hope of the Recreation Committee that some or all of the costs could come from donations and local businesses. Chairman Ives suggested that the Recreation Committee members contact LYAA and the School District to see if there is any way to incorporate this project over where the new soccer fields are being constructed. Discussion ensued regarding this being a project for the future. The Board thanked the Recreation Committee members for the outstanding job they do.

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

Mr. Fiske provided the Board with information on a grant.

Mr. Fiske discussed the statements relative to an amendment in the Personnel Policy regarding Military Leave. He said there are employees who will be affected by this issue. Chairman Ives stated that he had already spoken with Office Manager Jean Lee and that an amendment will be drafted to be included into the Personnel Policy after review and vote by the Board.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that there had been an incident involving mailboxes being damaged by juveniles, some of which were from Loudon. He stated that the Athletic Director at Merrimack Valley has suspended some of the students from their sports teams.

Mr. Fiske discussed a 40-foot box trailer to be used for storage that he would like to have placed at the Transfer Station in an area that would be maintained for accessibility. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed

that Mr. Fiske should discuss the placement with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Fiske discussed an issue with tractor trailers idling at local convenience stores until ESMI is open for deliveries in the morning. He said that one of the store owners does not want the trucks idling on his property. Mr. Fiske said Mark Aubrey from ESMI has asked if it would be allowable for the trucks to drive to the parking area at ESMI and wait until the acceptable operating time. Mr. Fiske said the drivers are sleeping in the trucks while they are waiting for ESMI to open. He said Mr. Aubrey has stated this is only going to be for a few more weeks. Chairman Ives stated he did not have a problem as long as there were not a lot of trucks doing this. Mr. Fiske said that he felt it would only be a maximum of four trucks and only for a few weeks. The Board stated they do not have any problem as long as it is under control and there are no complaints received.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that six pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been working on screening sand for winter.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that there had been several washouts from the rain over the weekend. He stated a culvert needs to be installed across from Goshen Drive and plans to get it done this week so paving can take place next week. Mr. Rice said that people traveling on Goshen Drive may have to drive over a bump for a few days.

Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice that there is a washout on Riverview Lane near a culvert.

Selectman Maxfield moved to enter into an executive session with Road Agent David Rice at 7:10 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Chairman Ives yes, Selectman Bowles yes, Selectman Maxfield yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:29 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Chairman Ives yes, Selectman Bowles yes, Selectman Maxfield yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives stated the purpose of the executive session was to discuss questions/concerns relative to a purchase. He stated that all concerns were addressed.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that one truck was sent to Liberty International to be worked on and another truck went to Kamerota to have the rear end replaced. He said that these trucks are the older ones.

Mr. Rice said the Highway Crew would be working on some of the roads. Selectman Bowles suggested that Mr. Rice look at the ditches and roads as they are being worked on to see if there is anything that can be changed to improve the roads.

Chairman Ives asked about the drainage at the Maxfield Public Library. Mr. Rice said he did not hear of any issues. Selectman Bowles said the water was flowing out the other end of the drainage pipe.

Chairman Ives read the following into the record: *"We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God."* Chairman Ives read the Warrant to the Tax Collector: *"To Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, NH in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of Five Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Forty Six Dollars (\$5,316,046.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent annum from December 1, 2008 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to pay all monies collected to the Treasurer of said town at least on a weekly basis when receipts exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more often when directed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. Given under our hands at Loudon, NH, this Twenty Eighth day of October in 2008. Signed Steven R. Ives, Chair, Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman and Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman."*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the NH Group Health contract between MVP Health Insurance Company of NH, Inc. and the Town of Loudon Group # 251993. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of e-mails regarding a *Ledger* article on Town Officers.

The Board received a copy of the Communications Council information request for December *Ledger* for review.

The Board received copies of the 2008 Tax Rate.

The Board received copies of weekly expenditure reports.

The Board received a petition from Wayne Thistle to accept Thistle Hill Road as a town road. The Board will review the upcoming calendar and decide on a hearing date.

The Board received copies of a response from Judy Houston regarding the NH Boring invoice.

The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding the cistern located on Memory Lane for review.

The Board received a letter from Northeast Resource Recovery regarding new costs effective January 1, 2009.

The Board received draft copies of the letter to be forwarded to the interested members of the newly formed Energy Committee for review. The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 with the Energy Committee members.

The Board received copies of the draft amendment to the Town of Loudon Personnel Policy regarding Family Service Member Leave.

The Board discussed the issue of CVAD and their request to have a Warrant Article to discontinue a portion of Staniels Road at Town Meeting. The Board agreed to notify CVAD that they are responsible for the expenses and wording associated with this Warrant Article.

The Board received copies of the October Zoning Ordinance Workshop minutes for review.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that Police Chief Bob Fiske has presented the Selectmen with copies of the 2006 Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Award Grant which states Loudon has received an additional \$54,110.00 for the total grant not to exceed \$84,564.44 to fund an evacuation plan in addition to the items specified in the award letter dated April 25, 2008.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Maxfield moved to forward past due ambulance bill account #17352 in the amount of \$510.10, account #39560 in the amount of \$693.30, account #40027 in the amount of \$31.21, account #29624 in the amount of \$114.62, account #31609 in the amount of \$718.80, account #40398 in the amount of \$510.10, and account #28481 in the amount of \$589.80 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of a training certificate for Jeff Burr.

The Board received information from Comcast on price adjustments.

The Board was advised of an inquiry from Jeff Earles of Cross Country Appraisal Group to adjust the 2009 cyclical re-measure/re-listing up to this time period. The Board stated that there is not enough money in the budget for this adjustment.

The Board received notice from DOT that the building demolition on Route 106 began on October 23, 2008.

The Board received the newsletter from Councilor Shea for review.

Chairman Ives stated that Harry-O Electric has donated \$800.00 in materials and all overtime associated with a project at the Fire Department. The Board thanked Harry Maclauchlan for all he does for the Town.

John Plummer was recognized from the audience.

Mr. Plummer asked the Board about the request from CVAD to discontinue a portion of "Old" Staniels Road. He asked if it was the portion from Route 106 to 435 feet in. Chairman Ives stated yes, it is from the old entrance of Staniels Road to the edge of the CVAD property. Discussion ensued regarding the access to the new portion of Staniels Road as well as the Right-of-way for Cascade Park Campground.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Planning Board Minutes — October 16, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, Steve Jackson, Tom Moore, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Alternates Bob Ordway and Jeff Green.

Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Conservation Commission representative Julie Robinson were present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

September 18, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Tom Dow pointed out an error on page 1 under NHMS which should read "Canterbury Planning Board members Tyson Miller and Jim Snyder were present." Tom Moore asked that a clarification be made on page 3, last line under NHMS. Mr. Moore said that it should read "Tom Moore said they have a good thing going, and in keeping the lines of communication open they could all grow together." Steve Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes with those changes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Dave Larrabee — Mr. Larrabee stated that he has come back to the Board to again discuss doing a lot line adjustment between his property and an abutting piece. He said that the cost of doing the survey is his concern as it seems excessive for changing a line. Mr. Larrabee said that he and his neighbor each have forty acres, and they would like to draw a line up the middle, continuing the center line that is currently between them. He explained that they have estimates ranging from \$7,000 to \$15,000 which he feels is more than they should have to pay. Mr. Larrabee said that it was suggested to him that he have a compass and tape survey done, noting that the Registry has told him that they are alright with whatever is required by the town. He said he is asking the Board to agree to allow the compass and tape survey.

Steve Jackson asked how the land is being cut. Mr. Larrabee pointed out the pieces on the tax map and explained the pro-

posal. He said he is guessing that it would entail about 100 yards. Jeff Green asked if the estimates were to do one lot or two lots. Mr. Larrabee said they were for both lots. Stan Prescott referred to the *NH Land Surveyors Administrative Rules*, stating that he is not in favor of the request based on those standards. Jeff Green said that he would not recommend the compass and tape as it would not be as accurate and could be short. He suggested that they show at least the parcel being transferred at the 1:10,000 closure required by the *Land Development Regulations*. Mr. Green said they could add and subtract that parcel from the deeds, knowing that section would be accurate.

Bob Ordway asked if this has been surveyed before. Mr. Larrabee said that PSNH had surveyed it previously. Mr. Ordway said that he did not see any point to resurveying when the surveyors could look at that survey, noting that it could not be used if not 1:10,000. Roy Merrill stated that the Mr. Prescott had asked for a similar waiver for an applicant on Presby Lane. Stan Prescott said that they had taken 100 acres off 200-300 acre piece in that case and he felt that the rules were different at that time. Steve Jackson pointed out that the *Land Development Regulations* are a guide, asking if the Board can grant relief from those guidelines or if they can only give Mr. Larrabee direction. Tom Dow said that he would think that Mr. Larrabee would want to protect himself and have an accurate survey. Tony Merullo said that there could be development potential of there was sufficient road frontage. Mr. Larrabee said that each parcel has 360' of frontage. Mr. Merullo said that the potential is diminished without the frontage. Mr. Prescott stated that the potential is there as the applicant could do a road. Jeff Green talked about the tax map showing walls and a fence on three sides of the parcel. He said his concern would be the middle line of about 1,400'. Mr. Green said that it was his opinion that the piece being sold and transferred needs to be accurately surveyed to today's standards. Tom Dow said that they could establish the corners and the new line of the portion to be transferred. Stan Prescott said that he would be alright with that. Jeff Green said that he felt that would be the minimum that the Board should go with. Mr. Dow said it would be in the Mr. Larrabee's own interest by doing the section to be transferred to meet the requirements. Board members were in agreement.

Tony Merullo — Steve Jackson stepped down from the table. Mr. Merullo said that he would like to discuss the cistern that is required for lots on School Street. He explained that the new owner of one of the lots will be ready for a certificate of occupancy in another couple of weeks. He said

that he would be accepting delivery of the cistern on October 28, 2008 and will be responsible for its installation. Mr. Merullo explained that they have begun to clear and excavate the cistern location. Mr. Merullo said that Map 38, Lot 8-6 has no conditions for the certificate of occupancy because it was a previous subdivision. He asked the Board if they would consider transferring the requirement of the cistern from Lot 8-4 to Lot 8-6.

Tom Dow asked how long it would be before the cistern is operational once delivered. Mr. Merullo said it would be about one month for installation and approval. Mr. Dow said that he would be more in favor of allowing the certificate prior to the installation of the cistern than transferring lots if the fire department was in agreement. Bob Ordway asked when the owners plan to move into the house. Mr. Merullo said that they are scheduled to move in October 26th. He stated that they will ask for the inspection for the certificate next week. Mr. Merullo said that he is committed to the cistern, the work has been started, and the location has been viewed by the fire department and road agent. Chief Burr said that they have talked, noting that the work has been started and Mr. Merullo has a letter of the order and delivery from the company. There was brief discussion and the Board was in agreement to allow the certificate of occupancy to be issued prior to the completion of the cistern which is to be by the end of November. Tom Dow said that the Board would want a letter with the anticipated date of operation and the fire department's signature. Donna is to notify Code Enforcement of the decision.

Conceptual Consultation:

New Hampshire Motor Speedway —

The chairman explained that this is conceptual only, to give the Board an idea of proposed work, and there are no decisions to be made at this time. Steve Jackson and Dustin Bowles stepped down from the table. Mark Sargent of Richard Bartlett and Associates represented NHMS. John Zudell and Jerry Gappens of NHMS, Tracy Tarr of Stony Ridge Environmental, and Chris Adams and Tim Andrews of Nobis Engineering were present. Mr. Sargent stated that they have made application to the State for a site specific permit, explaining that the plan is to do some culverting of the stream running infield and in the rear of the grandstands area. He said that they are meeting with the federal and state agencies as well as the Conservation Commission. Mr. Sargent said they have not filed the wetlands application as of this time. He said that it would probably be January or February before they receive their permits and file a formal application with the Board. Mr. Sargent noted

that they also have to go to the Zoning Board.

Chris Adams explained that the plan is to remove open water areas and improve the safety on the inside of the track. He said that there is just under two acres of wetland impact, explaining each area of the project. Gary Tasker asked if they are required to relocate the wetland. Tracy Tarr stated that they are doing a mitigation package which will include restoration and preservation. She said that they will present their proposals to DES and once approved, they will present the final package to the Planning Board. Henry Huntington asked if it would be a 1:1 mitigation. Ms. Tarr said that there are different levels of impact, thus different ratios. She explained that the stream rules are in draft form with DES at this point so she could not say for sure what the final plan may be. Mr. Adams said that they have been asked to give a menu of options and the authorities will select pieces to complete the package.

Mr. Tasker spoke about the water control system as it enters the Speedway from Route 106. He asked if the vegetation and trees in that area are going to be removed. Mr. Adams said that a number of trees will be removed to fill the open channel. Mr. Tasker asked if they are located as the green barrier between the Speedway and Route 106. Mr. Adams explained that they are a separate tree line from the barrier. Mr. Tasker asked if there was a plan to replace that vegetation. Mr. Adams explained that they have not got to that point yet. Henry Huntington asked about the paving in green areas. John Zudell explained that some of the work will be done to improve the hospitality area where there would be grass lots with tents and paved walkways. Mr. Tasker said that there is a certain amount of vegetation between Route 106 and the parking lots and the back of the stands. He noted that there has been a lot of clearing in the State right-of-way. Mr. Tasker said that the Board had asked that that area be left and he is concerned that the green space is slowly being cut down. He said if they are stripping 500' of green space he would want to see replacement. Chris Adams said that they will do a landscape plan.

Julie Robinson said that the brook was compromised twenty years ago. She said that Cindy from the track has talked to the Conservation Commission. Mrs. Robinson said that the Commission would like to see them look to the local conservation commission for input. Polly Touzin asked if there is a plan to use permeable pavement. Mr. Adams said that they do not at this point, noting that there is not a lot of pavement, amounting to only 1,100sf. He said that the model shows that there is not a huge impact and he explained the Vortechs system. Mr. Adams said that the plan is to widen the entrance drive to allow more room for the traffic pattern. John Zudell explained that the entrance is now five lanes down to three and back to five. He said the plan is to widen the area where there are currently three lanes. Jerry Gappens said that this consultation is a step in opening the communications between the track and the town as discussed at last month's meeting. Mark Sargent stated that he would not consider this project to be of regional impact. Jeff Burr noted that this system and proposal would produce cleaner water coming out of the infield.

Steve Jackson and Dustin Bowles returned to the table.

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Planning — cont. from page 26**Old Business:**

Application #08-06, CVAD, LLC — Major Site Development, Located on Route 106 in the C/I District. Map 1, Lot 49. There were no abutters present. Chairman Dow read a request from the applicant to table this application until the November meeting. Alteration of Terrain and Shoreland Protection permits have been received. The applicants are now waiting for the NHDOT permit due to significant delays in their approval process. Tom Moore noted that the DOT position is vacant which would explain the delay. *Gary Tasker made a motion to move this application to the meeting of November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

New Business:

Application #08-16, Peter & Margaret Schauer — Minor Subdivision, Located on Cross Brook Road in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 44. Abutters Michael and Nancy Cutler were present. Jeff Green stepped down from the table. Mr. Green, of JL Green Enterprises, represented the applicants. He explained that this is a minor subdivision of a 32 acre parcel with an existing house and 200' of frontage at the end of Cross Brook Road. Mr. Green pointed out the buildable area of the proposed lots, noting that they meet the wetland and slope requirements. He stated that he has proposed 175' of road with a hammerhead in order to gain the necessary frontage for each lot. The plan is to divide the parcel into two lots, one being 15.6 acres and the other being 16.4 acres. Mr. Green said that the hammerhead gives them the frontage, has a turnaround to one side, and would not be used as a driveway. He asked for input from the Board, noting that there is plenty of acreage and buildable area, more than 200' of frontage on each lot, and that the owners would set up a maintenance agreement as the hammerhead would remain private. Tom Dow said that this is a formal application so Mr. Green was actually looking for an approval more than direction. Mr. Green said that he was looking for input in order to go to the engineer. Gary Tasker asked the reason for the hammerhead rather than extending the road. Dustin Bowles said that they cannot go straight in 175' so would need a turn-around.

Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

There was discussion on the frontage calculations. Gary Tasker asked why they could not move the cul-de-sac. Mr. Green said that the expense was the major reason, noting that they would have to move it way up and then setbacks would become an issue. Dustin Bowles said this design opens up a big precedent by extending off a cul-de-sac but does understand the purpose. Stan Prescott said that he felt it is beyond the spirit of the Ordinance. Mr. Green asked

if it would be different, more in line, if the cul-de-sac was moved. Mr. Bowles said his concern would be that people would be adding another hammerhead here and there.

Mr. Green said that he understood the concern but does work for the client. He presented a second option of an oblong cul-de-sac, extending the road by 175'. Dustin Bowles asked what they would be looking at for run-off. Mr. Green said that there would be a little more drainage on the inside of the cul-de-sac. He said he was told it would handle it since the configuration changes and lessens the impact. Mr. Green said that he will go to an engineer with this option for specifics.

Steve Jackson asked how this affects the buildable area. Mr. Green said that it would have minimal impact. Stan Prescott asked Mr. Green to color up the 20% slopes for the next meeting. Tom Moore noted that it looks like the cul-de-sac would have to be hour-glass shaped due to the way that it connects to the property. Jeff Green stated that he had word from the owner that the parcels would be labeled that there could be no further subdivision beyond this one.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Henry Huntington said that he is in favor of the extension but not the hammerhead. Most Board members were in agreement. Dustin Bowles said that they will face this time and time again and that he prefers the loop. Tom Dow stated that this is a recently completed subdivision that was appealing at the time with its big lots. He said this appears to be undoing the original intent of the subdivision. Jeff Green said that this parcel is the biggest in the subdivision and would still be large lots. He said that the plan meets the standards other than the frontage which can be created. Stan Prescott said that he would rather see a standard cul-de-sac and would agree with Mr. Dow's thoughts on the intent of the original subdivision. Tom Moore said they may see some benefit to the town with the larger cul-de-sac since the road agent does not like hammerheads.

Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this application to the meeting of November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. There will no further notification.

Jeff Green returned to the table.

Discussion:

Don Boyer — Steve Jackson stepped down from the table. Mr. Boyer said that he would like to address Map 46, Lot 44 with the Board. He said that he had a meeting with the wetlands board the day before and got bad news today. He said that the wetlands have been delineated by Dan Geiger and they have found that 75% of the southern frontage on Rainbow Drive is wet. Mr. Boyer pointed out that Mark Sargent has colored up the 75' buffer that the town has, noting that the State does not have a buffer requirement. Mr. Boyer said that he is asking the Board to waive the 75' buffer in order to obtain at least three lots on Rainbow Drive. He pointed out different areas on

the plan. Mr. Boyer said that he would have to create a common drive to get to the "upland" that is not wet. Tom Dow stated that it would then be a private drive. Mr. Boyer said that the Ordinance allows subdivisions on a private road. Dustin Bowles said that he thought it was getting too creative and that the area is wet, no matter what kind of summer there may be. There was discussion about the steep slopes, the Board's jurisdiction, and concerns. Mr. Boyer said that he would be willing to do a lot of improvement to Rainbow Drive but it would not be feasible to bring the whole thing to town standards.

The chairman asked for the consensus of the Board. It was felt that this would be a Zoning issue. Mark Sargent asked about the issue of a common drive off a private drive. Chief Burr said that it is preferred not to go with three houses on a common drive. He said that it becomes a problem with 911. Stan Prescott said that he is not sure that the Board wants to compound the mess that is already there. There was discussion about accessing the upper portion of the parcel, it being a private drive, and the possible options. Dustin Bowles said that subdivisions cannot be done on private roads. Mr. Boyer stated that it is permitted in the ordinance. He said he would like to get at least two lots on the upland and would pave down Rainbow Drive 2,000–3,000', up to town specs but would not go beyond that. It was clarified that the *Land Development Regulations*, which are only guidelines, address subdivisions on private roads, not the *Zoning Ordinance*. Stan Prescott said that he did not think the proposal would be in the best interest of the town. Discussion continued with Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, Dustin Bowles, Jeff Green, and Tom Moore agreeing with Mr. Prescott's thoughts.

Board Discussion:

John George — Foster Road. Chairman Dow stated that Mr. George has contacted the office with concerns of drainage problems at his property. Mr. Dow said that he met with MDP Development's engineer Tony Marcotte, Stan Prescott, and Dave Rice earlier in the day to review the situation. The consensus of the group was that Mr. George could narrow his driveway which is currently 60–65' in width, create a small berm and do some grading to keep the water from entering the property. Stan Prescott said that the end of the flair should be 30' per the road agent. He said that he and Steve Jackson had viewed the property with the approved plans on the previous day. Mr. Prescott said that a drainage system, such as a sump pump, could be installed by the garage to collect any water that collects there in the winter. He explained what was done by Heffron, the developer at the time of construction. Roy Merrill noted that there was a Cape Cod berm everywhere but in front of Mr. George's property. He said he would agree that the driveway could be narrowed down a little and some minor changes made by Mr. George. Steve Jackson said that it appears that the catch basins are where they are supposed to be and the berm

may even be a little higher than on the plan. He said that he cannot see any blame on the part of the developer.

Donna told the Board that water at the back of the property appeared to be of concern to Mr. George. The Board agreed that it is not a Planning Board issue. The chairman stated that Tony Marcotte had told the group earlier that day that Heffron tried to work with Mr. George to no avail and then when the new owners took over he started on them. Mr. Dow stated that the new owners had added a berm and trees to keep the view blocked between the Villages and Mr. George's property. He said that there is probably less water going to the property now than prior to the construction. It was suggested that Mr. George could have a drainage study of his property done. The Board agreed that this is a civil matter and there is nothing more that the Board can do.

Dan Aversa, Loudon Woods Estates — The Board received construction estimates and a letter requesting a bond amount from Mr. Aversa. The request is for the new road being built off Bee Hole Road as well as the off-site improvements of the intersection of Bee Hole and Chichester Road. Mr. Aversa gave a figure of \$215,865 for outstanding work to be done on the two projects. A memo from Tony Puntin of The Louis Berger Group noted that the estimate appeared to be mostly complete and accurate but he would recommend adding \$10,000 for placement of the gravel shoulder and general clean-up. The Board, noting Section 24.1 of the *Land Development Regulations*, set the bond amount at \$250,000.

It was noted that some of the material being used as a base for the new road may be inadequate due to a number of large rocks. There was discussion about the material and how the matter should be addressed now rather than when problems arise in the future. It was agreed that testing of the material should be done. Donna will arrange this with the contractor and engineer.

Alvin Davis, Memory Lane — The Board received a letter requesting a reduction in the road bond for Memory Lane. It was agreed that a site visit will be done with the contractor and engineer before considering the request. Donna will submit the request to Tony Puntin for his review prior to doing an onsite visit.

Report of the ZBA: There are three building permit extension requests, two special exceptions for Del Gilbert (one for tanks and one for a filling station), a variance to amend the age requirement for the Villages at Loudon, and a special exception for PSNH work in wetlands areas.

Report of the Board of Permit: Stan Prescott reported that there was no Board of Permit this month.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. was made by Dustin Bowles; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
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Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — October 23, 2008

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of October 23, 2008 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: George Saunderson, *Chairman* Dave Powelson, *Vice Chairman* Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, Howard Pearl, and *Alternates* Jim Venne and Jon Huntington.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing — *Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2008; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.*

Chairman Powelson announced to the public that MDP Realty submitted a request to continue their application #08-30 to the November 24, 2008 meeting in case any were present specifically for that matter. *Jon Huntington made a motion to continue application #08-30, MDP Realty, to the meeting of November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.* There will be no further notice.

DISCUSSION:

Anthony Greska — Building Permit Extension. Mr. Greska stated that the litigation following his auto accident of four years ago is ongoing, and he presented the Board with a copy of the case schedule. He explained the situation of loss of income and the financial position that was created as a result of the accident. He presented pictures of his property, noting that he has done clearing and excavation work to the extent that he is financially able at this time.

Chairman Powelson said that this request leads to complications as to how to handle an extension of a building permit that has previously been extended. Roy Merrill said

that he personally did not see how it would hurt the town at all. He said that Mr. Greska has had some difficult times and it would not hurt to work with him. Ned Lizotte said that the litigation schedule is out of Mr. Greska's control, noting that this request is a separate case in itself. Chairman Powelson said that he had Donna inquire of the building department about the current status of building permit availability. He stated that there are two permits available for 2008 and fourteen available for 2009. Howard Pearl asked if Mr. Powelson's thought was to have Mr. Greska apply for a new permit. Mr. Powelson explained the fees to re-apply. Mr. Pearl said that he could not see why they would want to put Mr. Greska through extra expense when he's been through enough already.

George Saunderson said that there are so many extenuating circumstances they would not have a hard time defending another extension of this permit. Ned Lizotte said, based on the schedule presented, that something will happen within the next year. Mr. Greska confirmed that the statement was accurate. Jim Venne said that he would have no problem at all with extending the permit. Jon Huntington said that he would have no problem with the extension, especially if there are still permits available. *Howard Pearl made a motion to extend the building permit through December 31, 2009; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

Jerry Laurent & Susan Gonthier — Building Permit Extension. Mr. Laurent and Ms. Gonthier submitted a request for a second extension to their building permit, citing financial constraints as the reason. Mr. Laurent explained that they are waiting to get the land paid down and have been preparing the site as finances have permitted. He said that they should have the land paid off and be ready to build in the spring.

Howard Pearl asked if they were fairly confident that they will be ready next year. Mr. Laurent said that they were. Dave Powelson said that the alternative would be to send them back for a new permit and more fees. Mr. Pearl said that he would not want to stress an already stressed system, seeing no benefit to having them re-apply. Jim Venne said that they are not increasing the number of permits by granting this request, although it could mean a larger number of new homes in one given year once things get caught up. Dave Powelson noted that the Zoning Ordinance does have provisions for unused permits to expire, as well as carry-over provisions for a certain percentage of the unused permits. Mr. Venne said that it will take many years to get things straightened out due to the current economic situation. Howard Pearl said that he has a feeling that all of the 2009 permits will not be used. *Howard Pearl made a motion to grant the building permit extension through December 31, 2009; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Dan & Paulette Rouse — Building Permit Extension. Mr. and Mrs. Rouse submitted a request for a second extension of their building permit, citing the decline of the real estate market as the reason. They have continued to market their current home, as well as the building lot, but have yet to secure a buyer for either. *Roy Merrill made a motion to grant the building permit extension through December 31, 2009; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #08-29, Public Service Co of New Hampshire — Special Exception for the construction of new power lines with wetlands impact. David Still represented PSNH. Roy Merrill recused himself as a noticed abutter. Jon Huntington was appointed as a voting member for this case.

Mr. Still explained the project, saying that they will be constructing a new line with slightly larger wire alongside the existing line. He said that they do not have the opportunity to take the existing line out of service until the completion of the new line, therefore there will be a brief period where both lines will be in place. Mr. Still said that the plan is to set the new line to the north side of the existing line. He said that 50' will be cleared and maintained every five years through mowing, noting that they will be able to keep the poles out of the wetlands with some in the buffer. Mr. Still stated that they have made application for DES Wetlands permits for temporary impacts, noting that work will be done under frozen conditions or with swamp mats. He said that there will be no changes to the substations.

Ned Lizotte asked to confirm that this work would be done in the same corridor and footprint as it currently used. Mr. Still said that was correct as the easements are in place and the line established. George Saun-

derson asked why they would take out the old line in case it was ever needed. Mr. Still said that they are pretty comfortable with the new line providing what is needed. Dave Powelson stated that this would result in one line, with a slightly different clearing and wetland impact. Mr. Still said that was correct. Ned Lizotte asked how long the project would take. Mr. Still said that the major part of it would be completed by June 1, 2009, with miscellaneous clean-up to follow.

Chairman Powelson read a letter from the Conservation Commission which stated that they have no objection to the plan as presented to them by Mr. Still at their meeting of October 8, 2008. Jon Huntington asked if the old poles are in the wetland areas. Mr. Still said that some are but not many. He said the old poles will be cut off at ground level rather than pulled out. Mr. Powelson read from Section 301.5 of the Zoning Ordinance. He said that the application could be approved contingent upon receiving the Army Corps of Engineers and Wetlands Bureau permits. Mr. Still stated that Nobis Engineering did the wetland application to DES. He said that DES would come out during construction to inspect and review the work as it progressed, with additional measures to be taken if necessary. He said that the plan was figured for the absolute most impacts, using Best Management Practices established with DES on similar projects.

The chairman had Mr. Still go through the points of the application. Jon Huntington asked when the existing line was constructed. Mr. Still said it was the early to mid 1930s based on the easements that they have found. Mr. Huntington asked if it is a 100' easement. Mr. Still said that the surveyor is doing some research and that the original line had a 100' easement. He said that the second time it was built (current line) a second set of 100' easements were acquired but the first were not released. Mr. Still said that it is possible that there is a 125' width but they only need 100'.

Jim Venne asked what happens to the wood that is cut. Mr. Still said that it is the property of the landowner with the easement. He said that they leave it in usable lengths. Jon Huntington asked if that was true on any easement. Mr. Still said that the easement language varies but it is fairly consistent.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of or against the application. Dean Wilber of Hot Hole Pond stated that he has owned his property since 1992 and has a power line easement. He said that it has been surveyed as a 100' right-of-way and he would like to have that clarified as he heard this evening that it may possibly be 125'. Mr. Wilber said that PSNH should take into consideration that the landowners could be losing shade

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and screen trees if it is cut to the fullest width. He said that he would like to know that there would be no cutting beyond the right-of-way, noting that it cannot always be straight from the current poles due to ledge and wet areas. Mr. Wilber said that he knows that this has to go through but he also wants consideration of the taxpayers.

Mr. Still said that they would be clearing the full width on the north side only and that they are trying to coordinate with everyone to avoid any over-clearing. He said that notices were sent to each landowner by PSNH, noting that they do not have a lot of flexibility of the location. Mr. Still said where possible they can take a look and slide one way or another. Jon Huntington asked if they have any idea where the right-of-way lines are. Mr. Still said that he is committed to determining that. He said that they are sometimes offset to the north, sometimes to the south. Howard Pearl said that it sounds like a 100' right-of-way easement is what is needed. Mr. Still said that they are working to clarify exact widths, noting that it depends on the accuracy of bearings and distances and the easement age. Ned Lizotte asked to confirm that they will be clarifying the 100' right-of-way, cutting off the poles that are currently markers of the center line, and will be staying within that right-of-way. Mr. Still said that was correct.

Jon Huntington asked Mr. Wilber if he knows the location of his lot lines. Mr. Wilber said that the right-of-way would encroach on his property if it was found to be 125'. He said that PSNH has never used the maximum width which would mean that he will lose a significant amount of trees. Mr. Wilber said that the wood and brush should be chipped so as not to be a fire hazard. Mr. Still said that the mowing will chip the underbrush. He said that they will limb

and drop the trees, leaving them in certain lengths as they are the property of the landowners. Mr. Still said that they leave stacks of limbs along the edge of the right-of-way, noting that they will talk with the owners and accommodate them the best they can. He said there is no intention to take down more than necessary.

Kitty Rodgers said that their property has been in the family since 1939. She asked what part the deed has in determining the easement, which clearly reads 100'. Mr. Still said that it should be referenced in the deed and carried down with each subsequent deed. He said this is generally a separate document and that he could get it for her.

The chairman read from a letter that abutters Ed and Julie Robinson submitted to the Board. He stated that the Robinsons are requesting that the line at their location be moved 25' to the south rather than the north. Mr. Still said that PSNH does not have the flexibility to cross back and forth. He said that the intent is to put it on the north side as that is the most appropriate way to do the work, noting that staying on the north side keeps them out of wetland areas.

Dave Powelson asked about the size of the impact. Mr. Still handed out sets of engineered plans that have been submitted to DES. He said there would be 9,321SF of temporary impact as the worst case scenario. Howard Pearl asked if it would most likely be less than that. Mr. Still said it would be less if they could use driveways and other accesses. Mr. Pearl said that the impact was temporary, with zero permanent impact. The chairman asked if the Board felt there was a need for a site review or if the members were clear on the proposal. It was noted that the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and health officer were notified of the application, with the Conservation Commission having submitted their letter of approval. The chairman said that

the Board recognizes that PSNH owns the easement and how this project is done will largely depend on how PSNH works with the landowners. He said the real issue would be if the Board concurs with the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Powelson closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to grant the special exception as presented; seconded by George Saunderson.* Howard Pearl said that it seems to be a necessary project and he would encourage PSNH to work with the landowners as much as possible. He asked that they do their best to appease and work with them, keeping the impact low. Jon Huntington agreed with Mr. Pearl's comments. George Saunderson also agreed, adding that they are counting on PSNH to do the best they can. Ned Lizotte agreed. *A roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED*

Roy Merrill returned to the table.

Case #08-27 & # 08-28, Del Gilbert & Son Block Co. — Special Exception for Gas Filling Station and Special Exception for Subsurface Storage Tanks, Map 49, Lot 124.

Ned Lizotte recused himself from this case. Steve Smith of Steve Smith and Associates represented the applicant. Mr. Smith stated that changes were made to the plan after discussing the project with the fire department and the fire marshal. He handed out revised plans. Roy Creley of Lakes Region Environmental was also present to speak on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Smith stated that they have a designer working on the tank farm for DES. He explained the site location, noting that it is 500' west of the intersection of Route 106 and Shaker Road, in an industrial park that was subdivided in the mid 1980s. Mr. Smith

said the parcel is in the C/I District. He stated if these applications are approved, the applicant would then need to go to the Planning Board. He explained that they would do a lot line adjustment as part of the project in order to get the corner of Mr. Gilbert's adjacent lot adjusted to this lot, simply because it currently serves no purpose to the abutting piece. Mr. Smith pointed out that there is 247' of frontage on Shaker Brook Park Road.

Mr. Smith explained that the proposal is to install a fuel dispensing facility to be used by Del Gilbert Block Company. He said that bio-fuel vehicles could also use the facility with a card from Del Gilbert. Mr. Smith said that there are a minimal number of ethanol vehicles out there, and not many locally, to use the facility. He said that they have been to the Planning Board for discussion and how the proposed use fits the zoning. Mr. Smith said that they have met with the fire chief and the state fire marshal and have incorporated their comments into the plan. He said that there are two access points, one from Shaker Brook Park Road and one from Shaker Road for which NHDOT has recently issued a driveway permit. Mr. Smith explained that this would make things easier for the trucks coming in to fuel up. He said they are proposing a pump island with a concrete pad and a canopy with a flat roof. The roof water would go to a drywell.

Mr. Smith explained that there would be three tanks, with the original plan showing four. There would be a 5,000 gallon tank for E-10, a 12,000 gallon tank for E-85, and a 12,000 gallon tank for diesel. All of the tanks would have to meet current design standards of New Hampshire. They are proposing a chain link fence for security purposes, with a lock box for the fire department. There would also be a pull sta-

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tion at the gate, an alarm system monitored by a security company, and a full spill kit onsite. The canopy would be equipped with a suppression system as required by the state fire marshal and the local fire department. There would be low-level, down-cast lighting. Mr. Smith said that there would be special foam solvent/retardant onsite. The foam has a shelf life so if it reached its expiration date the owner would give it to the fire department for use in training. Mr. Gilbert would replace the foam at his expense. There would be a hydrant at the onsite cistern. A small bathroom would be in the maintenance building, with an onsite leach field installed to DES standards. Mr. Smith stated that they would pave 75'-100' of the entryway and crushed concrete would be used for the access drive. He said that the state fire marshal feels that the crushed concrete would be good for absorbency.

Mr. Smith went through the points of the application. Dave Powelson asked if there would be a full time attendant. Mr. Smith said that a special card would be used to access the facility rather than have an onsite attendant, noting that the vehicles will be off the road to gain access. Mr. Powelson asked if the system would shut itself off at a certain time so that they knew nobody would be using the facility after 8:00 p.m., the end of the operating hours listed on the application. Mr. Smith said that there would probably be security cameras and the facility would be policed by the owner.

Jon Huntington asked if there would be pure ethanol. Mr. Creley explained that E-10 is 10% ethanol which is what is seen at gas stations now and E-85 which is where they are starting to head with fuel. Mr. Huntington asked if this facility is primarily for Gilbert vehicles. Mr. Creley said that was correct but he has to take a full load of ethanol to make the plant feasible. He said some vehicles are being converted. Mr. Creley said that there would be straight diesel, no tanks of pure ethanol, and that they had ruled out blending onsite. Dave Powelson asked where the applicant's trucks are kept. Mr. Creley said they are mostly in Gilford but Mr. Gilbert has several locations.

Howard Pearl asked if this would be one pump station. Mr. Creley explained that there would be a couple of pumps, with diesel accessible from either side of the island. He said it would look like a State fueling facility. Jon Huntington asked what type of collection would be used if there is a spill. Mr. Creley said that the State is very involved with that part of the design. He said that there would be grooves around the edge to contain a spill and they are going beyond that. He said the recycled crushed concrete will contain it, it will be mitigated and then cleaned up. Mr. Creley stated that they have things planned beyond the standards. He noted that E-85 is less of a pollutant than gasoline.

Ned Lizotte asked if the recycled cement could be taken to ESMI if there was a spill. Mr. Creley said that they would have to be

sure that ESMI is permitted to handle it. He explained the different fuels. Jon Huntington asked if monitoring wells are required. Mr. Creley said that they are not required, explaining that the tanks and piping are double walled and monitored. He said that they are required to be 250' from private wells and 500' from community wells. It is 337' to the nearest private well and 1,244' to the Scotch Pines community well.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Hearing none, he asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. Keith Dymont spoke on behalf of his mother, Teresa Dymont, who could not be present. Mr. Dymont presented a petition signed by residents within a one-third mile radius of this property who do not wish to have this facility in the neighborhood. He said that his mother has spoken with different realtors and learned that her property value will decrease because of this facility. Mr. Dymont read through a list of his mother's concerns, also submitted for the record. Curt Wageling asked if the pumps would be quiet. Mr. Creley said that the pumps are submersed in the tanks so would not be heard. Mr. Wageling stated that he agrees with Ms. Dymont's list of concerns and feels that it is a dangerous spot for this facility. He said that there would be a definite impact on property values.

Lorraine Wageling asked what guarantee that this facility was not going to change their quality of life would be provided. Steve Smith addressed several of the concerns. He stated that it is an industrial subdivision that already has vehicles entering and exiting. He addressed Ms. Dymont's concern of lighting, saying that the lighting is in the canopy and not like parking lot lights. Mr. Smith said that Shaker Road is a state highway and DOT issued the permit based on this proposed use. He said that he believed that the facility would be used Monday through Saturday and that the hours proposed are normal operating hours for most any type of business. Mr. Smith said that the brook is quite a distance away, and they would do plantings for buffers if the existing screening isn't sufficient. He said that CN Brown is down the street, with thousands using it. Mr. Smith said this proposal is in the same zone. He said the facility is not open to the general public. Mr. Smith said that people with the type of vehicle that could use this fuel would have to have an account with Del Gilbert in order to use the facility.

Roy Creley stated that Mr. Gilbert does not want to be intrusive or step on anyone's toes. He said that Mr. Gilbert can control the trucks with regard to hours and not using engine brakes. Mr. Creley said it is a good, low-impact proposal for the property. George Page noted that there had been mention of a watershed in the area, which this may not be in, but they had not addressed the brook that runs near this parcel. Mr. Smith said that he went to the town's watershed maps to check the aquifer. Mr. Page mentioned that Shaker Road is posted for

weight limits each spring, asking how they would handle that with the trucks. Mr. Smith said it would have to be addressed.

Alicia Dymont, speaking on behalf of Teresa Dymont, asked about the comment of the fire department not having the foam needed in case of an incident. Mr. Smith said that Mr. Gilbert has agreed to buy, store and replace the foam. Mr. Creley stated that the foam will be available to the fire department for any incident in town, not just at this facility. Russell Beldin asked which way vehicles would be accessing the facility. Mr. Smith said that they could go either way. Mr. Beldin stated several concerns: buses, walkers in the summer, elderly walking, bicycle clubs, tourists, congestion, race weekends, and groundwater.

Steve Dale asked for the height of the canopy. Mr. Creley said that it would be 16' high. Mr. Dale said that he also has concerns about property values. Lorraine Wageling asked how many trucks the facility could handle at one time. Mr. Smith said that four trucks could be there at the same time. There was discussion of Mr. Gilbert's character and desire to be a good neighbor. Jon Huntington asked how many trucks Mr. Gilbert owns. Mr. Creley said that he believed there are 26 vehicles.

There was discussion about permitted uses that could potentially be put on the parcel. Mr. Creley said that there could be far worse uses that would be more of an impact on the area. Chairman Powelson asked if there would be times that the abutters would think more appropriate. Several felt that 8 p.m. was too late, some felt that 6 a.m. was too early. Lorraine Wageling voiced her concerns about well contamination and fire. Mr. Creley explained how the system operates and the federal and state regulations that apply to this type of facility. He said that the State is scrutinizing the plan very closely. Mr. Creley said that the tanks are double-walled with sensors between the layers. They are alarmed so that the pumps go off automatically if the alarms go off. He said that the pipes are double-walled with sensors as well. Keith Dymont asked how long it would take for someone to get to the site if a sensor goes off. Roy Creley said that it would be monitored and there could be a red flashing light and/or computer transmission. He said that they are working with the State to determine the preferred monitoring method. Steve Smith said that there would be a private company monitoring the system 24/7. Mr. Creley said that the pumps go off if any liquid is detected by the sensors.

Ned Lizotte spoke of a similar facility in town where the general public can purchase fuel as long as they have an access card. He said that this proposal appears to be superior in design and safety features. Laurie Dale asked if the Conservation Commission has weighed in on this proposal. Steve Smith said that he has not met with the Conservation Commission as there had been no indication by the Planning Board that there was any need. He said that there is no wetland impact or work in the flood zone. Donna explained that the Conservation Commission receives the same packet of information as the Zoning Board and there had been no comments received from the Commission. Alicia Dymont asked if Mr. Gilbert would respond to complaints. Roy Creley said he absolutely would respond. He explained that Mr. Gilbert is of the "old school" and believes in being a good neighbor and addressing problems if they should arise. Rose Lord spoke about previous well problems at Scotch Pines. Mr. Creley stated that NH has some of the strictest tank laws in the country.

Chairman Powelson pointed out that Section 208.4 B of the Zoning Ordinance states that a driveway should access the lesser traveled road. He said that the plan does make sense as laid out. George Saunderson said that he felt a site visit was in order. Howard Pearl agreed, wanting to make sure they are in tune with everything. Mr. Saunderson asked if there was a particular reason that the vehicles could not enter and exit on Shaker Brook Park Road. Steve Smith said that it would be more difficult to maneuver, having to back up (back up alarms on vehicles creating noise) and turn around. Roy Merrill said that he feels this is an excellent design, noting the ease of access, particularly since trucks may have tanks on different sides.

A site visit was scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. *Howard Pearl made a motion to continue the application to the meeting of November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Jon Huntington. All were in favor.* There will be no further notice.

Ned Lizotte returned to the table.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4H Club @ the American Legion	2 2–7pm•BLOOD DRIVE @ FIRE DEPT. NWEA TESTING @ MVHS 5pm•Library Trustees Meeting @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	3 DRAFT OF SENIOR PAPER DUE 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Historical Society	4 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ Elem. School 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Crew 247 @ Legion	5 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS OUT	6 9–1•Book Sale @ Library 7pm•GraveRobbers Coffeeshouse, Loudon Cong. Church features Julie Kinscheck
7 7pm•Christmas Concert "Pieces of Grace" @ New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene	8 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	9 10am•Young at Heart @ VOANNE/Holiday Party 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 3:30–4:30pm•Environmental Kids Club @ LeS 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	10 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 7pm•MVMS/MVHS Holiday Concert @ MVHS	11 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg. SNOW DATE: 7pm•MVMS/MVHS Holiday Concert @ MVHS 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Crew 247 @ Legion	12 MID-TERM MARKS CLOSE 7–9pm•Middle School Dance	13 8–12•Breakfast with Santa and Craft Fair @ LES 10am•Meditation @ Library 
14	15	16 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	17 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting 7pm•Library Book Group	18 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Crew 247 @ Legion	19 MID-TERMS ISSUED MVMS Hat Day LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2009 ISSUE	20 10am•Winter Storytelling with Michael Harris @ Library
21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER 	22 FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH 6:30pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg. 	23 9–12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ VOANNE 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5pm•Christmas Eve Service @ Cong. Church 6pm•Christmas Eve Service @ New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26 FIRST DAY OF KWANZAA 	27
			NO SCHOOL			
28	29	30 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg.	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 			
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