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Third Annual Holiday Lights Show Begins At NHMS

NH Motor Speedway kicks off Gift of Lights with Concord Boys & Girls Club

With the Magic Mile racing season in the rearview mirror, the attention turns to the holiday season. On Friday night, New Hampshire Motor Speedway started the ignition on the holidays, turning over two miles of the speedway grounds into the biggest holiday-themed light park in the Granite State.

With the help of 40 children from the Concord Boys & Girls Club, speedway officials flipped the switch on more than 2.5 million LED lights, which make up more than 60 displays (50 percent more than last year) and 400 scenes around New England's largest sports and entertainment facility.

Once again, the speedway's portion of the proceeds will be given to the New Hampshire Chapter of the Speedway Children's Charities, an organization that cares for children in education, financial, social and medical need. In the first two years of the Gift of Lights, the SCC has donated more than \$56,000 to children's charities throughout New England.

"This is such a wonderful way to kick off the holidays," said Cheryl LaPrade, director of the Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter. "To have all these kids here, it really makes for a special start to the Gift of Lights."

One of those charities is the Concord Boys & Girls Club, which has received more than \$20,000 from the SCC thanks in large part to events like this one, something for which CBGC executive director Chris Emond is very thankful and appreciative.

"Our relationship is beyond more than just the money though," said Emond. "It's about the experiences these kids get. To come to the track and take part in a race weekend or just go to



the infield. We are very, very grateful to be a part of this and everything we do with the speedway."

The Gift of Lights, which is open daily from 4:30-9:00 p.m., turns the Magic Mile grounds into a magical scene for the next 51 nights. Running through January 5, there's something for everyone to enjoy this holiday season, including sledding penguins, a mini tunnel with reindeer, a cart-wheeling bear, a pumpkin house with a chimney billowing smoke, a Santa-themed stock car with reindeer under the hood, and several other NASCAR-inspired exhibits, as well as the super-popular Tunnel of Lights, which measures over 250 feet in length.

The cost is \$15 per car load Monday-Thursday and \$20 Friday-Sunday.

Patrons donating three or more non-perishable food items will receive a discount. Those food items

will be donated to the Loudon Food Pantry, which has received over 35,000 pounds of food over the first two years of the Gift of Lights.

"This is wonderful," said Sue Houck of the Loudon Food Pantry. "It's such a great way to being the holiday season, and we are very happy to be partnered with New Hampshire Motor Speedway."

After steering through the light displays, photo opportunities with Santa and Milo the Moose will be available. Vendors will have hot chocolate, free S'mores provided by Hannaford's Supermarkets and on select weekends, the W.I.L.D. Center & Zoological Park of New England, will bring an arctic wildlife display with live animals.

Tickets for the Gift of Lights can be purchased online at www.giftoflightsnhms.com or at the gate. ■

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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.

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For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

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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.

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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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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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

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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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Loudon Church News

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

The New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene will have a Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service from 6–7 p.m. The Church is located at 33 Staniels Road.

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Please note the new time of our Sunday service as 9:30 a.m. starting on Sunday, January 5, 2014.

We want to thank everyone who joined us for Operation Christmas Child, we exceeded our goal thanks to all the generous support. Thanks to all who donated to our Thanksgiving box donations to the Loudon Food Pantry as well.

We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

If you are looking for a church please come join us Sunday mornings. We are doing some new things up at the church and are looking for more people to join us as we grow in our missions work and grow in Christ! As always, if there is anything the church can do for you and/or the community, please let us know.

We are now on Facebook, please go to our page, check out the pictures and "like" us.

For more information, please call Rev. Linda Overall at 603.875.5822. ■



The Family Bible Church

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Girl Scout News

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains (GSGWM) serves more than 12,300 girls throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. With the guidance of more than 5,000 dedicated and trained volunteers, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through hundreds of programs offered each year, girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to discover their values, skills and the world; connect with others in a multicultural environment; and take action to make a difference in the world. Girls can get involved with scouting in a number of ways: join a TROOP, participate in an EVENT or SERIES, go to CAMP, or take part in a VIRTUAL program online. Adults are invited to share their time as volunteers either in leading or assisting a troop, demonstrating a talent, or teaching a skill. It all starts with registration – go to www.girlscoutsgwm.org and click on Join now. You will receive a confirmation email and then be placed according to the pathway or volunteer opportunity that interests you. Our Loudon troops are still accepting new scouts, and we are always in need of volunteers from the community.

Local Girl Scout Leader Amanda Masse Honored

Congratulations to Amanda Masse who was recognized at the GSGWM Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony in Killington, VT on November 2. Amanda was awarded the Girl Scout Appreciation Pin for her tireless efforts as Troop Pathway Coordinator. Among her many responsibilities is overseeing the placement of hundreds of Girl Scouts in troops across Pittsfield, Chichester, Epsom, Concord, Boscawen, and, of course, Loudon. She's a vital part of our local Girl Scout community, and we're so glad she was recognized for her dedication and hard work.

Cookie Sales Kick off on Dec. 29th

Got a thing for Thin Mints? Are you nuts for Do-Si-Dos? Do you have a secret stash of Samoas? Get ready to order your Girl Scout cookies starting on December 27th! Girls gain great experience from selling cookies, including formulating a business plan and setting sales goals, interacting with customers, and practicing math skills. Cookies are \$4 per box, and girls earn a percentage of total sales for their troop. In addition, they earn "Cookie Dough" incentives that can be used to purchase items from the Council store or be put toward the cost of an event or camp. Don't know a Girl Scout in your area? You can use the online cookie finder to be directed to a troop: go to cookielocator.littlebrownie.com and enter our zip code. And if you happen to miss pre-order sales, be on the lookout in February and March as the girls will be selling cookies at booths in Loudon and Concord. Thanks for your support and happy snacking!



Camp Chenoa

Due to the changing needs of girls and the general decline in overnight camp attendance, GSGWM determined that it was no longer cost-effective to continue running resident Camp Chenoa in Antrim, NH. Two hundred current and former Girl Scouts, leaders, camp counselors, directors and volunteers gathered at Chenoa on October 19 for a goodbye commemoration. They shared stories and sang songs around the campfire, and paid tribute to the camp, which has been a special place for thousands of girls and women since the mid-1990s. Memorabilia was on display in the



camp's main dining hall, and included Chenoa t-shirts, photos and scrapbooks, and girls were invited to add their own memories to a scrapbook. Loudon Girl Scout Kallie Fisher attended with her mom, Kathy, and aunt, Jenn Jones, who are leaders. She recounted, "I came with one friend and made many more new ones. One night, my whole cabin stayed up until one in the morning, telling stories about where we were from." The camp is now for sale, and next summer all campers will be welcome at Camp Farnsworth in Thetford, VT.

Halloween Party a Huge Success!

Halloween fun was carried over at the November 1st Halloween Party to benefit the Loudon Food Pantry. Scores of costumed kids came to Loudon Elementary School to play games and tour the haunted house presented by the town's Girl Scout and Boy

Yellow School Holds Eighth-Grade Reunion!

Submitted by Louise Moore

Thanks to Michele York of the Loudon Historical Society for recently hosting a class reunion for the former Loudon Yellow School's 8th grade graduating class of 1952. The yellow school, located on Route 129, is now for sale, so the current owners invited us up for an open house/tour and to go down memory lane.

There were 16 students from the original class. Also in attendance were teacher Manson Donaghey, who recently celebrated his 88th birthday, and bus driver Roger Dow.

Attending the reunion from the class were Harold (Sam) Hill, Paula Maxfield Miller, Patricia Cummings Lawrence, Phillip Mulkhey, June Pearl LaVoie, Judith Storrs Johnston, Constance Wells Raney, Benjamin Creighton and Louise Dickinson Moore. Also attending from Mr. Donaghey's 7th grade class were Barbara Hill, Nancy Storrs, Leitha Eastman, Louis Greenwood and William Elkins.

Thanks to everyone who brought the delicious refreshments and to Phillip and Patty Mulkhey for their hard work locating and inviting everyone. A special thanks to Robert Raney for taking pictures and for the old class picture he made and framed for the reunion, then donated to the Loudon Historical Society.

Everyone had a great time catching up and hope to get together again sometime.

Unable to attend were Florence Mogob, Richard Paige, Richard Barton, Virginia Barton and Elizabeth Towle. Two classmates are deceased; Bruce Lampron and Sandra Hill Curtis. ■



Clockwise from top: Seventh and eighth grade stands in front of the Yellow Schoolhouse on Route 129. The schoolhouse is currently for sale. The owners of the house pose with Mr. Donaghey (2nd from right) and Michele York (far right). Directly above, the eighth grade stands in front of the Loudon Historical Society.

Scout troops. Price of admission was three or more items for the Loudon Food Pantry; tickets were given in exchange for each item and were redeemed for a variety of cool prizes. Senior Girl Scout Elizabeth West organized this year's event, which was created last year by her brother David, an Eagle Scout. Elizabeth worked for weeks with troop leaders to bring games and the haunted house to the party; and she collected donations of prize items, candy, pizza for the concession stand, and treats for the bake sale. In total, 1,355 food items and \$545.50 from the concession stand and donations were collected!

Susan Houck, director of the Loudon Food Pantry expressed her gratitude for the party: "I'd like to thank the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Loudon for putting it together. The food and funds we received will help to feed those in need in Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester, Epsom and Loudon. We service about 80 households per week and lately our shelves have been nearly empty. It came at a great time!"

The Girl Scout troops who participated had a wonderful time, and look forward to volunteering again next year to help bring fun to the kids of Loudon and much-needed donations to the Loudon Food Pantry.

Annual Bake Sale Held at Maxfield Library

Loudon troops joined together to offer baked goods to the town as a fundraiser just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. It was hard to choose a favorite. There were pies, breads, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, fudge, chocolate-dipped treats, trail mix, and whoopie pies. Many thanks go to all who donated the baked goods. Thanks to our patrons, we made a total of \$260.75 to help the girls of Loudon enjoy their Girl Scouting experience and build girls of courage, confidence, and character.

Girl Scouting builds girls of confidence, courage and character, who make the world a better place.

Cadette Troop 10955 and Junior Troop 12083

Lynnette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

In the true Girl Scout spirit of collaboration, the Cadette and Junior troops came to earn their Girl Scout Way badge at their first meeting of the year. The Cadettes shared the Juliette Low story with the Juniors in an interactive game. Then the troops separated and a snowball fight began! The snowballs were made of crumpled paper, and on each piece was a line from the Girl Scout Promise. At the end of the "fight," the girls gathered the pieces and put together the Promise.

The girls were then teamed up for a game of Trust; one girl was blindfolded while the other led her through an obstacle course. The game ended with a Girl Scout cookie treat! A great game of Tangle was played, ending the meeting in a very large friendship circle!

The next meeting was the night of the Halloween Party at LES where the girls prepared a several fun games and "worked" the booths. They provided lots of fun for the visitors and their friends.

Cadette Troop #12641

Kathy Fisher and Jenn Jones

Although we got off to a late start this scouting year, we're back with four great seventh graders! Our first stop was some community service fun. In October we delivered our donations of pet food and supplies to the SPCA, where we they were graciously received. The girls got a tour, learned how they operate solely on donations, and heard about the new building. The best part was visiting the kitty room — especially the kittens! So remember: there are many friendly critters waiting for their forever homes. A lunch at Friendly's completed the day. A few of us helped at the Halloween party at LES working at the prize booth. The girls enjoyed gathering to prepare for the bake sale. They donned their baking aprons and made a variety of yummy creations. Speaking of baked goods... before you know it, we'll be selling cookies! ■



**Halloween Fun
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Loudon Food
Pantry. More
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2 pages.**



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Scouts Host Halloween Party Benefits The Loudon Food Pantry

The second annual Halloween Party was a huge success. The Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts of Loudon joined together to host a Halloween Party for the elementary school kids at Loudon Elementary School. 149 Kids of all ages had a lot of fun at the event. The admission price into the event was a minimum of 3 food items for the pantry. A ticket was given for each food item donated, and the tickets were used to obtain prizes.

Thanks to the generosity of those that attended, the event raised 1,355 food items and collected \$545.50 at the concession stand/donation table.

As the kids entered the event, they were given a free ice cream coupon from McDonald's of Epsom. Upon entering they went to a craft table where they decorated a lunch bag so as to be able to hold all of the candy and prizes they would earn throughout the evening. Then the fun began! There were more than 30 games/activities for the kids to play at. Activities included face painting, a haunted house, Plinko, a fortune teller, donut eating contest, guessing games, toss games, acting games, and so much more. All of the activities had a prize for participating that ranged from candy, tattoos, balls, stickers, spider rings, and even a tooth brush thanks to Dr. Hulshult and Concord Pediatric Dentistry.

Thanks to Peter LaMonica of BeNetSafe.org. He provided a walk-through haunted house where kids and parents could meet all kinds of ghoulish looking creatures and also handed out over 100 Child ID pack-

ets for free. The ID packets provide finger printing and saliva swabs.

Sincere thanks to the more than 70 volunteers that helped out at this event. The volunteers helped at the concession stand/prize table, and created and ran games at the event. The volunteers did an amazing job of creating exciting and varied games for the kids. Lynette LeBlanc, Cammy Nolin, Cecile Merrill, Kathy Fischer represented the Girl Scout Troops, Josh Brien represented the Cub Scout troop, John Decato represented Boy Scout Troop 247 and Gary West represented Boy Scout Troop 30. Volunteers from Bishop Brady, a local soccer team, The Loudon Food Pantry, and family friends also helped out. Everyone did an amazing job! This event was a success thanks to the many volunteers that helped!

Elizabeth West, a freshman at MVHS and a Girl Scout of troop 12356, was the coordinator of the event, and was mentored by her brother David West who created and ran the event last year. Elizabeth wanted to continue the tradition of having a town Halloween party for the kids of Loudon that benefits the Loudon Food Pantry. She worked hard contacting over 60 companies for donations, searching for and buying candy and prizes at the lowest cost possible, creating extra games, making flyers, seeking out and communicating with volunteers, and making sure that everything was ready for the big night. She is thrilled with the results and has already started to plan for next year's party.

A sincere thank you to the many companies that helped out. Mr. Laliberte the Principal of Loudon Elementary School provided the use of school. Environmental Soil Management, Shaver Disposal, Foothills Physical Therapy, Grappone Auto, Best Septic, Michele's Sweet Shoppe, Jabil Kennels, Shaw's at the

Heights, and Sam's Club all generously donated cash that was used to buy candy for the games, prizes for the tickets earned for food items brought in, supplies, and pizza and drinks that were sold at the concession stand. Coca Cola and Pepsi generously donated beverages, and Brookside Pizza generously discounted the price of the pizza that was sold at the concession stand. Concord Pediatric Dentistry and Dr. Hulshults Dentistry provided toothbrushes so that every child received a toothbrush for trying at the Giant Toothbrush game. McDonalds' of Epsom provided 150 free ice cream coupons. New Hampshire Motor Speedway donated Loudon Pride hats and toy NHMS race cars, Pleasant View Gardens donated hanging plant coupons, and Arnie's Ice cream donated ice cream coupons. TD Bank North donated pens/pencils that were given out as prizes at a game. Dunkin Donuts of Loudon provided the donuts for the donut eating contest as well as munchkins and hot chocolate. Confectionately Yours Sweet Shop of Loudon donated over 100 chocolate pops that were given to kids at Plinko and the Fortune Teller, and candy baskets that were given out as prizes. A huge thank you goes out to all the companies that so generously donated to the event. Their contributions made the party a huge success. A special thank you to the Loudon Post office for allowing a town drop off box at their location so that those in the community could donate candy and little toys that were given out as prizes.

Mrs. Susan Houck, Sarah Houck, and Bill Cushing from the Loudon Food Pantry helped out at the event. They were thrilled with the food and cash donated to help the needy. Thanks to the Loudon Food Pantry volunteers for their endless efforts to provide food for those in need in our community. ■



More Halloween Photos!

The Boy and Girl Scouts hosted an awesome Halloween Party with donations for the Food Pantry accepted as the price of admission.



Handling Handguns Course For Women

NEW OFFERING: Women interested in learning about handguns can sign up now for a women's handgun course through the New Hampshire Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) Program.

NHBOW is teaming up with Sturm Ruger and the Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club to offer the course, which will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings January 7, 21, 28 and February 4, with a snow date of February 11, 2014, at the Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club, 17 West Road in Canterbury, N.H. Participants must attend all four sessions.

You know the drill. A brochure and registration form for the course is available to download at www.nhbow.com. Registration opens on November 18. Registration is first-come, first-served; applications must be mailed in. If you are interested, sign up soon, as the course is limited to ten participants.

The fee for the course is \$60, which includes all equipment, materials and instruction.

What will you learn? This four-week class will offer instruction in basic handgun safety, different types of handguns, handling, loading, firing, storage, care and maintenance. After initial instruction, participants will spend the remainder of time on the firing line, putting into practice the mechanics, techniques and safety rules learned in the classroom.

Please note that this is not a self defense course.

Course instructors are Linda Harris an NRA-certified instructor, assisted by her husband George Harris. They have been involved in BOW programs for more than ten years.

New Hampshire's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program is co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (www.WildNH.com) and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (www.nhwhf.org). ■

Town Clerk's Holiday Office Hours:

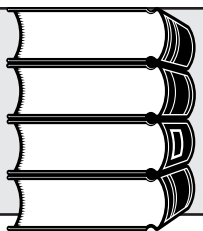
Closed the Week of December 23

Open Monday, Dec. 30: 8 a.m.—2 p.m.

Closed Dec. 31st and Jan. 1

**Regular Hours (9 a.m.—4 p.m.) on
Thursday, Jan. 2**

Enjoy your holidays!



Maxfield Public Library News

Polar Express Party

Join us on Friday, December 6 for a magical trip to the North Pole on the famous *Polar Express*. Come dressed in your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and pillow so you can snuggle in to watch Chris Van Allsburg's popular holiday classic. The library will provide hot cocoa and snacks to enjoy during the movie. You may pick up your train ticket at the circulation desk. Space is limited, so please be sure to reserve your seats! The train leaves promptly at 6 p.m.

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

Trick Or Treat

If you visited the library this past Halloween, you were treated with glimpses of puppies and princesses, ninjas and superheroes, monkeys and rock stars, and even our very own volcano!

Story time would like to thank the Town Office, Loudon Police Department, and the Loudon Fire Department for being an important part of our costume parade! The children look forward to this special event every October. Thank you!

Story Time

Make sure to dress warm and wear your mittens and scarves on December 3, 4, and 5! Story time will be heading to Antarctica to learn about penguins. The children will hear *If You Were a Penguin* by Wendell and Florence Minor and *A Penguin Story* by Antoinette Portis. Each child will leave the southern hemisphere with their very own penguin souvenir.

On December 10, 11, and 12, story timers will create a paper plate owl to remind them of this week's theme. The stories read will be Anita Loughrey's *Owl's Winter Rescue* and Jane Yolen's *Owl Moon*.

Our holiday story time hour will be December 17, 18, and 19. After hearing *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree* by Robert Barry and *Bear Stays up for Christmas* by Karma Wilson the children will make an ornament to adorn their Christmas tree. All are invited to stay for a holiday party. Please bring a treat to share and the library will provide juice.

There will be no story time from December 24 through January 1. Story time will resume Thursday, January 2, 2014. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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.

Weekly Yoga

Yoga is a simple way to improve mind and body awareness and to stretch muscles for better flexibility. Fran Nash's one hour drop-in sessions, with intermediate routines, are held: Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Low-impact chair yoga sessions are held on Thursdays at 11 a.m. The cost per session is \$5.00. There are no classes on holidays. Please call 798-5153 to check on schedule changes.



Sit 'n Stitch

Whether you are a beginner or an advanced knitter, come share your insight with others every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room.

Knitting not your thing? Bring along that project you've been trying to complete whether it's crochet, cross stitch, or needlepoint. The library is a great place to gather around and stitch.

Loudon Village Arts — Fall Fine Art Show

With soft piano music in the background, painting technique demonstrations by LVA artists rounded out the pleasure of seeing so many beautiful works at the Fall Fine Art Show held on November 2 and 3. Congratulations to door prize winner Steve Arsenault! Votes cast for Best of Show were tied between Martha Butterfield, from Loudon, and Pat Davis, from Pembroke. Thank you to all who moved furniture, hung paintings, set up spot lighting, put up signs, and distributed flyers to make the show a success!

Art Workshops

Is this the year you're finally going to pick up a brush and try your hand at painting? Give yourself time to relax, focus, and make progress on your new or unfinished artwork in the library's meeting room, from 2 to 4:00 p.m., on Wednesdays. Whether you want feedback from other painters or just need to set aside a definite time to work, you are welcome to bring your table easel and supplies and start putting your brush to canvas.

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Book group will meet at 7 p.m. on December 19. Please call the library for title information.

Classic Book Group

Before its adaptation as an opera by Puccini, *Manon Lescaut* was a controversial novel of the early 1700s by Abbe Prevost. References to the story — with its themes of class barriers, political turmoil, and tempestuous love — have surfaced in the works of a wide assortment of authors including Dumas, Wilde, Stendhal, Sayers, and Pynchon. At 2:30 p.m. on December 17, book group will examine what fascination the story holds.

New Books

Fiction

Albom, Mitch	<i>The First Phone Call from Heaven</i>
Daniel, Susanna	<i>Stiltsville</i>
Flagg, Fannie	<i>The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion</i>
Johnson, Craig	<i>A Serpent's Tooth</i>
Kingsbury, Karen	<i>Fifteen Minutes</i>
Lamb, Wally	<i>We Are Water</i>
McCall Smith, Alexander	<i>The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon</i>
Preston, Douglas	<i>White Fire</i>
Scottoline, Lisa	<i>Accused</i>
Shreve, Anita	<i>Stella Bain</i>

Nonfiction

Conroy, Pat	<i>The Death of Santini: The Story of a Father and His Son</i>
Evans, Richard Paul	<i>The Four Doors: A Guide to Joy, Freedom, and a Meaningful Life</i>
Mosley, Michael	<i>The FastDiet: Lose Weight, Stay Healthy, and Live Longer with the Simple Secret of Intermittent Fasting</i>
Perlmutter, David	<i>Grain Brain: The Surprising Truth about Wheat, Carbs, and Sugar — Your Brain's Silent Killers</i>
Perry, Barbara	<i>Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch</i>
Zuckerman, Gregory	<i>Frackers: The Outrageous Inside Story of the New Billionaire Wildcatters</i>

New DVDs

Beetlejuice; The Butterfly; Casper; The Conjuring; The Great Gatsby; The Heat; The Internship; Monsters University; Pacific Rim; Parkland; Ragtime; The Sword in the Stone; A Troll in Central Park; The Way, Way Back; White House Down; The Woman in Black

Book Sale

The next book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on December 21. To be notified by email or telephone, call Fran at 798-5153

Holiday Hours

The library will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st. The library will be closed for Christmas and New Year's Day, December 25th and January 1st. Happy Holidays!

Library Hours

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

Library Trustees — Oct. 10, 2013

In attendance: Trustees Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Steve Del Deo, Library Director Nancy Hendy.

Ken Krzewick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Trustees reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 5, 2013, Trustees' meeting. Ken Krzewick motioned to accept the minutes. Molly Ashland seconded. All were in favor. The motioned was adopted.

The Library Director submitted and discussed the Library Director's report, which included the following:

- The LVA **Art Show** will take place on November 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and November 3, from noon to 3 p.m. Live music will be provided by Frank Curatolo. Art technique demonstrations will be offered throughout the day.
- Fifty-six story timers and caregivers made **apple-picking** visits to the Meadow Ledge Farm last week.
- Cheryl Ingerson will attend the **CHILIS conference** in Grantham on October 17. The national collaborative's theme for the 2014 SRP will be announced. Presentations and panel discussions on Common Core and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) will be offered.
- Work is in progress on the **stairwell and the leak** over the bay window.
- The immediate **AC** repairs are done. Work on the condenser unit is still to be completed.
- The Police Chief oversaw **water testing** by a private service and well chlorination by Capital Well. DES also tested a sample.
- After close to twenty-five years with the library, **Jean Nelson** is retiring at the end of October.
- The next **book sale** is scheduled for October 26.

Steve Del Deo reviewed the recently completed drinking water sample analysis indicating that the water quality results were generally good.

The Trustees reviewed the contract with Therrien Roofing Company to replace the leaking bay window roof, and secure the sliding hip caps, and repair the snow guards.

The Library Director indicated that the proposed library budget for FY 2014 will be due in the Selectmens' office by Thursday, November 14, 2013. The Trustees scheduled a budgeting session for Thursday, October 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Molly Ashland made the motion that the Trustees go into executive session. Ken Krzewick seconded. All were in favor. The motion was adopted. The Trustees went into executive session at 5:55 p.m.

At 6:27 p.m. Ken Krzewick made the motion that the Trustees come out of executive session. Steve Del Deo seconded. All were in favor. The motion was adopted. The Trustees came out of executive session at 6:27 p.m.

The next Library Trustees meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Ken Krzewick
Steve Del Deo
Molly Ashland



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

McAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY

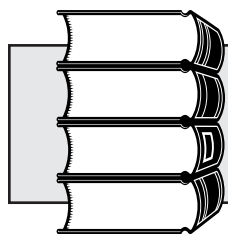
Unlimited free admission to the Society's museum and free use of the Society's library.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

Free trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$7 each.

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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



Between the Covers

By Kate Dockham

As we are in the midst of the holiday season, this is a great time to talk about cookbooks. Food is what often ties us together as a community or family. Pot lucks, bake sales, and Grandma's favorite recipes are foods we enjoy sharing with those we love. A cookbook can start a new tradition, carry on a family tradition or make someone feel welcomed into your circle of friends and family. If you decide to give a cookbook as a gift this season, combining it with a few kitchen utensils or recipe ingredients can make it all the better.

In thinking of gift giving and cookbooks, my first choice would be one from the heart — a collection of your own recipes. In today's technological world there are plenty of software programs that will help you format your recipes. CookN10 and Master Cook 11.0 are probably the programs with the longest running histories. Each program comes loaded with hundreds of recipes, allows you to scale recipes from 5 to 50, calculates nutrition information and allows you to add your own recipes. If you looking for a less complicated and free manner in which to get all your favorite recipes on to great looking recipes cards, try www.skiptomylou.org. This site has a template that you can customize, type in your recipes, and print.

So, I like to cook and there are two cookbooks I would not live without: *Joy of Cooking* by Irma S. Rombauer, Marion Rombauer Becker, and Ethan Becker and the *Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook*. Both of these books are basic cookbooks that will answer any question and teach many techniques in the art of cook and baking. My version of *Joy of Cooking*, now in its ninth edition and 75 years old, has its spine broken in many places from years of use. From this cookbook I gleaned my technique of making piecrust. It easily takes you step-by-step through different procedures with simple illustrations throughout. While giving basic information — like nutrition — for the beginning cook, this classic also walks the reader through much more complex cooking techniques — such as creating a soufflé. *The Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook*, now in its 15th edition, is filled with photographs of both procedure and completed recipes. I like mine in its binder format because it will lay flat on the kitchen counter. Also the pages are slightly laminated so you can easily wipe away a spill! With section tabs for easy organization, I find this the book I go to when looking for information like times and temperatures for different roasts.

My mother, from whom I inherited my love of cooking, would say that every kitchen needs a Julia Child cookbook. *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, written with Louisette Bertholle, Simone Beck, and Sidonie Coryn is the first of many cookbooks by Child and recently the subject of the movie *Julie & Julia*. Child is quoted as saying she wrote the recipes "so anyone could make them." One might be intimidated by the title, but watch an episode of her show from PBS, *The French Chef with Julia Child*, and you will feel empowered. *The Way to Cook*, a book Julia Child published in 1993, is a beautiful book with photographs of the finished recipes and of the techniques used in the recipes. The picture on the front of the book is Julia's kitchen which has been recreated in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History! A great gift this holiday season would be any of Julia's cookbooks, one of the above mentioned videos and a bottle of red wine: Julia Child was known to have a glass of wine while cooking!

Of course there are cookbooks by other celebrity chefs and just other celebrities. *The Cake Boss*, the cast of *The Chew* and even Bob Harper from *The Biggest Loser* all have cookbooks out. You can buy *The Sopranos Family Cookbook: As Compiled by Artie Bucco* or *One Dish at a Time: Delicious Recipes and Stories from My Italian-American Childhood and Beyond* by Valerie Bertinelli, and *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook: Inside the Kitchens, Bars, and Restaurants of Mad Men* by Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin. Gweneth Paltrow has three cookbooks to her name and *A Tucci Cookbook* was authored by actor Stanley Tucci. This list doesn't even mention multiple cookbooks by every chef ever to appear on the Food Network! I can't attest to any of these books, but if you know a fan of a TV show or movie, a cookbook tie-in might make a unique gift. I will say two very interesting books on the celebrity chef are *My Last Supper: 50 Great Chefs and Their Final Meals / Portraits, Interviews, and Recipes* and *My Last Supper: The Next Course: 50 More Great Chefs and Their Final Meals: Portraits, Interviews, and Recipes*. In both volumes Melanie Dunea asks our great chefs what they would eat, the music they would choose, and the people they would invite if they knew when their last meal would be. Dunea, also a professional photographer, includes incredible pictures of the chefs as well as the recipes for some or all of each meal. The hundred chefs she has interviewed so far include Jamie Oliver, Jacques Pepin, Gordon Ramsay, Emeril Lagasse, and Bobby Flay.

Another huge group of cookbooks are those written to make or keep us healthy. Joel Fuhrman is a board-certified family physician who has written 7 books. He specializes in preventing and reversing disease through nutritional and natural methods. Internationally recognized as an expert on nutrition and natural healing, Dr. Fuhrman has appeared on hundreds of radio and television shows including the Dr. Oz show, the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, and *Live with Kelly*. His newest book, *Eat to Live Cookbook: 200 Delicious Nutrient-Rich Recipes for Fast and Sustained Weight Loss, Reversing Disease, and Lifelong Health*, tries to allow

the reader to start following his eating plan while still eating meals with the family. And with everyone enjoying it! Another huge health trend right now is the Paleo diet. *Make-Ahead Paleo: Healthy Gluten-, Grain- & Dairy-Free Recipes Ready When & Where You Are* by Tammy Credicott, and Sarah Fragozo tries to take the stress out of following this type of diet in our busy world. I'm not sure I can take the plunge into the Paleo diet, but with recipes like Pecan Stuffed Chicken, Mushroom Meatballs, and Slow Cooker Apple Cider Chicken, this cookbook might turn some into followers.

Amazon has 157,246 different cookbooks in its inventory. That is approximately a different cookbook for every citizen living in both Manchester and Concord! Simply amazing. But food is integral to our culture. We celebrate with it and we mourn with it. We use it to stimulate our senses and to fill our boredom. We gather around food with our families. Take some time this month to break bread with those you cherish, and until next time... keep turning those pages! ■

Time To Sign Up For Snowmobile Safety Classes

Winter is closing in, and snowmobile education classes are underway across the state. To operate a snowmobile in New Hampshire, any person age 12 or older must have either a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License or have successfully completed an approved Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Safety Education class taught by volunteer instructors trained by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Additionally, all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult when operating a snowmobile, unless they are on property belonging to their parents, grandparents or guardians.

Sign up soon if you or someone you know needs a class. There is no charge for the classes, which are usually completed in a single day. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their children. For a current class schedule, visit <http://www.wildnh.com/OHRV/schedule.html>. New classes are added as they become available.

"Snowmobiling is a great way for families to have fun exploring the great outdoors, but riders have a responsibility to obey the rules of the trails, to be courteous and — most of all — to ride safely," said Captain John Wimsatt, who coordinates Fish and Game's OHRV Education Program.

Many of the trained volunteer instructors teaching the safety classes are affiliated with one of the more than 100 snowmobile clubs in New Hampshire. "Joining a snowmobile club is a great way to learn about safe riding, help support local landowners and help maintain trails for your own and others' enjoyment," Wimsatt said.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and its member clubs have actively promoted safe and responsible riding since 1969. NHSA members work with Bureau of Trails staff and Fish and Game to manage over 7,000 miles of trails in New Hampshire and provide safety education to more than 1,500 riders each year. For more information on how to become involved with a snowmobile club, visit <http://www.nhsa.com>.

In addition to safety education, this winter Fish and Game Conservation Officers will use innovative enforcement patrols to detect and apprehend impaired snowmobile operators, enforce speed limits, deter unlawful off-trail riding and detect machines with modified exhaust. These ongoing initiatives will help to keep the state's snowmobile trails safe for all outdoor enthusiasts during the upcoming season.

New Publication Available

New Hampshire Snowmobile and OHRV (Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle) trail riders have a new resource available, the *2013–2014 N.H. OHRV & Snowmobile Digest of Regulations*. This colorful new publication is slim — just 16 pages — but packed full of need-to-know information on rules of the trail road, riding responsibly and registering your OHRV or snowmobile. You'll find general trail maps and learn where to find more detailed trail guides.

Check out the new digest online at <http://www.ride.nh.gov/OHRV/ohrv.htm>, or pick up a free copy at any Fish and Game office or at many registration agents, dealers and businesses throughout the state.

One section of particular interest details the license and age restrictions for riding. New Hampshire Fish and Game Department officials note that a number of new rules are in place for minors operating Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles, but snowmobile youth requirements remain unchanged. ■

New Store Opens in Fox Pond Plaza

By Cammy Nolin

Rebecca Stuart is a woman of many talents. She's a gardener, a chicken keeper, a PTA board member, the co-producer of her church's hugely popular Christmas musical, and the best last-minute Halloween costume maker you'll ever meet. She is familiar to many, and often volunteers at school and church. Most importantly, she's the director in her bustling home: mother to a toddler, two elementary school kids, two high school sophomores, and three young adults. Her husband Bill is a candidate for the diaconate, which means she has been hard at work supporting him through his academic requirements and accompanying him on retreats. Even though she's busy around the clock with her active family, she saw a need and is opening Loudon's newest business, Blessed Be consignment shop.

Their large blended family means that the Stuarts have “a lot of stuff” ranging from baby clothes to the older kids’ outgrown athletic gear. Rebecca realized that the options for consignment (both to buy and sell) are pretty limited. Despite having a full plate with Bill’s training and the kids’ school and church activities, she had been searching for a new direction, and the consignment idea — and a newly-vacated space at Fox Pond Plaza — just unfolded for her. She describes herself as an avid consignment shopper, and plans to uphold a high quality standard guided largely by the tenet of “Would I buy this? Would my customers buy this?”

As I was speaking to her, it occurred to me that I didn't have a clear idea of how the consignment process works. Rebecca explained that consignors will meet with her by appointment and the length of the consignment will be agreed upon. The consignor keeps a percentage of the total sales of their goods, and the shop keeps the balance. Items not sold by the end of the sale period can either be put back on display, taken back by the consigner, or donated to local charity. Because baby gear is likely to be the biggest line at first, staple items such as onesies and bibs would be purchased from the consignor outright, but higher end items such as durable gear, snow suits, flower girl dresses, doll houses, etc. would be consigned.

Stuart would like to eventually include lines such as maternity wear and possibly adults' clothes. Though the children's line is something most people will expect to find at her store, Rebecca's real goal is to service the 'tween set: kids' sizes 14-16. She related that many kids outgrow the children's sizes in one respect, but are still not quite in the adult size range. Consignments give families the option to buy good quality clothing that can be altered or repurposed ("upcycled") without breaking the bank. In addition, and something to which a lot of Loudon families can relate, is the need for affordable sports gear. Rebecca will carry gently-used equipment like soccer cleats and ice skates, items that kids outgrow from one sports season to the next.

Consignments aren't the only goods on display: the store will feature handmade gifts such as knitted baby hats, handmade baby shoes and bibs, and even colorful dress-up tutus! She is still looking for unique, hand-crafted items and would love to hear from more artisans in the Loudon area.

The 1056-square-foot shop at the junction of routes 106 and 129 includes a dressing room and a play area. Ella, the curly-haired, angel-faced ambassador of the Stuart clan will be there most days to welcome playmates as their parents shop or meet to consign goods. This family-operated store's hours are currently Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., but may evolve. To meet with Rebecca, contact her at the store during business hours, or call the shop at 961-0284. The most exciting aspect of Blessed Be is that the consignors have as much to gain as the shop does; it will be a great motivator to clean out our (kids') closets and make a few dollars for the effort. And if the store is any reflection of Rebecca and her hard-working, cheerful ethic, it will be around to see many of our kids go from baby seats to soccer cleats. ■

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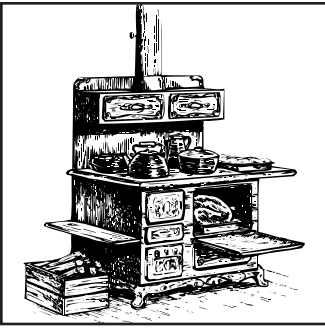
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Candy Canes

Jenn Pfeifer

I hope this holiday season has been a sweet one so far. Nothing is sweeter this time of year than peppermint candy canes. Candy canes are not only used as a sweet Christmastime treat but they are also used for decoration.

When using trees to celebrate Christmas became popular in Europe, the people there began making decorations for their trees. Many of the decorations were food items including cookies and candy. The original candy cane was straight and all white. The red and white striped candy canes were first made around 1900. Over 1.76 billion candy canes are made each year. Candy canes can be used as a topping for foods such as ice cream, puddings, cookies, and cakes. They can also be used to stir and flavor hot chocolate, tea, and coffee. The United States celebrates National Candy Cane Day on December 26.

CANDY CANE RECIPE — candycanefacts.com

Making your own candy canes instead of just buying them can take some time and patience to get it to work out right but with some practice it can be fun and is a real holiday treat.

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon peppermint flavoring
- 1/2 cup water
- 3/4 cup light corn syrup
- 3/4 teaspoon red vegetable coloring
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

Combine the sugar, water, syrup, and cream of tartar and heat until the sugar is dissolved very fine. Divide into two saucepans, boil, but don't stir until each lot is 280 F. Add 1/2 tsp peppermint to each lot and add the coloring to one. Place on an enamel or marble table to cool. First oil your table, as a general rule. Like taffy, you stretch and pull and form into ropes of red and white. Now twist them around again and again, and form them into your cane. Now place them on an oiled surface and allow them to harden. Have fun and enjoy your homemade candy canes!

CANDY CANE KISS BROWNIE BITES — picky-palate.com

- 1 brownie mix (9x13-inch size)
- 18 candy Cane Hershey Kisses
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 3 candy canes, crushed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare brownie mix according to package directions and scoop into a mini cheesecake pan or mini muffin tin pan that has been generously sprayed with cooking spray, about 3/4 way full. Press kisses into center of brownie batter, do not push all the way to bottom, some of the tip should stick out the top. Bake for 20–23 minutes or until brownies are cooked through. Let cool completely.

Melt chocolate chips in microwave 30 second intervals until smooth and melted. Stir in cream until silky smooth. You can place back in microwave for 10 seconds to smooth more if needed. Dip tops of brownies into melted chocolate, then sprinkle with crushed candy canes. Serve with a tall glass of milk. Enjoy!!

CANDY CANE FUDGE — candycanefacts.com

- 2 10-ounce packages vanilla baking chips
- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1-1/2 cups crushed candy canes
- 1 dash red or green food coloring

Line an 8-inch square baking pan with aluminum foil, and grease the foil. Combine the vanilla chips and sweetened condensed milk in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir frequently until almost melted, remove from heat and continue to stir until smooth. When chips are completely melted, stir in the peppermint extract, food coloring, and candy canes. Spread evenly in the bottom of the prepared pan. Chill for 2 hours, then cut into squares.

CANDY CANE POPCORN

This sweet, salty, and crunchy treat is hard to resist!

- 1/2 cup un-popped popcorn
- 4 ounces white chocolate chips
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 peppermint candy canes, crushed

Using an air popper, pop the popcorn, place into a large bowl, and discard unpopped kernels. Melt white chocolate chips and salt in microwave 20 seconds at a time stirring after each 20 seconds until melted. Pour the melted chocolate over

the popcorn, and sprinkle the crushed candy canes over the mixture. Using your hands, work the candy coating and crushed candy canes all through the popcorn. Let the mixture cool, and break apart into bite-size pieces.

CANDY CANE MARTINI RECIPE

This drink is absolutely delicious!

- 1 ounce Vanilla Vodka
- 1/2 ounce Peppermint Schnapps
- 4 candy canes crushed
- small candy canes or peppermint balls (optional)

Dip the edge of the glass in water then into the crushed candy canes. Pour all of the liquid ingredients into a shaker 1/2 full of cracked ice. Shake vigorously. Strain and pour into the chilled martini glasses. Garnish with candy canes and peppermint balls.

CANDY CANE BATH SOAK

THIS IS NOT EDIBLE but is a very cute gift idea for Christmas!

- 2 cups Epsom salts
- 1/2 cup sea salt
- 6–8 drops peppermint extract
- 2–3 drops red food coloring

Place one cup of Epsom and 1/4 cup sea salt in a bowl or resealable plastic bag. Add 3–4 drops peppermint oil. Place the remaining ingredients in a second bowl. Mix all ingredients well. Layer the red and white salts in a clear bottle or jar. Tie with a ribbon and some small candy canes.

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

Apprentice Hunting License

This year, New Hampshire is once again offering the Apprentice Hunting License, an opportunity for sharing or participating in the hunting experience. First offered in New Hampshire in 2012, the license allows people to hunt, under the guidance of an experienced hunter age 18 or older, without first taking a Hunter Education course. In instituting the program, New Hampshire followed the lead of thirty states that have established apprentice hunting programs.

The Apprentice License costs the same as a regular resident or nonresident hunting license and is valid from date of purchase through the end of the calendar year. It is available to state residents as well as nonresidents. You can purchase an Apprentice License just once in your lifetime. After that, you have to take a Hunter Education class in order to buy a hunting license. Apprentice licenses can be purchased only at Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, or by mail (visit www.wildnh.com/Licensing/license_forms.htm for an application.)

In its premiere year, the Apprentice License proved quite popular. In 2012, a total of 1,666 Apprentice Licenses were sold. Of these 427 were purchased by women. "It was exciting to see the number of younger people who participated," said Wildlife Programs Supervisor Kent Gustafson. He noted that the vast majority of apprentice licenses were sold to people age 16–34, a demographic that bodes well for the future of hunting in New Hampshire. The Apprentice License is expected to be a big hit this year as well.

Learn more about the apprentice license, including tips for both apprentice hunters and those who accompany them, at www.huntnh.com/Hunting/apprentice.html.

In a nutshell, here's how the Apprentice License works:

- One-time opportunity: You can purchase an Apprentice Hunting License only once in your lifetime. If you want to hunt in a future year, you must first complete a hunter education course, then buy a regular New Hampshire hunting license.
- Accompanied: The licensed apprentice hunter is allowed to hunt only when accompanied by a properly licensed hunter age 18 or older. "Accompanied" means maintaining physical direction and control (keeping the apprentice within sight and hearing at all times, without the use of electronic devices).
- Cost: The apprentice hunting license costs the same as a regular resident or nonresident hunting license.
- Restrictions: The Apprentice License may not be used to hunt moose and does not apply to the three-day small game license. ■

Jean Nelson Retires After 24 Years With Maxfield Public Library

Chances are she remembered your name. And probably the names of your children. And maybe even your library number. But no matter what, she always made you feel welcome and comfortable when you walked through the door of the library.

For the past twenty-four years, Jean Nelson greeted you at the circulation desk with her trademark big smile. She would ask how you were doing, or how was your trip, or find something to give you a sincere compliment about — your recent haircut, the look of your new coat, or the attractive color of your sweater. And, of course, New Englanders always like to grouse or glory together about the weather. The caring focus was on you.

She wasn't selling anything, but just offering the lost art of great customer service with a strong foundation of good old Yankee work ethic. Jean was likely to know your taste in books or DVDs and gave you suggestions on things you might like. Reader's advisory is the library jargon for that, and she took pride in and was adept at that skill.

From its inception in the mid-1980s, Jean was an enthusiastic and reliable volunteer in the Friends of the Maxfield Public Library. Not much of a seamstress herself, she was happy to do whatever she could as the group made quilts for library fundraisers. Every year, she volunteered time to bake for a potluck supper and decorate the library for the holidays. She endured long town meetings to be sure she was there if the library needed support. She was an advocate for the power and magic of reading and being informed. She especially enjoyed all the children who came through the library doors with parents eager to encourage lifelong readers.

When Jean decided to retire, the timing turned out perfectly for her family. Soon after, she learned her first grandchild is on the way in Texas! Retirement will allow her to enjoy unrestricted time helping her daughter Kristi and son-in-law Josh when the baby arrives. A few road trips are in the works, too. And maybe a visit to Scotland for research into her husband Rick's ancestors? She's savoring the possibilities!

The Trustees, staff, and friends celebrated her retirement with a party in the library's meeting room on November 1. Dennis Ashland, Marilyn Sylvester, Steve Arsenault, and Barbara Sullivan provided outstanding food. The walls were covered in beautiful paintings for the upcoming art show, fall colors and flowers decorated the tables, and LVA artist Frank Curatolo played soft piano music in the

background. Guests signed a pen, ink, and watercolor fun caricature of Jean painted by Curatolo. The whole feeling was just right for someone who, as anyone who knows her would agree, is herself the essence of graciousness.

Whatever the future holds, we wish her well and thank her for all those years of care and devotion to a job she did so well. **HAPPY RETIREMENT, JEAN!!** ■



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**Our Restaurant
will be open this winter!**
Play a few rounds of
simulated golf and join
friends for drinks
and dinner.

Don't Let Your Golf Game Suffer Because of a Little Snow! Join Us For "Virtual Golf" All Winter Long!



Loudon Country Club now has a virtual golf simulator available to keep your skills sharp all winter long.

The Club will be open 7 days a week with prices as low as \$20 an hour for certain times!

For additional photos of the simulator, check out our Facebook page.

**Loudon Country Club, 653 Route 106 North, Loudon
603-783-3372 • www.LoudonCC.com**

Rec Committee News



“Like” us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events. Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website know that we add stuff after the publishing of the latest *Loudon Ledger* so please check frequently!!

Zumba

If you are interested in joining the next session of Zumba, which will start in Janaury, email Jen at cjmercerc@myfairpoint.net. Zumba is officially described as an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Most of all it is FUN. The six-week session runs on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$42 for the six-week session. Registration is at the first class. Please make checks payable to Loudon Recreation.

Always Looking For More Help With Recreation!!!

Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We are always looking for 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. 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. Recreation Committee meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library; **HOWEVER**, sometimes our busy schedules require meeting date modifications — watch Facebook for meeting dates and times. If you don't see us at the library on the fourth Wednesday of the month, please email Alicia at affirmhealth@yahoo.com to be added to our contact list for meeting dates.

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

Pack 247 Update

Pizza for a Good Cause

Pack 247 and Papa Gino's on Loudon Road are partnering for a fundraiser on Thursday nights in December. When you order from the Loudon Road location of Papa Ginios, mention Pack 247 and 20% of the proceeds will go directly to the Pack. Watch your child's folder for more information. Thanks in advance for your help!

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who purchased popcorn. Congratulations to our top sellers, Brady Moore, Hayden Huson, and Dylan Brien. Good job, boys!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Scouting for Food drive. Your generous donations were much appreciated by the Loudon Food pantry.

Upcoming Events:

Scout Family Day at the Manchester Monarchs. Sunday, December 15, 2013. 11:45 a.m. Pre-game event. 3:00 Game. Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester

The Daniel Webster Council is teaming up with the Manchester Monarchs to offer Scouting units and families a fun-filled afternoon and the opportunity to see the Monarchs take on the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Doors will open at 11:45 for a pre-game Scouting program of entertainment, including the chance to participate in activities on the ice, meet players, take pictures with the Zamboni, win cool prizes, and be seen on the JumboTron. Any Scout who earns his way into this year's popcorn sale \$600 Club got a free ticket. Join us in the fun.

Join Scouting!

It is not too late to sign up for scouts. Please contact Amanda Moore at amdenmre@comcast.net or 783-0299 or Josh Brien at jbprop@aol.com if you are interested in signing up. ■



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

The members of the Loudon Police Department extend their wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

On that same note, I ask 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 again will be out with extra patrols to deter drinking and driving. Plan ahead and utilize a designated driver and PLEASE buckle up.

As the inclement weather approaches, I am strongly urging motorists 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.

We at Loudon Police cannot stress the importance enough of calling in any suspected suspicious activity. We are here 24/7 to serve our residents. Be assured we will alert the residents with any incidents that may merit some necessary alarm or extra vigilance. Unfortunately, we are at the point of time that it is necessary to lock our residences and vehicles. It's a great time to get to know your neighbors and watch out for your neighborhood. If anything appears out of place or suspicious in nature, please do not hesitate to contact us at 228-1631 which is answered 24/7.

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 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.miles-smithfarm.com. 783-5159

Moonshine Farm Organics

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

Mudgett Hill Mumbling 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@com or 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., Weekends 9–5. 267-8492



Loudon Food Pantry News

Gift of Lights at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

In 2011 and 2012 the NH Motor Speedway gave the food donations from the Gift of Lights to Loudon Food Pantry. It has been a huge help for the towns we support (Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester, Epsom and Loudon). We are looking forward to it again this year. **Bring 3 or more nonperishable food items to the Gift of Lights and receive \$2.00 off the cost of your ticket. All food will be donated to Loudon Food Pantry. Have a great time!**

Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair

Join us at Santa's Breakfast at Loudon Elementary School on December 7th. This much anticipated event will feature: pancakes with REAL maple syrup, a fantastic raffle, a cookie walk, a gingerbread house contest, and LOTS of local crafters, farmers, and small businesses. Wagon rides will be provided by Stoneboat Farms and their majestic draft horses. The Jolly Old Elf himself — Santa — will stop by to hear all of your children's wishes. Don't miss it! If you are interested in volunteering, donating prizes for the raffle or baking cookies for the cookie walk, please call the school at 783-4400 for details.

Halloween Party at Loudon Elementary School

The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Loudon had a Halloween Party on November 1st to help raise food and money for Loudon Food Pantry. We all had a terrific time! Over 1,350 food items were donated and \$545.50 was raised. It came at a time when our stock room was almost empty. Thank you so much to everyone that helped and donated!

Food Drives Received During November

Epsom Middle School, Merrimack Valley High School, LES Turkey Trott

Food drives gives the pantry a variety in food to give out to our patrons. Everything received is welcome and needed!

Thanksgiving Basket Donations

New England Dry Ice — Dry Ice Bins

Meadow Ledge Farm — Apples and Squash

Young at Heart — Turkey Dinner Fixings

Loudon Freewill Baptist Church — Turkey Diner Fixings

American Legion Post 88 of Loudon — Funds to purchase items that have not been donated

Thank you to everyone else that donated goods or funds for our Thanksgiving Boxes. Without your help, we could not have handed out about 125 baskets.

Annual Holiday 50/50 Raffle

Our annual raffle is starting November 1st and continues until December 13th. Half of the ticket sales will go to the winner and the other half benefits Loudon Food Pantry. Tickets are 50¢ each; \$2.00 for 5 or \$3.00 for 10. You can purchase your tickets at the pantry located at 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon on Mon., Tue., or Thu. 10 a.m.–5 a.m. and Wed. 10 a.m.–6 a.m. An order form will be on our website (LoudonFoodPantry.org) during the dates of the raffle.

Christmas Box Signup

Capital Region Food Program puts together our Christmas Boxes each year. But, you need to qualify and sign up through an agency (like Loudon Food Pantry) to receive your Christmas Box.

Donations Needed

Check out LoudonFoodPantry.org for an updated list of items we need. Thank-giving needs are listed there too. We will also have printed lists available at the pantry as well. During the months of November and December we will also accept donations every Friday from 11 a.m.– 3 p.m. (except for holidays of course).

You can mail or drop off your donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. But if you find you're not in the neighborhood you can drop off at one of these convenient locations:

Business	Town	Collection Type Accepted
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
The Hungry Buffalo	Loudon	Food & Funds
Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Loudon Village Country Store	Loudon	Funds
Body & Spirit Day Spa	Concord	Funds

Thanks, Sarah, Sue, Bill and Mike ■

What Will You Do Today?

By Vivien F. Green, Executive Director, GoodLife Programs & Activities

Sarah Dorsch starts her day at 3:30 a.m. delivering newspapers to two buildings in her living complex. Later in the morning she spends time with her knitting group making hats and mittens for children in the community. Then it's off to pastel painting class.

Seventy-one-year-old Sarah is not unlike many of New Hampshire's "new" senior citizens, who are staying active and not taking retirement sitting down.

A cultural tour of Britain. Pilates. Tai Chi. Zentangle and Art Classes. These may sound like offerings at area colleges, but in fact, these are the activities the more "mature" participants at Centennial Senior Center's newly named **GoodLife Programs & Activities** are engaging in each day.

It's out with the old traditional activities like bingo and cards, and in with dynamic ideas for unique programs and healthy living. That might sound like an odd statement for the Executive Director of a senior center to make, but in the case of Centennial Senior Center's new **GoodLife Programs & Activities**, it would be accurate.

In New Hampshire in 2012, nearly 15% of people were 65 or older, which is above the average in the United States, according to U.S. Census information. There are now more Americans age 65 and older than at any other time in U.S. history. With a positive attitude and a support network, there is no reason why many of these "seasoned" citizens cannot take advantage of opportunities such as exercise classes, technology based educational forums and travel.

Empowering older adults to make choices that will enhance their lives as they age was behind the recent naming of "**GoodLife Programs & Activities**." Independence and health and wellness are important for everyone, but particularly for those in later years.

Many "younger older adults" are still working and looking to senior centers for job training and professional development opportunities. Computer classes help fill this need, with participants bringing in their own iPhones or iPads and learning how best to utilize them. Others are looking to take trips that they had neither the time nor the money to do before. And still others want social engagement and the opportunity to stay in good physical health — thus the early morning Yoga classes and the facilitation of coffees and informal gatherings where people can connect.

The concept behind the name **GoodLife Programs & Activities** lies in recognizing the changing face of aging and changing needs of retirees and adapting programs and activities to best ensure that a "good life" is an option. Forward thinking senior centers across the country like Centennial are becoming places where experience and energy come together to create an environment where the value and importance of older adults is recognized.

With a mission to promote a community where all seniors are engaged and supported and have access to diverse opportunities to enhance their overall wellness, whatever those might be, **GoodLife** works to connect its constituents to the resources and support they need.

Meet. Learn. Enjoy. It's the new vision of aging — and the way to a good life.

Vivien Green is the Executive Director of GoodLife Programs & Activities presented by Centennial Senior Center. Prior to holding her current position, she was the Executive Director at the Nashua Senior Activity Center (SAC) and a consultant for AARP-NH. ■

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

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

This year's D.A.R.E. "Keepin' It REAL" program is tentatively scheduled to start the week the students return from Christmas vacation.

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 to 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 of what they have learned. The topics are more specific to the needs of this age group and the lessons are fun and practical.

Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use are down among students, according to statistics in the State of New Hampshire. I am hopeful that it is due in part to this program, and I look forward to teaching the students this year. ■

PTA: “Trick or Trunk” and Santa’s Breakfast



Trick or Trunk

Despite the rain, the Trick or Trunk sponsored by the LES PTA and the Loudon Fire Department was a big success! Thanks to everyone who decorated their trunk and all who came out to participate! Special thanks to Brookside Pizza for donating the gift cards for prizes.

Congratulations to the winners of our costume contest: Grace Stuart, Nicholas Lingner, Hannah Verville, Noah Byron, and Landon Simonds.

Many thanks to The Loudon Fire Department for taking on the big responsibility of judging!

Congratulations to our Truck Decoration contest winners: First Place — Rachel Butler, Second Place — Justin and Ashley Simonds, and Third Place — Colette Garside.

Santa’s Breakfast, Craft Fair, and Farmer’s Market Update

Annual Santa’s Breakfast, Craft Fair, and Farmer’s Market will be held on December 7, 2013 Loudon Elementary School. A Pancake Breakfast will be offered from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. (\$5 a person, 2 and under free, \$20 maximum per family). Enjoy pancakes with real

maple syrup, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee. Santa will be visiting from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. — bring your camera!

There will be free horse drawn wagon rides from 9 to 11 a.m. courtesy of Stoneboat Farm

The Craft Fair and Farmer’s Market will be open from 8:00 to noon. This is a great way to shop for the holidays and support local artisans and farmers.

The Quarter Raffle will be held at 10:00 a.m. There will be dozens of items to choose from, all just 25 cents a chance! Items may be donated to the raffle, please bring them to LES by Friday, December 6.

From 8 a.m. until noon you can fill a bag with delicious home-baked cookies by participating in our Cookie Walk. \$3/small bag, \$5/large bag.

Build a Gingerbread House and bring it to the gym by 10 a.m. for our Gingerbread House Contest. Prizes will be awarded at noon.

To rent a table at the craft fair/farmer’s market, call Becky Herrmann at 783-4400 or fill out this form and send to: LES attn. PTA, 7039 School Street, Loudon, NH 03307. Please include table fee of \$15 with the form on the next page.

Holiday Food Basket Change in Distribution

Please be aware that starting this year, **applicants will be responsible to pick up their boxes** at the Arthur W.

Colby Safety Complex (Fire Station #1, located at 8 Cooper Street). **Pick up times are between the hours of 8:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 22, 2013.**

Each applicant receives two heavy boxes of food, please plan accordingly. Any questions, contact the Selectmen’s Office prior to December 22, 2013 at 603-798-4541.

Pay Your Property Taxes Online

Loudon Property Owners:

You can access detailed property tax balance and payment information as well as pay your property taxes online — *24 hours a day* — by visiting the Tax Collector’s kiosk.

For more information go to
www.loudonnh.org
under the heading of
TAX COLLECTOR

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Have you been a crafter at our event in the past? yes no

What will you be selling? _____

Do you need electricity at your table? (yes/no)

Special requests: _____

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who came to Brookside Pizza in support of the PTA on Oct. 22. Brookside donated \$500, a portion of the evening's proceeds, to the PTA. Not only did you get a great meal, but your participation raised funds for our school.

It's Time To Get KRAZY!

That's right, it's time for our annual Krazy Kids Fundraiser. Krazy Kids is an indoor play space for kids of all ages located on Sheep Davis Road (Rt. 106) near the intersection with Rt. 3. You purchase a ticket for each child participating (parents must be present, but do not require tickets) at the face value of \$10 and the Latham family, owners of Krazy Kids, generously donate \$5 from each ticket sold back to the LES PTA. Winter is coming and sometimes it's just too wet or too cold to play outside. Krazy Kids is a great way for kids to burn off that extra energy. Do you have family coming for the holidays? Krazy Kids is a great way to keep the kids entertained! Thank you for supporting the LES PTA.

PTA Online

The LES PTA has it's own web page. To stay on top of all the PTA news visit <http://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpdpride.org/les/pta>

Upcoming Events

- December 5th.** 6 p.m. PTA Meeting at LES. Babysitting is available
December 7th. Santa's Breakfast
January 6, 2014. High Mowing Organic Seed fundraiser begins
June 7, 2014. PTA Golf Tournament

Interested in volunteering or have a question about the PTA? Please contact any of the LES PTA board members: **Becky Herrmann:** *President*, becky@handcut.com. **Rebecca Stuart:** *Vice President*, stuartfamily9@comcast.net. **Rachel Butler:** *Treasurer*, rachelbutler1773@yahoo.com. **Kristen Byron:** *Secretary*, sbkk@tds.com ■






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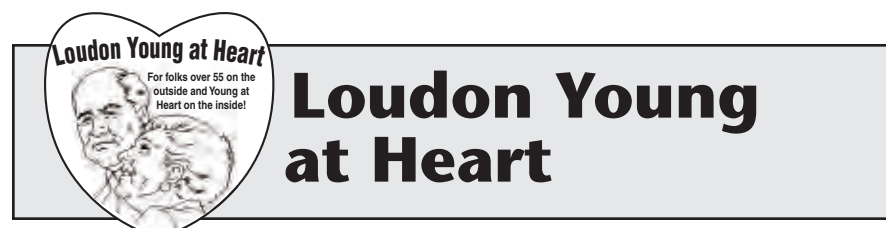
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Loudon Young at Heart

The Loudon Young at Heart met on November 12, 2013 at Charlie's Barn. The forty one attendees listened to the presentation on The Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) given by Jennifer Brechtel and Keliene Totten from the VNA. Some of the ways the Affordable Care Act is helping seniors are: Medicare Benefits Expanded, Free Preventive Services and Annual Wellness Visit, Lower Medicare Part B premiums and Lower-Cost Prescription Drugs. The presentation ended with a question and answer period and was informative for all. Handouts were available and extras were left in the entry way at Charlie's Barn for any interested person wanting information on this subject.

There were eleven door prizes given out and the recipients were: Stan Prescott, Sarah Lampron, Barbara Follansbee, Walter Lampron, Judy Markley, Marilyn Dubuc, Janet Darling, Terry O'Brien, Irene Dow, Carole O'Brien and Joan Castricone. Congratulations to all!!!

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 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 dessert for the buffet. The program for the day is Christmas caroling with Pat Chagnon at the key board. We hope you can join us for this festive event.

SEE YOU THERE!! ■



December Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's December Walk-In Immunization Clinics will be held on Monday, December 2 from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, December 17 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Clinics are for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. Immunization Clinics are held 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.

In addition, children age 3 and over and adults can receive flu vaccine for \$25 per immunization (cash or check). Clients who present an insurance card from Medicare B, Medicaid, Harvard Pilgrim, or Anthem (NHN, NHP, YGG, EHH, R, or Federal) do not need to pay a fee. Please note that flu clinics are dependent on the availability of the vaccine and are subject to change. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

December Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

A free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be offered on Friday, December 6 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Concord Parks and Recreation (formerly Dame School), 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings help 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 Clinics

A Senior Health Clinic will be held in Loudon on December 4 from 9 a.m. until noon at VOANNE (Richard Brown House) Senior Housing. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. 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. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment. ■

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Loudon American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Post Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

On November 7th, I attended a Veterans Day Ceremony at Merrimack Valley Middle School. I would like to thank the students and faculty for all the time and energy they put into this event to make it something special for us veterans. I had a wonderful time listening to the speakers and the music played by the band. Also on this day I hand-carried our donation check of \$250.00 to the Loudon Food Pantry for their holiday food basket needs. I met with Sarah Houck who gladly accepted our donation. This donation will help the food pantry do the most good for our area residents who are struggling to put food on the table for their families.

In the evening hours of November 7, I attended calling hours for a fallen comrade. Post member Howard "Howie" Nowell, Jr. went to be with his Heavenly Father on November 4 2013. Howie was a veteran of the US Navy serving during the Korean War. His Legion family extends its condolences to his wife Marie and his entire family.

Please continue to send your 2014 dues renewals in by December 31st. Please consider coming to one of our meetings so that I can put a face to your name and get to know you as a fellow veteran versus a number on our membership roster. We meet at Charlie's Barn on the third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours.

Your post still needs you to provide us with a copy of your DD-214's so that we can keep them on file per new IRS regulations. If you do not have a copy of your DD-214 you can contact the National Personnel Records Center. Write to Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100. Their phone number is 314-801-0800 and you can request a copy by going on line to <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on December 18th at 7 p.m. I'm going to be offering some incentives for members who recruit a new member to our post. Come to a meeting to find out more or contact me. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Respectively submitted,
Commander Shawn Jones
uscgr1987@tds.net

Merry Christmas from the Loudon Station & Recycling Committee

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Merrimack Valley School District News

MVSD ALERT!

We have received several complaints about people knocking on doors in the Penacook area soliciting money for needy students at MVHS. In some cases they mention a “food coop” or “food drive.”

Please note that we do not allow students to solicit door to door. The Concord Police are aware of this activity. If you have had someone knocking on your door claiming to be from MVHS, please contact the Concord Police at 225-8600.

There is also a company called “Sports Media” that is contacting area businesses selling ads for a Merrimack Valley High School sports poster. We do not have a business relationship with this company. The school does not benefit in any way from the ads placed with this company.

The school is in the process of creating a new webpage that will detail our actual fundraising activities and procedures. If you have questions about whether a fundraiser is legitimate, please check our website under Athletics and Co-Curricular activities. We truly appreciate the ongoing support of our local businesses and members of the community! ■

LES News (mvsdpride.org)

“There is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American.” — O. Henry

Fire Awareness Month

During the month of October our K-3 students either visit the Loudon Fire Department or they come to us. In this photo, three Loudon Firefighters, including Chief Wright, came to LES with an EMT vehicle. The students get an up close look at the emergency vehicle, see and learn about the equipment used by the emergency responders, and get to ask as many questions as they want. The students show a lot of enthusiasm and are awed by the equipment the Loudon Fire Department has to put out fires and help people who are injured or sick.



PTA-Brookside Pizza Fundraiser

On Tuesday, October 22 Brookside Pizza held a fundraiser at their Loudon location. They donated a portion of their proceeds to the LES PTA. A total of \$500 was raised and that money will go to help our students in various ways. The PTA funds many activities and purchases at LES. Some, but far from all, include field trips, technology, yearbooks, and the last day assembly.

Grade 5 Math Night

On Wednesday, November 6 the fifth-grade teachers hosted a Family Math Night. They had two goals in mind when creating this evening. They wanted to bring the community together and they wanted to give parents activities they can do at home with their children that are math related, but also fun and enjoyable. Approximately 70 people came to the school for the math activities. Not only were there fifth-grade students and their parents, but many parents brought younger siblings with them. We loved it!



Parent/Teacher Conference Numbers

As of November 4, 93% of the LES students had a parent come to the school and talk to their child's teacher about their progress. Although we strive for 100%, at this point only 19 students have not had a parent/teacher conference on their behalf. I know that some of those are scheduled to be made up.

For all those who have come to communicate directly with your child's teacher, I thank you. Students have a greater likelihood to be successful when school and home communicate in the best interest of the child. Please understand you are welcome to contact us at any time through face to face contact, phone, or email.

If you have not had a parent/teacher conference, please contact your child's teacher and a meeting will be set up.

ESMI Gift to LES

The Loudon branch of the Environmental Soil Management Company has generously donated \$2,000 to LES. This unsolicited donation was a pleasant surprise and much appreciated by the staff. The money will be used to help us purchase technology to put in the hands of the students.

PTA Trick or Trunk

In conjunction with the Loudon Fire Department, the LES PTA hosted a Trick or Trunk event. About twenty-five families and local businesses had vehicles decorated at the fire station to pass out Halloween treats. Students came to trick or treat and to have Halloween fun.



Info

At the last MVSD School Board Meeting, the board heard a report on full-day kindergarten from Assistant Superintendent, Chris Barry. The Board's Curriculum and Finance Committees will discuss full-day kindergarten at their respective meetings on November 18. This will likely be discussed again at the December 9 MVSD School Board meeting.

There are free flu shots at Convenient MD Urgent Care at 8 Loudon Road in Concord. They are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. These are for MVSD students under the age of 18. Children must be accompanied by a legal guardian. There is a flyer on the LES home page under News and Information.

Tom Laliberte, Principal
tlaliberte@mv.k12.nh.us
783-4400

MVMS News (mvsdpride.org)

Upcoming Events

- December 5th.** 7th grade Academic Night. 6-7 p.m.
- December 9th.** Winter Sport Tryouts.
- December 12th.** 8th grade Academic Night. 6-7 p.m.
- December 17th.** National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

MVMS Veteran's Day Celebration

Merrimack Valley Annual Veteran's Day celebration was held on November 7th at 9:00 a.m. in our gymnasium.

We invited local area veterans to attend. The band and chorus performed and Mr. Dan York, an MV graduate and local veteran, joined us as our guest speaker.

This is always a memorable event that students, faculty and veterans look forward to.

Halloween Party

The MVMS PTO sponsored the annual Halloween party on October 25th. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students had a wonderful time dressing up in some fantastic costumes. They participated in a costume contest prizes were awarded for scariest, homemade and best fictional character.

October was National Bullying Prevention Month.

MVMS students are working to end bullying.

The large majority of MVMS students took the Anti-Bullying pledge and are proudly wearing their wristbands in support. In Guided Study classrooms students participated in a bullying awareness lesson and a poster contest.

The culmination of our efforts was an Anti-Bullying Awareness spirit rally in which students collaborated to complete community building activities across grade levels.

Constitution Day

Students celebrated Constitution Day on September 17th in Social Studies classes.

Below is a poem, written by Courtney Palmer, in celebration of the day.

*I love you, Constitution,
Because you make me free
And as long as I live in America,
I know that I will be,
Protected as much as possible,
Every day and night,
And I know that you will keep me safe,
From danger with all your might
I love you, Constitution,*

MVSD News — continued from page 19

*To me you are the best,
You give me rights to follow,
With my hand upon my chest,
As I recite the Pledge of Allegiance,
And honor our nation's flag,
I love living here in America,
I'm proud, and I am glad.*

MVMS alum and Recycled Percussion band member, Ryan Vezina, visited MVMS 6th grade music classes on September 17th. He inspired students with his story of pursuing his passion, encouraged students to try to change the world with “#1 deedaday” and gave students a drumming lesson.

Each month MVMS highlights one learner profile characteristic. Students that exemplify this characteristic are recognized by their teachers and invited to a luncheon.

September Open Minded Students Recognized:

6th Grade. Samantha Burns, Jessy Hirwa, Katelin Locke, Maija Lucier, Jacob Merrill, Emily Moore, Christian Oglesby, Hannah Paul

7th Grade. Amy Bardsley, Christian Bortnick, Dylan Bouffard, Carly Huckins, Oasis King, McKayla Palhof, Ryan Roesner, Elijah Rogers

8th Grade. Ann Bascom, Emily Donovan, Lily Evans, Jacob Hebert, Edward Hoyt, Ryan Kelly, Herman Nixon, Chloe Rattee

October Caring Students Recognized:

6th Grade. Rowan Anderson, Morgan Burdick, Jacob Coulombe, Lou Dooley, Alex Hagopian, Dylan Lessard, Owen Westgate, Emma York

7th Grade. Tyler Baker, Sam Christoff, Kallie Fisher, Ashton Goodness, Tim Harper, Ethan Hollen, Brooke Walton, Autumn Bedell

8th Grade. Melanie Bamford, Alivia Bowen, Colleen Easler, Wayne Hammell, Caleb Marcel, Matt Montague, Cheyanne Preble, Zach Smith.

The 2013–2014 Climate and Culture Committee

6th Grade. Coby Mercier, Mya Marlow-King, Emily Moore, Logan Cassin, Madison Bouchard

7th Grade. Joe Derby, Fardeen Siddiqui, Maizie Thurber-Wells, Hunter Edwards, Elahna Gingrich, Taylor Micheal 8th Grade Chloe Rattee, Jack Becker, Sara Osborne, Adam Bodien, Caleb Laclair

Over 140 middle school students participated in fall sports, which wrapped up their seasons last month.

Winter sport tryouts will begin on December 9th. MVMS has many club activities for students to participate in, a full list can be found on our website.

MVHS News

Competency-Based Grading

We would like to thank everyone for the patience and trust as we make the transition from traditional percentage-based grades to grades determined on demonstration of standards mastery or competencies. We wish to remind parents and students that this change was mandated by the NH Department of Education as part of a reform effort to make sure students have mastered required course content, and are not able to “average away” required knowledge and skills. For more information, please view the PowerPoint under the Principal’s Message on the school’s website. — *Submitted by Michael Jette, Principal*

Course Recovery

The student must initiate the process of developing a Recovery Plan within 15 school days following the course failure by contacting the teacher of record or the area coordinator (November 26th for Term 1 courses). The Recovery Plan must be completed by the end of the semester following the course failure for full credit or two credit classes, or by the end of the following term for 0.5 credit classes. The final grade for course recovery will be a “P” and credit will be issued per the Recovery Plan. An exception will be made for Recovery Plans that are completed within 2 weeks of the issuance of report cards (November 21st); in this case the transcript will show the letter grade that was earned.

News from the Wellness Center

Convenient MD Urgent Care is offering free seasonal flu shots to MVHS students 18 years and younger. Located at 8 Loudon Rd. in Concord, their hours are 9 a.m.–9 p.m. seven days a week. A legal guardian must accompany any minors. — *Submitted by Lenny Smith, LICSW*

P.A.C.E. News

The MVHS student climate and culture committee is off to a busy start this school year. On November 15th, the group will be attending an event at UNH — Stand Up to Bullying NH. MVHS will recognize Bullying/Harassment Awareness Week November 18–22. Daily activities are being planned. The P.A.C.E. group plans to raise awareness on a number of issues through monthly events for the entire school year. Stay tuned for a list of events which will be posted on the school website. — *Submitted by Lenny Smith, LICSW*

Theater News

The MVHS Drama Club is excited to announce its upcoming play “Ten Little Chimpunks.” Auditions for this murder-mystery comedy have already been held. Please look forward to future announcements about the production, which will go up Valentine’s Day weekend 2014.

National Art Honor Society News: Scholarship • Character • Service

The National Art Honor Society hosted its fall induction ceremony on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Please congratulate the following students who were inducted: Nick Ackerson, Abigail Blunt, Lily Davis, Savannah Derby, Devynne Dlubac, Megan Elkins, Jessica Ingerson, Andrea Jenkerson, Emily Lance, Samantha Loeser, Emily Masse, Casey McDonald, Cassie Owens, Emily Robbins, and Ben Yusko.

The National Art Honor Society will be having several fundraisers including a flower sale and a bake sale.

There are plans to create a large, collaborative, movable mural. Members are currently working on the Memory Project portraits, creating portraits for children who live in orphanages in Cambodia. These paintings will then be delivered to the children. Many of these children have nothing. This portrait may become one of their only possessions. The rewards reaped from this experience prove to be priceless. There is a fee of \$15/per portrait. Each student is expected to contribute \$5 for the portrait. This helps cover the cost of delivering these portraits back to each child. This is the third consecutive year that NAHS has participated in this project. The NAHS has had some financial support in the past and has also raised funds for this project, however, if anyone is interested in contributing to this great cause, please make checks payable to MVHS–National Art Honor Society. Any extra funds will be used to help cover the cost of art materials. More information on the Memory Project can be found at www.memoryproject.org. — *Submitted by Monica Cote, Art Teacher*

Food Choices News

The Food Choices classes have just completed a unit on breads. Student made 2 types of biscuits, and 2 types of muffins plus herbed dinner rolls, deluxe stuffed pizza, calzones, and sticky buns. The fruit unit is next. — *Submitted by Linda Woodward, Teacher*

Math Team News

24 Mathletes attended the first meet of the Lakes Region Mathematics League at Belmont High School on October 9th. Corey Ackerson, Andrea Bardsley, Bryan Gagnon, and Peter Houle all posted perfect scores in a category. Corey Ackerson and Andrea Bardsley each earned 12 points tying them for 4th place; Andrew Evans scored 10 points tying for 5th place, and Virginia Butt, Bryan Gagnon, Peter Houle, and Lindsay Kusnarowis all scored 8 points tying for 6th place. MV will host the next meet on Nov. 13th.

Guidance News

The guidance team sincerely hopes the school year is off to a good start! We have many exciting events and opportunities to promote for our students.

Seniors

Please check the school website for scholarship opportunities! More opportunities will become available as the year progresses. Seniors should have a solid idea of where they are applying to college, and plan on having applications sent (mail or online) by the holiday vacation. See Mrs. Mercier with any questions regarding the college application process. Stay tuned for helpful workshops coming up on applying for financial aid! All seniors applying to college (2 or 4 years schools) MUST fill out a transcript Request Form in guidance in order for the transcript to be sent to the desired school(s). Financial Aid Night will be Monday, November 18th at 6:30PM in the auditorium.

Juniors

Applications for summer studies programs at St. Paul’s are now available. For more info see Ms. Kennedy! Students who have not done so already should set up an appointment with Ms. Peterson to discuss college/career plans.

Juniors and sophomores who took the PSAT are reminded that scores will be returned in December and will be provided with guidance in accessing your College Board account to use My College Quick Start to help use scores to prepare for college, explore colleges, majors and careers. Reminder- all sophomores must have 24 hours of community service documented by the end of 10th grade to be promoted to 11th!

Frosh

The 9th grade year is critical for a successful high school experience. Doing well now will create more opportunities for post-high school education!

Upcoming Events:

December 5 Senior Project Paper Due
December 12 Holiday Concert. MVHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.



Freedom Girls Soccer Teams Have a Great Season



Loudon Freedom Girls U11 Team. Front: Kaylee Magoon, Deanna Bourque, Caitlyn Fortier, Sierra Bourque, Alyssa Woodman, Aubrie Angwin, Isabel Roy. Back: Sophie Osgood, Harleigh Parker, Rebecca Latham, Morgan Rule, Kerragan McNeil, Kylie Curtin, Emily Koufos

U11 Team Goes 7-1 This Year!

The Loudon Freedom Girls U11 team went 7-1 this season, landing them on top of the standings in their division. It was amazing to witness their improvements, growth and ability to play together as a team. These girls learned that by working together they could attain a common goal. All of these girls can play any position on the field when needed. Scoring was spread out among many over the season. And, although soccer has become an aggressive sport, these girls learned to “hold their own,” never stooping to another team’s level. They beat those teams with their skills, speed, and hard work — demonstrating great sportsmanship — something in which we take great pride. These girls continue to amaze us! Great job on being the U11 Division III Champions! Well deserved!

— Coach Tammy & Coach Tracy



Outstanding Students Recognized at MVHS

Merrimack Valley High School would like to recognize two outstanding 9th graders for their volunteerism and dedication to their community. **Elizabeth West of Loudon, NH** and **Emily Dziura of Penacook, NH** were recently selected for recognition through the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program. This program, in conjunction with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, seeks to recognize high school students who have made significant contributions to their communities through volunteer work.

Elizabeth, daughter of Gary and Micheline West, spent close to 100 hours on her project to raise awareness of the dangers of sun exposure. She developed a plan for Merrimack Valley School District, some of which has been implemented, to better protect students during school events where they might face prolonged exposure to the sun and accompanying health risks. In addition, Elizabeth earned a Silver Award from the Girl Scouts for her efforts.

Emily Dziura, daughter of Charles and Deborah, took on the project of reaching out to the elderly patients of Merrimack County Nursing Home. Emily has been visiting the nursing home twice per week for seven months and continues to do so. She has spent over 100 hours visiting with residents, playing card games with them, going for walks with them, joining them for meals or just chatting with them about whatever is on their minds. The lives of many residents have been enriched by Emily’s visits, and Emily feels a deep sense of satisfaction knowing she helped make someone’s day be better. In addition she has grown a new level of confidence when it comes to meeting and interacting with new people.

Both Elizabeth and Emily will be honored at this year’s 9th grade Awards Ceremony with Certificates of Merit. Elizabeth will also go on to be nominated for additional recognition from the Spirit of Community Awards Program. Congratulations to Elizabeth and Emily! ■



Loudon Freedom Girls U14 Team. Members of the Championship Team include: back row, left to right, Coach Molind, Kaeli Dunn, Becca Howe, Caitlyn Kelley, Coach Long, Emma Scarpa, Mandy Biron, Carissa Chiasson, Madison Therrien, Coach Palhof; front row (l-r), Gwen Molind, Sara Osborne, Heather Sefton, Ashely Kelley, Jillian Dusseault, Gwen Tupman, McKayla Palhof, Kaliana Palhof, Abby Jepson, Heather Jennato.

Freedom Girls U14 Has Great Season

The Loudon Freedom Girls U14 continues its winning ways while moving up to Division 1 for the fall season. The Freedom Girls are currently ranked #2 in the State and have been successful in the two fall tournaments that they have entered. The girls took 2nd place in the 19th Annual Labor Day Soccer Tournament in Londonderry and most recently finished 1st in the Premiere Division of the Seacoast Capitol Cup Columbus Day Tournament. Freedom beat Cheshire United, 1-0, in the semifinals and then beat Seacoast United Select, 1-0, in the championship game. ■

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Neil P. Lampron

Neil Lampron passed away Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, at the age of 56. He was born in Concord on July 28, 1957, the son of Shirley Lampron and Elaine Perreault. Neil has lived his entire life in the town of Loudon. After graduating from Merrimack Valley High School, Neil attended Culinary School in Berlin, and then entered the National Guard. Most of his career was spent as a pipe fitter for Capital Fire Protection and Carter Sprinkler Systems.

Those that knew Neil know that he was a very private, opinionated, fun-loving person. His life was dedicated to his son. His smile would light up a room and his laugh was infectious. He loved to cook his own masterpieces, eat and visit with the staff at Brookside Pizza, watching basketball and football with his son, driving around town, "the garage" with his buddies, and being a Hog Master owning his own pig cooker.

He is survived by his son, Scott Lampron; his father, Shirley Lampron of Loudon; his mother and step-father, Elaine and Mike Perreault, of Mount Dora, Fla.; and his siblings, Sharon Drake and her husband, Kerry, of Loudon, Elizabeth Perreault and Chris of Colorado, Matthew Perreault and wife, Bonita, of California, Wendy Perreault of Vermont, Erik Perreault and wife, Niki, of Manchester, Deb Dymont of Penacook and Cathy Dymont of Florida.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the CRVNA Hospice House at 240 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301 or to the Loudon Fire Department at 8 Cooper St., Loudon, NH 03307.

Ernest Malloy

Ernest L. Malloy died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, after a short stay at Presidential Oaks and a lengthy illness. Born Sept. 2, 1930, in Kinston, N.C., he was the son of James Calvin Malloy and Vira Rouse Malloy.

He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1950 during the Korean War and enjoyed a career there for 21 years. He married the love of his life, Joan, in 1955 in Washington, D.C., and they spent 58 devoted years together. He spent two terms of recruiting duty and ended his military career as a base sergeant major at Pease Air Force Base, Portsmouth, in 1971.

His second career was with Prudential Insurance in Maine. He was a very gifted speaker and was often invited to speak at conventions. He possessed an engaging personality and his love and enjoyment of people made him welcome wherever he went. He worked in both sales and management. One of his most prized possessions was his Rookie of the Year Award. He worked with Prudential for 18 years.

He was a religious man and recited the rosary daily for nearly 40 years with a special set of rosary beads given to him by a nun at the Carmelite Monastery 40 years ago.

For many years he assisted Father Paul at many morning Masses. In his complete retirement, he enjoyed the game of golf and spoke nearly daily about how blessed and grateful he was.

He was predeceased by three brothers, James, Donald and Wiley.

Ernest is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joan Healey Malloy, of Loudon; a son, Jeffrey Thomas Malloy of Eliot, Maine; a daughter, Juliana Plante of Rochester and her husband, Tracey Plante; four grandchildren, Joshua Plante of Berwick, Maine, Jared Plante of Rochester, Peter Malloy of Kissimmee, Fla., David Malloy and his wife, Kelly, and one great-granddaughter, Lilly Malloy, of Bellport, Long Island, N.Y.

Donations may be made in Ernest's memory to the Carmelite Monastery 275 Pleasant St. Concord NH 03301 or to the CRVNA 30 Pillsbury St. Concord NH 03301.

Muriel R. (Enos) Sopper

Muriel R. (Enos) Sopper of Loudon, formerly of Lynnfield, Mass., daughter of the late Hannah (Barry) Enos and William Enos, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, at Concord Hospital in Concord. She was 88 years old.

Muriel was born in Malden, Mass., on Jan. 24, 1925, and resided in Lynnfield, Mass. for 37 years with her husband of 58 years, the late John J. Sopper.

She was the loving sister of the late Helen Cutillo, Irene Golden, James Enos and Buddy Enos.

She leaves her two sons, John B. Sopper and his wife, Donna, of Loudon and Carl M. Sopper and his wife, Janice, of Rowley, Mass.; grandchildren, Kimberly (Sopper) Moore and her husband, George, of Nashua and Adam Sopper and Alex Sopper, both of Wakefield, Mass. She also leaves her dear sister-in-law, Margaret Enos, of North Andover, Mass.

She lived for the last nine years in New Hampshire, six on her own in Concord and the last three years in Loudon with her son John, daughter-in-law Donna, and her beloved Siamese cat Lily.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or online at stjude.org.

Steven (Steve) Everett Tripp

Steven (Steve) Everett Tripp, known to many of his close friends as Tripper, passed away in his home Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at the age of 48. After battling brain cancer for 3½ years, Steve died peacefully in his sleep while under the care of hospice.

Steve was born at Andrews Air Force Base on Feb. 27, 1965. He was the first son of David Tripp and Noelle Noyes Tripp. Most of Steve's childhood was spent in Steamboat Springs, Colo. where he excelled in Cross Country ski racing and became an avid white water kayaker.

In the mid 80's, Steve moved to New Hampshire to find work and be closer to his family. Having discovered a passion for layout and design, Steve became known as "the best" tile mason in New Hampshire. He worked for Capital Tile and Marble for 21 years as a foreman. He was also well known in the soccer community as a passionate coach for recreational and premier youth teams. In 1992 he moved from Manchester, to Loudon, into a house that he built and designed.

Steve is survived by his wife, Kristine Search Tripp, his son, Tucker Raymond Tripp, 17, and his daughter, Shenaugh Elaine Tripp, 15, all residing in Loudon. He is also survived by his brother, Travis, of Aspen, Colo., his loving parents, step-brothers, nieces, nephews and a host of long-time friends. ■

Central New Hampshire Regional Plan Public Outreach Sessions

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is continuing its series of public outreach listening sessions to invite interested people to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the Central NH Region. The first session was held on October 30 in Hillsborough with an interactive discussion on community, transportation, and economic development in the Town and surrounding area.

What are the region's strengths and what could be improved? There are two more sessions left to talk about these important subjects. Join your fellow Central NH region residents and business associates for an informative dialogue to answer these questions and more during either of the two remaining public outreach listening sessions in November and December.

The last session will be held on Wednesday, December 11 in the Pittsfield Elementary School Cafeteria at 34 Bow Street.

For more information, please contact CNHRPC at 226-6020 or admin@cnhrpc.org, and visit www.cnhrpc.org/gsf. ■

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The Pros and Cons of Condo Living

By Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Condo living can have its perks. However, when contemplating the purchase of a condo instead of a house, it's important to weigh both the pros and cons. Here are some factors to consider.

Cons:

1. Close quarters, if privacy is important to you, maybe condo living isn't for you. Neighbors are often right across the hall or on the other side of a wall. Unlike single dwelling that may offer trees and a perimeter fence for privacy, expect to share with others.
2. Association fees. A monthly fee, independent of your mortgage goes towards the upkeep of the property. When considering a purchase, it is crucial to factor these fees into your overall budget.
3. Resale value. When it comes time to move, if there are a lot of units available in your building, expect fierce competition.
4. Rules and regulations. Unlike a home, condo owners are subject to rules and regulations, and suffer financial or legal consequences for violations. Frequently there are restrictions on renovations, noise and even the size of pets that are permitted.

Pros:

1. Repairs. Any maintenance or repairs in your building are not your responsibility. Don't worry about the torn shingles, leaking roof or broken furnace, your association fees will cover it.
2. Security. Many condos offer extra security, such as a doorman and gated entries. Also with so many neighbors, help is never far away.
3. Added perks. Some complexes offer amenities that are out of reach to many homeowners, such as a clubhouse fitness center or a community pool. ■

**Deadline for the
January 2014
issue of the
Loudon Ledger is
Friday, Dec. 13, 2013**

MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — October 7, 2013

1. Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Webster Elementary School was called to order by Chairman Thomas Godfrey at 7:17 p.m.

Board Members Present: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Laura Vincent, Will Renault (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

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, Stephanie Wheeler, Chris Foley; Assistant Principals Pam Hill,

James Tremblay, Catherine Masterson; Administrators for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan; MVLC Administrator Julie Gaudette

Others Present: Bruce Johnson, Webster resident; Marcia Murphy, Louise Andrus, Salisbury Residents

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Godfrey.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Mark Hutchins, to approve the September 9,

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2013 Board Meeting minutes (pages 1-6 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. SAU Report on Business & Finance:

Robin Heins reported on the following citizen correspondence received by the board.

9/5/13. Ken Ross-Raymond. Request financial information on IB, CSI, and Teams. (Reply 9/16/13)

9/10/13. Ken Ross-Raymond. E-mail to Board Chair requesting his resignation as chair. (No Reply)

9/12/13. Louise Andrus. Requested information on special permissions, and the Webster Elementary School addition project. (Reply 9/16/13 and 9/25/13)

9/23/13. Louise Andrus. Requested information on the last 5 years end of year financial reports and fund balance reserves for the same time period. (Reply 9/30/13)

Robin Heins reported on the 2012–2013 fund balance. Robin reviewed the overages detailed in the 2013–2014 FINANCIAL REPORT (page 7 in the packet). *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Mark Hutchins, to approve the 2013–2014 financial report as presented (pages 8–21 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.*

5. Public Participation:

None

7:30 p.m. Will Renauld arrived.

6. Good News:

Administrators reported on good news items and upcoming events in their buildings and throughout the district.

7. Committee Reports:**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE:**

Lorrie Carey reported on the September 5, 2013 Superintendent Search Committee meeting (minutes on pages 31–32 in the packet) and updated the board on the superintendent search to date. There are still two additional public forums to be held. The committee will meet again after the two public forums.

The next Superintendent Search Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. at the high school.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Minutes for the September 9, 2013 Transportation Committee meeting are included in the packet (page 33) for board review.

SECURITY PLANNING TASK FORCE:

Mike Martin reported on the September 11, 2013 Security Planning Task Force meeting (minutes on page 34 in the packet).

The next Security Planning Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the September 16, 2013 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on pages 35–36 in the packet).

Policy JKAA, Physical Restraint Policy, is included in the packet (pages 37–39) for a first read.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school library.

LONG RANGE PLAN COMMITTEE:

Mark Hutchins reported on the September 30, 2013 Long Range Plan Committee meeting (minutes on page 40 in the packet).

The next Long Range Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Jim Lavery reported on the September 30, 2013 Facilities Committee meeting (minutes on page 41 in the packet). Fred Reagan reported on the status of the Salisbury Elementary School project.

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. at the high school library.

8. Old Business:**PRIMEX REVISED CAP AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION:**

Robin Heins reported on the revised offer we previously received from Primex inviting us to participate in the Contribution Assurance Program until June 30, 2017 for our Property and Liability Program and our Workers' Compensation Program. The original agreement had the ending date of 2016 instead of 2017. *Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Normandie Blake, to accept the revised agreement. Motion passed unanimously.*

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT (IB):

Chris Barry reported on the October 3, 2013, Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) Meeting (minutes on pages 46–47 in the packet).

REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE:

Mike Martin and the board reviewed and updated the schedule of upcoming meetings (page 48 in the packet).

The board scheduled a Curriculum Committee meeting for Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library.

9. New Business:**ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:**

The board attending meetings electronically was discussed. After board members expressed their comments and concerns, *Mark Hutchins motioned, second by Normandie Blake, to refer this to the Policy Committee to create a policy. Motion passed unanimously.*

NHSBA CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS:

Mike Martin reported that the NH School Board Association has sent out a memo (pages 49–65 in the packet) calling for resolutions to be considered at the 2014 NHSBA Delegate Assembly scheduled for January 11, 2014. The board will discuss attendance at next month's board meeting.

10. 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 member signatures.

11. Board Chairman's Report:

Tom Godfrey talked about improving communication with the public and public officials throughout the district.

Tom Godfrey asked to add the book discussion to next month's agenda and he asked board members to read the book before the next board meeting.

Tom Godfrey asked board members for their thoughts about the suggested format for board member information to be on the website (pages 66–69 in the packet). After a brief discussion, the consensus was to use this new format.

12. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry updated the board on the culture and climate study at the high school. Chris also updated the board on the activities of the Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force.

This month's list of recognition letters is included in the packet (page 70) for board review.

13. Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin updated the board on Policy CFB, Superintendent Evaluation.

Mike confirmed the date for the Selectmen's meeting, Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

14. Public Participation:

Mike Jette asked about a report on the meeting with high school faculty.

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Mark Hutchins, to amend the agenda to add report of meeting with high school staff. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Godfrey and Troy Cowan reported on meeting with high school staff.

15. See Non-Public Session Minutes.

Motion by Mark Hutchins, second by Will Renauld, to go into non-public session at 9:00 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3II (b) and (c) to discuss staff nominations and negotiations. Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.

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

16. Return to Public Session

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Seelye Longnecker, to go out of non-public session at 9:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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

17. Action from Non-Public Session if Needed

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Mark Hutchins, to approve the nomination of Julie Catauro to a one-year position as a ninth grade teacher at Merrimack Valley High School for the salary of \$36,585.00 (Step 1 of Master's Track). Motion passed unanimously.

18. Adjournment.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Mark Hutchins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 15, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice and Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 8, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske gave the Board quotes for storage containers. The Board reviewed the information. Chairman Krieger said if the money is available this is a building issue and the money should come out of the building expense line. Chief Fiske explained that the least expensive is from Prime Warehouse and he has been assured that a used one will be in good shape and weather tight. The Board agreed that the Chief should go ahead and order it.

Chief Fiske submitted a Letter of Intent from NHMS for the Gift of Lights. The Light show will be open to the public November 15 through January 5 from 4:30 pm to 9:00 p.m. daily. Concern was raised by Chief Fiske about additional entertainment during the light show. The Board agreed that it needed to be looked into. Chief Fiske will contact Mr. Gappens for clarification.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice said they have been mixing salt and sand, more salt is on its way so they can continue.

Chairman Krieger asked if everything that was going for scrap has gone. Mr. Rice said it is and they received over \$700.00 for the two vehicles. Mr. Rice said the dump truck is at the auction.

Selectman Ives said he noticed the tree that was taken down near the gazebo has been removed and asked about the one on Batchelder Road. Mr. Rice said they did them both the same day.

Chairman Krieger asked if the brush could get cut back on Lovejoy and Old Shaker at the stop sign; he said it's difficult to see without pulling out into traffic. Mr. Rice said he will get it taken care of.

Selectman Ives asked if the plows and sanders are all set. Mr. Rice said they haven't pulled them out yet but they checked them out and painted them before they put them away. The new truck is at the shop being put together, he should have it back by the end of the month.

Mr. Rice said he got notification from a resident on Currier Road about water running into his dooryard. Mr. Rice said they will go see if they can do a little ditching to help with the problem. Chairman Krieger asked what happened with the resident on Bee Hole Road. Mr. Rice said he spoke to her, where it is washing is in the town right

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of way; she wants to be able to mow it. Mr. Rice told her they will fill it in the spring. Selectman Bowles said what is washing down is encroaching on their lawn on the very low side and will eventually build up and cause a problem, he suggested that when it gets filled in they put down a couple bales of hay in case of heavy rain.

Chief Fiske said that several years ago the Selectmen had a policy for citizen complaints. He asked if they have the same policy. Chairman Krieger will look into it.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:17 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Krieger made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:27 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:25 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:50 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a check from NHMS for Fire and Police manpower for the September race.

The Board received a check from Blaney Auto Crushing for the 1987 Ford 350.

The Board received a check from Blaney Auto Crushing for the 2000 Chevy Pickup.

The Board received a letter from a resident of Currier Road regarding water problems in his yard.

The Board received an email and estimate for replacing the Gazebo lighting from the recreation department. The Board was unaware of a problem. Selectman Bowles said that the lights aren't used in the winter so it might be better to wait until spring to fix them. Chairman Krieger said the estimate indicates replacing faulty lighting, so it could be a safety issue. Selectman Ives said the estimate is to replace the existing lights with LED lights. Selectman Bowles will take a look at it and talk with Dave about shutting the power off. Selectman Ives said on another note; he has heard concerns regarding the location of the playground at the recreation field. It is kind of secluded and backs up to the woods. The Board discussed possible locations for it to be moved. They will look into the issue further.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding a refund check for an EMT class that a firefighter can't complete due to other commitments.

The Board received a copy of a thank you letter from NHMS to Chief Wright.

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

The Board received a letter from the Town Attorney regarding Moser & Jones v Town of Loudon, Planning Board & NE Flower Farm.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding legal fees for Moser & Jones v Town of Loudon, Planning Board & NE Flower Farm.

The Board received a letter from Big Green Recycling.

The Board received Certificates of Attendance for the NRRF Fall Bus Tour for Steve, Tad and Dustin.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm is the Planning Board meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 9:00 am is the State of NH Surplus Auction.

Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm is the MVSD Superintendent Search meeting at LES. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Selectman Ives announced that the Harvest Supper is this Saturday, October 19, 2013. He said it is the department's biggest fundraiser and is good food at a reasonable price.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 22, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Steve Bennett from the Transfer Station.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 15, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Steve Bennett from the Transfer Station.

Mr. Bennett was in to discuss the co-op. Mr. Bennett explained that the town will not be held accountable to pay more or less than the GMQ (Guaranteed Minimum Quantity), the GMQ will just be an estimate for Wheelabrator and the town will be charged only for the tonnage they deliver. Mr. Bennett explained that the amount we are paying now is \$66.80 per ton. He explained that he has a meeting Thursday night and unless something has changed he expects the per ton charge to be \$64.00 for 2014. Mr. Bennett said that the co-op has estimated that Loudon will deliver 3072 tons next year. He said that he agrees with that number. The Board agreed with Mr. Bennett.

Chairman Krieger asked how everything is going at the Transfer Station. Mr. Bennett said well. Selectman Ives asked if there are any projects at the Station that they should be looking at. Mr. Bennett explained that there is a problem with theft; outside people are coming in and taking things like batteries and air conditioners. Mr. Bennett said he spoke to Chief Fiske about a security camera out by the gate to tell who is coming in and out. He said that Canterbury has the same problem; they had batteries disappear, they think it might be the same person. Canterbury PD put in a camera and they got the person. Mr. Bennett said he and Selectman Bowles checked out Canterbury's camera

and feel that they can get a camera that will work for \$150–200.

Mr. Bennett said they are cleaning up the outside getting ready for winter.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted a Forest Fire Warden appointment paper for the Board to sign. Chief Wright will be replacing Dick Wright as Forest Fire Warden. Chairman Krieger asked Chief Wright to let Dick Wright know how much they appreciate him doing it for so long.

Chief Wright submitted a copy of a letter that he sent to the State regarding Red Pine trees that are dying along 106 that could become a problem.

Chief Wright explained that he has spoken to the other department heads about a CPR/AED class for town employees. He said it appears that Wednesday is the best day so they scheduled the class for November 20 and December 4 from 9:00 a.m.—noon; employees can pick the day they want to attend. Chairman Krieger thanked Chief Wright for arranging for the classes and for covering the cost of books from his budget. Chairman Krieger said they will look at the budget for future classes. Chief Wright said

that at some point they should look at adding AED units to other town buildings. Chairman Krieger said that the Police Department has one; he isn't sure about the library. Chairman Krieger asked Chief Wright to do a check and find out what the town needs.

Chief Wright said that he spoke to Greg Fillmore who is still willing to help with the underground pipe and hydrant extension on International Drive. He explained that the materials were bought in 2010 but were never installed. Selectman Ives asked for clarification on where the extension is going. Chief Wright explained that there is a dry hydrant at the fire pond about 400' beyond the gate into the road, the idea is to put in a real hydrant in the area of that and run pipe to the first hydrant by the gate.

Chief Wright explained that the weeds are growing in on the pond that supplies the dry hydrant on Bee Hole Road and needs to be dredged. He said he got a price from Mike Labonte and Russ Pearl to do that work. Chief Wright said he has an appointment to meet with the property owners on Friday to discuss it. Selectman Ives asked if

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DES needs to be contacted. Chief Wright said he talked to them and no permit is needed.

Chief Wright said three new people have joined the Fire Department in the last month; all with certifications. He said he has three more in the process of joining; two of those are certified.

Chief Wright said the harvest supper went very well, about 400 people attended. Chief Wright said they had a huge amount of volunteers both on Friday and Saturday to make it a great success.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed an estimate they received from the recreation department regarding lighting in the Gazebo. Selectman Bowles said he looked at it and it definitely needs to be replaced however; he would like to wait until spring. Chairman Krieger asked what benefit there is to waiting until spring. Selectman Bowles said the gazebo doesn't get used in the winter, and they wouldn't have to worry about vandalism.

The Board received an agenda for the Selectmen/School Board meeting October 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Krieger thanked Magoon Trees for taking down a tree on Batchelder road that was a hindrance.

The Board received a revised Letter of Intent from NHMS regarding activities during the 2013 Gift of Lights which is a 2 mile long light south starting November 15 – January 5, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Chairman Krieger stated that they will have activities such as the Arctic Animal Experience, Ice Skating, Marshmallow Roasting, Concessions, Vendors and Santa Land.

The Board received Primex Workers' Compensation renewal information.

The Board received Primex Unemployment Compensation renewal information.

The Board received a Capital Improvement Program application from the Planning Board which is due Nov. 15, 2013.

The Board received ESMI's September self-report.

The Board received a copy of a scholarship refund check.

The Board received notification that there will be Senator Ayotte Office Hours at the Loudon Town Office on Thursday October 31 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Board received information from Tim Carter regarding "Granite State Future." The Board will meet with him.

The Board received information from a representative of Combined Insurance. The Board will make an appointment to meet with him.

The Board received a scholarship thank you.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Board received the following reminders: Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. is the Zoning Board meeting

Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. is the Selectmen/School Board meeting.

The Board recognized Dennis and Deborah Jakubowski from Bumfagon Road.

Mr. Jakubowski asked where the lighting at the track stands. Chairman Krieger said it is right where it has been; noting has changed since Bob Bahre owned the track, technically they can put lights in anytime, they just can't use them for a night race. Selectman Ives said they would have to go to court to get that changed, he hasn't heard anything about them doing that. Selectman Ives said it's not something that they can just come to the Selectmen and get changed. Mr. Jakubowski asked what the Selectmen's position would be on it. Selectman Ives said that right now he is in the wait and see mode; he has spoken to some who think it would shorten the weekend. Mr. Jakubowski said that the lights will be a big investment so as a business they will want to recoup that investment. If it was his business he wouldn't run them once a year he would run them whenever he could; races, concerts, etc. Selectman Ives said if they did win it in court there would have to be restrictions on how many days and how often they used them. Chairman Krieger said where he grew up there was night racing so personally he wouldn't mind it but as a Selectman he has to do what the people want. He explained that the Board couldn't authorize the night racing it would have to go through a system of people. Chairman Krieger said he spoke to Mr. Gappens and told him that if the track decides to do this it would be well publicized and they would have Selectmen meetings to make sure that as many people as possible know about it and have the opportunity to voice their concerns.

Mr. Jakubowski suggested that fire permits be emailed to residents to save them from having to drive to the station to pick them up. The Board agreed it is a good idea and will mention it to the Fire Department.

The Board recognized Bob Raymond from Mudgett Hill Road. Mr. Raymond explained that since the road was paved he has had issues with rain runoff. He said that the highway department did cut a trench but it didn't do any good. Mr. Raymond said that the rain used to follow the stonewall down to the culvert but since the paving raised the road it runs into his driveway instead. Chairman Krieger said that the Road Agent will contact Mr. Raymond this week, if he doesn't hear from him by Thursday, call the office. Mr. Raymond showed the Board pictures of his driveway. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Raymond how he thinks the issue could be resolved. Mr. Raymond said that now he needs a culvert. Selectman Bowles said that he will take a look at it, talk to the Road Agent and come up with a solution.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:52 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 29, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright, Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake and Road Agent Dave Rice.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 22, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice said they are getting things ready for the next season. He said they have a couple of culverts to take care of.

Mr. Rice said they are going to start laying the pipe on International Drive tomorrow. He said it should take about 2 days to complete.

Mr. Rice said he and Selectman Bowles looked at the driveway on Mudgett Hill Road. He said they will get to it as soon as they can. Selectman Ives suggested it get done and crossed off the list before winter, so it is all set for spring runoff.

Selectman Ives said he has reviewed the highway department applications and agreed with the ones that Mr. Rice checked off. Mr. Rice said there is one applicant that has called him and has a good recommendation. Mr. Rice said there is another one that also looks qualified; he is going to get those two to come in and see what they can do.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:08 p.m.; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:17 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that as Mr. Rice said the work on International Drive will start tomorrow morning.

Chief Wright explained that the Bee Hole Road dry hydrant work is scheduled for late November after the ground firms up but before the pond freezes. Chief Wright said he spoke to the property owners who have approved the plan to dredge the pond and store the material next to the pond so it doesn't have to be hauled away.

Chief Wright said the CPR/AED class for Town employees will be held November 20 and December 4 at the Village Fire Station from 9:00 a.m. until about noon. Selectman Ives said the class is not mandatory, it is just being offered to the employees. Chairman Krieger agreed saying that he hopes they will go but they aren't going to be forced to. Chief Wright said he has communication from the Library, Highway Dept and Town Office as to how many are attending so they can get the books.

Chief Wright said he spoke to Bill Wood, Coordinator, NH Bureau of EMS, for AED devices and received pricing for AED devices. Chief Wright also indicated where there are currently AED's located in Loudon and locations to consider for additional AED devices. Chairman Krieger suggested that at the end of the fiscal year they take a look at the budget and see if there is money available to purchase some.

Chief Wright explained that they checked the water level in all six cisterns on October 27, 2013. All of them had been filled in August and September. They all remain full with the exception of Creekwater Lane. That cistern was filled August 19, 2013; at that time was down approximately 5000 gallons. Chief Wright said they refilled the cistern today it was down approximately 1540 gallons this time. He said it appears there is a leak or someone is taking water from the cistern, they'll take a look at it again in about a month. Chairman Krieger asked if they could put evidence tape or something on it to make sure nobody is taking water from it. Deputy Lake said he spoke to another town who has had issued with landscapers in developments using the water. Selectman Bowles said that road has not been accepted by the town so if there is a problem or a leak Mr. Merullo will have to address it.

Chief Wright said they met with the kindergarten classes last week at the Elementary School to teach them about fire safety. He said the first, second and third grade classes visited the fire station for fire safety classes and tour. Chief Wright said they received very nice thank you letters and drawings from the children. Selectman Bowles suggested that the Fire Department contact the Young at Heart and get on their schedule to meet with them. Deputy Lake said they have been doing a lot at the VOA lately. He said the residents enjoy them coming in and talking with them.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:32 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined

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that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 6:55 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board recognized Thomas Bonura from the audience.

Mr. Bonura is a sales representative from Combined Insurance. Mr. Bonura explained some of the insurances that they offer including disability, cancer, critical care, and accident insurance. Mr. Bonura explained that they don't sell to the group, meaning nothing is done through payroll or human resources; they sell to individuals. Selectman Ives said he would like to see it offered to employees. Chairman Krieger suggested that Mr. Bonura get a list of all the department heads from the town office and set up meetings with each department. Mr. Bonura will contact the office manager.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the current expenditure report for their review.

The Board received memos from Chief Wright regarding International Drive, Bee Hole Road Hydrant, employees CPR/AED class, AED, and the Creekwater Lane Cistern all previously discussed.

The Board received a check from James R. St. Jean Auctioneers for the old dump truck.

The Board received an Asbestos Abatement Proposal from All Demolition & Asbestos Services.

The Board received a memo from Steve Del Deo regarding fall cleanup at the Veteran's Memorial before Veteran's Day. Selectman Ives will contact the American Legion to see if they have someone that would like to do the cleanup.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding insurance reimbursement.

The Board received HealthTrust renewal rates for 2014-2015.

The Board received a Permit Extension from NHDES for Sanborn Mill Dam.

The Board received notification of intersection improvement studies for Route 106/Staniels Road from NHDOT.

The Board received information regarding repealing state wide workforce housing. There is a "Survey Position Statement" for their consideration.

The Board received notification that the NHMA Annual Meeting will be held November 7, 2013 at 2:45 pm.

The Board received information regarding HealthTrust, Inc.'s annual meeting to be held December 10, 2013.

The Board received a Public Notice from NHDOT. They will be holding meetings to review public comments/testimony on the 2015-2024 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

The Board received information regarding a Law Enforcement Symposium to be held Nov. 5.

The Board received UNH Cooperative Extension Forest Laws for Municipal Officials flyers.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Board received the following reminders: Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm is a School Board and Selectmen meeting at the High School Library.

Thursday, October 31, 2013; someone from Senator Ayotte's office will be in the town office from 2:30-3:30 pm.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 5, 2013

Present: Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Chief Bill Lake.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 29, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that he sent over the re-appointments for deputy wardens. The Board agreed with the appointments and signed the paperwork.

Chief Wright said that he sent over the Fire Department annual compensation pay paperwork.

Chief Wright said that there will be a Central NH Hazmat training exercise on November 18 at Station 2.

Selectman Bowles said that the river is coming up behind Station 2; it looks like there must be a beaver dam. He said it should be looked at before it floods the field.

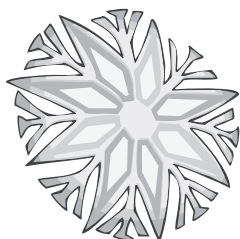
Chief Wright explained that they finished the underground pipe and hydrant extension on International Drive. Chief Wright said that due to the combined efforts of Greg Fillmore and the Highway and Fire Department personnel it was a successful project.

Chief Wright said they had a Halloween party at the Village Station on Halloween. He said that about 150 kids attended. Chief Wright thanked everyone that helped with the event.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (e) at 6:10 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding NHMS vs. Town of Loudon.



Chairman Krieger reminded everyone that Thursday is Halloween; be safe. Selectmen Ives said that according to Channel 9 trick or treat hours are 5-8:00 pm in Loudon.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:36 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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The Board received a memo from Town Council regarding Fairpoint litigation.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding Hazmat Team Training.

The Board received a memo and Deputy Warden Re-appointment form from Chief Wright.

The Board received a letter of Intent from NHMS regarding Speedway Children's Charities holding a two mile run/walk on December 14th at 4:30 pm.

The Board received a letter and invoice from NH Municipal Association for the 2014 dues in the amount of \$4,348.96. The Board agreed that the town uses the association, should continue the membership and pay the dues.

The Board received three overdue ambulance bills for their consideration. Selectman Bowles made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #2044 in the amount of \$101.16, account #2975 in the amount of \$594.80 and account #2925 in the amount of \$117.90. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received an Xfinity service update.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Board received the following reminders: Monday, Nov. 11 is Veterans Day the Town Office will be closed.

Monday, Nov. 11 is the first day to accept petitions to amend the zoning ordinance for consideration at the 2014 Town Meeting. (The last day is Dec. 11th).

Selectman Bowles said community maps were printed; paid for by Loudon businesses. The maps were done wrong. They were dropped off at the office to be distributed. He said the business owners will be shown a copy of the map before they are distributed. The Board signed a contract for these maps and final proof was supposed to be submitted before they were printed and it was not. Selectman Ives agreed that the business owners should be made aware of the mistakes and they can decide what to do about the maps since they paid for them. Selectman Bowles said he doesn't want to put them out there with the wrong information.

Selectman Bowles explained that they have two bids for the asbestos removal at the old Legion Building. Selectman Bowles made a motion to accept the proposal from North Ridge Contracting, Inc. for asbestos removal in the Legion Building in the amount of \$6,500.00. Selectman Ives seconded the motion, adding that the money be withdrawn from the Building Fund. He explained that they need to have the asbestos removed so they can move forward with getting the building taken down, this is the cheaper bid. All in favor.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:50 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — October 17, 2013

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and alternate Bob Ordway

Bob Butler represented the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

September 19, 2013 Regular Meeting — Tom Moore moved to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

October 10, 2013 Mills Site Visit — Stan Prescott moved to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

New Business:

Application #13-14, Ernest & Lisa Mills — Lot Line Adjustment/Minor Subdi-

vision on Old Shaker Road in the RR District, Map 47, Lots 12 & 20. Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicants. Lisa Mills was present; there were no abutters present.

Mr. Stout handed out new plans with everything on one sheet, noting that he has changed a couple of things since the site walk. State subdivision approval has been received. The contiguous buildable area for Lot 20 was refigured. Lisa Mills has signed the wetland crossing application; it will be submitted to the State in the near future.

Bob Butler pointed out that there should be a note on the plan about the size of the culvert at the wetland crossing. He also asked that a note be added about the plantings close to the 25' wetland setback line as agreed to at the site walk. Mr. Stout said the only item outstanding at this point is the State wetland crossing. Tom Dow stated

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that there is a lot going on with the plan and the site walk showed that the property is not nearly as unbuildable as you might think. George Saunderson agreed. Mr. Dow said the driveway with the special exception from the ZBA is in a good place.

Mr. Stout noted that the lot numbers would typically be Lot 12 and Lot 12-1 after the subdivision but he left them on the plan as Lot 12-2 and Lot 12-1 because those were the numbers used on the preliminary plan at the time of the ZBA approvals. Donna was asked to check with the assessor about the numbering of the lots. Mr. Stout will make a note on the plan about the numbers in relation to the ZBA approval. The Board agreed that the lots should be Lot 12 and Lot 12-1.

Bob Cole made a motion for approval with the following: plantings note added to the plan; culvert size on the wetland crossing noted on the plan; a note on the plan explaining the lot numbers; and pending State approval of the wetland crossing. The motion was seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. It was realized that there was a waiver request that had not been addressed. Chairman Dow re-opened the hearing for consideration of the waiver request. He read the request for a waiver of Sections 12.4.10 and 12.5.12. Henry Huntington made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Bob Cole. Mr. Stout explained changes made to the Alteration of Terrain process. Dustin Bowles pointed out that there are two waivers for the same thing; one is on the existing conditions checklist and the other is on the subdivision layout checklist. He asked if they should be handled separately. Tom Dow said they are for the same thing so should be alright with one request listing both sections. *All were in favor.* All three lots are subject to impact fees.

Application #13-15, Debra Rattee — *Minor Subdivision on School Street in the RR District, Map 38, Lot 27.* Jeff Green represented the applicant; there were no abutters present. This application has been continued from last month at the request of the owner. New plans were handed out to the Board. Test pit data was submitted for the record. Mr. Green pointed out the remaining land of the large piece and stated that this will be the final subdivided lot that the owner will be looking for. He said this request is for a three acre lot in the corner of the remaining piece. Mr. Green pointed out that four lots were done on Batchelder Road and one on School Street; those are all connected. This lot is removed from the last lot divided from the parcel, leaving frontage enough for a road if anyone wanted to pursue that in the future. Mr. Green said it is not

real feasible due to the topography, and the large parcel is not being marketed at this point. This lot goes behind an abutting lot, squaring it off. Mr. Green gave the frontage and buildable area of the lot and will add it to the plan. He showed the locations of the test pits, noting that they went 72" with no seasonal high water as it is all sand, one soil type, two grades. The proposed driveway is shown on the plan. Mr. Green stated there is 302' of remaining frontage and 22.446 acres.

Bob Ordway asked if this lot is close enough to the cistern to be covered. Mr. Green said it is. He explained that he talked with John Reese of the fire department with regard to identifying and listing the location and distance of water supplies. He had penciled in Note #10 about the cistern location on his plan and will carry that over to the final plan. Stan Prescott asked if the 1.5 buildable acres are at the front of the lot. Mr. Green said it is and outlined the area of the contiguous buildable area. Tom Moore asked if it is field at the back of the lot. Mr. Green said it is and the lot owner would be able to get around the wet and slope to access the right rear of the lot. Tom Dow pointed out that a prospective buyer would know there is a recreational trail on the property if shown on the overview plan. Mr. Green said he could make a note of it, saying that sheet will not be recorded but would be on file with the Town.

Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor. Bob Butler stated there is plenty of room outside the wetland setbacks. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. He read a waiver request for Section 12.4.9. *Henry Huntington moved to grant the waiver; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.* The chairman read a waiver request for Section 12.4.10. *Tom Moore made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

It was noted that State subdivision approval is pending. Tom Moore pointed out that rebar has been set to mark a corner. He asked if the other corners were previously marked. Mr. Green said they were not; he will set them before the plan is recorded. *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the application with the following: note added for contiguous buildable area; Note #10 added for the distance to the cistern; identify the recreational trail on the overview plan; pins to be set on corners; subject to State granting subdivision approval; and a note on the subdivision plan regarding the recreational trail. The motion was seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Application #13-16, Inisfree Investments — *Major Subdivision on Chichester*

Road in the RR District, Map 11, Lot 12. Jeff Green represented the applicant. Abutter Roy Merrill was present.

New plans were handed out to the Board. Mr. Green showed an overview of the entire property, pointing out that two lots were subdivided in 2006 and one earlier this year. He explained that this application is for four lots. Mr. Green showed the gravel pit area, wetlands, the river, and several areas of frontage on the large piece. Test pit data was submitted for the record. Mr. Green pointed out that there is a 50' strip left open between proposed lots 4 and 5. He reviewed the contiguous buildable area table and proposed driveway, septic, and well locations. He said there is wetland behind these lots, with 250' before you get to it. Mr. Green pointed out an existing woods road that he has shown.

Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. Roy Merrill stated that access to his land-locked lot is of concern as he mentioned at the time of the last subdivision. Mr. Green stated that Note #10 on the plan refers to the access; he said the access exists but was never delineated in any deeds. Mr. Merrill said there has always been an access to it and it seems it should be delineated and/or described and noted that it will be done. Mr. Green said there will be an access but he cannot put anything on the plan because he does not have a description or location. He said he could change the wording of the note. George Saunderson asked Mr. Green if his client is unwilling to grant a delineated access. Mr. Green said that was the situation as they are not sure what will happen with the remainder of the land. Mr. Merrill said the original access was with a previous owner, before the DeCatos, and should be noted that it will be done. Mr. Green again said he cannot physically show it if it is not described in a deed. He pointed out that he has located roads as known. Mr. Merrill said the access road can be walked. Stan Prescott spoke about when he owned a parcel by Mr. Merrill's; he said if the access can be found it should be shown on the plan. Mr. Merrill said the last subdivision took away the access. Mr. Green stated that the back lots could still have access through the frontages left on the parcel. Mr. Prescott said Mr. Green should put a note on the plan that says the back lots have access and list the lot numbers. Mr. Green said he has been researching but is not finding any descriptions. Mr. Prescott

said if Mr. Merrill can prove a definite location then it could be outlined but the burden of proof is on Mr. Merrill. Mr. Merrill asked where he would go tomorrow if he wanted to get to his lot. Mr. Green said Mr. Merrill would have to talk with the landowner. Mr. Merrill said he could have driven in there before the previous subdivision was done. It was suggested that Note #10 could be changed to read 'is subject to' instead of 'may be subject to'.

Dustin Bowles said that Mr. Merrill talked about the lot being a separate lot at one time. He asked how close this is to that line. Mr. Green said it is not; the original line was by the barn. He said this layout with the strip allows access to the back lots and goes around the wetland. He said it could be defined between the two owners with future development. Tom Moore asked if there are any visible signs of an access or trail. Mr. Green reviewed the trails and woods road shown and used by four-wheelers, etc. Mr. Merrill said it is up to them to define the access if they keep moving it. He said it is his feeling that the subdivision should not go forward without that being defined.

Tom Moore said it was discussed at the time of the last application that the Master Plan recommends aligning intersections. Mr. Green pointed out that the grade drops down into the lot across from Wellington Lane. He said he wanted to keep the access easement as close as possible to its original location, and he put the 50' strip where the owner wanted it. Mr. Moore said they should consider aligning intersections for future projects. Stan Prescott said perhaps the Board should see a plan for future development. Mr. Green said there is nothing planned at this point in time. He said the locations of the strips are ideal for a future road, in one end and out the other. Tom Moore said it is a matter of public safety. Bob Butler said the Commission is all set with the plan. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Henry Huntington asked if the Board should look at the property. Several members agreed that would be a good idea. George Saunderson said that would give the parties time to get more resolution on the access. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, October 26th at 8:00 a.m. The chairman suggested that Mr. Green might be able to talk with his client about access to the back lots. *Stan Prescott moved to continue*

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PLEASE NOTE: BOTH PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES ARE DRAFT MINUTES, I.E., THEY HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED YET. For a copy of the approved minutes, please contact the Planning/Zoning Office after their monthly meetings (798-4540).

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the application to the site visit on October 26th at 8:00 a.m. and then to the next meeting of November 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Report of the ZBA:

There is an application for a variance for required frontage on this month's agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was one Hawker & Peddler permit.

Board Discussion:

MP Economic sub-committee report — George Saunderson reported that the committee met with Matt Monahan and Courtney Croteau of CNHRPC. A date has been set for an open meeting with town business owners for the purpose of collecting ideas. The meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 4:30 p.m.

MP Transportation sub-committee report — Tom Moore reviewed the updated

impact fee table with current construction costs. He said the impact fee could be adjusted or a separate committee could be created to study the matter. Stan Prescott and Bob Cole moved that they would go to public hearing for acceptance of the updated fee table and increased impact fees. This will be addressed at the time of completion of the MP update.

Documents for the files — Stan Prescott reported that he attended a CNHRPC meeting on October 10th, a TAC meeting on October 4th, and a public hearing on the DOT 10-year plan. He submitted information from all of the meetings for the office files.

PVG/NEFF appeal — Henry Huntington stepped down from the Board. Chairman Dow read a letter from town counsel about the rescheduled hearing on the merits of the case; the hearing is scheduled for January 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Dow stated that he was not at the PB meeting where the final approval was given. He said he could go to the hearing but feels it would be best if someone who was in attendance at the PB

meeting could go. Stan Prescott said he should be able to go. Donna will get the details of the hearing to Mr. Prescott. Mr. Huntington re-joined the Board.

Land Use books — Donna confirmed which members want a copy of the updated book.

Zoning amendments — Board members were reminded that it is time to review the Zoning Ordinance in preparation for the upcoming amendment period. Contiguous buildable area should be clarified. It was suggested that the Board look at lot sizes or buildable area size. Lot coverage was also mentioned. It was recommended that Board members get their suggestions written and emailed to the Board for review ahead of time.

MP Population chapter — Donna is working on updating tables within the chapter. Bob Cole said he attended a CNHRPC meeting on the economy and age of population; he will get the information to Donna.

Capital Improvement Program — Donna asked the Board about the CIP, what is involved, and how it is meant to be used.

She was asked to look into what the CIP is connected to and if it is mandated that it be done annually. It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled and letters sent out to all departments and committees.

Bonds — Donna reviewed the wording of the section on sureties in the Land Development Regulations, explaining that she has been working on a spreadsheet of the bonds being held on various road projects around town. Some of the bonds have been handled by the Planning Board and others are handled by the Selectmen's office. It was agreed that there should be a complete file on bonds, amounts, and status of each one. There was discussion on the wording of the section and various situations that could occur affecting the duration of the bond.

Adjournment:

Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — October 24, 2013

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Earl Tuson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2013 as written; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION

ESMI — ESMI representative Mark Aubrey stated that he has been asked by the main office to look at increasing the plant's hours of operation to include Sunday. He spoke about the cost of natural gas and its availability during colder months. Mr. Aubrey explained that the plant is sometimes told by the gas company that they

can't supply the plant so this affects operations. He said this would not be year-round and probably only be two or three Sundays a year, most likely in the winter. He spoke about an agreement that ESMI has with the gas company during the winter months that involves running only one burner; he said they can still be called and told they are down. There was discussion about the current hours of operation. Donna will investigate further for an exact accounting of the 2001 legal case. It was agreed that ESMI could apply for a special exception; the Board would review the request at that time.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application #Z13-20, Bert Cox — Variance for Reduced Frontage, RR District, Map 48, Lot 9 on Lesmerises Road. Attorney Brandon Giuda represented the applicant. Abutters Terry Hammond, Nancy Carta-Drew, Joan Cross, Andrew Perrella, and Dustin Bowles were present.

Mr. Giuda explained that the application was submitted for a variance to two sections of the Zoning Ordinance but it was later discovered that the variance for Section 504.1 is not needed. That section refers to multi-family dwellings and this application addresses a two-family dwelling. The request is for a variance of the frontage requirement. Mr. Giuda stated that the applicant purchased the property as a four bedroom with an in-law apartment this past Spring. He explained that the applicant has rehabbed the home as it was in need of a lot of work. Mr. Giuda said the question about the in-law apartment being used for non-family came up when the applicant went to sell. He said the former owner apparently put the apartment in with no permits. He spoke about the assessing record having notes about the addition of the garage and checking back on the completion of the finished area. Mr. Giuda said people had been living there and the applicant bought the property under the auspices of an in-law apartment. He submitted pictures of the house and garage, as well as an approval for a new five bedroom septic system in the event the current system fails. He said there are no problems with the existing system. Mr. Giuda stated that the variance is being requested because the property is lacking 50' of frontage for a two-family dwelling.

Mr. Giuda went over the location of the property. He said there is a hardship involved because the applicant bought the

property and rehabbed it as a two-family dwelling. Howard Pearl asked if the apartment is on the tax records. Mr. Giuda said the record reads that it is unfinished and to check back. He said it does not appear that it has been checked as of the time the record was requested. Roy Merrill stated that they had a similar situation on Beck Road and that apartment was shut down. Mr. Giuda referred to the Zoning Ordinance, stating that this property is very close to the criteria of a multi-family dwelling and its proximity to Route 106. He said the lot is large enough for a two-family, the apartment has one bedroom, and there would be no kids to impact the school system. Roy Merrill asked if the applicant got permits for the rehab work. Mr. Giuda stated that there was no need for a permit to do the floors, paint, etc. It was asked when the garage was added. Mr. Giuda said it was 2005 according to the tax card and sometime after that the apartment was put in. He said his client took the word of the prior owner when purchasing the property.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Mr. Giuda. In addition to the answers submitted with the application, Mr. Giuda offered the following: 1) approving the variance would not alter the community or cause over-crowding as the lot is larger than required; two-family dwellings are allowed in the RR District. 2)

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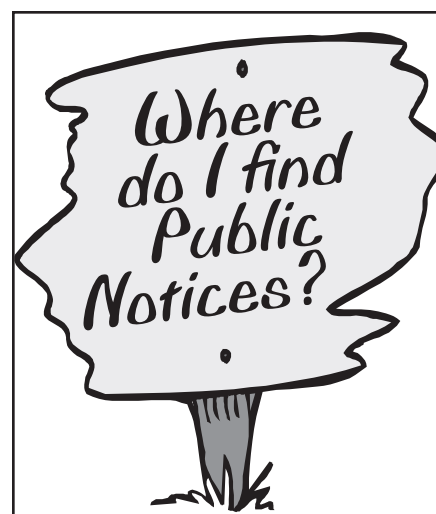
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referred to court cases; response is similar to that of public interest in #1. 3) The Supreme Court looks at the harm to the public versus the loss to an owner. Mr. Giuda stated that the apartment is up to code with two exits, sufficient parking, operating septic system, etc. He said financial loss counts in such cases and there is no loss to the public. 5) The structure was built and used as a two-family dwelling and his client purchased it as a two-family dwelling.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any questions from the Board. Howard Pearl said he would like to hear from the abutters. Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. There were none. The chairman asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. Nancy Carta-Drew said she believes the garage is on her property and the former owner cut down some of her trees. Brandon Giuda said the septic designer checked the pins and said it is not close. Mrs. Carta-Drew's uncle, George Griffin, asked to speak on her behalf. He reviewed the pictures submitted by Attorney Giuda and discussed a deed for the Carta-Drew property with Board members. Chairman Powelson informed Mr. Griffin that he was not sure the information provided was anything the Board can give credit but it does confuse the situation. He said it would be best to establish property lines. Ned Lizotte said the matter of the property line is out of the Board's hands. Roy Merrill recommended that someone get a surveyor and clear up any questions. Mr. Giuda said there is a survey on file and there are pins. Mr. Griffin explained that he walked the lines with a compass per the references in the deed and it would appear that the garage is partially on his niece's property.

Abutter Joan Cross of 105 Lesmerises Road read a letter addressed to the Board, encouraging them to deny the application, listing her reasons. Abutter Terry Hammond of 104 Lesmerises Road agreed with Ms. Cross, saying he had asked her to represent him as well in her statement. Brandon Giuda said he understands that the prior owners did not care for the property. He stated that his client has a buyer who currently resides in Loudon. Mr. Giuda pointed out that the letter is about not wanting a

two-family dwelling but the matter at hand is the frontage. The applicant stated that it is not the intention to pack the house with renters. He said the prospective buyer would like to live there with his family and would have control over a renter of the apartment. Terry Hammond said his concern is that renters are not taxpayers, and they don't want this to be a rental property.

Mark Seltzer explained that he and his wife currently reside in Loudon and would like to move their family into the four bedroom house, with the apartment as a rental to help offset costs. He stated that he currently owns three multi-family properties so is very familiar with the screening process of finding a good tenant. He said he would definitely be screening because this renter would be living next to his family. Mr. Seltzer said his family has lived at 213 Lovejoy Road for thirteen years. Chairman Powelson said the Board heard an assertion of no children and asked how that would be controlled. Mr. Seltzer said he could not guarantee that. He said it could be a single parent with a child but it would usually be a single person in a one-bedroom apartment. Ned Lizotte asked if this property is of interest because it offers more land. Mr. Seltzer stated that the house is smaller so they would be down-sizing as their kids are in high school and college. Ms. Cross said if the variance is granted and these people sell then the future could be an issue.

Roy Merrill said it could open the town up to everyone wanting a variance if short on frontage. Brandon Giuda asked the Board to keep in mind that two-family dwellings are allowed in this district, it would not be over-crowding the streets or lot which is larger than normal, the lot has room for a five bedroom septic that is already approved, and has a stone system that is currently operational. He pointed out that the objection has been to the two-family dwelling, not the variance for 50'. Howard Pearl pointed out that all lots on the road would not meet two-family dwelling criteria so this could be opening things up to problems. Mr. Giuda said it would be based upon current conditions and that is what makes this property different. Roy Merrill said someone using it illegally does not make it right. Mr. Giuda asked the Board to look at the reasons for the 250' requirement. He said he feels this application meets the intent and others are not in the same situa-

tion with an existing apartment. Abutter Dustin Bowles said he does not see that a hardship has been proven. He said he feels the apartment has been improved upon since the former occupants. Mr. Bowles said it was a large family or group there and someone stayed over the garage but he does not feel it was necessarily a formal apartment. He said 250' is 250'.

Chairman Powelson said there are two issues, one being if the garage is on the property line. He asked the Board if it felt that was a non-issue in this hearing. Roy Merrill said it is a concern that should be addressed. The chairman asked if the Board should wait a month and see if it can be clarified. Mr. Merrill suggested doing a site walk. Howard Pearl said there are enough questions that he feels a site walk is warranted. Mr. Merrill said he would recommend that the abutter get a surveyor to do a boundary survey. The applicant stated that the kitchen and bathroom were in place when he looked at the property before he purchased it.

A site walk was scheduled for November 4th at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting was set

for Monday, November 25th due to Thanksgiving being on the usual meeting date. George Griffin asked if it was advisable to have the survey done prior to the site walk. Roy Merrill said it would be good if the abutter had something to show at that time. Mark Seltzer stated that he has a purchase and sale agreement on the property so has to consider the dates. *Howard Pearl made a motion to continue the hearing to the site walk on November 4th at 4:00 p.m. and then to the meeting of November 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Zoning Amendments — The Board was reminded that proposed amendments should be submitted in writing by November 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

*Submitted by,
Donna White, Administrative Assistant*



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8	9 6pm•Caregivers Support Group @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church 6pm•Yoga @ Library 7pm•Zumba @ Elementary School 7pm•Loudon Fire Department 7:15pm•MVSD School Board @ MVHS	10 Winter Sports Tryouts @ MVMS 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 1pm•Yoga @ Library 6pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scouts @ Library	11 2pm•Storytime @ Library 2–4pm•Artists Workshop @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Cub Scout Den Leaders @ Library 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	12 7pm•Holiday Concert @ MVHS	13 DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE LOUDON LEDGER 6–7pm•8th Grade Academic Night @ MVMS	14 4:30–6:30pm•Family Bible Church Free Community Dinner
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