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Mission Statement...

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

Loudon Food Pantry To Benefit From Holiday Lights at The Magic Mile

New Hampshire Motor Speedway unveils two-mile long, 400-display Gift of Lights

With over 2.5 million shimmering lights dancing across the grounds at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, executive vice president and general manager Jerry Gappens officially flipped the switch on the Second annual Gift of Lights on Nov. 16.

In front of fans and local media, Gappens, along with representatives from the Loudon Food Pantry and Concord Hospital, turned on the 250-foot long Tunnel of Lights display, giving the over two-mile holiday drive-thru illumination show — which is double the size of last year — a formal kick off before opening to the public at 4:30 p.m.

"We get visitors from Canada, New York state, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island — this really is something that brings people in from all over," said Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager of the speedway. "I think everybody has a good time and our hope is it becomes a tradition for all kids, from three to 93. This really is something for everyone."

Open daily from 4:30–9:00 p.m., the Gift of Lights has transformed "The Magic Mile" campus into a virtual winter wonderland of luminosity. With over 400 displays within 40 different scenes, there's something for everyone to enjoy this holiday season, including the 12 Days of Christmas, a Victorian village with skiers and snowmobilers, a salute to military, a zoo, and, of course, several NASCAR-inspired scenes.

Ninety percent of the lights used in the displays are eco-efficient LEDs.

The speedway's portion of the proceeds will once again be given to the New Hampshire chapter of the Speedway Children's Charities, an organization that cares for children in education, financial, social and medial need. The SCC distributed over \$30,000 children's charities throughout New England last year, including Concord Hospital in Concord, N.H.

"We'd like to thank the Speedway Children's Charities for providing funding for The Family Place (maternity ward) last year," said Deanne Pelletier, foundation and corporate relations officer at Concord Hospital. "We really appreciate the support the SCC gives us and all that it supports."



For all patrons that donate three or more non-perishable food items, they will receive a discount on their Gift of Lights tickets. The Loudon Food Pantry received over 22,000 pounds of food thanks to non-perishable donations from over 15,000 carloads of visitors to the speedway for last year's Gift of Lights.

"We appreciate everything the Speedway does to help us, and the Gift of Lights is a perfect example of that," said Sarah Houck of the Loudon Food Pantry. "They are able to help us out at a time (May-October) when there isn't as much food, so it's a big help to us with everything they're able to provide."

The Gift of Lights will be open for a total of 51 total days, from Nov. 16 through Jan. 5. The cost (sans discount) is \$15 per carload Monday–Thursday and \$20 Friday–Sunday. Tickets for the Gift of Lights can be purchased online at www.nhms.com or at the gate.

Tickets to the July 14 New Hampshire 300 and the September 22 SYLVANIA 300 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series weekends are also on sale now. They can be purchased by calling the NHMS ticket hotline at (603) 783-4931 or by visiting www.nhms.com. Be sure to keep up with the latest "Magic Mile" news by logging onto the tracks Facebook page at NHMotorSpeedway and on Twitter @NHMS. ■

How To Avoid A Holiday "Hangover"

Bank of New Hampshire provides consumer spending tips for the holiday season.

With consumer sentiment the highest it's been since the recession, shoppers are expected to open their wallets a bit wider this year. Will holiday spending leave shoppers in the red? Not if they plan wisely.

"This is the most festive time of year, but consumers don't have to end up with a holiday hangover when the bills arrive," said Thomas Garfield, Executive Vice President - Consumer Services for Bank of New Hampshire. "Simple planning can make the season

more care-free and enjoyable when you know you're in control of your budget." To help consumers spend within their means and enjoy a financially happy New Year, Bank of New Hampshire offers the following tips:

- **Develop a budget.** Before you start shopping, develop a realistic budget. Consider your income, subtract your normal monthly expenses, and then add any savings to whatever cash is left over. If you need to use your credit card, think about what you can afford to pay back in January. Don't forget

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Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • townofloudon@comcast.net
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 • townclerkloudon@comcast.net
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 • loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net
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 • taxcollectorloudon@comcast.net
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • www.loudonpolice.org
Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 • rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • dick@loudonfire.com
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 • townofloudon@comcast.net
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 \$4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568 • townofloudon@comcast.net
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
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 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

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

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6
Jennifer R Coffey: 748 Raccoon Hill Rd., Andover, NH 03216-4040
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Senators — District 7

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. 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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May 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 4/19	Council Meeting:	Mon. 4/22
June 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 5/17	Council Meeting:	Mon. 5/20
July 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 6/14	Council Meeting:	Mon. 6/17
August 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 7/19	Council Meeting:	Mon. 7/22
September 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 8/16	Council Meeting:	Mon. 8/19
October 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 9/13	Council Meeting:	Mon. 9/16
November 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 10/18	Council Meeting:	Mon. 10/21
December 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 11/15	Council Meeting:	Mon. 11/18

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Where to Worship in Loudon

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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
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Children’s Worship for ages 3 up to 4th Grade
Youth Group: Sunday 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.
(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Contact Stephanie Gagne, Clerk (568-5080) or Sam Langley, Deacon (848-1455)
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).

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

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

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene Christmas Schedule



Star Shine will be performed on Saturday, December 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. (Snow date is Dec. 22.) People of all ages from New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene will be participating in this Christmas Musical for the whole family. This is our Christmas gift to the community. There is no admission fee and the church is handicap accessible. We are located at 33 Staniels Road, Loudon (near the Red Roof Inn). We hope you plan to join us.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Monday, December 24th from 6–7:00 p.m. This is a family-orientated service. All are welcome. ■

Mark Your Calendar:
The Town Clerk’s Office will be closed December 24–27 and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 31 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
All other Town Offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25 to celebrate the Christmas Holiday.

The Loudon Historical Society and the NH Humanities Council is proud to present:
Steve Taylor speaking on: The Great Sheep Boom and Its Enduring Legacy on the NH Landscape

In a brief 30-year period in the early 19th century the New Hampshire country-side became home to hundreds of thousands of sheep. Production of wool became a lucrative business, generating fortunes and providing the only time of true agricultural prosperity in the state’s history. It left behind a legacy of fine architecture and thousands of miles of rugged stone walls. Steve Taylor discusses how farmers overcame enormous challenges to make sheep husbandry succeed, but forces from beyond New Hampshire were to doom the industry, with social consequences that would last a century.

Where: Charles Barn, 29 S. Village Rd.

When: Wednesday, March 20th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Michele York, 396-2362

E-mail: myburton22@aol.com

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costs beyond gifts, such as postage, gift wrap, decorations, greeting cards, food, travel and charitable contributions.

- **Make a list and check it twice.** Keep your gift list limited to family and close friends, noting how much you want to spend on each.
- **Spend carefully.** Avoid shopping while rushed or under pressure, which can lead to overspending. Make sure to comparison shop online first, or download an “app” that lets you compare prices before you buy anything in a store. Before you head to the cashier (or online “checkout”), make sure your purchase is within the budget you set.
- **Avoid traps.** Finding a spectacular sale on something you’ve been wanting can easily throw you off course. Stay strong and stick to your budget. Don’t apply for store credit cards you don’t need just to get a one-time discount.
- **Use credit wisely.** Limit the use of credit for holiday spending. If you must use credit, use only one card, preferably the one with the lowest interest rate, and leave the rest at

home. Pick a date when you can pay off your holiday credit card bills, and commit to paying off the balance by that time. Be sure to check statements for unauthorized charges and report them immediately.

- **Save your receipts.** Not only will you need them for possible returns, you’ll need them to keep track of what you’ve spent and to compare with your credit card statement. Knowing how much you spent will help you plan for next year.
- **Be creative.** Consider simple, hand-made gifts instead of store-bought ones. Send greeting cards or handwritten notes of appreciation for those outside of your list. Home-baked goods, simple crafts or hand-made gift certificates for your time or talents are often less expensive and more appreciated than what you would buy at a mall or big-box store.

If you don’t have one already, make it a New Year’s resolution to open a holiday savings account for next year!

This helpful information was provided by Bank of New Hampshire. ■

Happy Holidays!



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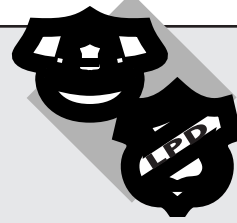
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Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

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

As the inclement weather approaches, I cannot repeat this message enough. We need to continue to remind ourselves to SLOW down. You must be travelling at a reasonable and prudent speed under the conditions — *not necessarily the posted speed limit*. PLEASE 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! ■

Loudon Police Department D.A.R.E. News

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

This year the D.A.R.E. program has been restructured and is now called *Keepin’ it REAL*.

REAL is the acronym for Refuse, Explain, Avoid, and Leave. The program focuses on decision-making skills and includes a variety of topics. It is more student-involved and includes topics such as bullying and stress. It also challenges the students by having them participate in active learning.

The students will be building a strong foundation with these decision making skills, that will enable them apply these skills to real life situations they may encounter with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and inhalants. They will be working in a group and in pairs and will be bringing home this information to share with parents or guardians to get them actively involved.

The new D.A.R.E. elementary curriculum has been shortened to nine lessons and a culmination. The topics are more specific to the needs of this age group and the lessons are fun and practical. I am looking forward to teaching the students this new program. ■

Kids’ Road To Safety

(NAPS)—Hundreds of young lives can be saved annually if parents understand how to use child vehicle restraints properly.

To help, Mitsubishi funds a nonprofit called Kids Safety First that offers free child safety seat inspections at select Mitsubishi Motors’ dealerships and provides free educational materials. The organization gives families hands-on instruction from certified child passenger safety technicians on how to select, install and use child restraint systems. Certified technicians have been through extensive training with a national standardized course and have field experience.

It’s vital for parents to learn how to install and use child safety seats correctly.

The all-volunteer grassroots organization also provides free automotive child safety materials to police, fire and rescue departments, hospitals, schools and prenatal centers.

“Your children rely on you to help keep them safe,” explains Jorgen Weterrings of Kids Safety First. “We created the program because of our own experiences that child safety seats and booster seats were difficult to select and even more difficult to install correctly. Providing child safety seat inspections is a critical resource for parents and caregivers.”

Dorel Juvenile Group, the world’s largest car seat manufacturer, has joined the effort by donating over \$55,000 in car seats over the past three years.

For safety tips and a list of participating dealerships, visit www.kidssafety-first.org. For other safety advice, follow Jorgen Weterrings and Kids Safety First on Facebook. ■

Recreation Committee News

“Like” us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events.

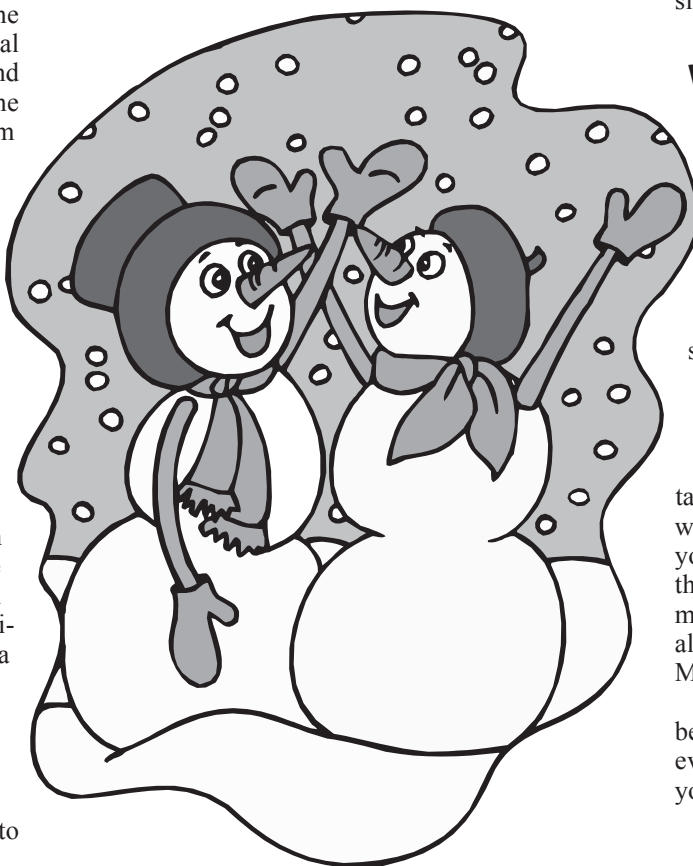
BOOT CAMP FITNESS FOR KIDS!

Body Works Martial Arts hopes to offer a Martial Arts Boot Camp for kids ages 8–10. Unlike a traditional karate class, this class focuses more on the health and fitness associated with martial arts. The exercise regimen is creative and fun while the martial arts aspect provides important skills in stand-up and on-the-ground training. Music is used to keep the class high energy and positive. It is a great program and promotes health and safety in a fun way. The class will run for five weeks and meet once a week for 45 minutes at Loudon Elementary School. Cost is \$30 per child. Exact dates and times can be found by looking for the flyer at www.loudonnh.org under what’s new or on the Recreation Facebook page.

WINTER CARNIVAL.

We are working on plans for Winter Carnival this year. Save the date of Saturday, February 23rd for Winter Carnival Fun! Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon for a great time at the Recreation Field in the village. We will have a snowman toss game and horse-drawn wagon rides with the Belgian draft horses from Stone Boat Farm in Loudon. There will be a snowman building competition with prizes for the top three most creative, a snowball slingshot, a bonfire to keep warm, and free hot cocoa and cookies! Homemade pumpkin/squash custard and baked apples (as featured at the Loudon Farm Feast), provided by our very own Loudon Farms will be served in the Community Building. We are hoping for excellent conditions to hold the event this year.

Don't forget the survey! We are looking for more feedback with the survey. Go to the website www.loudonnh.org and find the recreation survey. Fill it out so your ideas can be heard!! If you have a talent that you could share and teach a class with others who may be interested, let us know!



ZUMBA FITNESS.

Zumba classes continue if you would like to participate in the next session, please contact Melissa at melissaminery@gmail.com. Zumba is on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School with Tammy Gray certified Zumba instructor. Cost is \$42 for the full 6-week session. Payment and sign-up is on the first night of the session.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECREATION!!!

There must be people out there who are bored and wondering how to get involved with the community. Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events, and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We are in need of other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. This small group does quite a bit in town and we would like some fresh ideas. We meet once a month to discuss upcoming programming and ideas. If you aren’t able to make a meeting but would like to share your ideas, suggestions or comments please take a moment to fill out the survey on the website www.loudonnh.org. We need to hear from many of you — please take a few minutes to jot down your thoughts and ideas or even better — come to the next meeting!! Recreation Committee meetings are generally the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library.

Remember to check the town website or Facebook between issues for updates and watch for updates in every issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. Thank you for your continued support! ■



RECYCLING WORD SEARCH

LeeAnnChildress ~ Loudon Solid Waste / Recycling Committee

Something fun to do - see how many recycling words you can find. Words can be found forwards, backwards, up, down, and across.

The Loudon Recycling Committee wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.
Enjoy - and remember, we're all winners when we recycle!

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HALLOWEEN PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS AND HELPS THE LOUDON FOOD PANTRY

The Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Loudon joined together to host an extraordinary Halloween Party for the elementary school kids of Loudon. The party not only provided a lot of fun for the 141 kids that attended, but it also raised needed food and money for the Loudon Food Pantry. The admission price to the party was 3 food items and there was a thank you gift for those that brought 10 more items. Thanks to the generosity of so many, the event raised 1,477 food items, 5.5 pounds of produce and \$370.

The Halloween party had about 30 activities/games that the kids could do. First kids decorated a lunch bag to hold all of their prizes and candy earned during the evening. There was a craft section where kids could make ghost pops, Halloween decorations, and even make a popcorn hand bag using colored sand. There was face painting and a picture-taking station. There were a lot of toss games such as ring around the mouse, knock over the pumpkin containers, ball in the cups, and even hit a giant tooth brush. There were guessing games such as guessing how many candies are in a jar to putting your hand in a box and guessing what you were feeling. There was a miniature golf course for kids to putt on. Kids loved having their fortune told by the fortune teller. Thanks to Peter LaMonica from BeNetSafe.org of NH, for the haunted house that was a spooky treat for those that ventured to go in. Most of the events had a prize for the kids to win ranging from candy, tattoos, balls, stickers, ice cream coupon, Halloween rings, glow sticks, and even a tooth brush.

More than 50 volunteers came together to put this event on. The volunteers were incredible with the creativity that they put into designing games and crafts for the kids to play. Lynette Leblanc was the representative for the Girl Scout Troop and Josh Brien was the representative for the Cub Scout Pack, they did an amazing job!

David West was the coordinator of the event and was also the representative for Boy Scout Troop 30. David wanted to find a way to help the Loudon Food Pantry and the Halloween party seemed like the best way to raise food and provide the kids of Loudon a fun event.

Sincere thanks to the many companies that helped out. Cascade Campground, Foothills Physical Therapy, Grappone Auto Group and Best Septic all generously donated cash that was used to buy supplies, prizes to hand out at the games, thank you gifts for those that brought more than 10 food items, and beverages that were sold at the concession stand. Pepsi and Coca Cola generously donated beverages that were sold at the concession stand. Loudon Country Club also donated beverages and cash. Concord Pediatric Dentistry and Dr. Hulshults Dentistry provided toothbrushes and tooth paste, and McDonalds of Epsom donated ice cream cone coupons that were given out as prizes at games. New Hampshire Motor Speedway donated some hats, t-shirts and lunch bags and Chucksters donated activity passes that were given out on a lottery basis. A sincere thank you goes out to all of the companies that donated to the party. Their contributions helped to make the party a huge success.

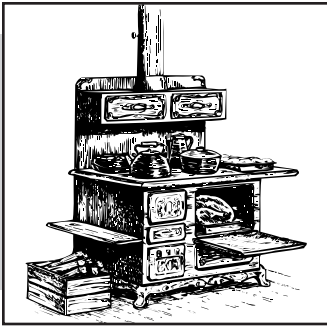
Representatives from the Loudon Food Pantry were very grateful for the food and cash raised. Thanks to the Loudon Food Pantry volunteers for their endless efforts to provide food for the needy of our community. Thanks all of the scout volunteers that came forth to help put on this event. This was an incredible event that was a success because of the volunteer efforts of so many and the generous donations of the businesses that supported it. The Loudon Food Pantry has 1,477 more food items and \$370 thanks to this party. ■





**141 LOUDON KIDS ENJOYED
HALLOWEEN AT THE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL THIS YEAR.**





What's Cookin'!

This month: Something New For Your Taste Buds

Jenn Pfeifer

Now that Thanksgiving is over and you have hopefully have had some time to dig all of your holiday decorations out of the basement to display... that's when the real work begins. What do I give for gifts??? I wish I had the means to buy everyone their favorite electronic device (ipads and laptops and kindles OH MY!) but it's just not in the budget. What I can do is make gifts in my kitchen and from my heart. I hope that everyone remembers that the holidays are for sharing gifts of love and time with those that mean the most to us. Please be kind to one another and be safe as you ring in the new year. Bring on 2013!

All of the following recipe/gift ideas and many more can be found at busy-cooks.about.com.

RANCH-STYLE DRESSING AND DIP MIX

Give this dip and dressing mix in decorative jars with instructions for making dip or dressing. Make a basket up with this dip, a pretty serving bowl, and fancy bread sticks, croutons or bagel chips.

- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons dried minced garlic
- 3 tablespoons dried minced onion
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground pepper
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2-1/2 teaspoons paprika
- 2-1/2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes

Combine ingredients; blend well. Store in an airtight container. Give in decorative jars with directions below for dressing and dip. Makes 1/2 cup of mix, or 8 portions for dressing or dip.

Dressing:

In a bowl or jar combine 1 cup of mayonnaise and 1 cup buttermilk. Add 1 tablespoon mix and blend well.

Dip:

In a small bowl blend 1 tablespoon mix with 1 cup sour cream. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

POMEGRANATE VINEGAR RECIPE

- 1 cup fresh pomegranate seeds
- 2 cups white wine vinegar

Place pomegranate seeds in a dry, sterilized quart canning jar. Use a large spoon to stir and slightly bruise the pomegranate seeds, then cover with the white wine vinegar. Seal tightly with canning lid.

Place jar in a window in full sunlight and let steep for 8 to 10 days.

Place a double layer of cheesecloth in a colander or large strainer over a bowl. Strain the pomegranate vinegar and discard solids.

Pour the vinegar into clean, sterilized bottles and seal tightly. Store in a cool, dark place up to 6 months.

Pomegranate vinegar makes a delightful addition to salad dressings and marinades and is perfect for kitchen gifts so make extra.

BEAN SOUP MIX RECIPE

- 2 cups dry onion flakes
- 6 cups dried small red beans
- 2-2/3 cups dried lentils
- 1-1/2 cups dried white navy beans
- 1-1/2 cups dried yellow split peas
- 4 cups uncooked brown rice
- 1/4 cup dried crushed basil leaves
- 4 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 4 bay leaves

Place dry onion flakes in a dry nonstick skillet over medium-low heat and toast, stirring constantly, until toasted and golden. Watch carefully and do not let them burn. Set aside and let cool to room temperature.

Line up 4 decorative 1-quart canning jars. Into each jar, layer dried beans in the following order: 1/2 cup red beans, 1/3 cup lentils, 1/3 cup split peas, 1/2 cup red beans, 1/3 cup lentils, 1/3 cup navy beans, and finishing with 1/2 cup red beans.

Divide brown rice into 4 additional zip-top bags, 1 cup in each bag. Squeeze out the air and seal. Place 1 bag of rice on top of the beans in each jar.

Line up 4 small bowls. Measure 1/2 cup toasted onion, 1 tablespoon dried basil, 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1/2 teaspoon cumin, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger, and 1 bay leaf in each bowl. Pour each bowl into a small zip-top bag, so you have 4 packets of seasonings. Squeeze out the air and seal. Place 1 bag of seasoning on top of the seasoning packet in each jar.

Tightly seal jars with canning lids. If the jars seem too full to seal with the lids, tap gently on the counter-top to compact the contents. Attach a cooking instruction card (below) with each bean soup mix jar if giving as a gift.

Yield: 4 soup mixes

Cooking Instructions for Bean Soup Mix

Remove seasoning mix and rice packets from the jar and set aside.

Rinse beans and place in a large stockpot with 9 cups of water. Bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 30 minutes. (Alternatively, you may soak the beans overnight.) Drain beans and return to the stockpot. Add brown rice, 12 cups of chicken or vegetable stock, and the seasonings. Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer for 1 hour until beans and rice are tender. Garnish individual servings with chopped chives.

Yield: 8 servings per soup mix jar

KENTUCKY CHOCOLATE — NUT PIE MIX IN A JAR

An easy pie to bake from this jar mix. Kentucky chocolate chip pie with pecans or walnuts, chocolate chips, and other ingredients.

- 1 cup granulated sugar (or use half brown granulated)
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- pinch salt

Pour sugar into a lightweight food storage bag. Tie with twine or ribbon and cut off excess plastic bag end, if necessary. Fit bag into the bottom of a 1-quart wide-mouth canning jar. Pour in half of the nuts, the chocolate chips, and remaining nuts. Into another food storage bag, add flour and pinch of salt. Tie bag and cut off some of the excess end as before. Fit into the top of the jar then screw on top.

Directions for gift: Kentucky Chocolate Chip Nut Pie

- Kentucky Chocolate-Nut Pie Mix
- 1 9-inch pastry shell, unbaked
- 4 ounces (1 stick) melted butter
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 325°.

Remove the bag of sugar from jar; set aside. Pour nuts and chocolate chips into pie shell, spreading evenly. In a small mixing bowl, whisk 2 eggs. Empty the sugar and flour bags into the bowl, stirring to blend well. Whisk in 1 teaspoon vanilla and the 4 ounces melted butter. Blend well. Pour batter evenly over nuts and chocolate chips. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, until nicely browned. Chill thoroughly before cutting. Serve with a dollop of vanilla ice cream. Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

AMARETTO AND CINNAMON COFFEE CREAMER

- 1-1/2 cups non-dairy coffee creamer
- 2 teaspoons almond extract
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

Combine all ingredients and blend thoroughly. Store in an airtight container. Portion the mix into small plastic bags (about 3/4 cup in each), and tie with bright ribbon. Place in decorative coffee cups with directions. Makes about 3 cups, or 4 gift portions of 6 servings each.

Directions:

Add 2 tablespoons of creamer to each cup of coffee.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net. ■

New Twists On Traditional Holiday Favorites

(NAPS)—During the holiday season, many creative cooks find ways to make their guests feel special by giving them something new to try. With some clever recipe tweaks, it can be easy to improve on traditional holiday favorites. Sometimes all it takes is a simple ingredient substitution to take a dish from “the usual” to “surprising and memorable.”

For example, substitute dried cranberries for raisins or nuts in a carrot salad, pumpkin bread or your favorite stuffing. Instead of stuffing made from plain white bread, the classic holiday roasted turkey can get a special new flavor from stuffing made with Aloha Spirit. King’s Hawaiian, the family-owned company best known for its line of Hawaiian bread products made from its authentic Island recipe, has developed a cranberry-studded stuffing that uses cubes of its Original Hawaiian Sweet Round Bread or Rolls in place of ordinary white bread, and adds another taste of Hawaii with macadamia nuts instead of traditional chestnuts.

The company’s Round Bread not only makes an elegant centerpiece appetizer (use the hollowed bread as a container for your favorite dip recipe) but it can also serve as the heart of a delicious dessert — White Chocolate Chip Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce. The easy-to-assemble dessert travels very well and is a delicious and surprising alternative to traditional pies or cakes.

As for the leftovers, King’s Hawaiian Rolls, already a favorite on holiday dinner tables, are a great size for leftover turkey, ham or roast beef sliders. Their touch of sweetness can accent any sandwich. Alternatively, you can toss diced turkey or ham, mayonnaise, dried cranberries and macadamia nuts to make a tasty sandwich filling. Toss shredded cheese and cubed dinner rolls to create a memorable version of your favorite turkey casserole —another great-tasting holiday leftovers meal.

Make the holidays a time to share these extra-special ideas with your family and friends, who just may request that you make those new recipes part of next year’s traditions. You can find all these recipes at www.KingsHawaiian.com.

White Chocolate Chip Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

Serves 9

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| 1 (16-oz.) King’s Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Round Bread | 2 cups heavy cream |
| 1-1/2 cups sugar | 1-1/4 cups white chocolate chips |
| 2 eggs, beaten | 2 cups milk |
| 2 tsp. vanilla extract | 3 egg yolks, beaten |
| | 2 cups toasted pecans, chopped |

Caramel Sauce (or use your favorite brand of caramel sauce)

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| 1-1/3 cups sugar | 1/2 cup water |
| 1 tsp. corn syrup | 1-3/4 cups heavy cream |
| 6 Tbsp. butter or margarine | 2 tsp. vanilla extract |
| pinch of salt | |



Preparation

1. Cut the bread into cubes the night before and leave out to become a tad stale.
2. In a medium saucepan, heat the cream over medium heat. Meanwhile, place the white chocolate chips in a large mixing bowl. When the cream comes to a simmer, remove the pan from the heat and slowly pour over the chips, whisking until the chips melt. Whisk the sugar into the mixture; add the milk, eggs, egg yolks and vanilla.
3. Add the bread to the bowl, gently stirring to coat the cubes. Set the mixture aside to allow the bread to soak, tossing periodically (about 30–40 minutes or so).
4. Toss the pecans into the soaked bread mixture, then pour into a baking dish (individual dishes can be used for single servings).
5. Place in 350° oven for about 45 minutes. Test the bread pudding to make sure the top is golden brown and the inside is cooked.
6. Remove from oven and serve with caramel sauce.

Caramel Sauce Preparation

1. In a large saucepan, combine the sugar, water and corn syrup. Place over high heat and cook until the sugar dissolves and begins to boil. Note: Do not stir the sugar, as this could cause it to seize.
2. While the sugar is cooking, combine the cream, butter and salt in a saucepan over medium heat. Keep an eye on the sugar while heating the cream to keep it from scorching. Cook until the butter melts, stirring it into the cream. When the mixture comes to a simmer, remove from heat.
3. Continue to cook the sugar until it darkens to a rich caramel color, 9–15 minutes. Swirl the pan as the sugar darkens—watch carefully, as it can burn easily at this stage.
4. When sugar mixture is rich caramel in color, immediately remove the pan from the heat and add the cream mixture in a slow, steady stream. The sugar will bubble and steam as the cream is added. Stir in the vanilla.
5. When the pudding is baked, spoon generous helpings into bowls. Drizzle the sauce over the portion and serve immediately. ■

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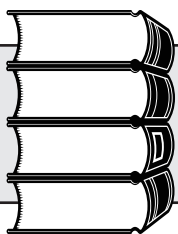
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Between the Covers

By Kate Dockham

I always give books as gifts. My nieces, nephew and my son have all come to expect it. Along with some new, exciting and shiny gift will be a small package that I hope will become loved and treasured for the unforeseeable future. But, like many other things in the month of December, I don't have enough time to share all the books I think should be given as a gift. So this month I am going to try and give as much information as I can to help you make some great gift giving choices this holiday season.

My first tip: the best book given as a gift is a well loved book. I couldn't have been happier than just the other day when I heard my son say his favorite book ever was *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norman Juster. That is my favorite book ever! The story of Milo and the tollbooth is now a shared experience for us and it is heartwarming when someone loves a book you once loved too. So when choosing a book to give, peruse the store shelves for a book that brings back happy memories and share it with someone new.

For young children the choices for books are endless. A picture book that is bright and colorful and has easy, memorable text will be most fun for

toddlers and young readers. Words that rhyme and have a good rhythm are also good for practicing initial reading skills. Of course these books are best when read aloud. Another good idea for a young child is a magazine subscription. Who doesn't love to get mail? With a subscription your youngster will receive an issue every six to eight weeks. One of our favorites to give is *National Geographic for Little Kids* (ages 3–6) and *National Geographic for Kids* (ages 6–10). With beautiful pictures, easy to read articles, games and activities this magazine is a sure winner all year long.

As children get older their reading choices become more personal and you should do a little investigation before



buying a gift. Pay attention when children talk about a book. They talk about books they love and a safe bet will be to stay within the same genre or perhaps even the same author. Any fan of Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson* series will enjoy his *Lost Heroes* series. This series is the next chapter of the *Camp Half Blood Olympians* in which Percy takes a back seat and a new half-blood, Jason, is in the middle of the adventure. A prolific writer, Riordan also has written *The Kane Chronicles*. This adventure filled series has Sadie and Carter Kane fighting Egypt's ancient gods to save their parents. One god they must face is the god Set, mortal enemy to their family.

A fan of *The Hunger Games* might want to try Suzanne Collin's earlier series *The Underland Chronicles*. Filled with the same suspense and adventure found in *The Hunger Games*, this series of 5 books follows 11 year-old Gregor as he leaves New York City and enters the Underland. In this mysterious world humans live beside amazing creatures in tenuous peace. When war breaks out, Gregor embarks upon an adventure that will change him forever.

My last couple of articles had many great titles for tween boys, so I want to be sure to mention some titles for any tween girls you might be buying for. Ally Condie released the third and final book in the *Matched Trilogy* on November 13. I've mentioned this series in an earlier article and if your child has read the first two they will be looking to read *Reached* as soon as possible. (I am actually anxiously awaiting delivery of my copy as I write.) Another series to please young adults is the *Beautiful Creatures* series. These 4 books are written by two women, Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl, and follow the mysterious Lena, with a family

curse hanging over her, and Ethan the high school boy drawn to Lena and the danger surrounding her. Part myth and mystery and part Southern gothic tale this series will keep both tweens and teens entertained.

If I thought a short synopsis of children's books great for giving would be difficult to write, being brief in discussing adult books will be insurmountable. There are certainly many novels out there to choose from. I would suggest the *New York Times* Best Seller List or Amazon's Best Seller List to help with new and notable titles for purchasing. Once again it is important to know your recipient, their reading habits and other interests they have.

Do you have a music lover on your list? Earlier this fall a new biography of Bruce Springsteen, *Bruce* by Peter Ames Carlin, a memoir from Neil Young, *Waging Heavy Peace*, came out and *Rod: An Autobiography* was released from Rod Stewart. October was a great month for rock and roll biographies. On top of the titles already mentioned, there are new memoirs from Peter Dinklage, *Who Am I*, and from Peter Criss, *Makeup to Breakup: My Life in and Out of Kiss*. But biographies can touch more interests in our lives than just music. 2012 has seen biographies of Steve Jobs, Thomas Jefferson, photographer Edward Curtis and Richard Burton to name just a few.

Another favorite book of mine to give: a cookbook. Today cookbooks are as much a work of art as they are a tool for the kitchen. Ina Garten, a cookbook perennial, has released *Barefoot Contessa Foolproof: Recipes You Can Trust*. This volume contains simple yet beautiful recipes using ingredients found at any neighborhood grocery store. For someone with a busy life, and who doesn't have that, check out Jessica Fisher's *Not Your Mother's Make-Ahead & Freeze Cookbook*. Besides recipes, Fisher includes a method of batch cooking that will save your recipient time and money. For the chocolate lover on your list, try *I Love Brownies: The World's Best Brownies* by Michelle Anderson. Starting with a chapter of tips and 4 classic brownie recipes, Anderson moves to recipes like Double Oreo Brownies and Peanut Butter Rocky Road Brownies. Yum!

Once again I would like to encourage you to gift a book you have read and enjoyed. A piece of fiction that took your imagination away; a true crime novel that kept you on the edge of your seat; a non-fiction book that transported you to another place and time. Whatever it is, sharing a book you love is like sharing a part of yourself. Isn't that the point of the giving after all? Until next time...keep turning those pages! ■

Cole Gardens Winter Farmers' Market Book Reading Special Event

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Loudon Scouting News

Pack 247 News

The boys of pack 247 have been busy!

The dens in our pack organized activities for the Halloween party organized by Eagle Scout David West at Loudon Elementary School. Thanks to the leaders and the parents who helped us make this party a success for all who attended and thanks to David and his family for all their efforts.

Dylan Rivers, Webelo II, was the driving force behind the LES "Wear Pink Day." Dylan came up with the idea and presented it to LES Principal, Tom Laliberte in order to raise cancer awareness. Many students participated in this event by wearing pink on that day. Way to go Dylan!!

Pack 247 welcomes Tony Gelatt as our new assistant Cub Master. Welcome aboard Tony!

November's Core Value was citizenship. The Wolves den organized a food drive for the Richard Brown House at our November Pack Meeting. Also at the November the Cub Scouts welcomed members of the Bodyworks Karate School Demo team and a few students from within the pack also demonstrated their skills. Our thanks to Lucas Hardy of Bodyworks and everyone who showed off their skills.

November Achievements

Bobcat — Devin Gupill, Charlie Gelatt, Brady Moore, Nathan Rodgers, Louis Gelatt, Tyler Deveau, Reid Campbell

Geologist pin — Jacob Coloumbe, Brian Latham, Reid Campbell, Louis Gelatt, Dean Henderson, Ryler Deveau

Craftsman pin — Caden Brien

Sportsman & Readyman pin — Ryan Stephens

Outdoorsman pin — Caden Brien, Cole Shepard, Corbin Meyers, Ryan Stephens

Soccer, Golf, BB guns, Archery belt loops — Abraham Dunn

Recruiter Badge — Dylan Rivers, Jacob Coulombe, Brian Latham

The Cub Scouts of Loudon are selling Granite State Candies' chocolate bars through December 19th. We are offering Milk Chocolate with Almond, Milk Chocolate with Crisped Rice, Carmel Filled Milk Chocolate, Peanut Butter Filled Milk Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate. The bars cost \$2 each. Thank you to everyone who purchased candy bars at Sam's Cub and at the PTA's Santa's Breakfast.

Troop 247

Loudon Boy Scout Troop 247 has been very busy during the past month. They volunteered for the Breathe Deep NH for Tom Drolet Walk on November 1. They also helped around 100 walkers. They parked cars and helped direct walkers along the trail. This is the second year the Scouts have helped with this worthy cause for Lung Cancer. Riley Charron, Alec Decato, Thomas Crouch, Levi Fisher, Brady Leonard

Scouting for Food happened on November 9. We had a group of boys go to the Armory and help pack up the boxes and empty the items donated from around the state. Loudon had collected over 350 items to be boxed and given to local food pantries. Levi Fisher, Brady Leonard, Alec Decato, Thomas Crouch

On November 14 they led the flag ceremony for the Veterans' Day services at the Merrimack Valley Middle School. The boys carried in the flags and led the pledge for the assembly. Alec Decato, Levi Fisher, Brady Leonard, Thomas Crouch

Rank advancements this month: Levi Fisher — Second Class and Thomas Crouch — Second Class.





Maxfield Public Library News



LOUDON VILLAGE ARTS

During the first weekend in November, the Loudon Village Arts Fine Art Show and Sale featured thirteen artists with works in oil, watercolor, pastel, mixed media, acrylic, and photography. Loudon artist **Martha Butterfield**’s painting *Northwest Light* was voted *Best of Show*. **Helen Roth** won the raffle prize of the pastel *Way-side Pond*. Door prize winners of assorted note cards by the artists are **Lorretta Shugrue** and **Rejean Blanchette**. An assortment of the note cards is still available for sale at the library.

BOOK GROUPS

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

What happens when society chooses entertainment over humanity? Is reality TV part of the slippery slope that may lead us to that point? With its setting in a post-apocalyptic world, *The Hunger Games* invites comparison with enduring titles like *Brave New World*, *1984*, or *Fahrenheit 451*. Join book group on December 20, at 7 p.m., to discuss this first in a trilogy work by Suzanne Collins.

Classic Book Group

With a slow cadence akin to Faulkner, Eudora Welty takes the simple event of an extended family gathering for a wedding and turns it into a living portrait of the Old South in the 1920s. The author’s detailed, mouth-watering description of making the traditional coconut cake can almost stand alone as a short story. Classic Book

Group will discuss *Delta Wedding* on December 18, at 2:30. A creative writing sharing time will follow the meeting.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Baldacci, David	<i>The Forgotten</i>
Beaton, M.C.	<i>Hiss and Hers</i>
Connelly, Michael	<i>The Black Box</i>
Evanovich, Janet	<i>Notorious Nineteen</i>
Flynn, Vince	<i>The Last Man</i>
Grisham, John	<i>The Racketeer</i>
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>Flight Behavior</i>
McEwan, Ian	<i>Sweet Tooth</i>
Robinson, Patrick	<i>Power Play</i>

Nonfiction

Carlin, Peter A.	<i>Bruce</i>
Chapin, Kari	<i>The Handmade Marketplace</i>
Freeland, Chrystia	<i>Plutocrats</i>
Lamott, Anne	<i>Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers</i>
Ryan, Kevin	<i>Almost Home</i>
Tapper, Jake	<i>The Outpost</i>

NEW DVDs

Brave, *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*, *Darling Companion*, *Hope Springs*, *Hysteria*, *Muppet Christmas Carol*, *ParaNorman*

STORY TIME

Join us December 4, 5, and 6 as we read *And If the Moon Could Talk* by Kate Banks and *Cindy Moo* by Lori Mortensen After discovering that cows do jump over the moon, the children will create a colorful depiction of the story.

On December 11, 12, and 13, the children will hear *Little Pink Pup* by Johanna Kerby and *Some Cat!* by Mary Casanova. With the great feeling of family these books give, the children will be inspired as they create special frames to hold a favorite family photo.

In celebration of the coming holiday, story timers will hear *Bad Kitty Christmas* and *Christmas Eve Goodnight* by Nick Bruel and Doug Cushman on December 18, 19, and 20. The children will get to decorate a mini Christmas tree during craft time. Please bring a snack to share for the holiday party that will follow each session.

TRICK OR TREAT

We weren’t too sure if the story time costume parades could be squeezed in after Hurricane Sandy, but October 30th turned out to be a perfect day!

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



POLAR EXPRESS PARTY

Families are invited to board the train to the North Pole from the Maxfield Public Library on Friday, December 7, 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!

VACATION WEEK

There will be no regular story time during school vacation week. Join us on Thursday, December 27th for the movie *Secret of the Wings*. Showtime is at 2 p.m. The library will provide free popcorn and juice.

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.

YOGA CLASSES

With the new year just weeks away, you may want to look into the library's yoga classes as a way to more peace of mind or a start on your journey towards fitness. 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.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed for Christmas and New Year's Day, on December 25th and January 1st. 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.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



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Loudon Girl Scout News

Lee Laughlin, Editor

The Girl Scouts troops of Loudon experience a tremendous amount of support in our activities. Than you to everyone who purchased Fall Product Sale items and extra special thanks to those who purchased items at our annual bake sale at the library.

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 Amanda Masse at jaelmasse@comcast.net or 783-0227 to make arrangements. We are also looking for community service opportunities. If we can be of assistance, please let us know. We also welcome new girl members at any time!

Girl Scout cookie time will be around the corner starting in January — look for cookies to be \$4 per box this year, but know that the girls receive quite a bit of that money back. Use up what is in your freezer so you can stock up again come January!

For Brownie Troop #10955

Lynette LeBlanc, Tammy Bourque

Our troop has been busy this month the October 24th LES School Assembly, our troop and Junior Troop 12083 led the Pledge of Alligence for the school. We'd like to thank Mrs. Painchaud for this honor and privilege.

We had fun while offering our services at the LES Halloween Party — we took turns at the stations and having fun visiting other stations. It was a big success! THANK YOU to David West, the parents, siblings, and friends for giving their time and donating items for the stations.

We are continuing our Wonders of Water Journey. We started our Troop Water Map — we discussed the cycles of water, our favorite water pastime and drew pictures on the map showing our favorite thing to do with water. We learned about rainbows and each girl drew her special rainbow on the map. The meeting ended with making a Lava Lamp — we learned about water density while having fun! With a clear bottle, a little water, a little oil, food coloring, and an Alka Seltzer, we had Lava Lamps !

We participated in the annual Girl Scout Bake Sale with the help each girl and their Parents. We're looking forward to our next meeting when we plan to discuss future trips and community service projects.

For Junior Troop #12083

Lynette LeBlanc, Tammy Bourque

Our troop, along with Brownie Troop 10955, led the Pledge of Allegiance at the LES monthly assembly. Thank you to Mrs. Painchaud for allowing us this honor and privilege.

Like other Loudon Scout troops, we participated in the LES Halloween Party organized by David West. We took turns staffing our station and enjoying other stations. Thanks to David, the other Scouts, parents and siblings who donated, time, effort, and items for the stations and the concession stand.

We were happy to participate in the annual Girl Scout Bake Sale with the help of the girls and their Parents we raised funds for activities, and community service projects. We're looking forward to discussing what new adventures we can take at our next meeting.

In our latest meeting, the Troop had a special guest. We girls learned about the Asian Culture. We partici-

pated in various crafts, heard music, tasted food and learned more of the history of Asia. It was a great opportunity for all of us to learn about another country!

Junior Troop 12641

Kathy Fisher and Jenn Jones

We're off to a super start with 5 sixth graders in our troop this year. The Journey we're following is "Breathe" and it seems like it will be fun. The girls have also researched some council activities they're interested in. Community service is also a big part of our program and the girls packed shoeboxes to send to children in need for Christmas. Plans are underway for a fun-4-kids fundraiser in the Spring so stay tuned! A yummy cupcake celebration in honor of the GS founder Juliette Low took place at a meeting near Halloween. The girls practiced their skills in the kitchen to prepare items for our annual bake sale — which went fantastic! Thanks to all the patrons who enjoyed our creations. There were: pies, breads, cookies, whoopie pies, donuts, dipped pretzels, snack mix, turkey Oreos, and s'more pops. Funds you generously support us with allow us to keep learning, growing & giving back to the community. Happy Holidays!

Cadette Troop 12356

Advisors Cecile Merrill and Lysa Crouch

We have completed the first badge, Netiquette, which is all about safe and appropriate technology usage. We went to Beans and Greens farm in Gilford for a corn maze. We had a successful bake sale and thank all those who came to support our troop! We went to the New Hampshire Veteran's Home in Tilton



to talk with the residents and have great memories of our winning teams in “blongo ball.” We look forward to thanking the Veteran’s for their service and listening to their stories. It is always a great time and we encourage others to stop by and thank the Veteran’s not just near Veteran’s day but anytime — they love company and just like to talk to those who will listen. We will be taking a first aid/CPR/AED certification course in early December. Our next badge will be the Special Agent badge. Thank you to anyone who purchased Fall products or magazines. Get ready for cookies in January! Be sure to read what we are doing each month.

Senior Troop #12651

Advisors Amanda Masse and Marlene Martell

We are happy to report that we made it out of the corn maze at Beans and Greens Farm in Gilford in record time! We have done some community service at Loudon Elementary School helping renumber books for a classroom library. We were the cashiers at the Girl Scout bake sale and want to thank you to all those who came out to support the Girl Scout troops here in Loudon. We went with one of the Cadette troops to the Veteran’s home in Tilton and had a great time talking with residents and playing “blongo ball.” We hope to have seen many happy faces at the blood drive on November 27th. We enjoy serving tasty treats

to those who donate. If you weren’t able to make this blood drive, please look for others in the area. We are taking a first aid/CPR/AED certification class in early December. We are planning to help the residents of The Richard Brown house learning some computer skills. We are planning a community service and movie fun night for other Loudon Scouts — stay tuned for details on the fun that will be had by all! World Thinking day is in February and we will be helping to organize the event for our Girl Scout community. Lots of ideas for fun this year — you won’t want to miss what we are up to, stay tuned in future issues of *The Loudon Ledger*! If you have any needs or ideas for community service we would love to hear them! ■



Sweet Treats at Confectionately Yours for Trick-or-Treaters

Quite a few families visited Confectionately Yours on Halloween this year. The kids were allowed to choose their own candy for their treat bags and parents were treated to a piece of fudge. Shown here are some of the little “goblins” who visited the store. ■



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On November 13, fifty-two members of the Young at Heart met at Charlie's Barn. We welcomed three new members: Flo Landry, Pat Grinnell, Martha Butterfield, plus two guests from Canterbury. Mike Morrison from the N.H. Fish and Game gave a presentation on "Black Bear Happenings in NH." The Pitman Robertson funds made the study possible on the Black Bears. These funds are available from excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment and licenses. There are approximately 5,000 bears in N.H. with the average weight of a female bear 150 lbs and the male 250 lbs. Since some bears are nuisance bears, it was recommended for all the bird lovers that it is safe to put bird feeders out in mid-to-late November and bring them in at the latest mid-May. The presentation on bears was educational, entertaining, and enjoyed by all.

Door prizes were won by Judith Merrow and Maybelle Fisher. Several boxes of non-perishable items were collected and delivered to the Loudon Food Pantry.

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 11th at Charlie's Barn at 10:00 a.m. This is the Christmas get-together and those coming are asked to bring a casserole or a dessert for the buffet. The program for the day is Christmas caroling with Roger Dow at the key board. We hope you can join us for this festive event. ■

Bank of New Hampshire Supports CRVNA 2012 Hospice Lights of Life



(L-R): Patti Kingwill, VP – Concord Office Manager for Bank of New Hampshire; Mary DeVeau, President/CEO for the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association; Mary Jane Ricker, SVP – Commercial Banker for Bank of New Hampshire.

Bank of New Hampshire is proud to support the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association with a \$1,500 donation towards their 2012 Hospice Lights of Life celebration. "Bank of New Hampshire is committed to supporting families, businesses and communities throughout New Hampshire and is honored to continue our support for such a great cause," stated Mary Jane Ricker, SVP – Commercial Banker for Bank of New Hampshire.

Hospice Lights of Life is a way to bring the community together to celebrate life and raise awareness for Hospice care. During the month of December electric candles will shine in the business communities throughout the greater Concord area. They shine in celebration of thousands of loved ones who have passed away.

The entire community is invited to participate by sending in the name of a loved one to the Concord Regional VNA, the name is then placed on the Lights of Life honor roll. The honor roll will be printed in the Concord Monitor in December to recognize the loved ones that we have lost.

There is no cost to the community but donations are gratefully accepted to help fund the Concord Regional VNA's hospice program. For more information on the 2012 Hospice Lights of Life celebration, visit www.crvna.org. ■



December Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Monday, December 3, 1–3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. 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.

December Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding the following free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic.

Friday, December 7, 9:30–11 a.m.

Blood Pressure Clinics are at the West Street Ward House, 41 West St. in 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, ext. 5815.

December Senior Health Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics in in Loudon at the VOANNE Senior Housing, 9 a.m.–Noon on December 18. 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. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment. If you need a ride in Loudon, call 798-5203. ■

2012 Youth Deer Hunt Weekend Results For New Hampshire

Preliminary reports show that young hunters succeeded in harvesting 359 deer during the 2012 Youth Deer Hunt Weekend in New Hampshire, which took place on October 27–28.

This year's preliminary youth hunt total is below the final 2011 total of 475 deer for the weekend, but only slightly down from the preliminary 2011 total of 387, according to Kent Gustafson, the Wildlife Programs Supervisor for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The 2012 numbers remain preliminary because all registrations have not yet been verified.

"New Hampshire's youth hunters had a productive weekend with many being successful in taking a deer, perhaps their first. Equally important was the opportunity to learn some deer hunting skills, enjoy the companionship of their hunting mentor and share the excitement of deer hunting," said Gustafson.

The youth deer weekend gives young people statewide the opportunity to go deer hunting with an adult mentor. Accompanying adults must be licensed hunters and are not allowed to carry a firearm, so that they can devote all of their time and attention to coaching their young companions. New Hampshire has offered a special youth deer hunt since 1999.

Youth also may hunt in New Hampshire during the regular deer seasons. All youth hunters under age 16 must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years or older while hunting. "Accompanied" means "within sight and hearing, excluding electronic devices, when actual physical direction and control can be effected," pursuant to RSA 207:1, XXX.

New Hampshire also offers special opportunities for young hunters through a youth turkey weekend each spring and a youth waterfowl weekend in September.

For more information about youth hunting in New Hampshire, visit http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/youth_hunting.htm. ■

**January Deadline for
The Loudon Ledger
Friday, Dec. 21, 2012**

Exposing an Invisible Killer: The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

Each year in America, more than 150 people die from accidental non-fire related carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning associated with consumer products. These products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself from deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

Understanding the Risk

What is carbon monoxide?

CO, often called “the silent killer,” is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It can be created when fossil fuels, such as kerosene, gasoline, coal, natural gas, propane, methane or wood do not burn properly.

Where does carbon monoxide come from?

CO poisoning can result from faulty furnaces or other heating appliances, portable generators, water heaters, clothes dryers or cars left running in garages.

What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?

Symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, nausea and drowsiness. Exposure to undetected high levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal.

CO Alarm Installation

- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, have CO alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Combination smoke-CO alarms must be installed in accordance with requirements for smoke alarms.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms and vice versa. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and the sound of CO alarms.

CO Alarms: Testing and Replacement

- Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace them if they fail to respond correctly when tested. The sensors in CO alarms have a limited life. Replace the CO alarm according to manufacturer’s instructions or when the end-of-life signal sounds.
- Know the difference between the sound of the CO alarm and the smoke alarm, and their low-battery signals. If the audible low battery signal sounds, replace the batteries or replace the device. If the CO alarm still sounds, get to a fresh air location and call 9-1-1 or the fire department.
- To keep CO alarms working well, follow manufacturer’s instructions for cleaning.

CO Precautions

- Have fuel-burning heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood stoves, coal stoves, space heaters and portable heaters) and chimneys inspected by a professional every year.
- Open the damper for proper ventilation before using a fireplace.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. The CO gas might kill people and pets.
- When purchasing new heating and cooking equipment, select products tested and labeled by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure all fuel-burning vented equipment is vented to the outside to avoid CO poisoning. Keep the venting for exhaust clear and unblocked.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Never run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked with snow, ice or other materials. The CO gas might kill people and pets.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.
- Only use barbecue grills outside, away from all doors, windows, vents and other building openings. Some grills can produce CO gas. Never use grills inside the home or the garage, even if the doors are open.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows, vents and other building openings to prevent exhaust fumes from entering the home.

If Your CO Alarm Sounds

- Immediately move to a fresh air location (outdoors or by an open window or door). Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for.
- Call 9-1-1 or the fire department from a fresh air location (outdoors or by an open window). Remain at a fresh air location until emergency personnel arrive to assist you. ■

And the Survey Says...

The Master Plan Survey ran in the October issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. The results are in and may be read on the Loudon web site at:

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Congratulations Loudon Freedom Soccer Club For A Successful Season!



U12 Girls Team

Front Row, left to right: Sarah Currier, Brooke Walton, Nicole Toler, Sarah Davis, Emily Knouse. Middle Row, left to right: Karley Richardson, Miah Boucher, Nicole Considine, Courtney Theberge. Back Row, left to right: Ron Davis, Asia Hanson, Maddy Verville, Cassidy Considine, Scott Walton



U13 Girls Team

Front Row, left to right: Gwen Tupman, Margaret Carney. Middle Row, left to right: Kalliana Palhof, Heather Sefton, McKayla Palhof, Madeleine Boyer, Gwen Molind. Back Row, left to right: Joe Long, Julia Hollinger, Lydia Crites, Hannah Shirley, Kaeli Dunn, Kaitlyn Covell, Sara Osborne, Rebecca Howe, Andrew Palhof.

Congratulations to the Loudon Freedom Soccer Club for another successful season. Since being formed in August 2011, the club has grown to three teams which played against other competitive Granite State Soccer Teams. Teams that competed in the fall 2012 Granite State Youth Soccer League include; U14 Girls coached by Scott Hagerty, U13 Girls coached by Andy Palhof /Joe Long and U12 Girls coached by Ron Davis/Scott Walton.

U12 Girls Team

The U12 Girls team coached by Ron Davis and Scott Walton had a great fall season going 4-4 in the Granites State League. The girls just missed the playoffs by one game while finishing in 5th place out of 12 teams in their division. The girls also competed in two tournaments in Lancaster Massachusetts. One being on Columbus Day and the other was a special Halloween "Soccerween" tournament. The girls had strong showings in both tournaments and just missed the championship game in the Soccerween tournament where they won 3 games and tied 1. The kids had a blast this season and are presently playing indoor soccer. They are

looking forward to the spring outdoor season where they are considering moving up to the U13 division and expanding their team.

U13 Girls Team

The U13 Girls team coached by Andy Palhof and Joe Long was a new addition to the Freedom Club. This team was made up of all new players which went on to finish the regular season in first place with a 6-2 record. The girls earned the top seed heading into the Granite State Championship Tournament and defeated Tritown in the Quarter Finals. The girls battled Tritown through two overtimes and then defeated them in a penalty shootout. The girls advanced to the Semi Finals and played Oyster River the following day with a final score after two overtimes being 0-0. Freedom ended up losing 3-2 in a penalty shootout but finished 3rd in the Granite State Playoffs. The team is currently playing Futsal Soccer through the Samba program and looking forward to continuing to work together as a team and into the spring season. ■

The Egg Shell Restaurant Celebrates 25 Years!



On November 16, 2012, the Egg Shell Restaurant, located in Brookside Plaza on Route 106, celebrated its 25th Anniversary! Congratulations to owners Sue Decker and John Cronin. John, left, is shown here with long-time Egg Shell staffer Jane Eddings. ■

The Community Pride Link

A Unique Example of Volunteerism

School board members are public servants on a mission that is unique in history and the world. They are an example of volunteerism that encompasses the exercise of power by citizens to guide a very complex challenge — the education of our children and youth.

Today's school boards face questions and issues that their predecessors seldom encountered. In addition to policy making, approving and adopting annual budgets, ratifying collective bargaining contracts, and improving student achievement, the demanding job of a school board member is becoming more complex. There are many forces changing the landscape of school governance including the impact of new technologies, the changing demographics of our school population, the changing social structures affecting children, the scrutiny of school reformers, and fluctuating school funding issues. So much is happening so quickly in public school reform and areas of school law, personal finance, curriculum and public opinion that it often appears to be a daunting obligation, especially in an atmosphere of limited resources and heightened public scrutiny of public education. School board members, as an integral part of our representative governance, must constantly seek out new knowledge and work together with professional educators to tackle the numerous responsibilities in a changing world.

Representing the Community

School boards are representatives of the communities they serve. They derive their power and authority from the State. As agents of the state, school boards are governed by State law and must carry out State law. They are responsible to represent the wishes of the people and to exercise lay control of the educational goals and direction of the school district. The Merrimack Valley School District has an eleven (11) member board, two (2) from each of the five towns in the district and one (1) at large. Members are elected in public elections for a three (3) year term. Elections are held at each Annual District Meeting in March.

Roles and Responsibilities of the School Board

The key work of a school board is to improve student achievement through community engagement. Major functions of the school board include:

- Policy making
- Recruiting, hiring and evaluating the superintendent of schools
- Planning, goal setting, and evaluation
- Managing financial resources
- Staffing and evaluation
- Instruction
- Students
- Communication with constituents
- Advocacy
- Adjudication and investigation

Portrait of School Board Members

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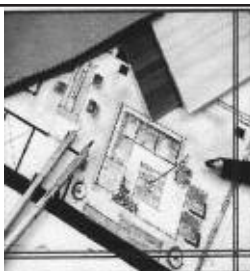
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• Curriculum
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• Student Ethics



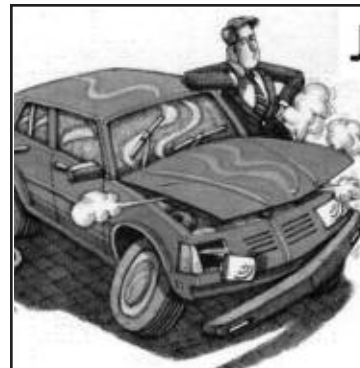
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Loudon Food Pantry News

Annual Holiday 50/50 Raffle

Our raffle is still on and will be until December 13th. Stop by 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH and get your tickets today. Ticket prices are: 50¢ each; 5 tickets for \$2.00; 10 tickets for \$3.00. The winner gets 50% of the ticket sales. You can also use our order form on LoudonFoodPantry.org. Good Luck!

Gift of Lights

We found out that we will be receiving the donated food from the Gift of Lights again this year. Last year we received over 22,000 pounds of food from this event. This donation helped to carry us through some of the worst times when donations were down. Thank you Gift of Lights!

Santa's Breakfast, Craft Fair and Farmer's Market

We are happy and proud to be invited back to Santa's Breakfast this year. It is held at Loudon Elementary on December 1st. Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM. But stick around for the Craft Fair and Farmer's Market. We will be selling our 50/50 Raffle Tickets (and a few things of our own) and collecting donations. It will be a fun day for all!

Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

The Loudon Agricultural Commission has compiled this list of local farms. If you have a farm in Loudon or know someone who has a farm that is NOT included please write to cas@milessmithfarm.com.

Aznive Farm
7046 Pleasant Street. *Hay, Beef.* 435-7509

B&B Syrup. Barton & Bowles
227 Flagg Road. 783-4341, 783-9123

D.S. Cole Growers
251 North Village Road. *Propagators of quality products from world-wide sources. Retail store at 430 Loudon Road, Concord.* 783-9561. www.dscolegrowers.com
www.colegardens.com

Hill Top Feeds
11 Storrs Drive. *Live stock feed, shavings, hay, dog and cat food. Farm equipment and supplies.* 783-4114, 491-4483

Ledgeview Greenhouses
275 Clough Hill Road. *Growers of quality potted plants, annuals, perennials, and poinsettias.* 783-4669.
www.ledgeview-greenhouses.com

Liliana Flower Farm
140 Beck Road. *Perennials and pesticide-free vegetable plants.* Wed–Sun 10–5 p.m.
www.lilianaflowerfarm.com. 783-9268

Lyon Berry Farm
986 Route 129. *Highbush blueberries.* 435-7640

Maple Ridge Farm
416 Bumfagon Road. *Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup.* 435-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm
612 Route 129. *Peaches, Corn, Apples, Country Store.* 798-5860

Miles Smith Farm
56 Whitehouse Road. *Locally raised hormone and antibiotic free beef, individual*

cuts and sides. Tue, Th 4–7:30 p.m. W, 9–1 p.m., Sat 9–3 p.m. www.milesmithfarm.com. 783-5159

Moonshine Farm Organics
1517 Route 129. *Certified organic farm: produce, herbs, and flowers.* 568-4334

Mudget Hill Mumblin Maplers
255 Mudgett Hill Road. *Maple products: syrup & candy.* 783-4447

Our Place Farm
290 Route 129. *Goat milk, eggs, naturally-raised pork, grass-fed beef, pasture-raised chicken, meat goats, natural fiber handspun yarn. Stop in afternoons or call ahead.* 798-3183

Pearl and Sons
409 Loudon Ridge Road. *Maple products: syrup, candies & cream.* 435-6587, 435-6883

Potpourri Acres
7257 Pleasant Street. *"A little bit of everything and not much of anything." Organic producer — vegetables.* larrabee@cast.net. 435-8209

Ramsay's Farm Stand
783 Loudon Ridge Road. *Vegetables and Cut Flowers, Small Fruits in Season.* 8 a.m.–7 p.m. Daily. 267-6522

Red Manse Farm
Corner Route 129 & Pittsfield Road. *Certified Organic Produce, CSA and Farm Patron Program.* Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. www.redmansefarm.com. 435-9943

Sanborn Mills Farm
7097 Sanborn Road. *Traditional working farm providing workshops.* www.sanbornmills.org. 435-7314

Windswept Maples
845 Loudon Ridge Road. *Vegetables, Beef, Maple Syrup, Eggs.* M–F 1–6 p.m., Week-ends 9–5. 267-8492

Thanksgiving Boxes

As of 11/16/2012 we have given out 131 Thanksgiving Boxes. We expect to hand out a few more next week as well. Thank you Meadow Ledge Farm, Pearl and Sons Farm, New England Dry Ice and everyone else for your donations! Thank you to all the volunteers that came in to prep and hand out the boxes. Your donations and help allowed us to make happy holiday memories for 131 households this year.

The Villages at Loudon's Oktoberfest 2012

On October 21 The Villages at Loudon had Oktoberfest. They collected can goods for us. We received \$632.94 in goods from Oktoberfest. Thank you for your donation!

Halloween Party

On October 26th the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Loudon held a Halloween Party at Loudon Elementary School. The children had to bring food for Loudon Food Pantry as part of their entrance fee. The Scouts collected 1,477 items and 5.5 pounds of produce. On top of that, they donated \$219.60 from their sales at the concession stand. Wow! Great Work! Thank you very much!

Hungry Buffalo Restaurant

On October 29th Hungry Buffalo Restaurant had a Halloween Party and collected 13 items and \$25.00 in cash as well. (We also hear that they will be throwing a Christmas Party for us as well! Keep an eye out for more details). In speaking with Hungry Buffalo, they plan on helping us throughout the year and boy can we use it. Thanks. ■

January Deadline for The Loudon Ledger Friday, Dec. 21, 2012

OBITUARIES

ISABELLE CUTTER GLIDDEN

Isabelle Cutter Glidden, 31 days old, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2012. Born in Concord, she was the daughter of Peter Cutter and Katelin Glidden.

She is survived by her parents Peter A. Cutter and Katelin R. Glidden; her brother Dominic G. Glidden and her sister Sofiya M.R. Glidden; her grandparents, Betsy M. Glidden, Charles M. Glidden and Diane Cutter; her great-grandparents, Eugene and Mary Lee Glidden, Margaret and Doug Wyman and Lea Diccico; and her aunts and uncles Lauren Glidden, Jocelyn Glidden, Emma Glidden, and Evan Glidden.

Messages of condolences may be offered at www.bennettfuneral.com.

ARLENE HOMON

Arlene Homon, 83, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 at the Concord Hospital. Arlene was born in Concord in May 1929 to Richard and Mary (Hall) Morrill and has lived in Loudon for the past 30 years. She grew up and lived most of her life in the Bow-Concord area.

Arlene most recently worked for the *Concord Monitor* as a courier, retiring at the age of 80. Prior to the paper, she worked at Sprague Electric for many years.

Arlene is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Concord where she volunteered for many years in the church's genealogy library. She also enjoyed going for drives on weekends looking for yard sales to attend.

She is predeceased by a daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Brian Plante; a son Paul Reynolds; a sister Francis Helfenstein; and two brothers Herbert and Richard Morrill.

Arlene is survived by her beloved husband of 25 years, Phillip Homon, of Loudon; a daughter and her husband Arlene "Arnie" and Al Cyr Jr. of Concord; a son and his companion Bill Hodgman and Lauren MacDonald of Weare; a step-daughter and her husband Patti and Bill Day of Penacook; a son Steve Reynolds; and her grandchildren Young Al, Christopher, Jenny, Carin, Alicia, Thatcher, Carisa, Biully, Mikki, Anthony, Sherry, Venessa, Justin, and Shannon; 14 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Edna McKenna Trust Fund, 325 D.W. Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303, which helps support resident activities at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen. ■



Save Big With These Heating Maintenance Tips

By Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Don't be left with high heating bills when the temperature drops. Prepare for the cold weather with these heating tips.

1. **Set the thermostat timer.** Set the thermostat timer to lower the temperature when you sleep. Also, if you are not home most of the day don't waste money to maintain a high temperature during that time.
2. **Change and clean air filters.** Clean and replace your furnace filters regularly. Filters are inexpensive to replace compared to the higher heating bills resulting from not changing them frequently.
3. **Utilize another windowpane.** Use storm or thermal windows when available. The layer of air acts as insulation.
4. **Tightly seal all drafts or leaks.** To prevent or minimize window drafts apply caulk or sealants, they are both inexpensive and effective.
5. **Dress warmly.** Dress appropriately during the colder months when indoors. Instead of raising the temperature on the thermostat, put on a sweatshirt.
6. **Turn down the water heater.** Lowering the temperature in the water heater reduces power use often without a noticeable difference to the user.
7. **Let some light in.** During the day, open the curtains on all south facing windows to warm your space. Close the curtains at night to assist in preventing the escape of heat.
8. **Buy a low flow showerhead.** A water efficient showerhead can use 25%-50% less hot water saving you money on water and power bills.
9. **Insulate your ducts.** If you have exposed heating ducts, wrap them in insulation to prevent heat from escaping. ■

Pay Your Property Taxes Online

Loudon Property Owners:

Beginning on March 5th you can access detailed property tax balance & payment information as well as pay your property taxes online — 24 hours a day — by visiting the Tax Collector's kiosk.

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ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

12/08/12	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
01/26/13	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
02/23/13	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
03/23/13	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord

MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes —September 10, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING

Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Jim Lavery, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; and other District Administrators

Others Present: Carissa Corrow, Webster Resident/MVHS Teacher; Ray Bailey, Salisbury Resident/MVHS Teacher; Kristin Anderson, Sam York, Penacook Residents/MVHS Teachers; Roy Merrill, Loudon Resident; Marcia Murphy, Sandy Miller, Salisbury Residents.

Chairman Mark Hutchins opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mark Hutchins explained that the Public Hearing was being

held to consider withdrawing funds from the Expendable Trust Fund for purchasing technology for the high school. Chairman Hutchins introduced Troy Cowan, Finance Committee Chairman.

Troy Cowan reviewed the proposal to use \$98,550.29 from the Expendable Trust Fund to purchase technology at the high school.

Sandy Miller, Salisbury resident, asked if the equipment could be purchased through the state for less money. The board and administrators answered that the equipment could not be purchased through the state for less money.

With no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Hutchins closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk

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MVSD — continued from page 23**MERRIMACK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES — PUBLIC SESSION****1. Roll Call and Call to Order:**

The regular meeting held at Salisbury Elementary School was called to order by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, 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, Jeff Drouin, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister, Tom Laliberte; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Jim Tremblay, Catherine Masterson; Assistant Principals for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan; MVLC Administrator Julie Gaudette; Technology Director Lee Despres

Others Present: Carly Colby, MVHS Student Representative; Roy Merrill, Loudon Resident; Marcia Murphy, Sandy Miller, Salisbury Residents

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the August 13, 2012 meeting minutes as presented (pages 1–4 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation:

Carly Colby, MVHS Student Representative, reported on high school news.

4. Good News:

Mike Martin, Jeff Drouin, Tom Laliberte, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister, Catherine Masterson and Mike Jette reported on good news items throughout the district. Maureen Gross reported on an upcoming screening of the film, *Who Cares About Kelsey*, a documentary by Dan Habib. The film will be shown to students at MVHS during the day on Thursday, September 20, 2012. The film will also be shown at MVHS at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2012. This screening is free and open to the public. Dan Habib and Kelsey Carroll will be available for discussion after each screening of the film.

Chris Barry introduced Lee Despres and Julie Gaudette.

5. Committee Reports:**FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**

Mike Martin reported on tonight's Facilities Committee meeting (minutes will be in next month's packet).

The minutes from the August 13, 2012 Facilities Committee meeting are included in the packet (page 10) for the record.

JOINT CURRICULUM/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Laura Vincent reported on the August 20, 2012 Joint Curriculum/Finance Com-

mittee meeting (minutes on page 11 in the packet).

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

The minutes from the August 20, 2012 Special School Board Meeting are included in the packet (page 12) for the board to review.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the August 20, 2012 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on page 13 in the packet). *Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Caroletta Alicea, to authorize Kevin O'Brien to move forward with the study to expand the middle school sports program. The motion was amended by Lorrie Carey, second by Caroletta Alicea, to add sharing the research results with the joint Policy/Curriculum Committee. The motion as amended passed unanimously.*

Caroletta Alicea reported that we are doing very well with our policies; we are almost caught up.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Normandie Blake reported on the August 22, 2012 Transportation Committee meeting (minutes on page 14 in the packet). *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to officially accept the recommendation from the Transportation Committee to approve the bus stop request. Motion passed unanimously.*

OTHER:

Robin Heins reported on upcoming meetings regarding preparing for negotiations with MVSSA.

6. Old Business:

None

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS:

Chris Barry reviewed the list of expected field trips included in the packet (page 15) for the 2012–2013 school year. After a brief discussion *a motion was made by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to approve the field trips as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK:

Chris Barry noted that the second draft of the September/October 2012 issue of *The Community Pride Link* is in the packet (pages 17–18) for the board to review and provide feedback. This issue will be sent out later this week.

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND:

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to approve spending \$98,550.29 from the Program Improvement Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing the proposed technology equipment for the high school as discussed at the Public Hearing. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

None

7. New Business:**SCHOOL INFORMATION SIGNS:**

Mike Martin and the board discussed updating school information signs. Mike reported that we will begin by collecting data regarding different types of signs, costs, and what is allowed by the city of Concord.

OTHER:

None

8. Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

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 members to sign.

9. Board Chairman's Report:

None

10. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reported on the recent activities of the new technology director and talked about technology goals for this school year. The board discussed what they would like to see on the district website.

Chris reviewed the first day enrollment numbers (page 19 in the packet).

11. Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin showed a YouTube video created through collaboration by members of Partnership for 21st Century Skills and FableVision. Above & Beyond is a story about what is possible when communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity take center stage in schools and transform learning opportunities for all kids.

Mike Martin reported he is ready to bring initiatives to the board.

The board discussed the status of the IB application for Salisbury and Webster Elementary Schools.

12. Non-Public Session:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta, to go into non-public session on a Roll Call vote at 8:35 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Jim Lavery, David Longnecker, Will Renaud, Laura Vincent

See Non-Public Minutes.

13. Return to Public Session

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Lorrie Carey, to go out of non-public session at 9:17 p.m. Motion passed.

14. Action from Non-Public Session if Needed:**STAFF NOMINATIONS:**

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the following nomination:

- James Martin, Network Administrator, District-Wide, \$50,000, prorated.

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Normandie Blake, to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch
Clerk*

MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — October 1, 2012

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.

Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, 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 Pat Severance, Jeff Drouin, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister, Tom Laliberte; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Jim Tremblay; Assistant Principals for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan; MVLC Administrator Julie Gaudette

Others Present: Emily Reagan, MVHS Student Representative; Sarah Mason, Parent

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the September 10, 2012 meeting minutes as presented (pages 2–6 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the September 10, 2012 Public Hearing minutes as presented (page 1 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Report

Robin Heins reviewed the *NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT* (page 7 in the

packet) and reported that things are going well. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the financial report as presented (pages 8–21 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.*

4. Public Participation:

Emily Reagan, MVHS Student Representative, reported on high school news.

5. Good News:

Mike Martin, Jeff Drouin, Tom Laliberte, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister, Pat Severance, James Tremblay, and Maureen Gross reported on good news items throughout the district.

6. Committee Reports:**FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**

Fred Reagan reported on today's building site tour at Summer Street School.

Mike Martin reported that meeting minutes for the September 10, 2012 Facilities Committee meeting are included in this month's packet (page 33) for the record.

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

Fred Reagan discussed the process for completing the application for Phase II of the competitive DES grant to provide technical services.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the September 17, 2012 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on page 34 in the packet).

Included in the packet (pages 35–40) for a first read is a draft of:

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- Policy BB, SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS
- Policy GCO, TEACHER PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION
- Policy IC, SCHOOL YEAR (Students)
- Policy JLCJ, CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES

Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Thomas Godfrey, to waive the second reading of Policy BB, SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS and Policy JLCJ, CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES. The board discussed the motion.

Motion by Lorrie Carey to move the question. Motion passed.

Motion to waive the second reading of Policy BB, SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS and Policy JLCJ, CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES passed with two opposed.

Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Laura Vincent, to approve Policy BB, SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS and Policy JLCJ, CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES. Motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Normandie Blake reported on the September 24, 2012 Transportation Committee meeting (minutes on page 41 in the packet). Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the bus stop change as recommended by the Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

The board scheduled the following Finance Committee Meetings

- Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library,
- Monday, October 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library,
- Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library,
- and Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

The board also scheduled a Curriculum Committee Meeting for Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

7. Old Business:**LONG RANGE PLAN REPORT CARD:**

Chris Barry reviewed two draft documents included in the packet (pages 42–26).

The first document is a draft summary of achievements for the past (2011–2012) school year. The second document is a draft summary of achievements for the past five (2007–2012) school years.

David Longnecker discussed gathering additional information for the purpose of developing the next Long Range Plan. Mike Martin will collect plans and reports from other districts.

APPROVAL OF BUS LEASE:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the three-year bus lease with Sun Trust Financial for \$172,094. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

None

8. New Business:**SCHOOLCARE:**

Robin Heins discussed the letter from SchoolCare (pages 47–52 in the packet) outlining the “Premium Holiday” to Merrimack Valley.

NHSBA CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS:

Mike Martin reported that the NH School Board Association has sent out a memo (pages 53–71 in the packet) calling for resolutions to be considered at the 2013 NHSBA Delegate Assembly scheduled for January 13, 2013. The memo also includes a copy of the NHSBA Resolutions as adopted by the 2012 Delegate Assembly and the 2012 NHSBA Policies, Resolutions and Statements of Belief Manual.

DRAFT COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK:

The board discussed the first draft of the November/December issue of *The Community Pride Link* included in the packet (pages 72–73). The board discussed what to include in the section “Portrait of School Board Members”.

NHSBA WORKSHOPS:

Included in the packet (page 74) from NH School Board Association is a list of upcoming workshops. Mike Martin asked board members to contact the SAU if they would like to be registered to attend any of the workshops.

OTHER:

Mark Hutchins discussed a letter he received from the Salisbury Education Committee. The board discussed how to respond to the letter and the role of the board members regarding the Salisbury Education Committee.

9. Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

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 members to sign.

10. Board Chairman’s Report:

None

11. Assistant Superintendent’s Report:

Chris Barry reviewed the 2011–2012 school year grant information included in the packet (pages 75–76). Chris also reviewed the spreadsheet of grant allocations over the past few years also included in the packet (pages 77–78).

Chris Barry reviewed the overview and timeline included in the packet (page 79) regarding updating the district website.

Chris Barry discussed the Science NECAP results from May 2012 included in the packet (pages 80–81).

Chris Barry distributed and reviewed information on the Common Core State Standards.

12. Superintendent’s Report:

None

13. Non-Public Session:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to go into non-public session on a Roll Call vote at 8:45 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Jim Lavery, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

See Non-Public Minutes.

14. Return to Public Session

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Audrey Carter, to go out of non-public session at 10:50 p.m. Motion passed.

15. Action from Non-Public Session if Needed:

None

16. Adjournment

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Audrey Carter, to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch
Clerk*

MERRIMACK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES — NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to go into non-public session on a Roll Call vote at 8:45 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Jim Lavery, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

13. Non-Public Session: SABBATICAL PENALTY:

Robin Heins updated the board on a sabbatical penalty.

CREDIT CARD INCIDENT:

Robin Heins updated the board on a credit card incident involving a staff member.

BASKETBALL COACH:

Administration updated the board on the search for a basketball coach.

ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Administration updated the board on the Action Committee Report.

OTHER:

None

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Audrey Carter, to go out of non-public session at 10:50 p.m. Motion passed.

Selectmen’s Public Hearing Minutes Discuss Purchasing the American Legion Property — October 16, 2012

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

Members of the audience include: American Legion representative Shawn Jones, Loudon residents Russ Pearl, Patrick Kiley, Melanie Kiley, Larry Hemphill, Jim Venne, Barbara Sullivan, Ron Lane, Bob Ordway, and Stanley Prescott.

Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Chairman Bowles advised those present that this hearing is to conclude the requirements of holding two public hearing for the purchase of the American Legion property.

Chairman Bowles explained that they cannot make the decision tonight on

whether or not to purchase the property. The RSA states that the Selectmen’s vote to purchase or to not purchase the property must take place not less than seven days and not more than fourteen days after this hearing tonight. Chairman Bowles stated that it is their intention to make the decision at next Tuesday’s regular Selectmen’s meeting.

Chairman Bowles stated that when Collin Cabot gets back in Town they will meet with him and bring him up to date on the two public hearings.

Bob Ordway suggested that the Board reiterate what Mr. Cabot’s intentions are.

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Library Trustees’ Meeting Minutes — October 9, 2012

5:03 PM

Present: Steve Del Deo, Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Director Nancy Hendy, and Laura Vincent.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Del Deo. The minutes were reviewed and moved accepted by Steve Del Deo, and seconded by Ken Krzewick. All in favor.

The Trustees and Director reviewed and accepted the monthly financial statement.

Library Director’s report:

- The walkway patch has been repaired.
- Twelve children and their families went apple-picking as a story time field trip on October 2 and 3rd.
- Story timers will trick or treat, in costume, at the town offices and the safety building during two different sessions – morning and afternoon – on Oct 30.
- The Loudon Village Arts group put out a canvas sign for the Fall Art Show which will take place on Nov.2–4.

- Director Hendy attended the quarterly Library Coop meeting in Barnstead.
- The next book sale will be held on October 27.

The Trustees and Director walked around the outside of the building noting the repairs that have been done, and those which still need to be addressed. The finished work looks good.

The Trustees began working on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning year beginning July, 2013.

The next Trustee meeting will be November 5th at 5:00 PM.

At 6:20 p.m., Molly Ashland moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Del Deo seconded. All were in favor.

*Steve Del Deo
Ken Krzewick
Molly Ashland*

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Chairman Bowles stated that Mr. Cabot is willing to disassemble the building and reassemble it on the Sanborn Mill property on Sanborn road. Mr. Cabot's plan is to use it as a function hall for classes and seminars. Mr. Ordway asked if Mr. Cabot could do that in an acceptable time frame. Chairman Bowles stated that he is pretty sure that if it comes down to Mr. Cabot taking it, it will come down quickly.

Ron Lane stated that there is no question that it needs to be done from anybody, other than a few people that are concerned about it affecting their taxes, which it will not. Mr. Lane stated that what happens to that building is secondary to the whole project; the main goal is to purchase the property. He said that it then becomes whether or not we have to pay to get rid of the building or work something out with Collin which in his opinion is the number of choice. Chairman Bowles agreed that that is what they came away with from the first public hearing.

Pat Kiley asked if attendance was taken at the last meeting. Chairman Bowles stated that there were approximately 25 people, less than 30.

Selectman Krieger thanked everyone that came out for this second hearing. He hopes that things move forward and a nice building can be built on that land soon.

Selectman Ives stated that the next question becomes money, they are taking the money out of the Capital Reserve to buy the land and hopefully there is enough left to build the building because personally he does not want to take out a bond. He doesn't want to pay interest he'd rather wait a year or two and put more money into the Capital Reserve fund.

Pat Kiley asked how many people in the room are in favor of purchasing the property. Mr. Kiley took an informal vote and said that 100% of the people in attendance were in favor of buying the property now.

Mr. Kiley asked if there is a basement under the Legion building. Chairman

Bowles explained that there is just a little crawlspace that would need to be filled in. Selectman Ives explained that Mr. Cabot wants the foundation so when he's down he'll leave it flat.

Bob Ordway asked how long it will take to design a new building. Chairman Bowles said that they already have a few designs from when they had a committee in the past. Bob Ordway suggested that it would make sense to have a basement in the new building.

Selectman Ives said that he and Selectman Krieger have also talked about putting bathrooms on the back side of the building so they could get rid of the porta potties, maybe an awning and a water fountain.

Chairman Bowles stated that they would like to get a building committee formed and getting something together for town meeting.

Ron Lane asked if there has been discussion about making the new building more energy efficient. Chairman Bowles said that there has not been yet. Mr. Lane said that it is something for the committee to consider.

Selectman Ives said that the purchase of the property seems to be a no-brainer the controversy seems to be what to do with the old building and what is put down there for a new town office.

Bob Ordway asked about the tank. Chairman Bowles said that it stays, the Legion will maintain the tank, and the town will mow around it. Selectman Ives said that if needed it could be moved/shifted on site.

The Board thanked everyone for attending. Chairman Bowles stated that they will make the decision about the purchase at next week's Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the public hearing at 5:45 PM. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes —
October 16, 2012**

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

Also present was Ron Lane, Historical Society and Steve Bennett, Transfer Station.

Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Public Hearing for the Purchase of the American Legion Property Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 3, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 9, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

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

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Jean regarding the tax rate setting. The Board decided that they would adjust the overlay amount to approximately \$85,000 for this year. They decided to reduce the unreserved fund by approximately \$400,000 to help reduce the tax rate. The Board explained that this is all an estimate until they get information from DRA regarding the school district, Hardy rd etc.

The Board received the MS-5 for their review and signature.

The Board received a copy of the auditor's draft report for review. The report shows (and the Board agrees) that all the department heads, committee members and elected officials are doing a very good job.

The Board received correspondence from Town Council regarding the Claire Crowley road bond.

The Board received an email from Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding a Broadband Planning Meeting. CNHRPC is looking for someone to represent the town at the meeting. Selectman Krieger stated that he wants to know who will be representing the town if someone from another Board is going.

The Board received information regarding the NRRRA Annual Meeting. This information will be forwarded to Steve Bennett.

The Board received the NH Local Government Center program reports CD.

The Board received correspondence from M.A. Bean Associates, LLC regarding bridge repairs and replacements.

The Board received a letter from the Department of Safety regarding 2012 Homeland Grant information.

The Board received two abutter notices from the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjust-

ment. One is for a special exception for reduced setbacks for the purpose of putting an addition on the back of a house. The second is for a variance to allow someone under the age of 55 to reside at the Villages at Loudon.

The Board received a letter from Xfinity regarding grandfathered cable packages.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board met with Steve Bennett from the Transfer Station.

Mr. Bennett explained that it is the time of the year to set the GMQ (Guaranteed minimum quantity). He explained that the co-op has estimated that the GMQ should be set at 3143 ton. Mr. Bennett said that he calculated it a couple of different ways and he came up with about the same number so he suggests that 3143 would be the way to go. Mr. Bennett said if things continue as they have they will be under the GMQ this year by about 100 tons. Mr. Bennett explained that the total trash being delivered to Wheelabrator has slowly but steadily fallen in the last few years enough so that the Co-op is going to be renegotiating their contract with Wheelabrator. He explained that the tipping fee is set by the number of tons so less trash means higher tipping fees. Mr. Bennett said there will be a meeting coming up to find out what the co-op learned from Wheelabrator. Ron Lane asked if this means that it costs more money to ship less trash. Selectman Ives explained per ton it is more money but the bottom line will be about the same. Mr. Bennett said to save money we have to recycle more and not send as much trash over.

Selectman Ives asked what will happen if Concord withdraws from the Co-op. Mr. Bennett said he doesn't know yet.

The Board thanked Mr. Bennett for his very good work at the Transfer Station.

Chairman Bowles read a public notice that states due to elections the Town Clerk and Tax Collector will be closed on Tuesday, November 6th, the Planning/Zoning Board and Selectmen's office will close at 4:00 pm and there will not be a Selectmen's meeting that night. Voting will take place at the Town Hall at 433 Clough Hill Road from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Board received the following reminder:

Thursday, October 18th @ 6:00 pm – First Zoning Workshop.

The Board recognized Bob Levan from the audience.

Mr. Levan arrived late and asked if he missed discussion about anything financial such as taxes.

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Chairman Bowles explained that they approved the MS-5 and talked about the overlay amount and the unreserved fund balance.

Mr. Levan asked if the MS-5 shows the unreserved fund balance. Chairman Bowles said it does, for this year it is \$1,067,706 and they would like to reduce taxes with approx-

imately \$400,000 of that. Chairman Bowles explained that they don't have the school district, Hardy Road or Concord information so that is an estimate for now.

Mr. Levan asked how much that would leave in the unreserved fund balance. Selectman Ives said about \$675,000, the state recommends they leave no less than 5%. Selectman Ives explained that they wouldn't

want to go lower than that because the fund has saved them in the past such as when they lost the bridge. Mr. Levan agreed that they shouldn't go any lower.

Selectman Ives said they're also lowering the overlay so that will help. He stated that they have been able to cut the budget every year and they are right at the point where there's not much left to cut.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 23, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent Dave Rice and Fire Chief Dick Wright.

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

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2012 as written; seconded by Chairman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Purchase of the American Legion Property Public Hearing Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2012 as written; seconded by Chairman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.

The Board met with Ana Volsko, Director of Events with the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Chairman Bowles explained that everything went very well this summer, but they have a few concerns.

Chairman Bowles stated that the Letter of Intent for the Renegade Playground didn't come in until after the event. Chairman Bowles stated that there were some upset neighbors that weekend because the loud music started early in the morning. Ms. Volsko explained that there were new owners of the event and they weren't quite as forthcoming as the previous owners had been. She stated that if this event happens again the Speedway will be more involved and have more control over what is happening. Ms. Volsko apologized that the letter of intent that she turned in did not state that there would be music in the morning; it was a miscommunication between her and the client.

Selectman Ives mentioned that the covenants state that there are to be no concerts and now there are more and more events with bands that could be construed as having concerts on a non-race weekend. Ms. Volsko said that she understands that concern and they are trying to balance the fan experience with the wants and needs of the Town of Loudon. Chairman Bowles stated that they are trying to work with everybody and he understands the intent of having the bands to bring everyone together in a group. He said they need to keep a close eye on it so it's not happening every weekend and they have to watch the time of day that it is happening; not too early in the morning or too late in the evening.

Chairman Bowles asked Chief Fiske and Chief Wright if they had any concerns, neither did.

Chairman Bowles recognized Tom Blanchette, Director of Operations at NHMS. Mr. Blanchette asked if anyone had gone over the traffic rerouting for the Christmas lights. He said that it got out of control a couple of weekends last year. Mr. Blanchette said that to avoid any problems this year they will be bringing all the guests in through the South entrance by the Shell station. They will put lights up throughout the route to guide the guests along the way. He said that by bringing them in the South entrance the Main entrance becomes only an exit. Mr. Blanchette said they will put up a temporary fence and proper signage so that it is not an entrance just an exit. Selectman Ives thanked him for being proactive and coming up with a plan.

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

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that the new grader is on the road and they have begun grading.

Selectman Ives said that he noticed that Mr. Rice is getting the winter sand ready.

Chairman Bowles said that Selectman Krieger left a note thanking the highway and transfer station guys for their work this weekend and today when the compactor broke down; Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives agreed they did a good job.

The Board met with Fire Chief Dick Wright.

Chief Wright said that the last time he checked there were more than a dozen applications for the chief's position. He said that probably half were from out of state. Applications are due by this Thursday, October 25 at 4:00 pm.

Chief Wright explained that he received a call from Colonel Hayden from the National Guard. They are going to be doing helicopter training. Greg Fillmore has given them permission to do it on his land. They will be meeting with Chief Wright and Chief Fiske next Tuesday at 2:00 pm to discuss the training and invited the Selectmen and anyone else with authority in the town to attend the meeting.

Chief Wright said that the harvest supper is over, everything went good, and Mike did a wonderful job keeping everyone in line.

Chairman Bowles stated that at this time they are going to take the vote to purchase the American Legion Property. He explained that pursuant to RSA 41:14-a they held two public hearings where they had a lot of positive response and everyone that came to the hearing was in favor of it. Chairman Bowles stated that he has a signed letter from Selectman Krieger stating that he is in favor of it, unfortunately he couldn't attend tonight's meeting. *Selectman Ives made a motion to purchase the American Legion Post; tax records show it as tax map 20 lot 67 including all improvements located thereon for the purchase price to be \$180,000.00 to buy the property and building and for the removal of the structure on the property thereon. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carries.*

Chairman Bowles said that they will be in touch with town council to get a purchase and sale drawn up, meet with the Legion folks, make that transaction and work towards getting the building ready to be moved. Chairman Bowles said they are aiming for May 1st for a clean site. Mr. Cabot is still interested in the building. He explained that a building committee will be formed over the next two weeks to start the process of designing a new town office to bring to town meeting in March. Mike Labonte asked if the building will go out to bid. Chairman Bowles said that town council explained to him that because the people at the public hearing were in favor of the building staying in town and being rebuilt, they don't have to put it out to bid they can just go with that option. Chairman Bowles said if he hears concern and people want it to go out to bid they could do it however at the public hearings the consensus was that Mr. Cabot take it and resurrect it. Tom Blanchette asked how they are going to form the committee for designing the town office. Chairman Bowles stated that they haven't got to that point yet. Selectman Ives said that they had a committee before and some of those people might like to serve again. Chairman Bowles stated that they also have a plan from before that might fit on that lot nicely. Selectman Ives stated that he is committed to making this process as open as possible so that everyone knows what is going on.

Chief Wright informed the Board that there is going to be a political debate Saturday morning at 10:00 am at the Legion with

Howard Moffett, George Saunderson, Ken Kreis Priscilla Lockwood, Jason Parent and Lorrie Carey.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Leonard LaPadula regarding the revocation of his subdivision and an abatement request. Chairman Bowles stated that he discussed this with town council and it is his recommendation that the town give back the land and revoke the subdivision as long as the Planning Board and Conservation Commission are on board. This would be the same process that they just went through to purchase the Legion property; two public hearings, a vote etc.

The Board received a memo from Jean regarding the tax rate; a representative from DRA said that there are many towns ahead of ours so it will be a couple of weeks before we get our tax rate.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding the refund of escrow balances. The Planning Board reviewed a list of escrow balances that the town still holds, many of these are for projects that have been completed for some time. The Board agrees that the escrow balance should be returned.

The Board received a copy of a letter from NHLGC regarding Property-Liability Rates.

The Board received an invitation from the Town of Gilmanton regarding a Secretary of State Presentation regarding the status of NHLGC.

The Board received the Planning Board meeting minutes for September 20, 2012.

The Board received a DRA press release regarding the retirement of the Director of Municipal Services Division.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminder:

Thursday, October 25th @ 7:00 pm – Zoning Board meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 30, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

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

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 23, 2012 as written; seconded by Chairman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.

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

The Board met with Lorrie Carey.

Ms. Carey stated that she is a candidate for State Representative Merrimack District 26. She explained that she is trying to get around to each of the five towns in the district those five being Canterbury, Boscawen, Loudon, Northfield and Franklin Ward 3. Ms. Carey said it is a very diverse district with people having a lot of different situations. Ms. Carey asked the Selectmen what they see as Loudon's priorities, once the election is over, in terms of their relationship with the state. Selectmen Krieger said school; the town writes a large check for education, they can't keep taxes down when everything else keeps going up. He explained that they do a very good job within the town but they are getting it from all sides and they have to pass that on to everyone in town. Ms. Carey said that as previously serving as a Selectwomen she understands that. Selectman Ives stated that Route 106 is a concern; they need to maintain some control of it and what happens to it. It splits the town in half and with the race track's influence at the state level; the town's voice needs to be heard. Ms. Carey said she understands the concern with the track both with Loudon and with Canterbury. Ms. Carey asked the Selectmen how they feel about the widening of Route 106. Selectman Krieger said that the state says that accommodating the race track is not the reason for the widening of 106, they say it is for the traffic coming from the north. Chairman Bowles stated that 50% of the traffic comes from Shaker Road and south so why does the road need to be widened to the

track. Chairman Bowles stated that they need to concentrate on the safety issues where there have been deaths and serious injuries. Selectman Ives stated that what has been spent on studying the widening could have been spent to improve the two dangerous intersections; Chichester Road and Staniels/Josiah Bartlett Road. Chairman Bowles agreed with Selectman Krieger that they have cut the town budget and things are as tight as they can be; they just have to vote people in to the state that they hope are going to help. Ms. Carey thanked that Board and asked that they vote for her on Election Day.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a copy of the current Expenditure Report.

The Board received a copy of correspondence from Town Council regarding Fairpoint.

The Board received two memos from Chief Fiske regarding Hurricane Sandy. Chairman Bowles commended everyone that got out and helped with that. He said that other than some downed power lines and tree's the town made out pretty well. Chairman Bowles thanked the highway guys, the fire and the police along with Faith Stevens with the CERT team for all their efforts during and after the storm.

The Board reviewed LYAA invoices for approval. The Board approved payment of the invoices.

The Board received an email from Donna White regarding Bert Lane. Chairman Bowles explained that Dan Aversa asked if the town would be willing to accept Bert Lane before the access road to the Ordway property is complete. Selectman Krieger asked how many houses are on Bert Lane. Chairman Bowles stated that there are two. Selectman Ives asked what the Plan-

ning Board required Mr. Aversa to do with the access road. Chairman Bowles said that he thinks he was supposed to grub it out, make it passable and possibly widen it. Chairman Bowles stated that with only two houses they wouldn't be accepting that road this fall. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

The Board received a past due ambulance bill for review. *Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bill to collection: account #52233 in the amount of \$675.20, seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received an estimate for gutter work on the safety building. Chairman Bowles stated that the estimate doesn't include details. He will talk to the Road Agent about the estimate.

The Board received a copy of the Highway Block Grant check in the amount of \$43,929.75.

The Board received a copy of the ESMI 3rd Quarter 2012 Host Community Fee report.

The Board received a letter from the NH Charitable Foundation regarding the 2013 Budget and the War Memorial/Monument Maintenance Fund.

The Board received a copy of the October 25, 2012 Zoning Board Minutes.

The Board received a postcard from Liberty Utilities with information regarding incentives when building a new facility.

The Board received a copy for each of the *NH Election Procedure Manual 2012-2013*.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board discussed the purchase of the American Legion property. Chairman Bowles stated that the Town Attorney is putting together the purchase and sales agreement. Selectman Ives will talk to Joe

from the Legion about getting an authorization to sell letter. Chairman Bowles will get in touch with Mr. Cabot and set up a meeting so details can be worked out. Selectmen Ives asked about some of the requests that were in Mr. Cabot's letter. Chairman Bowles stated that he is working with the Planning and Zoning Boards at the workshops to get some of those items ironed out. Selectman Krieger said that a couple of people have asked him why the building isn't going out to bid. Chairman Bowles stated that's why they had the public hearings. Selectman Krieger suggested that once the purchase and sales is signed, the town put it out for bid with a short deadline. Selectman Ives said that he doesn't want to hurry this, if it has to wait for another year it can and he's concerned there might not be enough money for the land and building, he does not want to borrow any money. Chairman Bowles and Selectmen Krieger agreed that they don't want to borrow money and shouldn't have to. Chairman Bowles said that they will get the committee formed soon. Selectman Krieger said that the majority of people want Mr. Cabot to have the building but there are people that think the town should get some money for it. He suggested that they do their due diligence and put a minimum bid on it and put it out there for a couple of weeks, there is a possibility that someone might want to pay something for it. The Board agreed that once the purchase is finalized they will put the building out for bid with a minimum.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 6, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Chairman Bowles 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 in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God.*

Chairman Bowles made a motion to commit the tax warrant to the tax collector. Chairman Bowles 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 Four Hundred Twelve Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$5,412,020.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from December 11, 2012 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 Sixth day of November in 2012. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire.

Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries, warrant is committed.

Selectman Ives stated that he would like to see both this year and last year's tax rate including the breakdown included in the Loudon Ledger.

Chairman Bowles thanked everyone that is working at the election. So far it is going very well.

Selectman Krieger read the following notice into the record:

NOTICE: NH NATIONAL GUARD TO CONDUCT HELICOPTER TRAINING This serves as a public notice to the residents of Loudon, New Hampshire, that for the next year, from November 2012 to November 2013, the New Hampshire Army National Guard's medical evacuation unit will be conducting flight training exercises at a gravel quarry owned by Fillmore Industries located at 528 Route 106, North, Loudon. The quarry will be used twice a week both during the day and early night for a short duration in order for flight crews to train on both landings and takeoffs. Residents can expect a moderate level of noise from the helicopters, which are UH60 Blackhawks, as they practice landings and takeoffs. No more than two helicopters will be training at one time.

The crews are required to maintain specific flight proficiencies on a yearly basis. Additionally, some of the crews are preparing for upcoming overseas deployments. The New Hampshire National Guard prides itself on being a good neighbor and greatly appreciated the supports and encouragement it received from local communities as its military men and women train to keep New Hampshire and the Nation safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Loudon Police Department or the New Hampshire National Guard Public Affairs office in Concord at 603-225-1340.

Selectman Ives suggested that a copy of this notice be forwarded to NHMS so they are aware of the training, especially because of the helicopter traffic on race weekends. Selectman Krieger agreed. A copy will be forwarded to NHMS.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 30, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes — October 18, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Vice Chairman Stan Prescott.

Attendance:

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

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Tom Dow.

Bill Gabler represented the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

September 20, 2012 Regular Meeting — Bob Cole moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Bob Mossman — Mr. Mossman stated that he owns property at 783 Route 106 where he has Planning Board approval for the sale of five golf carts and five cars. He said he would like to be able to sell trailers instead of the carts and cars. Stan Prescott explained that this proposal had gone before the recent Board of Permit meeting and it was felt that Mr. Mossman should come back to this board. Mr. Mossman and his associate informed the board that the inventory would include 10'-24' race, utility, dump, and equipment trailers, some being open, some being enclosed. This would be a year-round business using the same driveway as presented on the previously approved

site plan. Jeff Green said it does not seem like anything would change enough to impact the initial plan, noting that it is a different product but in the same area. Mr. Mossman stated that one trailer would be used as an office and would have signage on it. He said they would have a portable toilet onsite. Stan Prescott asked if this would be a change of use where Mr. Mossman is leasing the property to someone else to sell trailers. After discussion, it was agreed that the limit was set with the original approval. The approval was for ten spaces for display and one for parking. It was the consensus of the Board that the April 19, 2012 approval would cover this proposal.

New Business:

#12-15, Fillmore Industries, Inc. & Environmental Soil Management, Inc. — Lot Line Adjustment in the CI District, Map 50, Lots 1 & 1-1. There were no abutters present. Applicants Greg Fillmore and Marc Aubrey were present. Jeff Green stepped down from the Board to present the application. *Dustin Bowles moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.*

Mr. Green explained that the location of these lots is at the end of International Drive. He pointed out the location of the ESMI plant and these lots. The ESMI owned lot, Lot 1-1, will go from 5.004 acres to 11.532 acres with the lot line adjustment. Mr. Green

noted that the road and cul-de-sac on that parcel will disappear. Bob Ordway asked if this area is used for excavation. Mr. Green said that it is currently a grass field. Mr. Fillmore stated that the area was reclaimed about ten years ago.

Stan Prescott said there should be a note about the road being private. He asked where the existing gravel road that is shown goes. Mr. Green stated that it goes down into a cleared area. Mr. Prescott asked that Mr. Green note that as private as well. Mr. Aubrey was asked if ESMI uses the lot for stockpiling. He said they do and they want to be able to extend out and raise the grade. Mr. Green showed the entrance location on Lot 1-1. Bob Ordway asked about the location of the concrete casting company. Mr. Green showed the location on the plan. Steve Jackson asked about Shoreland Protection. Mr. Green said that Lot 1 would still be usable. He explained the limits of the Shoreland Protection Act.

Bob Ordway moved to approve the application; seconded by Steve Jackson. Stan Prescott reminded Mr. Green to note the private roads in all locations and to identify the lines to be abandoned. *All were in favor.*

Board Discussion:

Master Plan update — The group discussed the survey and when those results might be available.

Engineering fees — Donna was asked to check with the Board about releasing fees

being held for several older development projects. The group reviewed a spreadsheet of projects and balances, identifying those to be refunded. This information will go back to the Selectmen's office.

Capital Improvement Program — Stan Prescott informed the Board that the subcommittee has met and completed their portion of the update of the CIP. Once Donna has additional information from the school district, she will complete the revisions and get draft copies to Board members for review prior to a public hearing.

Report of the ZBA:

There is a variance application for a woman under the age of 55 who is interested in living at the Villages and a special exception application for a reduced side setback on this month's agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was one Hawker & Peddler permit for the food pantry raffle, a letter of complaint about early morning music at the track during the recent renegade event, and Mr. Mossman's request to sell trailers on the agenda.

Adjournment:

Henry Huntington made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White, Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — October 25, 2012

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and Alternates Jim Venne and Earl Tuson

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Jim Venne noted one spelling correction. *George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes of September 27, 2012 as corrected; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Application #Z12-16, Nancy Marchillo — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Village District, Map 20, Lot 40 on South Village Road. There were no abutters present. Paul Krukonis, the applicant's architect, represented the applicant.

Mr. Krukonis explained that the applicant is proposing to put a small addition on the back of her house to put a staircase to the second floor. He said the existing staircase does not come close to meeting code and this would give the applicant a second exit and safer access to the second floor.

The addition would also provide space for a laundry area. Mr. Krukonis noted that the addition would have a very small footprint.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Mr. Krukonis. The request is to reduce the setback from 15' to 1'. It was stated that this addition would not be on a foundation, it would be on sauna tubes. Mr. Krukonis pointed out the location of the septic tank at the rear of the building. He said the addition would be approximately one foot off the ground. The chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board. Earl Tuson asked if it was correct that the existing setback is 0'. Mr. Krukonis said that was correct. The house sits at the property line, and the addition would be 1' in from the line. Roy Merrill said he feels the addition is a good idea for safety reasons.

The chairman asked if there was a need for a site visit. Jim Venne said he would not think so. Mr. Powelson noted that the driveway is on the right side of the house, with approximately 15½' of area. He asked how far it would be to the next building to the left of this house. Mr. Krukonis said it was approximately 20'. It was agreed that there were not a lot of other solutions and there

was no need for a site visit. The chairman stated that the request is for a small addition at the back of the house with a 1' side setback. *Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the application with a reduced side setback from 15' to 1'; seconded by Howard Pearl. A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Howard Pearl — yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.*

Application #Z12-17, Ruth Krochmal — Variance, RR District, Map 29, Lot 7-93 on Azalea Court. Abutters Dan Plourde, Gary & Kathy Garland, Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, and Terrance O'Brien were present. Steve Ives represented the Town of Loudon, also an abutter. The applicant was present. Ned Lizotte and Roy Merrill stepped down from the Board. Jim Venne and Earl Tuson were appointed as voting members for this case.

Tony Marcotte spoke on behalf of Ruth Krochmal. He explained that the applicant would like to buy a home in the Villages at Loudon. A list of signatures of several resi-

dents of the Villages in favor of the application was presented. Mr. Marcotte gave a summary of the history of the Villages and an overview of the applicant's request. He explained that they would have to get the approval from all owners to allow this one person under the age of 55. He went through the points of the application. Mr. Marcotte said the applicant feels the request is very reasonable and does meet the spirit of the ordinance, particularly Section 303.1. He said this request allows the Board to consider this specific case which makes it different than any other situations in town.

Dave Powelson asked to clarify that the application is specific to 13 Azalea Court and to one resident under 55. Mr. Marcotte said that was correct. He explained that the applicant cannot maintain her home and large property in Epsom. She wants a maintenance-free property and does not feel she can wait until she turns 55. Mr. Marcotte

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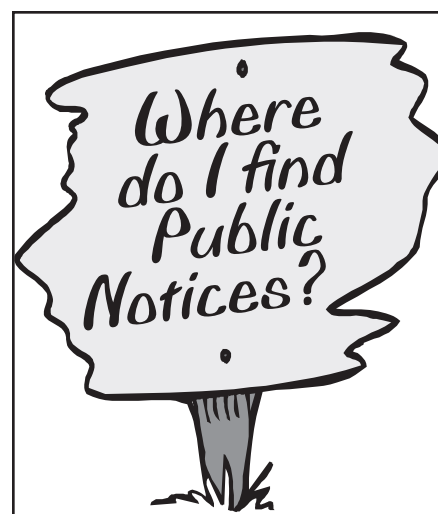
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said the applicant could own the property but she would not be able to live there without this variance. Howard Pearl asked to clarify the situation of the applicant and her cousin's ability to help. Mrs. Krochmal spoke about losing her husband six years ago and trying to keep up with the maintenance of the property. She said it is just too much. Her cousin lives with her and helps out financially but is not able to help with the maintenance. Mrs. Krochmal said her sister and brother-in-law live in the Villages and she would really like to as well.

The chairman stated that the Board cannot change anything relative to the condominium documents that Mr. Marcotte had mentioned. Mr. Powelson said it appeared from Mr. Marcotte's description that the town is party to the documents. He asked if that was the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. Mr. Marcotte said that Code Enforcement has the ability to enforce the 55+ requirement if there are any complaints of underage residents. Steve Ives asked if he was correct in saying that the applicant could not live there if the Board grants the variance but the condo association votes against the proposal. Mr. Marcotte said the homeowners association does not have the authority to change the restriction without the variance from the town. He said the Zoning Ordinance appears to be the most stringent so they started with that. He said it would be a three part process for this to happen: a) ZBA approval; b) residents have to approve; c) applicant has to sell her current house.

Ned Lizotte asked what would happen if the Board approved the variance but the association denied the request. He said it would appear that the town would be left open to a variance for that lot. Mr. Lizotte said he was not sure the Board would have the ability to grant a variance for a specific lot and he voiced his concern of this setting a precedent. Mr. Marcotte said the variance would be for the applicant specifically, not the lot. Howard Pearl said they could do it for a lot but he is not sure they could do it for a person. Dave Powelson said that would be a risk the Board would have to take. Mr. Marcotte said it has to be resident specific because the use is already approved; it is the applicant's age that does not meet the ordinance.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Dan Plourde said the applicant is 52, will be 53 shortly, and she's not coming in with three kids, etc. He said it does not make sense to deny the request and that he feels anyone above 50 would fit in with the other residents. Roy Merrill said that Tony Marcotte came in originally to cut the age down drastically and he was not in favor of that but he does agree that it is hard if one person is 55 and one is younger. He said the request is for one person aged 52 and he feels the Board should look into giving a variance for the person, not the lot, even though he is not sure that can be done. Mr. Merrill said he is not against the request.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. Kathy Garland said if the Board does this for one they will be doing it for others. Gary Garland said the age was already lowered once when it went from 62 to 55. He asked what will keep it from being lowered again. The Garlands voiced complaints about the developer. They said the development is supposed to be 55 and over and there is already too much going on in there. Steve Ives, Selectman for the Town of Loudon, said he does not feel the applicant has shown a burden. He said he cannot see giving a variance if not even sure if the association will approve. Mr. Ives said there were a couple of points on the application about this adding to the tax base. He noted that the house is already on the tax warrant so there would be no change. Mr. Ives said there are other options out there and he sees no proof of burden warranting a variance. Mr. Marcotte said Mr. Ives is correct as the house is already built; however, there is another person interested in the property. He said this sale would mean that a new house would be built next door to this one for that other party, adding to the tax base. Mr. Marcotte spoke about a recent Open House that was held at the Villages, the number of smaller homes that are available, and the interest shown. He said there are no other choices in Loudon which is where the applicant wants to live.

Chairman Powelson read letters from abutters Phillip and Carol Webster and John George. Both encouraged denial of the application. Dan Plourde spoke about various benefits that begin at age 50 and again stated that he felt 50 was appropriate for this

type of community. Steve Ives said if there is trouble with the Zoning Ordinance then it should be looked at for making changes but he does not see a hardship here. There was discussion of the age for elderly housing being dropped from 62 to 55. It was stated that a change could be presented to the Planning Board for their next zoning workshop or it could be submitted as a petition. Tony Marcotte said the applicant is not asking for a change in the Zoning Ordinance. He said this Board has the power to look at each case and he feels the applicant clearly has a hardship. He said that does not mean that the development is "anything goes." Mr. Marcotte said the applicant is not 55 but is a widow and this would not be opening a can of worms, they would be looking at a specific person. Howard Pearl said he does not think the board can grant a variance for a person; he feels it would have to go with the lot. George Saunderson said he would agree and he would want the Town attorney's opinion. He suggested continuing the matter for a month. Howard Pearl said maybe the variance could be given for two years until the applicant reaches 55. Steve Ives stated that town counsel frowns on temporary approvals.

There was discussion of options open to the Board. Roy Merrill suggested to Mr. Marcotte that he could try to get a response from all 24 residents. Jim Venne said if the association was all in favor of wanting this then it would be clearer to the Board. Howard Pearl said the burden of hardship is necessary. Dave Powelson said it might be good to seek the attorney's opinion and carry the case to another meeting. *George Saunderson made a motion to continue the application to November 29 and to seek the attorney's advice; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.* The application will continue to the meeting of November 29th, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. There will be no further notification.

Tony Marcotte spoke about his history with the developers of the Villages at Loudon and how they do care about the community and abutters of the Villages.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard Pearl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*



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