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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.*

## Fire Department Members Awarded "Unit Citation"

The following members of the Loudon Fire Department were awarded a Unit Citation at the November 14 Association meeting for their outstanding efforts at a July incident: Thomas Henley, William Lake, Jeffrey Leonard, James Leonard, Christopher Mayer, Megan Paquette, John Reese, Brian Searles, and Chief Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr.

On July 11, 2011, at 12:45 the Loudon Fire Department was dispatched to Dover Road in Chichester for a motor vehicle collision. The weather conditions were very hot and humid.

While en route to the scene, a report was received that there was a possible fatal and maybe a second accident behind it.

On arrival, the first units found a heavily damaged auto with two trapped persons and a liquid propane transport tractor trailer with significant damage to the trailer tires and axles. A request for Dart helicopter was made. Dover Road was immediately closed.

Extrication of the young child from the back seat was accomplished and Concord Ambulance 7 transported the patient to Concord Hospital.



*Loudon Fire Department members who recently received a "Unit Citation," left to right: Chief Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr., James Leonard, William Lake, John Reese, Brian Searles, Thomas Henley, and Christopher Mayer. Not pictured: Jeffrey Leonard and Megan Paquette.*

After a very difficult extrication lasting over an hour, the second patient with multiple injuries was turned over to the Dart crew and airlifted to Dartmouth Hospital.

While crews were working on the two patients, the tractor trailer was inspected and an offloading plan was made. After Dart helicopter lifted off the ground and was out of the area, the transfer of propane was made to another awaiting truck.

With the determined efforts of Loudon members, along with personnel from neighboring towns, Dart crews and both hospitals, both patients have made recoveries from their injuries.

The Loudon Fire Department recognizes and honors its members in this long and difficult incident with this "UNIT CITATION." ■

## "Dump Sticker" Price Changes

Resident stickers (used for the Transfer Station and Town Beach parking) will be going up to \$4.00 each for 2012. These stickers will be available Thursday, December 1st, which is a regular "open" day at the Transfer Station. This is a planned adjustment to the sticker price and not an attempt to increase a tax. The reason for the increase is based on an idea the selectman have been considering awhile. The added revenue will be used to fund the biannual Household Hazardous Waste Day event, which has been funded by warrant articles in the past.

Current state regulations require that monies appropriated must be used in the next fiscal year, which makes the process complicated when you're trying to fund an event held every 2 years. An easier way to accomplish this is to take funds from an existing revenue source (resident stickers, for example), and collect that money until it is needed. In this case, the additional \$3.00 per sticker is a predictable source of revenue and will cover the approximate \$5,000.00 per year cost of holding a Hazardous Waste Day event. Any leftover funds go to the general fund, as is standard practice. Voters still have the ability to discontinue or adjust the process at Town Meeting. As in the past, about \$1.00 per sticker is needed to cover the cost of the stickers themselves.

Resident stickers still need to be replaced yearly and are valid for the calendar year (January thru December). Please ask an attendant if you have any questions. ■

## NH Motor Speedway's Gift of Lights Has Begun

This holiday season New Hampshire Motor Speedway became home to more than one million LED lights and hundreds of holiday light displays, as the speedway transforms into a one-mile drive-through light park running through Jan. 1.

The Gift of Lights creates a festive atmosphere by allowing visitors to drive through several themed areas including the 12 Days of Christmas, the zoo, the beach and much more. The path starts at NHMS' main gate and winds around the outside of the grandstands and includes a stretch of the road course. At the end of the route, visitors can experience Santa's Village in the NHMS office, where they will enjoy hot cocoa, concessions and free photo opportunities with Santa.

Open nightly, the hours of operation for the light show will be Sunday through Thursday, 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 5:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The cost is \$15 per vehicle. The first 15,000 vehicles to drive through this season will receive a gift bag with holiday values from the event's sponsors. Guests can listen to fes-

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**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. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings open until 7 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  
Monday–Thursday: 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 7:00 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**  
783-0170 • 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.–9 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  
Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.  
Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays.  
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email [LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com](mailto:LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com)

**Loudon Representatives**

**Merrimack County — District 6**  
**Priscilla P. Lockwood:** PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224  
**Jennifer Coffey:** 748 Raccoon Hill Rd., Andover, NH 03216-4040  
**Seth Cohn:** 58 Clough Pond Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224-2404  
**Sean Cox:** 346 Old College Rd., Andover, NH 03216-3310  
**Greg Hill:** 1 Knowles Farm Rd., Northfield, NH 03276-4517  
**Kenneth Kreis, Sr.:** 607 Shaker Rd., Canterbury, NH, 03224-2733

**Senators — District 07**  
**Andy Sanborn:** Legislative Office Building, 33 North State St., Room 5, Concord, NH 03301

**Loudon Ledger Submission Policy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**“The Loudon Ledger” 2012 Schedule**

**January 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 12/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 12/19

**February 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 1/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/16

**March 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 2/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/20

**April 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 3/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/19

**May 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 4/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/16

**June 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 5/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/21

**July 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 6/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/18

**August 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 7/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/16

**September 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 8/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/20

**October 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 9/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/17

**November 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 10/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/22

**December 2012 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 11/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/19

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Coffee & Prayer Time: Sunday 8–9:10 a.m.

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

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbc-loudon.org  
phyllis.minery@fcbc-loudon.org • Office Hours: Tues.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours:

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.) • Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Children’s Church (God’s Garage) for ages 3–grade 3

Ministries:

Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study: Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of month meets at noon)

Men’s Ministry/Men of Faith: 2nd and 4th Saturday 7:00 a.m.

Women’s Ministry/LIFT: 2nd Friday at 6:30 p.m. • Senior Ministry/SAGES: 3rd Monday

Small Group Ministry/BRIDGES: Various locations during the week

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Pastor Paul J. Clow

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)

Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional PrayerWatch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details) Loudon Congregational is a member church of the Conservative Congregational

Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church.

GraveRobbers is a safe, fun setting for everyone! Coffeehouse concerts are held the first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. featuring accomplished musical artists of various styles in a casual, café setting (doors open at 6:30). There is no admission to the concerts; however, donations for the artists are encouraged. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices.

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.  
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) 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: 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)

Prayer Gathering: 6 p.m. • Adult Bible Studies: 6:30 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: Communion Service followed by potluck luncheon. Third Sunday of Every Month: Men’s and Women’s Ministry Luncheon following services.

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

Loudon Church News

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service At Loudon Congregational Church

Loudon Congregational Church will open its doors for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. The service will include carols and a candle-lighting. The early time allows worshipers to spend the later evening hours celebrating with their families and friends. LCC will also be open for Sunday worship at 9:30 on Christmas morning. Everyone is welcome.

Loudon Congregational Church is located at 7018 Church Street in Loudon. For more information, please call 783-9478. ■

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene Presents “Journey to Bethleheh”

Journey to Bethlehem is an experience that takes the whole family back to the days of Jesus’ birth in the little town of Bethlehem. It is a chance to walk around the marketplace and hear the excitement residents have as the word spreads of the Savior being born. Families can visit the shepherd field where the angels announced His birth, they can visit the inn where Mary and Joseph were turned away, and they can visit the stable where Jesus was born. Families are invited to interact with the characters and place themselves in Bethlehem.

The event will be held Friday and Saturday nights on Dec. 9 and 10 from 6–8 p.m. at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene.

There will be a collection of non-perishable food items at the door to benefit Rise Again Outreach which helps families in New Hampshire. There will also be a bake sale fundraiser for the Nazarene Youth Group to raise money for an upcoming mission trip.

The church is handicap accessible and is located at 33 Staniels Road in Loudon near the Red Roof Inn.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve Service, Saturday, 12/24, 6–7 p.m. “Carols, Communion & Candlelight”

Christmas Day Worship Service, Sunday, 12/25, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

For more information, the church office phone number is 224-1311. ■

Mary Hardy Recognized for Outstanding Work in a Martial Arts School

Congratulations to Loudon resident Mary Hardy. Mary was honored with the 2011 Outstanding Program Director Award at the 2011 Educational Funding Summit in Nashville, Tennessee. The Educational Funding Conference is a national conference for Martial Arts Schools. The Outstanding Program Director Award is given to the person who exemplifies the proper skills needed to create a successful martial arts school. Skills such as organization, communication, diligence, and creativity are just a few of the skills needed to be mastered in order for a given school to run smoothly. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: developing key programs for students to get involved with the local community; ensure each student is getting the most of their training; maintaining student and instructor relationships; keeping all awards programs up-to-date; and overall organization of any and all activities done within the school. Mrs. Hardy has demonstrated and continues to excel at all these skills and much more! Congratulations, Mary! Keep up the good work!

Mary may be found at BodyWorks Martial Arts Studio (225-5620) on Manchester Street in Concord. She and her husband, Jeff, are the founders of the Studio. ■



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tive music and holiday messages by tuning into 87.9 F.M. in their car during the drive.

All proceeds from the Gift of Lights will go to the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities, helping kids in need throughout New England.

About Speedway Children’s Charities:

The mission of Speedway Children’s Charities remains true to the ideals it was founded upon in 1982: To care for children in educational, financial, social and medical need in order to help them lead productive lives.

SCC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and provides funding for hundreds of non-profit organizations throughout the nation that meet the direct needs of children. Our vision is that every child has the same opportunities no matter what obstacle they are facing. ■

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## Loudon Food Pantry News

### Visit us at Santa's Breakfast

We are going to have a table set up at Santa's Breakfast, Saturday December 10, 2011. We will be selling our wrist bands and tickets to our 50/50 Raffle.

Come visit us at Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria and help support Loudon Food Pantry. We hope to see you there!

#### 50/50 Raffle

There is still time to enter our raffle. The winner receives half of the proceeds from the ticket sales and buying tickets also helps to support Loudon Food Pantry as well.

**Raffle Dates:** Starts November 1, 2011 Ends December 15, 2011

**Tickets:** 50¢ each 5 for \$2.00 10 for \$3.00

You can purchase your tickets at the pantry located at 30 Chichester Rd. in Loudon on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. or Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. We will also have an order form on our website at LoudonFoodPantry.org starting November 1, 2011.

#### Thanksgiving Boxes

This article is being written *before* we have finished giving out our Thanksgiving Boxes. We'll update you in the next article. Thanks to the support of the community we are confident that we will be able to complete the boxes.

#### Thank You!

In order to run a non-profit, you rely on the community, businesses, other non-profits and volunteers to help you succeed. Our definition of success is to have enough food to feed the people that are in need. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to do so. We have had our ups and downs, just like anyone else. But, with your help, we hope to see more ups and fewer downs in the months to come. Thank you for all your help! ■



## Loudon Lions Club News

As the holidays near, we cherish the time we have with friends and family. It's a time to be thankful for how blessed we are and to think of those who don't have the same advantages.

As the temperature drops, the need for warm clothing and blankets skyrockets, especially in this economy. The Loudon Lions Club is supporting a local organization — Warmth From the Millyard — and we invite you to join us also.

Beginning in 2007 the UNH Manchester Community Leadership (CoLead) program organized the Warmth From the Millyard (WFMY) warm clothing drive. Each fall students in Community Service and Leadership classes partnered with local businesses, schools, government organizations, and non-profit agencies to raise awareness about, and create a response to, the need for warm clothing across New Hampshire. The students, working with the community, have brought in over 21,000 items of warm clothing and distributed them to over 60 receiving organizations and groups.

There is a collection box at the Maxfield Library; please join us and donate clean, new, warm clothes and blankets in good condition. The collection will run through the end of January and it's our goal to make this the best collection yet. Please stop by and drop off your donations.

#### The Lions Club Invites You!!!

Come help us plan our spring fundraisers! We welcome you, your ideas, your enthusiasm, and your heart to help the Lions Club grow. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Maxfield Public Library. Come in and see what we're all about; we welcome you with open arms.

Happy Holidays! ■

**The Deadline for the January 2012 issue of The Loudon Ledger is: Friday, Dec. 16, 2011**

# Santa's Breakfast

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria

(Snow Date: Sunday, December 11)

Breakfast: 8–10 a.m. • \$5/person or \$20/family

Enjoy breakfast and a visit from Santa 8–9:45

Craft Fair: 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

A great way to shop for the holidays and support local artisans.

Quarter Raffle: 10 a.m.

Dozens of items to choose from — just 25¢ a chance!

Cookie Walk: 8–noon

Fill a bag with delicious home-baked cookies.

To donate a raffle item or if you have questions, call Cindy Labonte at 568-5089

To rent a table at the craft fair, call Becky Herman at 783-4257

**All proceeds to benefit the LES PTA**



Crafter's Space  
still available!!!  
\$15 per table.



## Book Your Next Function With Us!

*We will be offering a limited daily menu until the snow flies and re-open in March of 2012.*

**Our Function/Party Menu will be offered year 'round so book your event now!**

### Book your:

Christmas Party  
Bachelor/Bachelorette Party  
Wedding Rehearsal Dinner  
Birthday Party  
Family Gatherings

Company Party  
Bridal Shower  
Small Weddings  
Baby Shower

**We specialize in serving your needs...  
whatever they are!**

Our newly-renovated clubhouse can hold up to 80 people for any meeting or event. You can choose from our full entrée menu, appetizer menu, a combination of both or our full sandwich platters. There is no facility fee — just reasonably-priced home-cooked food and drink.

**Please call us at 783-3372, ext. 4, to book your next event  
and inquire about all our menu options.**

**We are located at 653 Route 106 North in Loudon.**



# New Business Roundup

Story and Photos By Lee Loughlin

The economy may be struggling, but some people in Loudon are taking the bull by the horns and making their own way in these trying times.

## Spank Alley Skate and Board Shop.

It is always fun to talk with people who are passionate about their work. Even if it isn't an area I am familiar with, when someone is passionate, their enthusiasm is contagious. This is so true when talking with Melody Broider about her latest venture, Spank Alley Skate and Board Shop. Three years ago, Melody started following roller derby. Nine months ago, she made the leap and started training to be a skater herself. She leveled up at an unprecedented rate and lost weight all while having a ton of fun. On November 4th, She opened Spank Alley on the second floor of 8 North Main Street in Concord (right near the intersection of Main and Pleasant).

Once she started skating, she immediately saw a need for a local source for high quality, reasonably priced equipment for skaters. Her kids encouraged her to include skate boarders too, and Spank Alley was born.

Broider describes Roller Derby as a combination of football and hockey on roller skates. The store is named for the penalty box, in roller derby a.k.a. Spank Alley. The grand opening was held on November 4th and the store has received a warm welcome from both the derby girls and the skater community. "The skate boarders especially have been great about providing feedback and information," Broider says.

Melody continues to work with her husband Rick on the successful Broider Consulting Group, but calls Spank Alley an expression of her alter ego and her fun job. Long term she would love to open a skating facility in the Concord area, but for now she's enjoying the success of her new found passion in her new business.

To learn more about roller derby in New Hampshire, visit <http://granites-taterollerderby.com/i> For additional information about Spank Alley Skate and Board, visit them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SpankAlleySkate> or their web site <https://www.SpankAlleySkate.com> you can reach the store directly at 1-978-ALLEY54 - (978-255-3954).

## Real Deal MMA

When you first meet Rick Broider he can strike you as intimidating with his height and his lean muscled frame, but then he smiles and all bets are off, well almost. Rick is nothing if not diverse. He's served in the military, and as a State Trooper, he's been a champion fighter, a manager, a trainer and a successful business consultant.

After years of running his fighter training and management business out



Spank Alley Skate and Board Shop was recently opened in Concord by Loudon resident Melody Broider.



of his home in Loudon, he was presented with an unexpected opportunity to grow the business that he just couldn't refuse. When Rick's wife Melody opened Spank Alley Skate and Board Shop in downtown Concord, the landlord mentioned that he had additional space available since the previous tenant, a dance studio, didn't renew their lease. Rick hadn't planned to move the gym, but the prospect of a more formal-

ized space and working close to Melody was a opportunity he couldn't pass up and so, Real Deal MMA moved its operations to Concord.

Mixed Marshal Arts or MMA is a combination of kick boxing, wrestling and jiu jitsu. According to Rick, the sport has exploded in the last few years and there is a real opportunity for a fighter with discipline and talent to make a career out of professional fighting. Rick's past experience as a fighter helped him to develop the Real Deal Fighting System and under his management several fighters have achieved great success. Rick is the lead trainer at Real Deal MMA and is backed by Ken Kersch, another Loudon resident who supervises strength training and offers nutritional support.

While the gym focuses on training fighters interested in competing in leagues like the UFC and they also offer a Cardio MMA class for those who just want to get in shape like a fighter.

The Concord location features a gym room with a regulation cage corner along with all the other tools necessary to train to be a fighter. There is also a pro shop and The Real Deal Power Bar where members can keep their energy up with a protein shake.

For more information about Rick and the Real Deal MMA program please visit <http://realdealmma.com>

## Confectionately Yours

Loudon's own Steve Jackson recently opened Confectionately Yours, a sweet shop in the Brookside Plaza at the intersection of Route 106 and Shak-

er Road. Locally, Jackson is best known for his Real Estate expertise and as owner of RE/Max Countryside also in the Brookside plaza. What most people don't know is that Steve has been in candy sales all his life. Right after college he worked for Pacific Trading Cards. Later, he worked for Nassau Candy, a national distributor of fine candies. After Nassau he and a partner opened a retail candy outlet in the Epsom traffic circle, but in 2000, he made the jump to real estate. Still, he kept his hand in the candy business operating The Candy Shack at local fairs, and NASCAR races. When King's Chinese Restaurant relocated their business, earlier this fall, there was an opening in the Brookside Mall. Steve had no intention of opening a candy store. He told his wife exactly that one morning, yet somehow, that night, he came home with a signed contract for the space. That was late October. With the help of many dedicated friends, other Loudon business owners and family members, the store opened to the public on Saturday November 12th.

The store features freshly made fudge, and gourmet chocolates along with baskets and baskets of individually packaged favorites such as Smarties, Bullseyes, MaryJanes and Tootsie Rolls. "The days of Penny Candy are gone, but kids can still get some sweet treats for only a quarter." There are also bags of prepackaged candies like gummy bears, licorice bites, swedish fish and a selection of Jelly Belly jelly beans.

Perhaps the part of the store Steve is most excited about is the consignments. Steve has agreements with Kathy Foss of Route 28 Bakery as well as Loudon



Rick Broider in a fighting stance. A Loudon resident, Rick has recently opened Real Deal MMA gym in Concord.





Above, Confectionately Yours owner Steve Jackson (behind counter) chats with customers. Top, right: There's lots to choose from at Loudon's very own candy store! Bottom, right: Oh, decisions, decisions!



residents Juliana Brien and Jennifer Pfeifer to sell their hand crafted baked goods, cookies and cupcakes (respectively). He wants the store to be by the community and for the community.

Confectionately Yours is in the Brookside Plaza on Route 106. The store is open Monday through Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-7 Saturday 9-6 Sunday 10-4. Feel free to call Steve at 396-6258 with questions or for further information.

### The 106 Beanstalk

The Beanstalk, a staple in Loudon for more than 40 years has a new owner. Russ Smith, son of the original owner sold the store at the end of August to Rob Imad and his partners. Imad has a background in software engineering and business management and has been operating gas stations/convenience stores for the last 15 years. Along with two partners, he owns convenience stores in Deerfield, Milford, and recently acquired two new stores in Vermont.

I spoke with Joe Chamberland, the long-time store manager at the Beanstalk, about the change in ownership and all that comes with it. "I'm really excited. He's got some great ideas and big plans." Perhaps the most noticeable change has been the change to a private label fuel. Selling a mainstream fuel (in this case Irving) under a private label allows them to keep prices down. "Our aim is to be the lowest price gas in the area."

Prices outside the store aren't the only change, inside, prices have come down and selection has expanded. Because Imad and his partners own multiple stores, they are able to negotiate bulk prices with suppliers. This means they pay less for products and can pass the savings on to their customers. Operating hours have been extended too. The Beanstalk is now open 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. They will also be open on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In the near future, the entire store will get a face lift. There will be no major changes to the exterior structure of the store, but inside, there will be a major update to all the surfaces (floors, walls, shelves and coolers). Additions include, a second entrance, a beer cave for cases leaving the existing coolers for an expanded selection of six packs. There will be hot subs, in-store seating, and restrooms that are open to the public. The shelving will also be reorganized to accommodate a larger selection of products across the board. Outside, they are hoping to add more gas pumps including a diesel pump. Where possible, local businesses are being recruited to complete the project.

Congratulations to all of the new business owners! Don't forget to stop in and tell them you read about them in the *Loudon Ledger*. ■



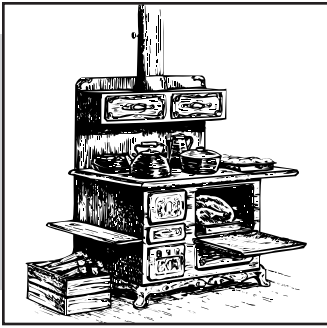
Lee Laughlin is a writer and blogger who lives in Loudon. She blogs at <http://www.livefearlesslee.com>.

Melody and Rick Broider unpack new items at Real Deal MMA gym.



Loudon fixture, The Beanstalk store, has been purchased by Rob Imad. Updates are planned!





# What's Cookin'!

## This month: Farm Feast Recipes

Jenn Pfeiffer

Thank you to everyone who came to the Second Annual Loudon Farm Feast. For the second year in a row, I was given the honor of cooking some of the most amazing fresh, and local products we could get our hands on, 95% of which was grown, raised, and made by our friends and neighbors here in Loudon. Some of the ingredients were frozen or canned from local gardens over the summer to be sure we had lots of flavors. As many of you know, I usually don't follow recipes exactly and when multiplying the following recipes for 150+ people some tweaks needed to be made. Please let your taste buds be your guide.

### CIDER BEEF STEW

- 2 lbs. beef cubes
- ¼ cup oil
- 1 onion chopped
- ¼ head of garlic chopped
- 8 carrots cut into pieces
- 6 potatoes cut into pieces
- 2 cups stock
- 2 cups cider
- 4 Tbs. cornstarch (mix with the cider before adding)
- ¼ tsp. rosemary
- 1 Tbs. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper

In a large stockpot brown meat over medium high heat in oil. Add onion, garlic, salt, and pepper cook for about 2 minutes then add remaining ingredients stir and cover. Cook over medium low heat for 5–6 hours stirring occasionally.

### VEGGIE SOUP

- ¼ lbs. clean dry beans (soaked overnight)
- 2 cups water
- 6 carrots cut into pieces
- 4 cups tomatoes
- 1 ear corn cut from the cob
- 1 onion chopped
- ½ head garlic chopped
- 1 Bay leaf
- 1 tsp. basil
- 6 cups stock
- 1 Tbs. Salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 bunch kale washed and torn into small pieces

In a large stockpot add beans and water cook over medium high heat for about 15 minutes until they start to soften. Add all remaining ingredients EXCEPT for the kale and cook until the carrots are softened. Then add kale and cook for 5 min. (I don't like my carrots crunchy but I also don't like my kale mushy.) Add more spices to your taste.

### SQUASH SOUP

- 1 squash
  - 3 apples
  - 1 onion
  - 2 tsp. curry powder
  - 2 cups cider
  - 3 cups vegetable stock
  - 1 cup cider
- Salt and pepper

Turn oven on to 350 degrees Cut squash in half the long way and scoop out the seeds. Place on a large cookie sheet cut side down. Do the same with the apples too! Peel onions and cut into quarters and spread on pan with squash and onions. Add 1–2 cups of water to just cover the bottom of the pan. Cook for about 45 min. or until veggies are soft and caramelized and the water is almost gone. Remove from oven and let cool on pan. When cool enough to handle, scoop squash out of the peel and add it plus the onion and apples to a large stockpot with remaining ingredients. Cook on low for about 20 minutes, then use a wand blender to smooth out the soup. More liquid can be added if it's too thick for you. Be careful if you use a regular blender! Be sure to cover with a towel so the top doesn't blow off. I like to add a little bit of cream or dollop of Greek yogurt and croutons to my soup.

### SAUSAGE POTATO KALE SOUP

- 2 Tbs. olive oil
  - 1 small onion chopped
  - 5 garlic cloves chopped
  - 1 lb. hot or mild ground sausage
  - 4–5 large potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch pieces
  - 6 cups chicken broth
  - 1 bunch kale, washed, stems removed, leaves chopped
- salt and pepper to taste

In a large stockpot brown sausage over medium high heat in oil. Add onion, garlic, potatoes, and broth; cook until potatoes are tender. Add kale and cook for 5–10 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

### BAKED APPLES

- 2 lbs. or 4 apples
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 Tbs. butter

Combine apples, cinnamon, and syrup in a baking dish. Dot the top with butter and cook at 350 for 30 minutes.

### PUMPKIN CUSTARD

*If you use fresh pumpkin, like we did, you will need to bake and puree it before you start this recipe.*

- 6 eggs
- 2 cups pumpkin
- 2½ cups milk (we used goat milk)
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- ¼ tsp. salt

Beat eggs well and then add remaining ingredients until combined. Pour into a buttered baking dish and cook at 350 for about 40 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at [jtpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfeifer@comcast.net). ■

*Who says too many cooks spoil the broth? There were many volunteers available to dish up the delicious soups and stews served at Loudon's Farm Feast.*





# Thank You, Loudon!

*By Melissa Minery, Recreation Committee Member and Farm Feast Coordinator*

The Loudon Recreation Committee recently held its second annual Farm Feast, a local food community dinner. Over 170 people were served soups, stew, and desserts, with ingredients grown or raised in Loudon.

Much appreciation to the Loudon Recreation Committee members: Alicia Grimaldi, Jenn Pfeifer, Kim Therrien, Laurie Jaquith, Amanda Masse, Tom Stevens, and Dan York, whose effort and dedication made this event possible. Thank you Mr. Laliberte, Mrs. Muzzey, and Mr. Larry from Loudon Elementary School for providing the venue, Rosanne Storrs for supervising the kitchen all day, and to Earl and Alice Tuson for coordinating with the farmers. Many hands make light work and Loudon Cadette Troop #12356 and Loudon Junior Troop #12083, as well as Jenn Becker, Josh Proux, Madeline Jaquith, Joli White, and Chance Grimaldi proved this with their assistance the day of the Feast.

I feel fortunate to live in a town with such a rich agricultural base and so many local-food options. I extend my gratitude to the farmers and local businesses who participated by supplying food to the Farm Feast: B & B Syrup, D.S. Cole Growers, Egg Shell Restaurant, Maple Ridge Farm, Meadow Ledge Farm, Mudgett Hill Mumbling Maplers, Miles Smith Farm, New Leaf Farm, Our Place Farm, Pearl & Sons, Ramsay's Farm Stand, Red Manse Farm, RNG Farm Stand, Sunnyside Maples, Gary and Roxanne Tasker, and Windswept Maples.

And thank you to everyone who attended and showed their support for local food! ■



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## FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Focus on Fire Safety: Holiday Cooking

Cooking fires continue to be the most common type of fires experienced by U.S. households. This is even more apparent during the holidays. **There is an increased incidence of cooking fires on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day.** Cooking fires are also the leading cause of civilian fire injuries in residences. These fires are preventable by simply being more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment.

Don't become a cooking fire casualty. Learn the facts about cooking fire safety today!

### Safe Cooking Tips

The kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Here are some safety tips to help:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.

- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance, as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

### If You Have a Cooking Fire

- When in doubt, just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
- If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.
- Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing.
- If you have a fire in your microwave oven, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed.

Never open the door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet.

- After a fire, both ovens and microwaves should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

### Nuisance Smoke Alarms

- If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking, you may need to move it farther away from the kitchen (according to manufacturer's instructions) and/or install a smoke alarm with a pause button.
- If your alarm already has a pause button, push the pause button, open the door or window, and fan the area around the alarm with a towel to get the air moving. **Do not disable the smoke alarm or take the batteries out!**
- Treat every smoke alarm activation as a likely fire and react quickly and safely to the alarm.

### Turkey Fryer Safety Tips

- Use turkey fryers outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other combustible materials.
- Never use turkey fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck.
- Make sure fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you do not watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer even if it is not in use. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with

marinades. Oil and water do not mix; water causes oil to spill over causing a fire or even an explosion hazard.

- The National Turkey Federation recommends thawing the turkey in the refrigerator approximately 24 hours for every five pounds in weight.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If the fire is manageable, use your all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call the fire department for help.

Source: Underwriters Laboratories

### Burns and Scalds

Most burns associated with cooking equipment, cookware, and tableware are not caused by fire or flame. In 2009, ranges or ovens were involved in an estimated 17,300 thermal burn injuries seen in U.S. hospital emergency rooms. (Source: NFPA) Microwaves are a leading cause of scald burns. Be extra careful when opening a heated food container. Heat food in containers that are marked "microwave safe." Since foods heat unevenly in the microwave, make sure you stir and test the food before eating.

### Protecting Children from Scalds and Burns

Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than of being burned in a cooking fire. (Source: NFPA) You can help prevent these injuries by following a few basic tips:

- Keep children at least 3 feet away from where food and drink are being prepared or carried.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from the table or counter edges.
- Use the stove's back burners if you have young children in the home.
- Never hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot foods or liquids.

Also, teach children that hot things burn! ■

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## Jacob Cheney: Deer Hunter

Jacob Cheney, 10, of Loudon shot his first deer — this 155 pound 6-point buck with his 3-shot 20 gauge Savage with an Accutip. Jacob was just wrapping up for the day on the first day of youth weekend when he spotted this buck in a field munching on an apple tree. It fell right in his tracks at 125 yards with one shot to his spine. Jacob has enjoyed hunting since he was 6 and often accompanies his father, grandfather, uncles, and cousin. ■

## D.A.R.E. NEWS

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

This year the D.A.R.E. Program will begin the week the kids return from Christmas vacation. The course is usually 9 weeks with the last class being graduation.

This year, the students will be taught two weeks of bullying lessons and two weeks of prescription and over the counter drug abuse. We will also have a class on cyber bullying and the dangers of the internet.

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.

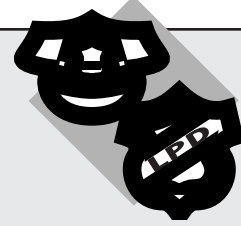
I look forward to continuing my position as the D.A.R.E. Instructor to the Loudon Elementary School fifth grade classes. If you have any questions regarding this program, I encourage you to contact me at the Loudon Police Station at 798-5521 or via e-mail at [jfiske@loudonpolice.com](mailto:jfiske@loudonpolice.com). ■

## Laconia Savings Bank Launches Financial Answer Center

Laconia Savings Bank is pleased to introduce a great new website tool on [www.laconiasavings.com](http://www.laconiasavings.com). The Financial Answer Center, an education-based system, provides customers with immediate answers to hundreds of financial questions and instantly provides contact information for the person at the bank best suited to assist them.

"At Laconia Savings Bank, we strive to be a financial resource for our customers. In addition to providing traditional bank products and services, we now provide them with the information they need to make informed decisions about their personal finances," said Mark Primeau, President and CEO of Laconia Savings Bank. "Consumers often need financial guidance in their lives. When our customers need assistance or financial expertise, we want them to know they can turn to us."

Laconia Savings Bank's new Financial Answer Center is an extension of the commitment to their customers and their communities and provides articles such as buying and selling a home, cash and debt management, running your business, investing, saving for college, understanding estate taxes and much more. Laconia Savings Bank's new Financial Answer Center is available at [www.laconiasavings.com](http://www.laconiasavings.com). ■



## Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

As the holidays fast approach, the members of the Loudon Police Department extend our wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season.

As many of the residents have heard, Loudon, along with surrounding communities have had some activity regarding thefts as well as suspicious persons and vehicles. PLEASE do not hesitate to contact us for anything that appears out of the normal. The slightest inkling that something doesn't appear right may be the missing link in our puzzle. We are here 24/7 to serve you, the resident.

I cannot repeat this message enough. I am urging parents to talk to their teenagers who are licensed. We need to continue to remind them to SLOW down. You must be travelling at a reasonable and prudent speed under the conditions — *not necessarily the posted speed limit*. PLEASE encourage them to use caution and drive at a *reasonable speed* — especially with the inclement weather coming. This message is a reminder to ALL drivers, young and old alike.

I urge everyone to use common sense when planning to host or attend the numerous holiday parties that occur during this time of year. Don't drink and drive. We will be out with extra patrols to deter drinking and driving. Plan ahead and utilize a designated driver and please buckle up.

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

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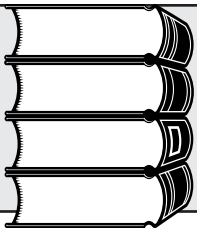
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# Maxfield Public Library News



Jean Elliott's *Sunlit Promise* was voted Best of Show at the recent Loudon Village Arts Show.

## Trick Or Treat

Story Time would like thank the Town Offices, Loudon Police Department, and Loudon Fire Department for participating in Story Time's annual Halloween costume parade! The children had a great time trick-or-treating through the different buildings. THANK YOU for being willing hosts every year!

## Story Time

Story Time will investigate hibernation as they listen to *A Winter's Nap* by H.A. Rey and *Leaves* by David Ezra Stein on November 29th, 30th, and December 1st. Each child will leave the library with a hibernating friend.

Now that the first major storm of winter has come and gone, story timers will be pulling out their extra blankets as they listen to *When Winter Comes* and *Winter is*



*the Warmest Season* by Nancy Van Laan and Lauren Stringer. Join us on December 6, 7, and 8 as we fasten our own quilts together.

December 13, 14, and 15 will feature *Snow* by Cynthia Rylant and Jacqueline Briggs Martin's *Snowflake Bentley*. In the craft time to follow, the children will create beautiful snowflakes to decorate your window.

After listening to Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, December 20, 21, and 22, the children will recreate a scene from Whoville in the craft room. A Christmas celebration will follow the regular story hour. Please bring a snack to share and the library will provide juice.

## Vacation Week

There will be no regular story time during vacation week but we will have different activities available. Join us on Tuesday, December 27th for the movie Mr. Popper's Penguins. Showtime is at 2 p.m. and the library will provide free popcorn and juice. We will also offer a parent-supervised drop-in craft time on Thursday, December 29th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each child will be able to make and take a snowman pin to add to their winter jacket.

## Polar Express Party

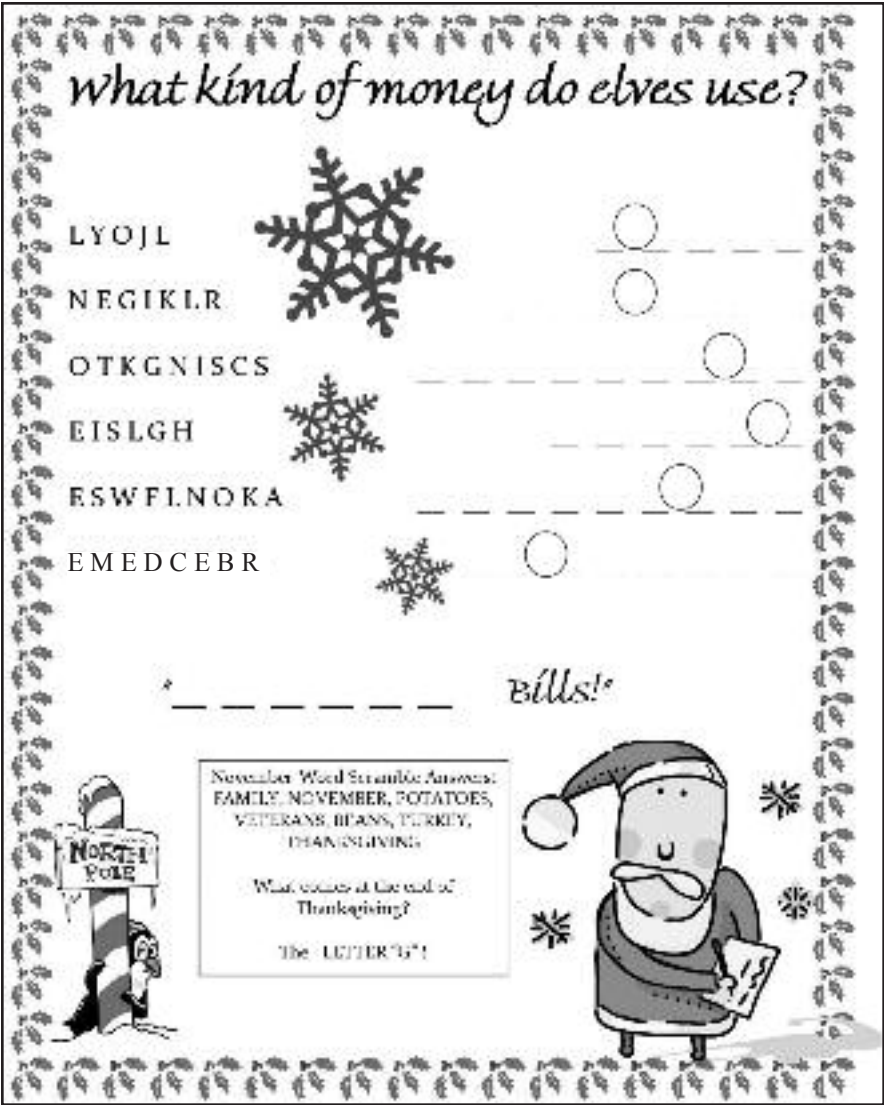
Families are invited to board the train to the North Pole from the Maxfield Public Library on Friday, December 9, at 6 p.m. Come dressed in your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow so you can snuggle in to watch Chris Van Allsburg's *Polar Express*. There will be hot chocolate (or juice) and sugar cookies to munch on during the movie. You may pick up your train tickets at the circulation desk. Space is limited, so please be sure to reserve your tickets!

## Snow Policy for Story Time

Story Time will follow the Merrimack Valley School District with closings and delays.

If school is cancelled for the day, there will be NO story time that day. If school has a delayed opening on Tuesday or Thursday, story time will start at 11:00 a.m. A delayed opening on Wednesday, does NOT affect story time.

You can check for delays or cancellations on channel 9, the WMUR website, or you can call the library at 798-5153.



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# Festive Hair for the Holidays

*Fun Tips from Hair Razors Salon*

Thanksgiving officially kicks-off the holiday season which, more often than not, is filled with parties and family gatherings. It's a time when people feel happy and light. And while they fret over the details of gift buying, table decorating, and other tasks, they often overlook the most important thing: Pampering themselves. One of the ways in which to do that is through hairstyling and hair accessories.

For children, teens and young adults, there are several fun, easy and very inexpensive ideas that can be done at home. For instance:

## Hair Glitter

Available in a variety of colors that is either sprayed on or streaked into the hair. One minor drawback is that you may have to wash your hair several times to get all the glitter out. But isn't that a reminder of how much fun you had at the party or event?

## Ponytail Band

If your hair is long enough to wear a ponytail, look for pre-made holiday bands in the stores. Or if you have a creative streak, make your own by attaching holiday berries, mistletoe, poinsettia, etc. to an existing band. You can also tieback your hair using festive garland, ribbon and bows.

## Tiara

This is a fun hair accessory for young girls that can be made more special if it becomes a mother-and-daughter holiday project. Decorate a simple headband with foil bows, gold stars, faux snowflakes, rhinestones, bendable strands of tinsel, holiday berries, stars, small bells, etc. The items can be purchased at most retail, sewing, or arts-and-crafts stores and then affixed to the headband.

## Classic Christmas Hair Curls

This is a holiday hairstyle favorite that is somewhat reminiscent of the Shirley Temple look. Clip-up both sides of your hair. Then, using a very small barrel curling iron, take a thin 1/8-inch strand of that clipped-up hair (or any other part of your hairdo you want to be curled) and curl it. The curl will resemble gift-wrap ribbon that has been curled using a pair of scissors. Repeat the process until you have all the curls you want. This hairstyle is often done for Christmas parties, and it looks especially cute on little girls.

Make an appointment with your hairstylist to discuss beautiful classic and contemporary holiday hairstyles that will specifically work best with your hair (texture, color, length), the dress or outfit you will be wearing, and the event you will be attending. Remember to book early since this is a crazy time of year for hair salons everywhere. Rushed work never looks good. And you want to look like the million bucks you are this holiday season! ■



## LYAA Thanks William West

William West presents a check to LYAA Soccer Commissioner Scott Hagerty and Board Member, George Hunton for use in the Loudon Elementary School Soccer Field Project. William raised almost \$200 from a 4th and 5th grade dance fundraiser at LES last year and constructed 4 player benches as part of his Boy Scouts Eagle Project for Loudon Troop 247. Thanks William, you did a great job! ■

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## Yoga Classes

With the new year just weeks away, those of you resolved to have more peace of mind or to start your journey towards fitness, might want to look into the yoga classes offered at the library. Fran Nash will lead two new sessions in January — Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Please ask at the circulation desk if you are interested in signing up.

## Loudon Village Arts

The Fall Fine Art Show and Sale was the third show presented by the Loudon Village Arts — and the best yet! With miniatures included for the first time, the selection was both varied and affordable. Two Girl Scout troops (mostly second-graders), parents, and leaders joined in the fun of grazing the refreshments and meeting the artists at the Opening Reception.

**Sue Petrovek** won the door prize of a basketful of note cards by the artists. **Molly Ashland** took home the raffle prize of Frank Moulin's watercolor sunset *Winter Light*. A kaleidoscopic shot of *The Mill Pond* by Fred Miller won first prize in the photo contest. And Jean Elliott's *Sunlit Promise* was voted Best of Show.

The library will present a children's art show at the beginning of 2012. Art by grade schoolers will be featured. Watch for more details after the holidays.

## New Books

### Fiction

Brockovich, Erin	<i>Hot Water</i>
Cameron, W. Bruce	<i>Emory's Gift</i>
Cussler, Clive	<i>Devil's Gate</i>
Crichton/Preston	<i>Micro</i>
Evanovich, Janet	<i>Explosive Eighteen</i>
Garlock, Dorothy	<i>Come a Little Closer</i>

Grafton, Sue  
LaPlante, Alice  
Maron, Margaret

### Nonfiction

Giffords, Gabrielle  
Greenblatt, Stephen  
Isaacson, Walter  
Kimball, Kristin  
Sapolsky, Robert M.  
Salisbury, Laney  
Weir, Alison

*V is for Vengeance*  
*Turn of Mind*  
*Three-Day Town*

*Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope*  
*The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*  
*Steve Jobs*  
*Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love*  
*Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers*  
*Provenance*  
*Lady in the Tower: The Fall of Anne Boleyn*

## New DVDs

*Captain America; Cars 2; Crazy, Stupid, Love; Green Lantern; Monte Carlo; Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides; Water for Elephants*

## Book Group

Author Sarah Thornton offers a fascinating view of art auctions, magazines, studios, and competitions through the eyes of a sociologist. Her book *Seven Days in the Art World* will be the topic of discussion on Thursday, December 29, at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

## Holiday Hours

The library will be closed for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, on December 24th and 31st. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Library Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Wednesdays: 1–9 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



## Loudon Girl Scout News

The Girl Scouting year is in full swing. The girls are busy earning badges, working their way through Girl Scout Journeys and volunteering in our community. Thanks again to everyone who purchased treats or magazines from our Fall Product Sale. We hope you enjoyed your treats! Congratulations to Loudon's Cadette troop 12356 for selling the most items in the Fall Product Sale for the Concord Area Girl Scout Community. Remember to save a few calories for Girl Scout Cookies. Cookie sales will begin in early January.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Maxfield Public Library for The Annual Loudon Girl Scout Bake Sale on Saturday, November 19. Funds raised will go to support the girls in their scouting activities.

Do you have a special skill, or a passion you want to share? Volunteers are always welcome to share a skill or hobby with a troop. Contact Cecile Merrill at cmerrill01@comcast.net or 798-3876 to make arrangements. We also welcome new girl members at any time!

### Brownie Troop 10454

*Melissa Himes, Rebecca Stuart*

Our fourth meeting was a tea party, complete with fancy teacups, pretty dresses, gloves, hats, an ivory embroidered table cloth, and cloth napkins for their laps. Working on our Water Wow Journey, the girls used the tea to demonstrate the cycle of water through its forms. The water in the pot is like collected rain water, and just like the water in a puddle on a sunny day it begins to turn to steam and evaporates into the atmosphere when it is heated. Vapor in the air collects as condensation in clouds outdoors, and on their saucers at the tea party so they could feel the droplets of moisture. We poured the boiling water into their teacups and watched what happens to cold solid water like ice, snow, or sleet when it is warmed, it melts and the cycle starts over again. Then we "polluted" the water with the tea bags and learned that 75% of the earth is water, but only 3% of that is drinkable, so we have to protect our water and keep it

clean because dirty water here in the US will evaporate into the atmosphere and as the earth spins it could come down across the country or even in China and pollute their water supply and vice versa. The girls exercised their excellent tea party manners like no elbows on the table, please and thank you, and waiting until all the girls had selected a cookie before eating theirs. Special thanks go to Christine Longver for supplying the cookies.

To celebrate Halloween we decorated galvanized metal buckets with pumpkin faces cut out of them for our fifth meeting. The girls brought colorful leaves to the meeting that they had collected, and we tried to cover the buckets in leaves by gluing them on. After troubleshooting some failed glue adhesion, we glued paper to the buckets then glued the leaves on the buckets to cover the paper. Then for a component of the Painting badge we are working on the girls painted the backs of leaves and pressed them onto paper to make a natural stamp. The veins of the leaves made neat patterns and shapes.

The girls spent the sixth meeting planning and taking notes in their journals for the fun things they are planning over the next few weeks. The meeting started with them drawing anything they wanted to in their journal. Then they paired up to ask each other questions about their art, and wrote down the questions they came up with and planned to ask them to the artists at the art show. Then we talked about the cookie baking slumber party that we are planning for the night before the bake sale. The girls wrote their packing list, and broke into teams of two and chose their cookie variety they want to make. The girls also chose their final water conservation project to complete their Wow Water Journey and influence people in town to love, save, and protect water. They are making reusable bags out of old T-shirts and will give them out to patrons of the bake sale. It takes 2 gallons of water to make one plastic bag, and most end up taking years to degrade in landfills, or float in the giant trash island. The girls hope that people will reuse these bags and use fewer plastic bags.



Friday, Nov. 4th was the opening of the Annual Art Show at Maxfield Library, and the girls brought their journals full of questions and asked the artists in attendance about their inspirations, styles, mediums, time it took to complete, favorites, and many more! The girls really enjoyed looking at all the art and talking to the artists who created it. After taking detailed notes, reviewing the pieces many times, and feasting on the snack spread, the girls picked out their favorite paintings. Nancy Hendy allowed us into the library to have a quiet space for the girls to share stories they had learned from the artists about their paintings and reveal their favorite choices. Special thanks go to Nancy for allowing us the space and time at the art show. Special thanks to all the artists who so graciously answered the girls' questions, signed autographs, and inspired them to paint a masterpiece that will hopefully make it into their own art show someday!

At our 7th meeting the girls transformed old dresses into aprons to wear during our cookie baking. Too big, too small, too short, too long, doesn't matter when making an old dress into an apron. The girls just cut the backs off, made waist ties out of strips of fabric sewn from the back of the dress or pieces of thick ribbon, and did the same for ties around the neck. Then they hem, cut, and altered the front to reflect the style they wanted, added a pocket or

two, and finished the front by hand sewing an old beaded necklace or string of faux pearls around the neckline. Their sewing skills and creativity were put to great use creating these unique and beautiful aprons. Special thanks, go to Renee Denoncourt and Debbie Latham for their help with this project.

### Brownie Troop 10955

*Sarah Earle, Lynnette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque*

Our troop has had a fabulous time this fall. At our first meeting, held at the end of September, we spent time getting to know our four new members, getting reacquainted with each other and planning the year ahead. The girls were enthusiastic about choosing badges they want to earn and activities they want to do this year. At our next meeting, we worked on our Girl Scout Ways badges, playing games, talking about Girl Scout traditions and making the traditional Girl Scout "sit upons" that Girl Scouts have been making through the decades. Next we worked on our Around the World badge, playing games, listening to music and eating food from different countries, as well as our Safety badge, which included a visit from a Loudon police officer. In November we attended the Fine Art Show at the Maxfield Public Library, where we got to see beautiful paintings, meet local artists and talk about art. Finally, we got together to bake, sort, and label treats for the Girl Scout bake







## Boy Scout Troop 30 Collects 585 Food Items!

*David West, Troop 30, Senior Patrol Leader*

This year, Loudon Boy Scout Troop 30 collected 585 items of food for the annual Scouting for Food Drive. This was a great turn out for the troop. Thank you to everyone in Loudon who participated in putting out food for the food drive. We hope there will be an even bigger number of items collected next year. The food that is collected goes to the NH Food Bank. From there, the food is distributed to food pantries in the area and then given to the families for the holidays. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the 2011 annual Boy Scout food drive. ■

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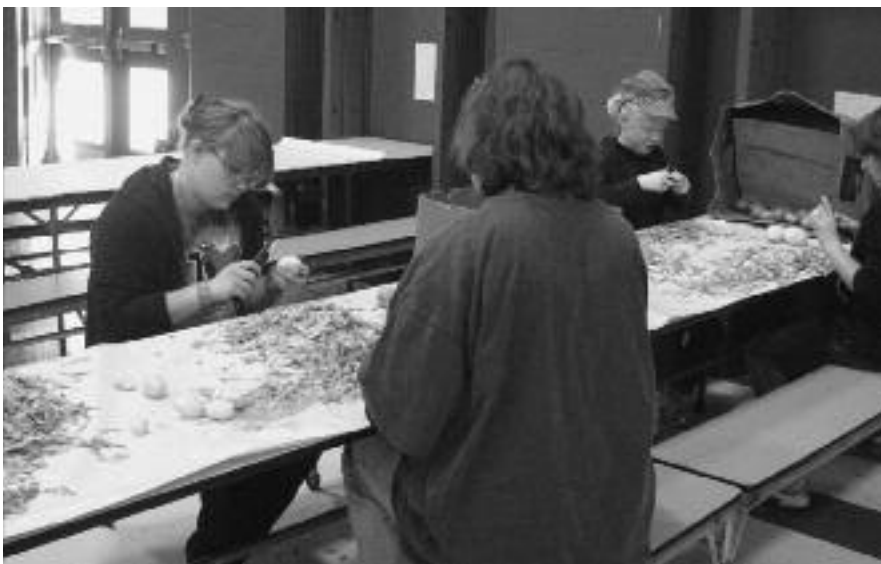
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sale at the library. The girls had a great time making aprons and preparing the goodies to help raise money for our troop.

### Troop 12083

*Julie Segien Troop and Karen Thurber-Wells*

Troop 12083 started off their scouting years with some fun activities for the Fall Product Fund raiser. We took a true false test on all about nuts and drew a gift giving paper on what peo-

ple, friends and family want as gifts and which gift they really don't like or want. Nice art work. Our second meeting we start our Journey. It is part of "It's Your Planet, Love it." A couple years ago we journeyed through "Wonders of Water" this year we love saving energy. It is a real thinking journey and girls are off to a great start with mindful answers to hard questions. Some scouts volunteered at the 2nd annual "Farm Feast," the scouts passed out apple cider, and for dessert pumpkin pie and

apple crisp. In addition to a community service troop 12083 has donated a Christmas tree to the Beckettash Temple in Concord. The girls have made paper and polka dotted glass tree ornaments. We still have a bit of work to do but the troop agreed if this is giving back it is FUN. Make sure to bring the family to the Beckettash Temple in Concord for viewing and the big raffle.

### Troop 12641

*Leader: Kathy Fisher. Co-Leader: Jenn Maguire*

The girls have been working in patrols, where they have assigned names to our opening ceremony, helped with snack, and closing ceremony. We started our First Aid badge by making personal first aid kits and discussing what comprises a good kit and the uses for them. We also want to say Thanks to our special visitor Martha Cheney for sharing some of her job as a Merrimack County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher. The girls had lots of questions about 911 calls they field. We had fun making our Thanksgiving Blessing Mix for the bake sale and even got to taste the yummy mixture. The girls also created eye-catching signs for the bake sale. Thank-you if you helped us out and came to purchase!

### Cadette Troop #12356

Our troop and a busy month planned and we were able to accomplish most of it. We were snowed out of our trip to the Beans and Greens Corn maze. Who thinks of snow in October? We've been out in the community peeling vegetables for the Loudon Farm Feast and singing and visiting with Veteran's home in Tilton on Veteran's Day. We're busy working on our Breathe Journey learning about all aspects of air. We even participated in a yoga class where we talked about how we breathe impacts our body. We're also working on our Finding Common Ground badge. We baked lots of treats for the Girl Scout bakes sale we'll be putting some of our proceeds from that and the Fall Product Sale towards our day trip to New York City in April. Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Product Sale, our troop was the top seller for the Concord Girl Scout Community. This month, we are having a Secret Santa Christmas party and joining with other Loudon troops to Christmas Carols in the Village. Thanks for your continued support please let us know how we can be of service. ■



## Jonathan Dunbar Completes Requirements for Eagle Scout Honors

Jonathan Dunbar of Boy Scout Troop 88 in Concord has completed the requirements and been approved by the Board of Review to become an Eagle Scout. A major part of the requirements was a project for the Union Cemetery Association of Loudon. Jonathan wanted to do his Eagle Project in Loudon because he is a resident of Loudon. This project was to replace the kiosks displaying maps of the graves at the Moore and Mount Hope Cemeteries, behind the Loudon Congregational Church. The previous kiosks had deteriorated so badly they could no longer display maps of the cemeteries. Additionally, he repainted the cemetery shed, which had not been painted in years.

Jonathan heard about the project after emailing the Loudon Board of Selectmen in August, 2010. Mr. Prescott, treasurer of the Union Cemetery Association, heard he was looking for a project and contacted Jonathan about the work needing to be done at the cemetery. He met with Mr. Prescott several times during the winter and designed a plan for the kiosks that would include everything the Association wanted, including roofs. Jonathan presented the plans, along with his time and cost analysis, before the Eagle Board of Review in February of 2011. He spent the time between February, when the project was approved, and April, when work started, procuring the materials and funding. Toward the end of April, actual work on the project started. Most of the volunteers who came to help build the kiosks and paint the sheds were from Jonathan's Boy Scout Troop 88. Most of the project was completed in about five full days. Between five and ten people worked each day, were fed exceptionally well, and worked extraordinarily hard! On his own, Jonathan not only made the food for the workers but also made the signs displaying the names of each cemetery on its kiosk plus painted the kiosks.

In addition to the above-mentioned volunteers, Jonathan would like to express his appreciation and thanks to: Mr. Jerry Gappens and NHMS for financing the project; Loudon Building Supply for advice and discounted supplies; Assistant Scoutmaster Peter Denoncourt of Troop 88 for assistance cutting the wood; everyone who came to help; and his Mom for help drafting the plans — and pretty much everything else!

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in scouting — a rank only five percent of Boy Scouts in 2010 achieved. Before beginning work on the rank of Eagle a scout must earn the previous ranks, the last two of which contain smaller projects. A major requirement for becoming an Eagle Scout is a community-service project, which must be planned and lead solely by the Scout. The project must display leadership, and planning in a semi-independent setting. The work for the project is not done just by the Scout, but by volunteers whom the scout recruits and leads. The project must be completed before the Scout's eighteenth birthday. After the project and all



the necessary merit badges are completed, the Scout goes before a Board of Review, where he is interviewed about his project, his history in Scouting, and his character. Jonathan passed his Board of Review on September 11, 2011.

Jonathan has lived in Loudon for eight years. He joined Scouts when he was 14. In addition to Scouting, he enjoys playing banjo, guitar, and mountain dulcimer, reading, and hiking. During the summer Jonathan is a leader for five- and six-year-olds and teaches sailing, where every Friday he's a pirate! He's also a member of the Order of the Arrow, an honor society of Scouting. He will be graduating from high school this year and is currently looking at possible colleges where he is thinking about majoring in Computer Science. ■

## Boy Scout Troop 30 Activities

During this past summer and fall, The Scouts of Troop 30 welcomed a number of Webelos who crossed over from the Chichester Cub Scout Pack. Old and new members (including the Loudon Webelos who crossed over in the spring) had a chance to get acquainted during the troop's week at Boy Scout Camp in July and the regional fall Camporee in October.

The Scouts' achievements were recognized during a Court of Honor at the end of October. Two Scouts achieved the Life rank, which puts them on track to earn the next and top rank in scouting — Eagle. Several new Scouts earned their Scout badge and one earned Tenderfoot. To advance in rank, Scouts learn and master basic skills such as first aid, compass use, rope tying and outdoor cooking. The

higher ranks require a commitment to community service and leadership. A number of merit badges were also awarded at the Court of Honor. Following the ceremony, the boys got to try their hand at some traditional Halloween games.

Following the success of their first Merit Badge Pow Wow in the Spring, Troop 30 hosted a second one this Fall. During the two Saturday sessions, Scouts from a number of area troops were able to work on merit badges in small groups led by Merit Badge Counselors.

Some of the Scouts from Troop 30 volunteered at the Loudon Fire Department's Harvest Dinner in October. In December, the Troop will take a day hike and participate in the Shriners' Fez-tival of Trees by decorating and donating a tree. ■



*Troop 30 attended the Webelos crossing over ceremony in Chichester in June.*



*Scouts raced to eat the donut on the string after their Court of Honor at the end of October.*



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## Merrimack Valley School District News

### Loudon Elementary School PTA update

By Cindy Labonte, PTA President

On Saturday, November 12th, The Loudon Elementary PTA hosted their first annual "Touch-a-Truck" event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. There were many vehicles there for families to discover, including dump trucks, a brand new garbage truck, propane truck, boom truck, fire truck, ambulance, a brand new lube truck, a generator, an engine, tractors, excavators, and much more. Families enjoyed exploring these vehicles, face painting, a bounce house, and riding the train from "Roaming Railroads" of Connecticut. There was a concession stand and a bake sale. All the proceeds from the event benefited the Loudon Elementary School PTA.

The PTA would like to thank NHMS for their generosity in allowing us to use the space at their facility to hold our event, as well as providing staff for the gate, advertising, and many vehicles to exhibit in our event. We would like to specifically thank Tom Blanchette for working with us to make this event such a success. The PTA looks forward to working with NHMS in the future and appreciates their continuing support of our youth.

A HUGE thank you to The Smoke Shack Southern BBQ (Josh Davis) for donating burgers, hotdogs, condiments, nachos, cheese, and the nacho machine! Other food donation thank you's: McDonald's of Main St. for donating drink; Shaws for gift card; Hannaford for gift card; Confectionately Yours for donating 100 bags of candy; and Michele's Sweet Shoppe for donating popcorn for the raffle. Thanks also JBI Helicopter and Harry-O for their financial donations; Little Rascals Bounce House for donating their new bounce house and their time during the event. Thanks to everyone who made a cash donation. Your support is much appreciated.

We would like to thank the all businesses that exhibited vehicles for families to explore, including, Robert Labonte, Milton CAT of Warner (Rich Yeaton), Jake's Trucking (Jerry Weeks), Fillmore Industries, Barry Frost, K & B Excavation, The United States Army National Guard (Rob Radcliffe and Mike Imondi), Charles George Trucking, Eastern Propane, John Deere (106 Pembroke), and the Loudon Fire Department and Police Department. Many thanks also go out to all the volunteers who helped and to all the families who came to explore all our trucks and activities.

We look forward to holding this event annually. If you missed this year's event, make sure check us out next year! But, in the mean time, come visit us at Santa's Breakfast!

#### Santa's Breakfast

On December 10, the LES PTA invites you to join us for the annual pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Join us for a hearty breakfast of pancakes and



Scene from the Elementary School's PTA's First Annual Touch-a-Truck event.

sausages, with local maple syrup. After you've had your fill, share your wishes with the jolly old elf himself: Santa Claus! Santa will be visiting with us from 8-9:30.

Pay a visit the raffle table and buy a few tickets for a chance to win your favorite prize. The PTA will give a free raffle ticket to anyone who brings a non-perishable food item for the Loudon Food Pantry. Don't forget to visit the Cookie Walk and leave with a bag of sumptuous treats.

Once again this year we welcome crafters and artisans from around the area. Start and finish your holiday shopping all in one location. New this year, we are introducing an indoor farmer's market. Purchase the finest homegrown foods and goodies from local sources.

Just a reminder: the pancake breakfast is Saturday, December 10, 2011 (snow date 12/11/10). \$5 per person, ages 2 and up. Maximum cost is \$20 per family. Breakfast is from 8 to 10 a.m., the craft fair and indoor farmer's market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope to see you there!

### Merrimack Valley Middle School

8th grade math students collected over 200 pounds of rice for the food drive. The rice was used in an "Understanding Millions" unit designed to coincide with the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC.

#### PTO News:

The PTO has a website that parents may check for information. Also, they have a FACEBOOK page! They can be found under Merrimack Valley Middle School's Parent-Teacher Organization.

Mr. Caswell reports that the new outside workout stations funded by the PTO have been used all Fall for pre class stretching and conditioning by the PE classes!

Email Tracy Ventura at tventura@mv.k12.nh.us if you have any questions or are interested in participating in the PTO.

The Halloween Party went very well! We had a terrific turnout and the costumes were great! The PTO would like to thank all the parents and staff who chaperoned!

Your participation is crucial to the success of this event.

#### Veteran's Day Program

On November 9th, 2011, Merrimack Valley Middle School held a Veteran's Day Program to honor family and community members who have served in the armed forces. MVMS 7th graders sewed camouflage fabric pillows for the veterans who attended the assembly.

#### MVMS Ski & Snowboard Club

If you are interested in participating, please pick up a packet from Mr. Krajcik in room 104! Ski & Snowboard Club will begin in January. Space is limited so don't delay in signing up.

#### Eco-Heroes

Eco-Heroes wanted! Join Ms. Neilson on November 29th to become an agent of change. Create a project that will help the environment and win prizes. See Ms. Neilson in room 106.

#### Chess Club

The first meeting will be on November 28th after school with Mr. Kimball in room 204 from 2:30 to 4:30pm. The club will also meet on: 11/30, 12/2, 12/5, 12/12, 12/14, 12/16, 12/19, 12/21, 1/3, 1/4, and 1/6.

#### Food Drive

The eighth graders held a food drive in October and donated 761 cans to these local food pantries: Boscawen Congregational Church, Webster Congregational Church and the Loudon Food Pantry. Well done 8th graders!

#### Senior Volunteer Honored

Mrs. Joyce Miller of Boscawen, was selected as the 2011 Senior Volunteer by The New Hampshire Partners in Education, and was honored at the 2011 NH Partners in Education Ceremony on October 25th 2011. Mrs. Miller has been an active volunteer with the Merrimack Valley Middle School Garden Club for the past 7 years. She has put in countless hours assisting the Garden Club and sharing her lifetime of gardening knowledge! She has assisted the students with planting seeds in the greenhouse, planting and harvesting in the community garden, beautifying the school grounds and Penacook Square and selling flowers, plants and herbs in the annual Garden Club flower sale. Merrimack Valley Middle School thanks Mrs. Miller for her support and time.

#### More Good News

Yearbooks are on sale. Cost is \$24.00, now through December 21st. Prices will go up Jan, 1st to \$26.00. 8th grade baby pictures are due by 12/20/11. 8th grade parents may add a personalized message to their 8th grader's yearbook for only \$5.00.

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Merrimack Valley Middle School Student Council has teamed up with 105.5 JYY and the NH Food Bank again this year to collect food for the holiday season. In the past, students have collected close to 700 pounds of food. We are hoping to reach our goal of 1,000 pounds this year. As an added bonus the area school who raises the most food (in weight) will win a free dance DJ-ed by 105.5 WJYY's own Nazy! Please help out a worthy cause and make some holidays a bit brighter for families in need.

Members of the Live It Up committee have been doing a nice job painting inspirational messages and displaying them around school. Thank you to Alec Decato, Ashley Daniels, Lauren Rouse, Kaitlyn Covell, Trevor Rouse, Kyle Rheaume, Dylan Fifield, Lucas Smith, Kris Taylor, Chase Mercier, and Raimee Rattee. Also, thank you to the teachers, Mrs. Cutter, Mrs. Ruwell, Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Field, and Mrs. Vendt, their work with the committee.

#### Climate and Culture Team:

The student leadership team spent two days together at the beginning of the month planning activities for students at the middle school. These activities will help students get to know each other better and encourage them to develop positive, supportive relationships.

#### Book Fair

The Library awarded three gift certificates to the fall Book Fair to the winners of our Annual Pumpkin People Contest. We had some very creative entries! The Book Fair was held in early November and we thank you for all the support we received. Readers in Book Challenges are reading great books and sharing their favorite titles with the librarians and friends! We are pleased to be offering on-line e-books to our students. There are 31 in our catalog now, more than half are non-fiction titles. Visit the library catalog home page for instructions on how to access them.

## Merrimack Valley High School

#### Greetings from Guidance!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

A Financial Aid Information Night will be held for ALL STUDENTS on December 6th at 6:30 p.m.— All students and parents are invited to attend. Topics addressed will include FAFSA, Loans, Scholarship, and any questions that come up. If you are concerned about paying for college, or just want a refresher on the process, please plan to attend this helpful workshop.

Seniors are encouraged to get college applications out in the mail before the holiday break. Don't forget to stop by Guidance and fill out the appropriate forms to let us know where you are applying to college and whether or not you need paper transcripts as well as

letters of recommendation. Do not wait until the last minute to request these documents! If you still aren't sure what you want to do after graduation, see your counselor ASAP to develop a plan.

Seniors are also reminded to check out the MVHS website Scholarship page for current scholarship opportunities.

Juniors — Are you looking for a way to boost your SAT scores? See your counselor about free SAT courses online!

Juniors and Sophomores who recently took the PSAT - Scores will be sent in December. We will distribute paper score reports, but we strongly urge all who took the PSAT to go online to your personalized score report through CollegeBoard. These will be accessible shortly after you get the paper report of scores.

#### Oratorical Contest

All students — Are you well versed in the principles of the US Constitution? Do you like to speak in front of others? If so, see Mr. Ciarametaro about the American Legion Oratorical Competition. You could win big money for giving a speech about our constitution and our way of government.

#### Sports

Student Athletes of all ages who hope to play division I or II college sports, must see their guidance counselor to make sure their courses met the NCAA requirements! For more info, go to [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org). Guidance has a list of approved courses.

Ski & Snowboard Club News: If our recent snowfall is any indication of the season we are going to have this year, then YOUR child should get themselves signed up to participate with our ski and snowboard club. Contrary to student rumor, there are still spots available! Our ski dates this year include five consecutive Saturday's beginning January 7th and ending February 4th. If you need the sign up forms and required paperwork, please send your son/daughter to Mr. Neilsen in room 215. — Brought to you by the Committee for Greater Snow Accumulation.

Indoor Track News: Trying to get your son or daughter involved in a school activity? Indoor Track sign-ups are currently taking place. The first practice begins the day we return from our Thanksgiving break. If you son or daughter wishes to participate... they need to see either Coach Mullen (room 115) or Coach Neilsen (room 215) to pick up an important team and student information packet. Most importantly, student athletes who have yet to participate in a sport here at MV will need a current physical in order to begin practices. Hope to see you soon! Submitted by The Coaches

#### Yearbook News!

Yearbook sales for the fall mailing have come to a close. If you missed your chance, you'll have another opportunity to purchase a yearbook from December 5th–25th for \$55. Makes a great gift!!!



Merrimack Valley High School Bands performed in the Concord Holiday Parade on November 19, 2011.

#### October National Honor Society Characters of the Month

Congratulations to Jacob Kimball (grade 12), Ethan Barton (grade 11), Madison Brochu (grade 10), and Savanna Derby (grade 9), who were recently recognized for demonstrating

positive character attributes in our school community! Submitted by Ms. Corrow, NHS advisor

#### Upcoming Events:

December 9 — Term 2 Midterm grades close. ■

## The January "Ledger" Deadline is Friday, Dec. 16, 2011

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# Why I Participate in the Loudon Youth Athletic Association and Why You Should Too

By George Hunton

If you've had a child play youth baseball or soccer in Loudon then you are probably familiar with the letters LYAA, which is short for Loudon Youth Athletic Association. My name is George Hunton. I am a Loudon resident and have participated as a volunteer coach and/or board member since my daughter Emily was in third grade and twin boys Alex and Ben were in first grade. Emily is a sophomore in college and the boys are seniors at MVHS. So I guess that makes it — a really long time. I will be stepping off the board after this year although I plan to remain a member. Over the years I have seen and heard a lot about LYAA, mostly good, but I would like to tell you about LYAA in the hopes that you will participate as well.

## How was LYAA started?

LYAA was formed years ago to operate baseball, softball, soccer and basketball programs in Loudon. Currently LYAA operates youth baseball programs including T-Ball, Minor League Baseball, Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball. LYAA also offers softball if there is demand for it or they will help place girls in the Penacook league. LYAA also operates fall youth soccer for kindergarten through sixth grade and works with the other Merrimack

Valley School District towns for seventh and eighth grade as well as high school Recreational Soccer Programs. LYAA also offered competitive travel team soccer on a trial basis for the first time this fall. The basketball program is now operated by Independent Community Basketball (ICB) which forms teams with youth basketball players from all of the Merrimack Valley School District towns.

## Is LYAA part of Town Government?

No, LYAA is a non-profit 501c3 organization. It is not an agency of the Town nor is it a part of the Town Recreation Committee. However, the Town of Loudon has been very generous to the LYAA by allocating funds to LYAA for equipment, field maintenance and operations. We have also worked jointly with the Recreation Committee on projects from time to time.

## Does the LYAA have paid staff?

No! LYAA bylaws state that "No Director, Officer or Member of the Association shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary or compensation from the Association for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member." LYAA is and always has been completely volunteer-driven by Loudon residents for the youth of Loudon.

## How is LYAA structured?

LYAA has a Board of Directors that is voted in by its members. The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall operation of the organization. There are also commissioners for the Baseball and Soccer programs.

## How does LYAA fund its activities?

The Town has generously provided funds which has allowing LYAA to provide for physical needs like baseball, soccer and playground equipment. However, most of the funding comes from player fees, local sponsors and operation of snack shacks at the Loudon Recreation and Staniels Road Fields. LYAA has also made small donations to ICB and the Merrimack County Cheerleaders Association (MCCA).

## Does LYAA own the fields that they play on?

No, the Loudon Recreation and the Staniels Road baseball fields are owned by the Town. The LES athletic fields are owned by the Merrimack Valley School District. However, it should be noted that neither the Staniels Road nor the LES athletic fields would have been possible without the funds raised and resources provided by LYAA and its supporters. LYAA does own the snack shacks, storage facilities and sports equipment used at all of the fields.

## What else does LYAA do?

LYAA is not restricted to Baseball and Soccer. It largely depends on the interests of the kids and the motivation of the members. For example, LYAA offered a martial arts program a couple of years ago.

## Does LYAA have a website?

Yes, the web address is: [www.lyaa.nh.org](http://www.lyaa.nh.org)

## So how do I participate?

LYAA meets at 7 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the meeting room of the Maxfield Library. You are welcome to attend. If you have questions, you can also get the names and contact information for the Board and League Commissioners on the LYAA web site.

## What is the typical member like?

A member is usually a parent or guardian with a child or children that participate in LYAA activities, although it certainly is not a requirement. We are looking for residents of all ages who want to be a part of creating a fun and educational sporting environment for the youth of Loudon.

## So what can I do?

LYAA is run by volunteers and the more volunteers we have the more LYAA can do. If you want to serve in a management capacity try serving on the Board or being the soccer or baseball

commissioner. You can run the snack shack, oversee field maintenance, coach, schedule referees and umpires, or be the equipment manager. Don't have a lot of time? You can still participate as a team parent, volunteering in the snack shack or lining fields when you are available. There is something for everyone!

## Do I need experience with or knowledge about sports to volunteer?

It really depends on your role, but I never touched a soccer ball until I started coaching soccer. Believe me, you can learn and you will be glad you did. The baseball and soccer commissioners don't need to know about the sport as much as they need to know about organizing activities and motivating others.

## What happens if there aren't enough volunteers?

If you have ever wondered why the snack shack is closed when your kids play or the fields aren't lined, or there aren't enough coaches, or the equipment bags don't have the right equipment, that's because there aren't enough volunteers to do what needs to be done. The volunteers that participate work very hard but they have families, jobs and other commitments just like everyone else and can only do so much.

## If I volunteer do I have to do everything?

Not if you have enough volunteers. All you need to do is concentrate on the one task you have been assigned, whether it's coaching, field maintenance, equipment manager, ordering uniforms, finding sponsors, or ref and umpire manager. Do one thing and do it well and everyone benefits!

## What does LYAA need for next year?

LYAA will need new commissioners for Baseball and Soccer as well as new Board Members. It will take time and effort but there will be great satisfaction when you see your kids and their friends having a great time on the baseball diamond or the soccer field. Many of the kids from Loudon that participate in high school sports got their start in LYAA.

## What is the bottom line?

LYAA does not run by itself. If you don't participate, your kids won't be able to play. Come to our next meeting and find out what LYAA is about. Elections for new officers take place in January. If we don't have the people, we can't guarantee that there will be baseball or soccer programs. We need your help! This is not only good for your children, it is a great way to meet other parents and give back to your community. I hope you can make it a point to come to the next meeting. ■

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## Loudon Recreation Committee News for December 2011 Ledger

The second Loudon Farm Feast was a huge success. Please see the article about the event. Thank you again to all those who volunteered, donated and attended. Another session of ZUMBA fitness is in full swing (no pun intended) and attendees are having a blast.

### WINTER CARNIVAL

The annual Winter Carnival event is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th with a bad weather or no snow date of March 3rd. Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon for some winter fun at the Loudon Recreation Field in the village. There will be snowman toss game, horse drawn wagon rides, snowman building competition (with prizes), snowshoeing, and a bonfire to keep warm. More info will be coming out next month, but save the date for winter fun!!

### WINTER 2012 FISHING DERBY

The subcommittee has met twice about the 2012 ice fishing derby that will be held the day after winter carnival on Sunday, February 26th. The bad weather date will be the following Sunday, March 4th. It will be held from 9-2. Location and all the details are in the works. Stay tuned for more info. If you are interested in helping plan the event please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or email [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com)

### MANCHESTER MONARCHS

Two games – Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m. Monarchs vs. Providence and Sunday, March 11th 3:00 p.m. which is Max's birthday and bound to be fun! Tickets are \$13.75 for adults and \$11 for youth. There is also a \$5 drink, slice of pizza and chuck-a-puck voucher available. To purchase tickets, please contact Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193 or email [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com)

### MUSICIANS WANTED!!!!

Last month we put out info on this and heard a few responses, maybe there are more... We know there are MANY talented musicians right here in Loudon. Do you love playing instruments and want to get together to play with others right here in town?? We are exploring putting together a concert band and are looking for exceptional middle school musicians through adults to join in the fun. If you are interested please contact Tom Stevens at [tomandjenn2002@gmail.com](mailto:tomandjenn2002@gmail.com)

### TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS

The Homer Labonte Municipal Tennis Courts and basketball courts in Loudon village have seen a significant increase in use over the last few years. Some improvements have been made to the area (backboard, benches, and nets) and we are interested to see if there is interest from residents for improvement to the surface of the courts. This is a significant expense and there are a few options of how we would move forward with a project of this size. We need to hear from you as residents if you are interested in court improvements. Please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or email [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) if you have suggestions.

### In the works...

We are working on American Red Cross Babysitting and Safe on My Own classes will be held in March. New members of the Loudon Recreation Committee Tom Stevens and Dan York will be working with the town and LYAA on the possibilities of creating a master calendar to schedule use of the various fields in town. Believe it or not we are scheduling the date for the summer Children's Theater Camp!! When the week is finalized we will share the info in this article. Please watch future issues of *The Loudon Ledger* and as always you should check the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) for more details on these and other upcoming events and to make sure you aren't missing anything!! Thank you for your continued support!

If you have ideas, suggestions or comments about recreation programming here in Loudon or would like to be placed on our email contact list please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or by email at [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) Recreation meetings are generally the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library. We hope to see you!! ■



### Senior Health Clinics in December

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic on Tuesday, December 27 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Richard Brown House here in Loudon. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

### Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding the following affordable monthly Walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages: Monday, December 5 from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, December 20 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center at 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$5 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccinations vary by the cost of the individual vaccine. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

### Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, December, from 10 a.m.-Noon at the West Street Ward House, 41 West St., Concord.

Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620. ■

## Merrimack Valley Winter Concert Planned

Make plan to attend the Merrimack Valley Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 20, 7 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. The price of admission is a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry. The snow date of the concert is Wednesday evening, December 21. For more information, please contact the High School at 753-4311. ■

## Conservation Commission Changing Meeting Date

The Loudon Conservation Commission is changing its meeting date to the first Monday of each month. Meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Community Building.

The Commission is always looking for new members. If you are interested in learning more about the Conservation Commission or are considering becoming a member, please come to one of our meetings. If someone would like to meet with the commission regarding a project, please call the Town Office at 798-4541 and make an appointment to be on the agenda. ■

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Loudon Young at Heart

For folks over 55 on the outside and Young at Heart on the inside!

# Loudon Young at Heart

Loudon Young at Heart members have been busy in the past month. On October 25 we took our annual fall trip to Indian Head Resort in Lincoln. Sixty-five, including a number of new members, enjoyed a delicious luncheon buffet. There was no excuse if anyone went away hungry.

When the entertainment began several birthdays in the group were recognized. “Soft Touch,” featuring the brother and sister act of Norm and Syl, entertained with jokes and golden oldies songs. In a room festively decorated for Halloween, the group sang along and had many good chuckles.

Russ Peterson is a master at imitating famous old time singers. With many costume changes and belting out his tunes, he took the audience down memory lane. Russ shared songs made popular by Tiny Tim, Ray Charles, Elvis, Louis Armstrong and many others. All the laughter certainly helped to digest the generous lunch.

November 8 forty seniors gathered at Charlie’s Barn to hear Wanda Bowers, Public Information Representative for 9-1-1. She reminded the group that 9-1-1 is a telephone number and should be used without hesitation for fire, police, and medical emergencies. There are a total of 52 operators with as many as 12 on duty at a time in the two 9-1-1 sites in the state.

Ms. Bowers explained that calls received from land-lines offer more information faster to operators than calls from cell phones. She also told the audience that under Enhanced 9-1-1 other services such as TTY, poison control contacts, and translation of 170 languages are available. These all help to facilitate and speed up the 9-1-1 process.

The Supplemental “Automatic Location Information” (ALI) worksheet is a form that provides extra information about ones condition and situation. Those who are hard of hearing or have vision impairment, have a pacemaker or heart condition, use oxygen or are diabetic should consider submitting the ALI form. There are other conditions included in addition to those listed here.

In the business meeting Vice President Barbara Follansbee, extended a thank-you to Polly Haines’ friend who has continued to donate money, which the club gives to the food pantry for Thanksgiving turkeys.

The December 13 meeting will be at 10:00 at Charlie’s Barn. It will include a carol sing and pot luck lunch. Folks are asked to bring a main dish or dessert.

On January 16 a speaker from Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will talk on “The Glass is Half Full: Positive Thinking for a Positive You.”

Door prizes of Young at Heart cookbooks were won by Ginny Nichols, Sarah Lampron, and Martha Butterfield. ■

# News From the Richard Brown House



As we write, the residents of Richard Brown House are sitting down to their community Thanksgiving dinner. Many residents have worked hard to purchase, prepare and serve a traditional turkey feast. They are thankful for their many blessings this year.

Betsey Livingston from the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse recently shared an interesting and very informative program on Advance Directives. She outlined Directives for health care and for finances. Betsey also clarified the difference between a will and a living will and encouraged all to have a living will and both types of advanced directives.

At the November Coffee Chat the ladies who gathered enjoyed poetry. Some shared poems they had written while others read favorite poems. All agreed that poetry is a good way of expressing oneself.

Unfortunately the small food pantry at RBH looks like Old Mother Hubbard’s cupboard — nearly bare. If there are any individuals or groups out there looking for a community service project we would love to have you help restock our food pantry. BRH residents rely on it when they can’t get to the grocery store in bad weather. Call Letty at 491-2312 for some ideas. ■



# American Legion Post 88 News

Not much happened this past month. We are at 85% on membership, keep those dues coming in — Commander Joe wants 100% by the New Year.

We have replaced the handicap ramp and deck before someone went through. It was becoming a hazard — a good job well done. We also had to replace the hot water tank, so the Post spent some money this month. Hope we have good luck, the last one was installed in 1987!

We have donated money to the Loudon Food Pantry and the Veterans Home in Tilton for Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

The raffle winners for October were: \$50.00/Liz Terrell, \$25.00/M. Timmins, \$10.00/Judy Mandigo, \$10.00/Ray Dow, and \$5.00/Dennis and Dot Lowe.

November winners were: \$50.00/M. Keahn, \$25.00/P. Brown, \$10.00/B. Flynn, \$10.00/M. Royse, \$5.00/M. Elliott. You didn’t see my name either — better luck next month.

I guess more happened this past month than I thought. Don’t forget that Dec. 7 is Pearl Harbor Day.

We hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Day and we wish you a wonderful Christmas season. ■

*The Legion Family Post 88 Loudon*

# Historical Society Looking For Your Memories

The Loudon Historical Society reminds you that your memories aren’t always going to be clear and sharp — and more importantly, they aren’t always going to be around. The Society would like to put your memories on their computer, in its own folder with your name on it. Your children, grandchildren — and even great, great, great grandchildren will be able to read your memories! What a gift for the future.

Please fill out the form below and mail it to the Historical Society at PO Box 7838, Loudon, NH 03307. Each form received will be given a number that will be entered into a drawing at the Society’s January meeting for a unique Loudon puzzle of your choice.

## My Loudon History

My full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ names and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Their occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings’ names and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

When did your family move to Loudon? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was your childhood home? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live now? \_\_\_\_\_

What Schools did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who were your childhood friends? \_\_\_\_\_

Unusual pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Dances or Social activities? \_\_\_\_\_

What organizations were you involved in? \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the law? \_\_\_\_\_

Biggest problem the law had? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your spouse and year you were married: \_\_\_\_\_

Your children: \_\_\_\_\_

First house you and your family lived in: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know of any haunted houses? \_\_\_\_\_

What food did you raise? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your main source for travel: \_\_\_\_\_

First airplane seen? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you get the news? \_\_\_\_\_

Who delivered your mail? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you remember party lines on phones? \_\_\_\_\_

What store did you go to? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you buy your clothes? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have any peddlers? \_\_\_\_\_

Best Loudon Memory? \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else you would like to add: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE ANOTHER SHEET IF NECESSARY.**

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## OBITUARIES

### JENNIE IDA (MERRILL) BROOKS

Jennie Ida (Merrill) Brooks died October 20, 2011 at Pleasant View Nursing Home. She was born April 22, 1932 in Loudon on the farm where she grew up. She was the daughter of Frank Lewis Merrill and Lottie Clara (Wheeler) Merrill. She is survived by her husband of forty two years, Eugene Frederick Brooks; one daughter, Sharon Olivia (Smith) Gallagher; a daughter-in-law, Janeek Smith; her sister Elsie A. (Merrill) Fife and her husband Raymond of Epsom; four brothers: Paul W. Merrill and his wife Barbara of Loudon; Karl E. Merrill and his wife Elinor of Chichester; Joseph L. Merrill of Loudon; Richard H. Merrill of Loudon; a brother-in-law William Weston of Hancock; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; a daughter, Rebecca Marhon Brooks; a son, Stephen E. Smith; a sister, Elizabeth M. (Merrill) Weston; and a brother, Chief Petty Officer David L. Merrill.

### SHARON G. GEARY

Sharon G. Geary, 69, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at home, following a courageous battle against breast cancer. Her loving family was by her side.

Sharon was born Aug. 9, 1942, in Windham, VT, the daughter of the late Leonard and Ruth (Call) Stowell. She was raised in Chester, VT, and graduated from Chester High School, Class of 1960. She moved to Long Beach, CA, and began working in insurance following high school. Over the years, she lived in both Boston and Hooksett. In 1978, she moved to Concord, where she met and married Howard Geary. She left the insurance industry and opened a day care so she could stay home to raise their three daughters.

Sharon loved animals and enjoyed spending her time gardening and hunting for treasures at yard sales. She had a strong sense of family and loved get-togethers and reunions, but her greatest joy came from her three grandsons. They were the loves of her life.

She was predeceased by her sister, Jeannie Schuster.

Sharon leaves behind her husband of 33 years, Howard Geary; three daughters, Kim Colby and her husband, Dana, of Loudon; Karen Geary and her husband, Jeff Wilkinson, of Manchester; and Kelly Geary of Concord; eight sisters, Doris Raitanen, Mildred Horn, Helen Farrar, Phyllis Amsden, Lois Severance, Joyce Mattson, Beverly Parker, and Virgian Stowell; one brother, Norman Stowell; three grandsons, Skyler, 9, Jack, 7, and Griffin, 4; many nieces and nephews; and many more friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Drive, Suite 110, Bedford, NH 03110 or online at cancer.org; or New Hampshire Humane Society, 1305 Meredith Center Road, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03246, or online at nhhumane.org.

### FRANCIS HIGGINSON CABOT

Francis Higginson Cabot of Loudon died peacefully after a long illness at his family summer home in La Malbaie, Quebec, Canada on November 19, 2011, at the age of 86.

Born in New York City in 1925 and educated at St. Bernard's and Groton Schools and Harvard College, he founded The Garden Conservancy in 1989, authored *The Greater Perfection* in 2001, and was considered one of the world's greatest gardeners, receiving many honors in the world of horticulture over the years and even the Order of Canada for his work in protecting the landscape and heritage of Charlevoix County in Quebec.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, of 62 years; his children Colin, Currie, and Marianne and their spouses; nine grand-children and five great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to The Garden Conservancy, PO Box 219; or the Quatre Vents Foundation, PO Box 222, both in Cold Spring, NY 10516; or to the charity of one's choice. ■



### Six Questions to Ask Yourself Before Refinancing

By Jack Prendiville  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Refinancing may sound like a great way to save money, but before you apply, answer these six important questions.

1. **Do you have time to refinance?** Like anything else that requires research and involves small print, one must be able to set aside time to be cautious and thorough.
2. **Will financing be profitable?** It is possible to lose money on a refinance, and it's up to you to determine whether you can afford that risk.
3. **How much are the fees associated with refinancing?** There are standard fees such as lender, title, inspection, insurance, and other charges when refinancing. Don't forget to factor in these upfront costs.
4. **What is your credit score?** The better your credit score the better chance you have at a lower mortgage rate. If you have bad credit you may be unable to refinance.
5. **How much equity do you have in your home?** Use a loan-to-value calculator to figure out your percentage (lender's are looking for at least 20%).
6. **Do you qualify for a low rate?** Consult a trusted lender and factor in the actual rate you will qualify for to determine if you should still refinance.

**The Deadline for the January 2012 issue of The Loudon Ledger is: Friday, Dec. 16, 2011**

**Maxfield Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes — Oct. 6, 2011**

**In Attendance:** Trustees Sandra Blanchard, Kenneth Krzewick, Stephen Del Deo, Library Director Nancy Hendy.

The meeting was brought to order at 3:35 p.m.

It was noted that the meeting scheduled for September 19 was postponed until today.

The meeting minutes from the August 22, 2011 Library Trustees' Meeting were reviewed, accepted, and signed. Sandy Blanchard abstained because she was not present at the August 22, 2011 Library Trustees' Meeting.

The financial statements were reviewed.

The Library Director's Report was reviewed. It included the following items:

The **Fall Fine Arts Show and Sale** will run for three days this year — November 4, 5, and 6. The Opening Reception will be on Friday from 5–7 p.m. There is a raffle of a watercolor painting donated by Frank Moulin, a door prize of a basketful of note cards done by the artists, and a photo contest for the best "Images of Autumn" shot. Fourteen different artists are being featured in the show, which includes a large selection of miniature paintings.

The **FY 2012–2013 budget** proposal is due to the Town by November 14.

The NHSL **interlibrary loan van program** is looking for support from local libraries in view of impending budget cuts. Loudon used interlibrary loan van service for close to 900 books in FY 2009–2010.

The Downloadable Audio Books has now added **Kindle accessibility** to the service. Patrons can access the site with an ID number assigned by the library.

Although the **meeting room calendar** is very full, we are hoping to add at least one more afternoon program on Tuesdays. Yoga classes will resume in January. Two sessions may be needed to meet demand.

Volunteers are working on repairing the **mailbox post**. The Highway Department will dig the post hole for them with a machine since it has to go through road surface material.

The Trustees went into executive session at 4:20 p.m. to discuss a staff issue.

The Trustees came out of executive session at 5:00 p.m.

Steve Del Deo updated the Trustees regarding the rust on the roof of the library and indicated that Mayo Roofing would evaluate the condition of the roof and make recommendations.

The Trustees began working on the budget for FY 2011–2012.

The Trustees will meet again on Monday, October 24, 2011 at noon to work on the proposed budget for FY 2012–2013.

Steve Del Deo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ken Krzewick seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Sandra Blanchard  
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## MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — October 3, 2011

### 1. Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Webster Elementary School was called to order by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 7:15 p.m. Chairman Hutchins welcomed everyone to the October board meeting.

Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Jim Lavery, David Longnecker, Will Renaud, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Pat Severance, Tom Laliberte, Jeff Drouin, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, James Tremblay, Catherine Masterson, Assistant Principals for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan

Others Present: Emily Reagan, MVHS Student Representative; Marcia Murphy, Salisbury Resident; Elaine Hashem, Teacher/MVEA Secretary

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Thomas Godfrey, to approve the September 12, 2011 Board Meeting minutes (pages 1–5 in the packet), the September 19, 2011 Public Hearing minutes (page 6 in the packet) and the September 19, 2011 Board Meeting minutes (page 7 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

### 3. Financial Note:

Robin Heins reviewed the Financial Status report (page 8 in the packet). The report includes areas we are already watching such as Vocational Education Tuition, Special Education and Employer Retirement Costs.

Robin reported that after the Special District meeting on October 6, 2011, we will be able to finalize the 2011–2012 budget and generate a full financial report for the November meeting.

### 4. Public Participation

Emily Reagan, MVHS Student Representative, reported on high school news and fall activities such as: Homecoming, Student Council and Progress Reports. Emily also reported that NECAP testing is being done this week and SAT's will begin soon.

### 5. Good News:

Mike Martin and building principals reported on good news items throughout the district.

### 6. Committee Reports:

#### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

Laura Vincent reported on the September 26, 2011 Curriculum Committee meeting (minutes on page 25 in the packet).

7:38 p.m., Lorrie Carey arrived.

#### SALISBURY/WEBSTER STUDY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the September 26, 2011 Salisbury/Webster Study Committee Work Session meeting (minutes on page 26 in the packet) and the September 28, 2011 Salisbury/Webster Study Committee meeting (minutes on page 27 in the packet). Also included in the packet (pages 28–29) is feedback from the September 28th meeting.

The next Salisbury/Webster Study Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Webster Elementary School. The Facilities Director, Fred Reagan, will provide information on the facilities and buildings.

### POLICY COMMITTEE:

The board scheduled a Policy Committee meeting for Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

#### OTHER:

The board scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

The board scheduled a Facilities Committee meeting for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

The board scheduled a Long Range Plan Committee meeting for Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

Normandie Blake reported on tonight's Transportation Committee meeting (minutes will be included in next month's board packet).

### 7. Old Business:

#### SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING:

Mike Martin reported on his meeting with legal counsel to review the warrant and prepare for the October 6, 2011 Special District Meeting.

OTHER: None

### 8. New Business:

#### DEVELOPMENT OF 2012–2013 BUDGET:

The board discussed needing to set parameters for the 2012–2013 budget at the first Finance Committee meeting.

#### FIRST DRAFT COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK:

Chris Barry reported that the first draft of the September/October issue of *The Community Pride Link* is included in the packet (pages 30–31) for board review and feedback.

#### NHSBA RESOLUTIONS:

Mike Martin reported that the NH School Board Association has sent out a memo (pages 32–48 in the packet) calling for resolutions to be considered at the 2012 NHSBA Delegate Assembly scheduled for January 14, 2012. The memo also includes a copy of the NHSBA current set of Resolutions as adopted by the 2011 Delegate Assembly and the 2011 NHSBA Policies, Resolutions and Statements of Belief Manual.

#### MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATORS:

Mike Martin and the board discussed preparing to discuss IB with Legislators at

the upcoming Curriculum Committee meeting scheduled for October 11, 2011.

#### OTHER:

None

### 9. Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

Troy Cowan reported that the Finance Committee met before tonight's board meeting and voted to recommend that the board approve the manifests and journal entries. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.* Manifests and journal entries were circulated for board member signatures.

### 10. Board Chairman's Report:

None

### 11. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reported that the list of recognition letter sent out in September is included in the packet (page 49) for board review.

Chris reviewed the 2011–2012 Merrimack Valley Professional Development Calendar (page 50 in the packet) and discussed funding sources for these activities.

Chris provided preliminary information on the results of the May 2011 State Science Test.

### 12. Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin provided the following information from the United States Department of Education's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2007–2012: "The Department will encourage increased access to, and participation in, Advance Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes by low-income and other disadvantaged students."

### 13. Non-Public Session Minutes.

None

### 14. Return to Public Session:

None

### 15. Action from Non-Public Session:

None

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renaud, to adjourn. Motion passed.*

### 16. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch, Clerk*



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## MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations — 2011-2012

**MEETINGS START AT 7:15 PM**

**Jan. 9, 2012 — MVHS**

**Feb. 13, 2012 — MVHS**

**March 12, 2012 — Penacook Elementary School**

## MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — October 6, 2011

The Special District Meeting held in the Merrimack Valley High School auditorium was opened by Moderator Charles Niebling at 7:00 p.m. The following ballot clerks and checklist supervisors were duly sworn in by the Moderator: Faith Anderson, Barbara Corliss, Sherlene Fisher, Harold Patten, Lynn Riel, Dorothy Proulx, Marie Griffith, Dawn Pearl, Melvin Bowne, Marilyn Davis, Pamela Hardy, Virginia Pinard, Diane Bullock, Kathleen A. Downes, Pamela Malcolm, and Roy Downes.

Also sworn in by the Moderator was the School District Clerk, Sally Welch.

School Board members present were Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Jim Lavery, David Longnecker, Will Renaud and Laura Vincent. Also present were Superintendent

Mike Martin, Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry, Business Administrator Robin Heins, Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher, Facilities Director Fred Reagan, Legal Counsel Don Pfundstein, and other District officials.

Moderator Niebling began by thanking everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Moderator Niebling then recognized Chairman Mark Hutchins.

Chairman Hutchins began by introducing the School District Clerk, School Board Members, Superintendent Mike Martin and Legal Counsel, Don Pfundstein.

Moderator Niebling advised voters how the meeting would be conducted and asked those who wished to speak during the meeting to go to the microphones and when rec-

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ognized state their name and town of residence clearly for the record.

Moderator Niebling recognized Legal Counsel, Don Pfundstein.

Legal Counsel, Don Pfundstein, explained HB 650 211:1 IV, special statutory circumstances that apply to Special District meetings called to consider a change in appropriations made at an annual meeting. Specifically, he explained that the voters may approve or disapprove the proposed reduction, or may approve or disapprove a lesser reduction, but the voters can not approve a greater reduction. Also, the legislative body can not act on any other business at this meeting.

Roy Merrill, Loudon resident, said the school board should have informed the voters about this statute at the Annual Meeting in March. Legal Counsel, Don Pfundstein, responded that this was not in effect in March as the statute was approved and went into effect on June 27, 2011.

Moderator Niebling read the Article as follows:

**ARTICLE.** To see if the School District will vote to reduce the 2011–2012 operating budget appropriation of \$34,622,776 adopted by the 2011 annual meeting held March 3, 2011 by Eight Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$806,936) so that the total 2011–2012 operating budget appropriation is reduced to \$33,815,840.

*Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Mark Hutchins, to adopt the Article as printed in the warrant.*

Troy Cowan discussed how passing this Article will impact district assessment. Troy Cowan reviewed how the decrease of the Fund Balance impacts district assessment. Troy then reviewed where the 2011–2012 budget would be decreased by \$806,936.

There was no discussion, the motion to adopt the Article as printed in the warrant passed on a card vote. Article was adopted as printed in the warrant.

As no other business may legally come before this meeting, a motion was made by Mark Hutchins, seconded by Carolettia Alicea, to adjourn. Motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch  
School District Clerk*

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 11, 2011**

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Also present were Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Dave Powelson from the Zoning Board, Police Chief Bob Fiske and Stanley Prescott from the Planning Board.

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 4, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

The Board met with Tim Andrews of Nobis Engineering concerning the Groundwater Monitoring application for the Landfill. Mr. Andrews stated that they dropped off a copy of the draft permit at the office today so the Selectmen can review it. The permit is good for five years for the groundwater monitoring at the landfill. Mr. Andrews explained that the application has to be signed and submitted by October 21, 2011.

Chairman Ives opened the Board of Permit.

Chief Fiske stated he has one Hawkers & Peddler permit. The permit application is for the Loudon Food Pantry, they would like to hold a 50/50 raffle from November 1, 2011 to December 15, 2011. Mr. Fiske stated that the Board has in the past waived the application fee for the Food Pantry. The Board agreed that they would waive it again.

Chief Fiske explained that he received a letter from Christa Kwarta from NHMS asking for direction. The Winterland Inc./Holiday Lights people would like to decorate the tree near the Smiley Face at the corner of 106 and 129. They would also like to install directional lights to NHMS. Chief Fiske reminded the Selectmen that it was Jon Huntington that came to the Selectmen years ago, the Selectman went to the State and they came to a resolution and planted the spruce tree. It is the Chief's opinion that they would have to get permission from the State DOT if this Board was in favor of the lights. Chairman Ives stated that the first thought is about what Jon Huntington would think, it has been his corner and he and his family has taken care of it for years and years. Selectman Krieger said that it doesn't seem like a good spot for it and Mr.

Huntington and his family have done too much. Chief Fiske will tell Ms. Kwarta that the Board is not in favor of it.

Chairman Ives closed the Board of Permit and resumed the Selectmen's meeting.

The Board met with Chief Burr.

Chief Burr stated that they have installed 2 electric reels and an air reel at Station 2 so things are off the ground to prevent trip hazards.

Chief Burr stated that he was not able to find anyone to attend the exercise at the Manchester Airport.

Lt. Reese is working with the Concord Hospital Trust on the mechanical chest compression device.

Chief Burr asked the Board about the NIMS paperwork, they stated that have not done it yet.

Chief asked the Board if they have looked through the SOP's and SOG's. Chairman Ives said that he's looked it over but it is a daunting 300+ page document. He said that they need to go over it in a work session so they can see how it fits with the town wide policies.

Chairman Ives explained to Chief Burr that he reviewed invoices concerning the leather helmets and boots and although they have been buying them, they are more expensive. Chairman Ives asked that Chief Burr keep an eye on the bottom line and be sure to get the best value for our dollar.

The Board met with Chief Fiske.

Chief Fiske explained that there was a letter from an Attorney concerning a fatal accident. Chief Fiske explained that due to the complexity of that accident he called in the state reconstruction team and they

haven't gotten him their report yet. Chief Fiske stated that once he receives their report he will release his report. Chief Fiske spoke to the Attorney who explained that he had to put the town on notice in case of town liability.

Selectman Bowles asked Chief Fiske to watch Old Shaker and Flagg Roads in the morning and afternoons as there have been complaints about cars speeding before and after school.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed four pistol permits.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of memos from Chief Burr regarding non-participating department members.

The Board received a draft renewal of Groundwater management Permit for their review.

The Board received a letter from Comcast concerning internet for school and library.

The Board received a copy of the State of NH Executive Council September 28, 2011 meeting minutes.

The Board received a thank you card from Jeff Burr.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman*

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 18, 2011**

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger.

Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice and Steve Bennett from the Transfer Station.

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

*Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 11, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Thursday,*

*October 13, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that the welder died. He got three prices for the replacement with the lowest one being Snap-On. Chairman Ives asked if Mr. Rice has the money in his budget. Mr. Rice stated that he does.

Mr. Rice stated that they have finished the shoulder gravel on Staniels Road, most

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of the spots that need to be done on Ricker Road are done and they are going back to Shaker Road the end of this week or first of next week.

Mr. Rice said the beach work is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of November.

Mr. Rice said they will start winter salt and sand next week.

Mr. Rice stated that the project at the dump is complete.

Mr. Rice said that Suburban will lay some mix down on parts of Ricker Road.

Mr. Rice said that depending on the weather they may work on the end of Lovejoy Road Thursday.

The Board met with Steve Bennett from The Transfer Station.

Mr. Bennett stated that it is time for the GMQ (guaranteed minimum quantity) estimate. He explained that the co-op estimates what they think the town will use based on what the tonnage has been so far this year. Mr. Bennett said that each town basically promises that they will deliver a certain tonnage so that the cooperative as a whole can tell Wheelabrator what we will deliver in tonnage to them for the year. Mr. Bennett said that he was pretty close to the estimate last year. He explained how the penalties work whether you deliver over or under the tonnage.

Mr. Bennett stated that the co-op has taken the next step towards building the single stream facility.

The Board met with Robert Searles, 827 Route 106N. Mr. Searles had concerns about parking permit fees. He stated that he received a letter saying that there would be a permit fee of \$20.00 to pay for a code enforcement person to come around and make sure there were porta-potties, to make sure parking was done properly, permits, that type of thing. Mr. Searles stated that only the fire department showed up during the races. Mr. Searles said the money was not given to the fire department it was put into the general fund. Chairman Ives stated that the fire department was the officials that were asked to do the inspections and the fee went into the general fund from which the fire department personnel are paid. Mr. Searles stated that they only checked for fire truck and ambulance access, they didn't care if you had a permit or porta-potties or if you had 200 cars in a 100 car lot. Chairman Ives stated that they should have checked all that. Selectman Bowles stated that the fire department had a checklist and knew who had a permit that's

how they knew who to check. Priscilla Stewart and Alan Cushing from Mudgett Hill Road voiced their concern about people with permits not following the rules. They want everyone that has a permit to follow the rules that they follow including porta-potties and signs. Chairman Ives stated that this is the first year for inspection and each year will get easier.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed two pistol permits.

The Board received a letter from Dave Rice about a bond held by the town. George Hayden placed a bond with the town while replacing a septic system that crossed Clough Pond Road. Mr. Rice inspected the road and suggested that the bond be released. *Selectman Bowles made a motion to release the \$2500.00 bond back to George Hayden, Clough Pond Road; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion Carries.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of the draft audit report for review.

The Board received a copy of an invoice from Skip Sansoucy for utilities assessments for review and approval to pay. The Board will take this invoice under advisement until it can be further researched.

The Board received copies of training certificates for Fire Department personnel.

The Board received notification of a new trainee/volunteer for the Cate Van Committee.

The Board received a scholarship thank you.

The Board received an invitation to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for William L. West.

The Board received information from Tim Andrews of grants available for Hazardous Waste Collection.

The Board received information from NHMA/LGC on a new survey regarding regionalization agreements on services, personnel and purchases.

The Board received a report from Councilor St. Hilaire.

The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes —  
October 25, 2011**

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger.

Also present was Police Chief Bob Fiske and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 18, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

The Board met with Chief Burr.

Chief Burr stated that they had the harvest supper it went well had a pretty good turnout.

Chairman Ives asked about an invoice for Gilmanton Community Health Services for an EMT Intermediate Transition Program. He asked Chief Burr why this town is paying for a class for Brian Searles who is a full-time employee at another Fire Department. Chief Burr stated that it was set up previously but it can be changed to Moultonborough. He will speak to Mr. Searles about submitting it to his department.

Selectman Krieger thanked everyone that helped with the harvest supper it was a lot of work. He stated that Mike Labonte worked hard coordinating it and deserved a big thank you. The Selectmen also thanked Boy Scout Troop 30, and other kids that were doing community service for school for helping.

The Board met with Chief Fiske.

Chief Fiske discussed that letter that came from Mr. Cabana last week concerning the Labonte apartment. He stated that he had issued a cease and desist on the apartment in the barn before it burned. Mr. Fiske stated that the house was built without an apartment in it. Approximately two months ago Chief Fiske went into the apartment on another matter, took several pictures of the kitchen and took them to Dave Wiley to be sure Mr. Labonte was being assessed for the apartment. Chief Fiske checked with Mr. Wiley last week and the apartment is being assessed. Chief explained that Mr. Labonte has four hundred feet of frontage and eleven acres, the minimum for a duplex in town is two hundred fifty feet of frontage and three acres. Chairman Ives asked if the apartment meets fire codes and stated that he wants to be sure that all paperwork has been filed so when the next guy that comes along the precedent is set.

Chief Fiske told the Selectmen that the paperwork for the fatal accident at Staniels Road went to the County Attorney a week ago Friday. Mr. Murray said that no paperwork is to be released until the investigation is complete and they have determined whether there will be charges, after the determination has been made the paperwork can be released.

Chief Fiske explained that the Loudon Elementary School PTA had sent him a request to participate in their new fundraiser. It's called the "Touch a Truck Event" and is being held November 12th from 10:00 – 2:00 at NHMS. The event consists of coordinating as many vehicles as they can to be viewed and touched by the community. Chief Fiske stated that he can send the duty officer up for a short time but if he gets a call he would have to leave, he wouldn't want the car up there alone. Selectman Bowles stated as long as the guy on duty has the time the PTA is a good organization so he'd like to see participation in the event. Chief Burr stated that he got the same request, he has asked for volunteers to go up but if not he'd send someone from the day crew, but the same thing, if they

get a call they would have to leave. Chairman Ives asked if they'd take the ambulance, Chief Burr said if it's the day crew, yes, they'd go in the ambulance.

Chief Fiske stated that NHMS is planning on demoing the ambulance building. Chief Fiske asked John Zudell for a letter of intent.

Chief Fiske stated that he'd appreciate it if a letter dated October 20, 2011 that he received from NHMS be read into the minutes. Chairman Ives read the following:

*Dear Chief,*

*Just a note to personally thank you for all your efforts in helping us here at New Hampshire Motor Speedway during our 2011 season.*

*In reviewing this year's invoices for manpower/police services for our two major NASCAR weekends, you did an incredible job in managing the detail and reducing costs from last year. To reduce the July race expense by \$16,704 and the September race by \$4,923 from the previous year is very significant in these challenging economic times that have contributed to severely-reduced event revenues here. I truly appreciate your conscious effort in this area and the great job you do with our overall safety plan.*

*Again, on behalf of our entire team here, THANK YOU!*

*Best regards, Jerry Gappens, Executive Vice President and General Manager.*

Chairman Ives made Chief Fiske aware of the DOT/ Route 106 study meeting on November 8th at 7:00.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed one pistol permit.

The Board met with Jeff Benner from 24 Brook Circle. Mr. Benner explained that he will be demoing and removing the mobile home that he has there. His question is about the taxes, he was told that there is an RSA that says if the mobile home is on the property on June 1st it will be taxed until April 1st. Selectman Bowles stated they do not add or remove properties until April 1st.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of expenditure reports for their review.

The Board received a copy of a letter from FEMA indicating the amount the Town will be receiving due to damage from Tropical Storm Irene.

The Board received a copy of a thank you letter from Jerry Gappens of NHMS to Chief Fiske.

The Board received a copy of a check from NHMS for the September race in the amount of \$117,736.75 for police and fire.

The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding the tax rate process. The tax rate will be set by phone and email rather than at a meeting.

The Board received an email from Shelley Gerlarneau (DRA) regarding the tax rate process.

The Board received a memo from David Wiley concerning an abatement request from DJP Realty Trust. The Board will ask Joe Bohi to come in and discuss it with them.

The Board received a copy of an invoice from George Sansoucy for their review and approval. *Selectman Bowles made a motion to approve the bill from George Sansoucy for the revaluation of utilities including Fairpoint in the amount of \$25,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

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The Board received an email from LGC Property Liability Trust with updated values of town owned property for their review.

The Board received a copy of the budget memo that went to all department heads.

The Board received a copy of ESMI's report for the 3rd quarter 2011 Host Community Fee.

The Board received copies of the Planning Board October 20, 2011 meeting.

The Board received and reviewed copies of Fire Department personnel continuing education certificates.

The Board received a copy of a Certificate of Attendance for Steve Bennett for NH DES Operator Training.

The Board received a letter from NH Office of Energy and Planning concerning Weatherization Day.

The Board received a letter from Xfinity about program changes.

The Board reviewed miscellaneous Correspondence.

*Selectman Bowles moved to go into executive session at 7:13 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Present were Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger and Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr Sr. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion Carried. Chairman Ives stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss compensation plans for the Loudon Volunteer Fire Department. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Krieger stated that Brenda Pearl has been working at the town office for a few months now, they went through the application process, she's doing a good job and he wants to talk about bringing her pay up to accommodate her new duties with the town. Selectman Bowles clarified this is just for the Selectmen's Office. Selectman Krieger stated that he would like her pay brought up to \$14.50 per hour. Selectmen Bowles made a motion to increase Brenda Pearl's pay from \$12.81 to \$14.50 per hour in her position at the Selectmen's office, not to include her pay at the Code Enforcement Office. Selectman Krieger seconded the motion. Chairman Ives said that Brenda does an excellent job and her abilities deem that compensation. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 1, 2011**

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger.

Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice.

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 25, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that they had an uneventful storm, everything went good for them. Selectman Krieger stated that he didn't hear any complaints, everyone seemed happy.

Mr. Rice discussed the roads to pave next year. He said they need to work on Loudon Ridge Road from 106 to Steve Bennett's or Larry Moore's area, the hill is falling apart. The other one is Oak Hill Road. Chairman Ives stated that Bee Hole is going to have to be done at some point and Hemlock Hill is all potholes. Mr. Rice said that Loudon Ridge Road is getting to be unsafe and Oak Hill is a high traffic road. Selectman Krieger mentioned Flagg Road. Mr. Rice said that Lovejoy and Lesmerises Road also need to be done.

Mr. Rice told the Selectmen that Al Minery will be available this winter if an extra driver is needed, he is not plowing for the state this year, and his loader is also available. Selectman Krieger asked if he would be an employee or a contracted person. Mr. Rice explained that he would be hired as an employee to fill in if one of the regular guys was sick or not available, Mr. Minery would be driving a town truck not his own. Chairman Ives stated that this would have to be part-time only. Selectman Bowles stated that they will keep this in mind as an option if they need it. Selectman Krieger stated that it is a good idea but by policy keep him under 40 hours.

Chairman Ives stated that they have a letter from someone that wants to dig up a town road and run a sap line under it. The Board will take this letter under advisement and get more information from those proposing to do the project.

Chairman Ives stated that Chief Burr was supposed to be at this meeting however he is unable to attend because he hurt his leg and is getting it checked out.

*Selectman Bowles moved to go into executive session at 6:51 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Present were Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger and the Loudon Fire Department Compensation Committee. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:19 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion Carried. Chairman Ives stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss compensation for the Loudon Volun-*

teer Fire Department with the compensation committee and go over the compensation for this year. *Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed one pistol permit.

The Board received a letter from Xfinity concerning price reductions.

The Board received a letter from legal counsel. The Board will send a letter to the landowner and request a meeting with the landowner, the Board and Dave Wiley.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a Property-Liability Trust Property Schedule. Attached was the new list and last year's list for comparison.

The Board received a memo from Jean Lee concerning postage meter costs.

The Board received a copy of a letter from DOT concerning the Public Officials Meeting to discuss the Rt. 106 corridor study at 7:00 on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

The Board received a memo from Brenda Pearl concerning the DOT meeting.

The Board received a copy of the FEMA Payment received October 31, 2011 in the amount of \$3438.80.

The Board received a copy of check from St. Jean Auction (State Auction) for the sale of the Police Cruiser (\$1,200.00) and Dave Rice's old pick-up (\$600.00).

The Board received a memo from David Wiley regarding the Flynn property.

The Board received a copy of Section 674:40-a Delegation of Authority to Accept Dedicated Streets for their review in regards to the access road by Red Roof Inn. The Board received a memo concerning the nam-

ing of the road. The Board will take this under advisement.

The Board received three past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #49591 in the amount of \$612.80, account #49861 in the amount of \$792.60, and account #31609 in the amount of \$1,283.20; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a copy of the June, July, Aug. and Sept. property transfers.

The Board received a copy of the ZBA Minutes of October 27, 2011.

The Board received a training certificate for Edward Dempsey.

The Board received letters from National-grid.

The Board received a letter from Unifit.

The Board received an email from ACED-NH regarding a Historic Bridge seminar.

The Board received a copy of minutes from the Governor and Executive Council meeting October 26, 2011.

The Board received the LGC Benefits and Coverage Bulletin for their review.

The Board received a newsletter from "The NH Civil Engineer" for their review.

The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board met with Helen McNeil, Tax Collector to discuss a new postage meter at the town office and the moving of a mobile home on Lake Street.

*Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 8, 2011**

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger.

Also present was Police Chief Bob Fiske, Road Agent Dave Rice, John Reece from the Fire Department and Julie Robinson and Bill Gabler from the Conservation Commission.

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 1, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes of*

*Tuesday, November 1, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. The minutes are sealed for five years. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

*Selectman Bowles made a motion to commit the tax warrant to the tax collector. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. Chairman Ives read the following Oath into the record: We, the Selectman 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*

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in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God. Chairman Ives then read the Tax Collector's Warrant into the record: TO: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New Hampshire 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 One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$5,156,187.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from December 8, 2011 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Eighth day of November in 2011. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire. All were in favor. Motion carries, warrant is committed.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice about the new grader that was spotted in town. Mr. Rice stated that it just a tryout and he would be trying out other kinds also. Selectman Bowles stated that they would have liked to have known ahead of time so that when people ask them questions they are prepared.

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske

Chief Fiske explained that he has a building permit for a new structure for Frank Merrill. Chief Fiske asked if he is to hang onto that permit until the road maintenance agreement is taken care of or should it be issued. Chief Fiske said that following protocol all contingencies should be taken care of before the permit is issued. Chairman Ives stated that he would get the agreement to town council this evening so it can be reviewed first thing tomorrow. Chairman Ives will call him town council tomorrow morning so Mr. Merrill isn't held up any longer.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed three pistol permits.

The Board recognized Tom Blanchette from NHMS. Mr. Blanchette explained that the track had a permit from the state to

trenchless bore and put in a 3" pipe for utilities under 106 to the other side by Asby Road. A bit broke off while trenching under the road, according to Mr. Landry, under the state right of way. Mr. Blanchette explained that they had to dig up the road to get to the bit and were going to just patch the pavement but because the pavement is so fractured on that road that after speaking with Mr. Rice and Mr. Landry they decided it would be better to pave from the state's apron up about 120' with a 2" overlay. Selectmen Krieger asked about the width of the new pavement. Mr. Blanchette said it's about 20'. Selectmen Krieger clarified that the pavement would be going over the existing pavement and over the soil that was opened up, the road would stay the same except be newly paved. Mr. Blanchette agreed it will be the same width just new pavement for about 120'. The Selectmen agreed that the paving could be done. Selectman Krieger asked that the Loudon and Canterbury Police and Fire Departments be notified when the paving is being done.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Joanne Edgcomb concerning the fire department.

The Board received an email from Donna concerning the road agreement for the access road behind the Red Roof Inn. Chairman Ives stated that he will have it sent over to the town attorney tonight for his review and he will call him in the morning.

The Board received a confidential client/attorney letter.

The Board received notification that the Fire Chief will be out due to a torn muscle.

The Board received information about the Flynn property from Assessor Dave Wiley. Selectman Bowles made a motion to have Dave Wiley, Town Assessor continue and move forward with his work on the Flynn property to deal with the current use. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board received a letter & Public Notice from the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation.

The Board received LGC Property-Liability Trust Property information for their review.

The Board received a copy of the August, September and October Cate van reports and their August and October meeting minutes.

The Board received an invitation to the VIP Night at Gift of Lights at NHMS.

The Board received information about UNH Cooperative Extensions workshops re: "Forest Laws for Municipal Officials."

The Board received copies of Fire Department Training Certificates for their review.

The Board received a notice for the LGC Annual Meeting.

The Board received an email invitation to a "Climate Change Workshop".

The Board received an email invitation to the 2nd Central NH Regional Energy Committee meeting.

The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Chairman Ives opened the public hearing by reading the following: *Notice of Public Officials Meeting. Arrangements have been made for the department to hold a public Officials Meeting to review and discuss the NH Route 106 Corridor Study from I-393 in Concord North approximately 10 miles through Loudon to the Canterbury Town Line. Loudon community Building 29 Village Road Loudon NH Tuesday, November 8, 2011 7:00 pm.*

Chairman Ives handed the meeting over to the representatives from the state. Mike Dugas, Chief of Preliminary Design with the DOT stated that he would be circulating an attendance list. Mr. Dugas introduced Bill Cass, Director of Project Development, Keith Cota, Chief Project Manager, Marc Laurin from the Environmental Department, Susan Soucy from the District 3 Office and Jeff Santacruz and Darren Benoit from McFarland & Johnson Engineering Firm.

Mr. Dugas stated that they will be discussing the project history, the study to date from the 1990's, how Route 106 has changed over the years, traffic counts, how valid the study from the 90's is, the rough cost, and what the next step would be. The area of Route 106 that this study focuses on is from 393, 11 miles, just into Canterbury. Darren Benoit spoke about changes since

the 1990's including traffic and development. Mr. Benoit stated that there is a lot more concern with the environment now and it would need to be looked at more closely. He spoke about traffic volume and typical sections of Route 106. Mr. Benoit showed and explained diagrams. Mr. Dugas said that was a very brief presentation of the design study. He said there are a couple of things to leave with. First, in revisiting traffic as it exists today compared to how it was projected in the 1990's, the widening that was presented then, is not justified at this time. Based on what they see today and how it could grow, they find that the single lane in each direction with a center turn lane or passing lane added would suffice for the foreseeable future. Second is that the rough cost for this improvement is estimated at \$15-20 million. Steve Jakubowski from Loudon spoke about budget cuts within the state and asked if this is the best place to spend money. Bill Leombruno, owner of the Loudon Country Club, spoke about the danger at the entrance to his facility. Chief Bob Fiske asked if curb cuts would remain the same. Mr. Dugas said they would look at the safety aspects of those during the study. Chief Fiske also discussed the need for traffic lights and reduced speed limits, especially if additional lanes are added. The question was asked how many places would be taken by eminent domain. Mr. Dugas said none. Mr. Dugas ended the meeting by stating that maps are available to look at and they would stick around to answer questions. He said they would continue the study for a few more months and are looking for guidance from the Town.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting and close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

## Planning Board Minutes — October 20, 2011

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

**Attendance:**

Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Alternate Jeff Green, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles

Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Steve Jackson.

Captain Bill Lake represented the fire department.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

**September 15, 2011 Meeting** — Bob Cole moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor. Chairman Dow stated that Mr. Davis's site was inspected and the engineer agreed with Mr. Davis's estimate for his bond reduction. Mr. Davis is currently getting an updated bond.

**Conceptual Consultation:**

**Matt Moore for Beanstalk Store** — Jeff Green recused himself from this matter. Mr. Moore introduced architect Mark Stewart and store co-owner Robby Imed. He gave an overview of the existing building and layout and explained that the new owners are proposing to install a diesel canopy to the back of the lot, an addition to the back of

the store, addition in the right front corner of the building, and a possible drive-through at the back of the building that would exist between the store and the motorcycle shop. In response to questions from Tom Dow, Mr. Moore said that the parking will change, entrances will not change, and there is about 19.5' between the buildings. Mr. Moore said that the lot line is 7.5' off the Beanstalk. Mark Stewart stated that the store owners would get an easement from Rhoads for the drive-through. Dustin Bowles asked how all of this would affect the number of parking spaces. Mr. Stewart and the Board discussed the parking requirements. The Board would want to see all of the spaces delineated with the parking areas paved and marked. Mr. Bowles spoke about the 106 widening proposal, noting that the selectmen will be attending a meeting about the project on November 6. He recommended that the applicant look into this before making too many changes to the site.

Tom Dow asked about the square footage increase. Mr. Stewart stated that the existing is 6,193 and they are proposing to add 2,300-2,400 which does not count a second floor office for the store. Mr. Dow

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voiced his concern of the drive-through and how congested the area already is. He asked about moving the front doors. Dustin Bowles asked how deep the rear addition would be. Mr. Stewart said it would be 18' from the rear wall, noting that some existing sheds there will go away. He said that the mechanical and compressor area would be part of the addition. Tom Dow asked if there were any other plans, such as a Subway, for the store. Mr. Imed said there are not at this time. Mr. Stewart said that they are proposing a walk-in cooler/beer cave.

Bill Lake asked what the percentage of increase would be on the sales floor. Mr. Stewart stated that the sales floor would be mostly in the existing store. Mr. Lake asked what is being proposed for diesel pumps. Mr. Stewart said that there would be two pumps, two hoses each. Mr. Lake explained the requirements for the canopy system. The Board advised Mr. Stewart to cover elevations, lighting, landscaping, traffic, parking, and keeping the rural character in mind when doing the project.

**Old Business:**

**#11-06, Kara Realty** — Tim Bernier of TF Bernier, Inc. represented the applicant. Also present was the applicant Frank Merrill of Kara Realty and Alden Moore of Loudon Line Development. Mr. Bernier reviewed the conditions of approval set by the Board in June. He said that all conditions have been completed other than the receipt of a deed from Z-1 regarding the access road. He said that the owner of Z-1 has been approached but is unwilling to write the deed. Mr. Bernier explained that the proposed access easement was shown on a site plan that was approved by the Board in 2001. He then referred to an amended site plan from 2002 where the road had been constructed, there was a 30' wide access easement noted, and referred to the 2001 plan. Mr. Bernier said that Mr. Moore has been in discussion with Mr. Nasr who is unwilling to put this in a deed. Mr. Bernier stated that it is a dedicated right-of-way and is used as access to the Red Roof Inn. He said that the Board relied on the site plan when they approved Mr. Moore's subdivision in 2003. Mr. Bernier noted that the easement was a condition of approval of the site plan. He said that Frank Merrill relied on that when he bought this lot. Mr. Bernier asked if the Board would accept the dedication as the right to pass and re-pass. He suggested that a letter from the Board be sent to the owner of Z-1 referencing that the deed was part of the site plan approval and needs to be done.

Stan Prescott mentioned that one condition of the June approval was to do a maintenance agreement for the road. Mr. Bernier said that this has already been done. Bob Cole asked to clarify that the access was presumed to be deeded as a result of the 2001 site plan. Mr. Bernier said that it was accepted as "would be deeded" and is shown as a proposed 30' wide easement. He said the easement was dedicated, road con-

structed, and meets all the conditions. Henry Huntington asked what the risk would be if there is no deed for the Z-1 section. Stan Prescott stated that the deed needs to be in place in order for the road to become a public road. There was discussion of forcing the issue. Mr. Bernier said that the family partnership is being dividing which is creating some resistance so the owner wants some time. Jeff Green said the right-of-way is shown on the plat and the road was built. He said the question would be about the town taking over the road without a deed so it would stay private until that time.

There was discussion about the maintenance agreement. Mr. Bernier said that Frank Merrill will maintain the road at this point and anyone else who develops on that section will have to join in the agreement at that time. Stan Prescott said the maintenance agreement needs to be on the plan. It was suggested that the road be shown on the tax map as a private road. Mr. Prescott said he feels they have met the condition but they should keep after Z-1 to get the deed after the dust settles. Tim Bernier noted that the maintenance agreement will be recorded. It was also noted that all of the lots have been sold and any future development would have to come before the Board and the road maintenance could be addressed at that time.

The Board agreed that Frank Merrill of Kara Realty, Map 1, Lot 65, has met the intent of condition #1 set on June 20, 2011; the dedication is there as shown on site plan #15374 recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds on February 20, 2001.

**New Business:**

**#11-13, Freedom Hill Cooperative** — Mike Duffy of Horizon Engineering represented the applicant. There were no abutters present. Mr. Duffy gave an overview of the project to construct a maintenance building and went through the plan set with the Board. He explained the location of the existing and proposed buildings on Magnolia Drive, noting that there are no residences on that section of the road. Mr. Duffy said they will be cleaning up the area of the existing building. There will be access completely around the building. Mr. Duffy said that there may be an office in the building at some point in the future. He said they will design and permit a septic system and make provisions for future water and sewer. Mr. Duffy said he would be doing a full set of bid plans once approved by the Board. He explained the process that must be followed when using grant funds. There is no service to the building proposed at this time.

Mr. Duffy said the 50' x 75' metal building would have an inside height of 14', three overhead doors, and two pedestrian doors at opposite ends of the building. It would be used for storage. There will be a drainage system along the eaves that would dump water into the existing fire pond. Mr. Duffy said the pond is pretty unusable at this time and they hope to clean it up. He said, depending on budget, they would maybe come to the town to add electrical and

plumbing. Captain Lake said once the project gets closer to the construction process the department would be reviewing for extinguishers, smoke detectors, etc. He said there would not be much required because of the proposed use. He said the access is good. Mr. Duffy said the old building will be taken down but that slab would remain in place.

*Henry Huntington moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.* There were no requests for waivers. The Board further reviewed the plans; there were no additional questions. *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the application as presented; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

**Board Discussion:**

**Master Plan** — It was agreed to ask Mike Tardiff of CNHRPC to meet with the Board on November 17th at 6:00 p.m. At that time the group will decide how to proceed with the Master Plan update.

**Capital Improvements Program** — Stan Prescott said that there was discussion at the recent CIP committee meeting about the need for sidewalks into the Village. He asked if the Board felt this is a project that should be added to the CIP. There was brief discussion about where the sidewalk would be built and the need for more details in order to add it as a project. Mr. Prescott will investigate and complete the necessary paperwork for the CIP committee's review. A public hearing for the acceptance of the updated CIP was set for November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

**Fire sprinkler regulations** — Captain Lake spoke about bills regarding doing away with requirements for residential sprinkler systems that are before the legislature. He said that it was the department's suggestion that sprinkler systems be removed from the Land Development Regulations and/or make cisterns part of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Lake explained that if a town had a sprinkler ordinance in place as of July 1, 2011 they could continue to enforce their ordinance; however, if there is no town ordinance then the systems cannot be required should these bills pass. He said if the town gets cisterns into the Zoning

Ordinance now then they would be better protected if cisterns were also removed by legislation in the future. There was brief discussion amongst Board members. It was agreed that Captain Lake will draft a zoning amendment for the upcoming workshop.

**Zoning workshop** — A workshop was scheduled for November 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. All proposed zoning amendments should be submitted in writing to the office prior to the workshop date.

**Report of the ZBA:**

There is an application for a reduced side setback and an application for a home occupation for a mobile veterinary clinic base on the agenda for this month.

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

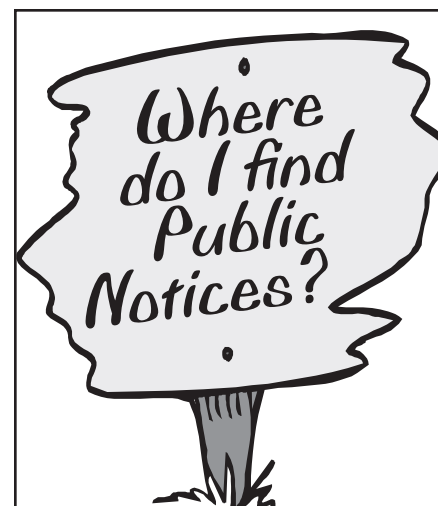
Stan Prescott reported that there was one hawker & peddler permit approved for a 50/50 raffle to be held by the Loudon Food Pantry.

**Adjournment:**

*A motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*


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## Zoning Board Minutes — October 27, 2011

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

### ROLL CALL

The following members were present: George Saunderson, Roy Merrill, Chairman Dave Powelson, and Alternates Jim Venne, Earl Tuson, and Jonathan Huntington

Earl Tuson was appointed to be a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl and Jon Huntington was appointed to be a voting member in the absence of Ned Lizotte.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**Regular Hearing** — *Jonathan Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes of September 22, 2011 as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

### PUBLIC HEARING

**Z11-09, Joann Fontaine** — *Special Exception for Major Home Occupation, Map 29, Lot 86, RR District, 7140 Oak Hill Road. Abutters Ora George, Steffen & Rosemary Hermanns, and Gary & Ruth Langlais were present.*

Ms. Fontaine explained that she has recently earned her license in veterinary medicine and will be developing a mobile veterinary clinic in town. She said this would allow her to take her services to the elderly, handicapped, and pet owners whose pets are fearful of travel, etc. She stated that she has a 200sf sunroom at her home that she wants to petition into waiting, treatment, surgical, and lab areas. Ms. Fontaine said she would eventually like to have a van unit but for now will be using her personal vehicles for the mobile clinic. The home occupation would allow her to have a base for her business and provide a place to do

minor surgeries, lab work, and overnight observation.

Jon Huntington asked what types of animals she would be working with. Ms. Fontaine said her clinic would be for cats, dogs, and pocket pets. She explained that she has a long driveway, double width, so parking would not be a problem. George Saunderson asked what she anticipates for numbers in a full situation. Ms. Fontaine said that she would not have any more than two or three at a time and she would not be doing any boarding. Dave Powelson asked the Board if they were alright with the mobile veterinary going to houses. All were in agreement that this was an acceptable practice. Jim Venne asked how much has to be done to the sunroom to make it ready. Ms. Fontaine said that she would put up portable walls that can be moved as needed and she would put up some shelving.

Board members Howard Pearl and Ned Lizotte arrived at this point of the meeting.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with the applicant. He noted that there is nothing specific to veterinary services in the Zoning Ordinance; the Board was alright with the use. The chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board. Ned Lizotte asked, referring to Ms. Fontaine's submittal, if she was planning three to four appointments per hour at this base. Ms. Fontaine said that she would have a small amount of appointments at her home, with limited hours. Dave Powelson asked if the intent is to be mostly mobile. Ms. Fontaine said that was correct.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Mrs. Hermanns said they felt it

is a great idea and this would be good to have in Loudon. Mr. and Mrs. Langlais were also in favor of the application.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. Ora George stated that he is concerned about dogs being on the premises and disturbing neighbors. He spoke about his concern of chemicals getting into the high water table, the neighboring retirement area being disturbed and diseased animals being brought to the property. Ms. Fontaine said that she understands Mr. George's concerns and since this is her home she does not want barking dogs there either. She said there would be no runs and no boarding. Mr. George said these situations are always alright in the beginning but then enforcement is difficult and the police department will not get involved. Jim Venne asked if it wasn't true that animals tend to be quiet when sick. Ms. Fontaine said that was correct, they are more lethargic. She said the animals would not be kept overnight unless they are sick enough that they have to be monitored.

*Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the application with the hours of operation to be 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. There was brief discussion about Ms. Fontaine's submittal regarding hours of operation (2 p.m. to 6 p.m.) and what the Board felt would be appropriate based on this being a new venture and Ms. Fontaine not knowing just what would be needed for base hours. A roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — yes; George Saunderson — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Earl Tuson — yes Unanimous — APPROVED*

**Z11-08, Scott Chase** — *Special Exception for Reduced Setback, RR District, Map 58, Lot 42, Berry Road. The applicant was not present. There were no abutters present. A letter of support was received from one abutter and has been placed in the file. Jim Venne stated that he went to look at the site and found that the property to each side of this one have similar decks. George Saunderson said that he looked at it as well but feels that the applicant should be at this meeting. Ned Lizotte stated that he would not have a problem with the request but feels the applicant should be in attendance. Others agreed that the applicant should be present when the application is heard. George Saunderson moved to continue the application to the meeting of November 28th, 7:00 at the Community Building; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.*

### BOARD DISCUSSION

**Zoning Workshop** — The first workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. Several members are working on proposed amendments. Roy Merrill said that he suggested last year that the front setbacks in the CI District be cut from 100' to 60'. There was brief discussion on this matter.

### ADJOURNMENT

*Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*

**Please note that both Planning and Zoning Minutes are DRAFT minutes, i.e., they have not been approved yet. For a copy of the approved minutes, please contact the Planning/Zoning Office after their monthly meetings (798-4540).**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6pm•PTA @ LES 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4H @ Legion	<b>6</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	<b>7</b> <b>PEARL HARBOR DAY</b>  2pm•Storytime @ Library 2–4pm•Open Workshop for Artists @ Library/\$10 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library 7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library 7pm•Historical Society	<b>8</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Freedom Hill Coop @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	<b>9</b> TERM 2 MID-TERM GRADES CLOSE 6pm•“Polar Express” @ Library 6–8pm•“Journey to Bethlehem” @ New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene	<b>10</b> 8–10am•Santa's Breakfast @ Elementary School 8–2•Craft Fair & Farmer's Market @ Elementary School 6–8pm•“Journey to Bethlehem” @ New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Assn. Meeting 7:15pm•MVSD School Board Meeting @ MVHS	<b>13</b> 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	<b>14</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 2–4pm•Open Workshop for Artists @ Library/\$10 6:30pm•Cub Scout Den Leaders @ Library 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	<b>15</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>16</b> <b>LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2012 ISSUE</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30pm•Communications Council @ LES	<b>20</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 2pm•Just the Classics Book Group @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library 7pm•MVHS Winter Concert @ MVHS Auditorium	<b>21</b> <b>CHANUKAH</b>  2pm•Storytime @ Library 2–4pm•Open Workshop for Artists @ Library/\$10 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library 7pm•Legion & Auxilliary MVHS WINTER CONCERT (SNOW DATE) 	<b>22</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</b>  10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 4pm•Candlelight Service @ Loudon Congregational Church 6–7pm•“Carols, Communion, and Candlelight” @ New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene
<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9–Noon•Wellness Clinic @ VOA Richard Brown House 2pm• “Mr. Popper's Penguins” Movie @ Library 2:30pm•Writers' Workshop @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	<b>28</b> 2–4pm•Open Workshop for Artists @ Library/\$10 6:30pm•Recreation Com. @ Library 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	<b>29</b> 11–3•Craft Time @ Library 2pm•JO Cate Van Com. @ Van Office 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Book Group @ Library	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>
NO STORY TIME THIS WEEK						

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