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Mission Statement...

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

Town Meeting Around the Corner!

by Debbie Kardaseski

The March 2008 Annual Town Meeting will be here before you know it! This year's meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 11 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gym**. Please note the change in location.

The first session of Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, when we will vote for the following town officials: Selectman (1 *3-year term*); Tax Collector (1 *3-year term*); Treasurer (1 *3-year term*); Trustee of the Trust Funds (1 *3-year term*); Library Trustee (1 *3-year term*); Zoning Board (2 *3-year terms*); and Planning Board (2 *3-year terms*). At that time we will also vote on the following proposed Zoning Amendments.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2008-1

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2008-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Move Article III of the current Growth Management Ordinance to Section 208 of the Zoning Ordinance as S 208.7.*

Reason: Housekeeping. Movement of this section is recommended as a result of the comprehensive growth study because it would not normally be part of a Growth Management Ordinance.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2008-2

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2008-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning and

Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Move S 4.2 of the current Growth Management Ordinance to S 400.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.*

Reason: Housekeeping. Movement of this section is recommended as a result of the comprehensive growth study because it would not normally be part of a Growth Management Ordinance.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2008-3

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2008-3 as proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Replace the current Growth Management Ordinance language with proposed Growth Management Ordinance language dated January 17, 2008 as prepared by Gerald Coogan as a result of a comprehensive growth study.*

Reason: The results of a recent comprehensive growth study showed the need to update the ordinance. Major changes include using all dwelling units in the base number (est. 2,010 units), unused building permits could be carried forward to the next year, and the GMO expires on April 30, 2010, unless the Town Meeting re-enacts it at the March 2010 Town Meeting. Full text of the GMO is available at the Planning office.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2008-4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment 2008-4 as proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to*

comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Reason: Changes to the floodplain ordinance are a result of a compliance review conducted by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning. As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, the changes need to be made and adopted by the community in order to remain compliant in the Program. Full text of the floodplain ordinance is available at the Planning office.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2008-5

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment 2008-5 as proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Amend Sections 203.6, 204.6, 205.6, 206.6 A, and 207.6 B to read: Bulk Storage There shall be no storage above ground or subsurface of any fuels or liquids except: 1. Heating Oil not to exceed 500 gallons. 2. Diesel Fuel not to exceed 500 gallons. 3. Propane Gas not to exceed 500 gallons. 4. Gasoline not to exceed 500 gallons. 5. Storage tanks designed as part of the septic disposal system required for septicage generated on the lot. 6. Storage tanks holding water for fire fighting or on-site use. 7. Storage tanks for food products (such as maple sap, milk). All other storage tanks may be approved by Special Exception with the Board of Adjustment in accordance to S 701.3.*

Reason: These changes are intended to allow the use of storage tanks for relatively harmless materials in all districts.

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A Correction and Our Apologies

By Debbie Kardaseski

In the October 2007 issue of *The Loudon Ledger*, we announced the birth of Logan Thomas Poulton, grandson of Officer Jason Fiske. We mistakenly said that Carolyn Fiske of Loudon and Chief Bob Fiske, also of Loudon, were Logan's grandparents — they are *is great* grandparents! We also said that Shayna Fiske and Justin Poulton, parents of Logan, were married, which they are not. They are engaged to be married. We apologize for any problems this may have caused. ■

SESSION 2 OF TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 15 AT THE LOUDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION!

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m.
Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location.

Transfer Station

Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)

Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$1.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

Open most Wednesdays from 2–3 p.m. or for emergencies.

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

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley: NEED ADDRESS

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

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

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

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

Deborah H. Wheeler

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128. ■

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2008 Schedule

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February 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/21

March 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/18

April 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/17

May 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/21

June 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/19

July 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/16

August 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/21

September 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/18

October 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/12 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/15

November 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/20

December 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/17

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

Advertising: Samantha French — 783-4601 / harvestmooner@aol.com

Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

"Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus is Lord!"

Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577
www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: fbc@emlot.com

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

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

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Pastor Jeff Owen

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

Winter Worship Hours:

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m. • *Bible Study:* Thursday 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group: Leader Tom Stevens. Sept.–June 6:00 p.m., Grades 6–12

FWFriends: Weds. evenings 6:30–8. Ages 3 through Grade 5 (Sept.–June)

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries.

Please call for more details.

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Landmark Baptist Church

Fundamental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

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

for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

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

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. •

Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

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

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

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon., Wed., Fri., 9–4, Tue., Thu.
phyllysh@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

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

Children's Church (Grades 1–4)

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

Tuesdays: *Early Youth Group* (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: *Youth Group w/Youth Pastor:* 6:30 p.m. [Brian Bollinger]

Children's Bible Quizzing: 6:30–7:30 p.m. (Grades 1–6) *Adult Bible Studies:* 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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

Eastern Nazarene College Presents A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene



Friday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. at the New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene on Staniels Road in Loudon.

Established by Professor Esther Williamson in 1938, the ENC A Cappella Choir (of Quincy, MA) regularly presents concerts in churches, universities, and public and private high schools throughout the Eastern Educational Region of the Church of the Nazarene. As part of the institutional mission of Eastern Nazarene College, the A Cappella Choir strives to embody academic excellence and encourages each member to become a redemptive force in the world. It provides students from a variety of majors an opportunity to perform the great choral works, improve their musicianship, and grow in faith within a positive environment. Those specifically involved in pre-professional music curricula are able to acquire the ensemble background necessary for a career in choral music.

Closely aligned with these high musical goals is the desire to bring glory to God through all the music studied and sung, whether sacred or secular. In the Christian college context, there is no conflict between high educational ideals and the Christian faith.

The photo above of the Eastern Nazarene College A Cappella Choir, taken by Timothy J. Davis, shows them performing at the historic Jordan Hall in Boston, MA.

All are invited to this presentation. Our church is handicap accessible. A free-will offering will be taken for the choir. ■

Rise Again Outreach Is Sponsoring **NEW LIFE** Eating Disorder Support Group

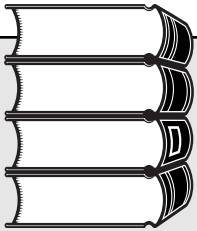
New Life is a recovery support group that seeks to transform the lives of people suffering from eating disorders and food addictions with God's power for healing and His guide for living.

New Life is meeting on Monday nights at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene, 33 Staniels Road in Loudon. Group materials for participation will be available on site at a nominal cost.

For more information, please call Olive M. at 229-3220 or 228-1654. Email: newlife@riseagainoutreach.org



Rise Again Outreach, Inc. is a faith-based, nonprofit organization in New Hampshire that is committed to showing God's love to people who are in crisis or poverty by helping to meet their temporal and spiritual needs. For more information about Rise Again Outreach, please contact Bill Pelletier, President by telephone, mail or email. Or, visit our website at: www.riseagainoutreach.org
33 Staniels Road, Loudon, NH 03307
(603) 228-3220 wjp@riseagainoutreach.org



Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

STORY TIME

This month story time will explore different creatures from cats and slugs to monsters and dinosaurs. On the 5th, 6th, and 7th of February, the children will focus on cats by listening to *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes and *Tiger Trouble* by Diane Goode. They will finish off the morning by creating a feline door hanger.

For the week of Valentines, story timers will be treated to *Slugs in Love* by Susan Pearson and Felicia Bond's *The Day it Rained Hearts*. After the stories, the children will create their own Valentine to bring home. Parents and children are welcome to stay longer for a Valentine's party; bring a treat to share and the library will provide juice.

February 19th through the 21st brings *The Very Worst Monster* and *Seven Scary Monsters* (by Pat Hutchins and Mary Beth Lundgren) to the library! The children will leave with a monster puppet that will evoke more giggles than screams.

Join us during school vacation week on the 26th through the 28th as story time takes a trip to the Jurassic age and reads *My Dinosaur* by Mark Alan Weatherby and *Dinosaurumpus!* by Tony Mitton.

CHILDREN'S ROOM UPDATE

The Children's Room started out 2008 with a brand new circulation desk (pictured above right)! We would like to thank you for all of the donations that made this possible. And a big thank you to Brad Huckins for all of his hard work in building it and installing it. If you haven't seen it, come on down to the Children's Room and check it out!



NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Ackroyd, Peter
Bernhardt, William
Cornwell, Bernard
Delaney, Frank
Dubois, Brendan
Faqr, Fadia
Hooper, Kay
Jin, Ha
Leshem, Ron
Paretsky, Sara
Sussman, Paul
West, Michael Lee

The Fall of Troy
Capitol Conspiracy
Sword Song
Tipperary
Twilight
Cry of the Dove
Blood Dreams
Free Life
Beauford
Bleeding Kansas
Last Secret of the Temple
Mermaids in the Basement

Nonfiction

Albright, Madeleine
Axelrod, Alan
Boorstein, Sylvia
Coile, Carolyn
Dodd, Philip
Hirshberg, Gary
Liebman-Smith, Joan
Novacek, Michael
Pollan, Michael
Sedlar, Jeri
Wulsin, Lawson

Memo to the President Elect
Bradley
Happiness is an Inside Job
Designer Dogs
Reverend Guppy's Aquarium
Stirring It Up
Body Signs
Terra
In Defense of Food
Don't Retire, Rewire!
Treating the Aching Heart

BOOK GROUP

John Steinbeck's *East of Eden* is the engrossing read for the February 28th meeting of the book group. In the fifty-six years since it was published, the book has never been out of print. Set in the Salinas Valley of California from 1862 to 1918, this family saga offers enough memorable characters and themes to keep the discussion going well into the night. When interviewed about the book, Steinbeck himself said, "I think everything else I have written has been, in a sense, practice for this." Newcomers are welcome. The discussion will start at 7:30 p.m. Please call 798-5153 for details.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Mondays 1–7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed Monday, February 18th, in observance of Presidents' Day. ■

What kind of flowers did the farmer give his wife on Valentine's Day?

NAYDC ○ ○ _ _ _

GHUS _ ○ _ _ _

HCOCLOETA _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

PDUICI _ _ _ _ ○ _ _

RABFYEUR ○ _ _ _ _ _ _

VLEO ○ ○ _ _ _

ITENWR ○ _ _ _ _ _

ATRHES _ ○ _ ○ _ ○

January Word Scramble Answers
Winter Glove Cold Frost Glacier Igloo Snow Ice
"WELL, DOGGONE!"

Town Meeting — cont. from page 1

ZONING AMENDMENT 2008-6

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment 2008-6 as proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Amend Section 208.4 C to read as follows: 1. Be pitched a minimum of -2% away from the road for a distance of twelve feet for driveways sloping downhill away from the roadway so as to create a landing for vehicles to safely enter the roadway; Or be pitched a minimum of -2% away from the road for a distance of six feet for driveways sloping uphill away from the road so not to create unsafe conditions such as the creation of puddles of water, formation of ice patches and create additional drainage onto the road network. The required -2% pitch areas of driveways shall be surfaced to match the existing road surface.*

Reason: To clarify matching the slopes to the driveway situation and match the driveway surface to the roadway surface.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2008-7

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment 2008-7 as proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Amend Section 303.5 E to include reference to "the most current edition of NFPA life safety code as adopted by the State of New Hampshire" and delete reference to written approval of the Chief of the Loudon Fire Department.*

Reason: To ensure that all elderly housing units are designed to specific standards.

If passed, the ordinance would read as follows:

S303.5 E The maximum number of attached units shall not exceed four. Where housing units are under one common roof, the following standards shall apply:

In attached units, firewalls shall separate each unit.

Fire detection systems, designed to the most current edition of NFPA life safety code as adopted by the State of New Hampshire, are required in all attached units.

Fire suppression systems, designed to the most current edition of the NFPA life safety code as adopted by the State of New Hampshire, are required in all attached units.

Session Two: Saturday's Town Meeting

Following are preliminary warrant articles that will be up for discussion during Saturday's session of Town

Meeting. We stress *preliminary*, as these were presented at the *first* budget hearing on Tuesday, January 22. Be sure to check your Town Report for a more complete list and keep in mind that there may even be changes after the Town Report appears as warrant articles can be changed on the floor at Town Meeting. In other words: if you want the complete story you should plan on being at Town Meeting!

"Article 1" is the slate of officials on the ballot and "Article 2" includes all of the proposed Zoning Amendments.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,000.00 for the purpose of repaving Cooper Street from Route 129 to the Safety Complex, repave all areas around the Safety Complex, and Recreational Drive. *This article would affect the tax rate by 13 cents per \$1,000 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to reconstruct drainage at the lower level of the Maxfield Public Library, construct a new manhole at the east side of South Village Road, and connect piping to existing manhole across from the Library. *This article would affect the tax rate by 4 cents per \$1,000 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$268,980.00 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Upper City Road, Hollow Route Road, and Storrs Drive, and to repave Goshen Drive and Sheep Rock Roads. *This article would affect the tax rate by 50 cents per \$1,000 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to participate in a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the Fall of 2008. *This article would affect the tax rate by 1 cent per \$1,000 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

The budget presented at the Jan. 22 first budget hearing was relatively unchanged from last year, with the bottom line at that time being down 4.03% from last year. This bottom line will change before the second budget hearing as a number of issues were discussed that will result in a couple of changes in the budget. Most town employees will receive a 2% pay raise with the exception of Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White and Selectmen's Office Assistant Bonnie Theriault, who will receive slightly higher raises, and Police Chief Bob Fiske, who will receive a 2.5% raise as part of his contractual agreement with the Town.

We'll touch on a few of the more noticeable changes in the budget in this article. The Selectmen's Data Processing line is up 55.17% (from \$8,700 to

\$13,500) due to increases in service contracts and necessary updates. Postage in all departments is up slightly due to the recent increase in postage.

The Historical Society's budget has increased from \$500.00 to \$2,500. The Society has lots of new members who have plans for updating its computer system, adding programs for the public, and updating the organization as a whole. It's a high-energy group with some exciting plans for the future!

Election costs are up because of the additional elections this year. Assessments/Maps are down 11.27%!

The Tax Collector File Clerk line is down 19.92%, from \$1,977 to \$1,583. Dues are up from \$100 to \$120. Registry of Deeds costs are up 66.66%. The increase is due to an anticipated increase in the number of foreclosures.

The Treasurer anticipates a \$100 increase in bank charges. The Planning Board salary line is up \$800 in part to pay the chair a bit more. A comparable change will be seen in the Zoning Board salary line. Part of the increase will be offset by a \$250 decrease in office supplies. Zoning has increased its legal consultants line by \$1,500. Both planning and zoning boards show an increase in their advertising line.

Government building costs are up 4.48% due to increased costs for electricity and heating. Town Cemeteries shows a large increase from \$9,000 to \$19,000. The cemetery near the Library is the only cemetery in town with no trust funds for maintenance and has needed a new fence for many years. This will be the year! The granite posts will be straightened and new pressure-treated lumber used to replace the rails.

Health and Dental insurance shows a slight increase at 1.5%

The Police Department computer support line is up from \$5,250 to \$6,142. However that has been more than offset by a \$9,300 decrease in the data processing line. Police medical line is up from \$2,700 to \$3,600. Their electricity line is also up from \$2,700 to \$3,600. Office supplies are up \$500. The biggest increase is in the radio repair line, where it has gone from \$600 to \$2,600. This is to repair the repeater that is on the old station 2 on Lower Ridge Road. Permits are still in place for this repeater and if it isn't repaired or replaced, the process will have to begin all over again. It is necessary to keep this repeater to insure public safety and help with radio connectivity. Ammunition has doubled to \$2,000. However, even with all of these increases the total police budget is down 0.31%.

Ambulance billing fees are up 15% — a cost that is dictated to the town by the billing service. The Fire Department's dispatch fees, also dictated by an outside party, are up 11.35% to \$36,500. Truck maintenance is up slightly (6.66%) as is protective cloth-

ing (5.15%). Additional training is estimated to cost \$8,500 this year, up from \$6,800. Equipment testing has also increased from \$1,200 to \$2,000. The bottom line has increased 6.28%.

Compliance code asst. wages will double because the assistant's hours will double from 8 hours per week to 16 per Chief. Fiske's request. Subscriptions are up a bit also, by \$50.

Emergency management has asked for an additional \$300, moving their bottom line up 17.64%

The Highway Department has estimated a 6.66% increase in overtime wages and increased some equipment repair lines. 2007-08 saw the last lease payment on the excavator lease so there will be a decrease in that line of \$25,000! Overall the Highway department's budget is down 3.06%.

Waste/Landfill's budget has gone down a total of 3.43%. There are decreases in many lines, including part-time wages, supplies, tractor repairs, and tipping fees. Due to some changes in the law, however, it is going to cost substantially more to dispose of electronics and light bulbs. That line shows an increase from \$2,500 to \$7,000.

Community Action is up 4.99%, but this is a cost that is determined by outside agencies.

The Recreation budget is down by 13.11%. Lifeguard wages are up by \$200. Rental cost for porta-johns are up slightly, but park maintenance supplies are down 87.65%. The Loudon Young at Heart budget is up a bit, from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

The Library budget is unchanged in many areas but there are increases in the equipment/repair line (\$3,000 up to \$4,000); elevator maintenance is up \$400; non-print materials are up \$500; passes to outside attractions, such as the Planetarium and Shaker Village, have increased \$100. Supplies have gone from \$2,500 to \$3,800 — a 52% increase. Technology is up 10%, from \$5,000 to \$5,500.

Economic development is down 50% mainly because there is no formal economic development committee in town any more.

For the most part, Capital Reserve Funds have been level funded with the following exceptions: Bridge — up \$5,000 to \$20,000; Library Collection Maintenance — down 28.57%, \$5,000 from \$7,000; Roadway Improvements — up \$15,000 to \$100,000; and the J.O. Cate Van down 50% to \$2,500.

The bottom line: \$4,274,433 — down 4.03% from last year. Again, this is not the final figure as changes are being made as we go to press.

If you have questions about any budget item contact either the Selectmen (Roger Maxfield, chair; Steve Ives or Dustin Bowles) or the appropriate department head. ■

LOUDON GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit will be holding our Annual Sock and Toiletries Drive during the month of January and February! We will be collecting new or used (in good condition) socks and travel sized toiletries for the Friends Program. The Friends Program is a non-profit social service organization that provides emergency housing to families as well as numerous other services to those in need. Please help the girls reach a goal of sending many boxes of donations along to this organization. Our drive focuses on warm socks and travel sized toiletries, but there are other items they are in need of including: toothpaste, brushes, shampoos, deodorant, Q-tips, soaps, chapsticks, baby wipes and diapers, warm socks (all sizes), and cleaning products. There will be a bin at The Maxfield Public Library for the month of January and most of February. Thank you for your support in our efforts!

On January 5th, girls from all eight Loudon Girl Scout troops gathered for our annual Loudon Girl Scouts Cookie Kick-off Event. Everyone had a fun making new friends, singing, learning about the cookies, and, most importantly, tasting the cookies!! Thank you to all the adults who helped out at the event, we couldn't have done it without you!! A huge thank you to Michele Holbrook for organizing a great event this year, the girls and adults had a blast. The entire Service Unit would like to thank The Faith Community Bible Church for allowing us the use of their beautiful facility, we appreciate your generosity.

It is never too late for Girl Scout Cookies!! Look for Loudon Girl Scouts in February and March to be selling cookies at various spots in Loudon. If you don't know a Girl Scout, please contact Michele Holbrook, Loudon Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Manager at 798-3669 or simplybyhand@yahoo.com and we will fix you up with some cookies!!

World Thinking Day is a celebration held on February 22 each year. Girls participate in activities, games, and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. This year the Loudon Girl Scouts are putting together a World Thinking Day event on Saturday, February 9th where troops represent countries from around the world that are part of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts). Each troop researches and shares information they learn about their country and Girl Guides or Girl Scouts in that country. Troops share information, flags, crafts, food, SWAPS (Special Whatchamacalits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere), maps, and items from that country as well as demonstrate a game or skit. The event is being held at New Hampshire Sno-Shakers Clubhouse in

Canterbury and we would like to thank the Sno-Shakers for allowing us to use their facility; we are very grateful. This should be a fantastic event, check back next month for an update.

Save the date!!! On Friday, April 4th The Loudon Girl Scouts will hold a Spaghetti Supper at Loudon Elementary School from 5:30-7:30 p.m. More details will follow next month but save that date because it is a meal you don't want to miss and supports the girl's camporee for this year.

The Loudon Girl Scouts will be gearing up for our second camporee which will be on May 16, 17, and 18 (hopefully without the rain this year). We will have our camporee again this year at Cascade Campground here in Loudon. We are very thankful for their willingness to allow us back! The girls have voted and decided on the theme for this year, "Loudon Girl Scouts Home on the Prairie." We will have crafts, games, and activities about frontier/prairie life. The camporee subcommittee will be hard at work planning for the event and the troops will be gearing up for this fun weekend together in the coming months.

The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit continues to welcome any girl or adult volunteer interested in joining our fun. If you are interested, please go to the website www.loudonnh.org and print the forms under Girl Scouts. If you were involved in Girl Scouting years ago and would like to come back and have fun, please let us know! We always welcome more volunteers. In addition we are looking for materials such as troop flags, and ceremony items that former leaders and volunteers may have stored away. If you have these items and would like to move them out of your space, please contact Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager at 783-4275.

Thank you for reading about the great things that Loudon Girl Scouts are accomplishing, great job girls and keep it up!! Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Here is an update on a few of our great Loudon Girl Scout troops, keep checking back for continued updates as our troops (and troop leaders) are so busy they don't get a chance to update each month.



Loudon Girl Scouts kick off cookie season.

Daisy Troop #955

Amanda Wolf & Karry Gay

The Daisy's are growing! Our little troop now has seven girls. Because of the snow, we didn't have too many meetings in 2007, but we are looking forward to a great 2008. The girls attended the Loudon Cookie Kick Off and had a great time; this was their first big Girl Scout event. Right now we are working on earning two of our petals along with the Girl Scout Promise for the center of our Daisy. We are also planning a visit to the police station. We will have our investiture ceremony on February 14, weather permitting. This is going to be an exciting year for Loudon's newest Girl Scouts!

Brownie Troop #45

Lysa Crouch & Tamika Carter

Here's a quick update about Troop 45: We decorated Rudolph brownies and made pretty wreaths pins out of recycled "milk rings" and pipe cleaners at our last meeting in December. We have begun to correspond with our sister brownie troop in Fairfax, Vermont. We were very excited to receive a packet of letters and pictures from their troop describing their families, likes, and dislikes. We responded in kind. We have also been concentrating on Germany, our World Thinking Day country. We have started our SWAPS and flag and will put together our craft kits and presentation materials at our next meeting. Our girls enjoyed the Cookie Kick-Off and are very excited about selling Girl Scout cookies to help fund our troop's future activities!

Brownie Troop #685

Christine Campbell & Karen Minery

The girls have been busy gearing up for World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is an event where Girl Scout troops share information about Girl Scouting in other countries. The troops are required to provide a flag of their country, a display of information, sample of food to share a craft that is reflective of that country and share a song, skit or dance. The troop has agreed to present Russia at the event. Many of the third year Brownies are working independently on preparing information to present about the country. As a group, the girls will be making their SWAP pins and craft bags. A huge thank you to all who donated Russian items to our troop to increase our knowledge of the country. Don't forget that it is Girl Scout Cookie Time!! The girls attended the Loudon Cookie Kick Off on Saturday, January the 5th. Our troop decorated masks for the theme, Make It A Hit. The girls have such a great time getting together at town events!! Please, show your support by buying Girl Scout cookies. The sale of cookies is a troop's largest fundraiser



Troop 361 girls enjoy pizza after roller-skating.

LOUDON HISTORY AND MYSTERY

By Amanda Masse



Lord Loudoun and Other Interesting Facts

Gentleman farmer Henry J. Osgood records in his 1885 historical sketch that the name Loudon is of Scotch origin and means “low hills.” Our chronicler further suggests that when the town split off from Canterbury in 1773, this name was selected to honor John Campbell, the fourth Earl of Loudoun, whose domain in Scotland was similarly covered with low hills.

Portrayed here is the Earl of Loudoun as he appeared to painter Allan Ramsay in 1747. As commander-in-chief of British troops in North America, Loudoun ordered Major Robert Rogers to organize his celebrated band of frontier rangers.

The name Loudoun is also known because of John Loudoun McAdam, who served here as an

aide-de-camp to the Earl. McAdam, “the father of American road building,” invented a road surfacing process in 1810 which revolutionized road construction around the world.

Today our town commemorates this noble name in a form shortened by American usage — Loudon.

Here are some other fun “early Loudon History facts”

The first town meeting in Loudon was held in the home of Abraham Bachelder, Jr. The same Bachelder family was to figure prominently in the history of the town along with such other old families as Brown, Cate, Clough, French, Hoit, Lovering, Moore, Ordway, Osgood, Sanborn, Stevens, and Tilton.

In 1777 the town voted to raise the Loudon Center Meeting House. In 1779 the town voted to buy barrels of rum for the raising (an addition that was put on to the meeting house in 1778) and the following charges are paid: Joseph G Batchelder for rum \$108.16, Reuben Greeley for two quarts of snake root \$12.00.

A 1786 Advertisement read: “Taken up on the highway leading from Jethro Bachelder’s Mills, in Loudon, to Canterbury, a dark bay mare with a long tale and maen, nine hands high, about five years old; the owner may have her again by applying to me, the subscriber proving his property and paying charges.” Taylor Lovering (*spelling mistakes are original*).

Agriculture played an important part in the early years of Loudon’s history. By 1885 two-thirds of Loudon was field or pasture, thus making it an excellent town for grazing. In that year it ranked third in Merrimack County in the value of its agricultural products.

In 1849, Loudon’s land produced 8,000 bushels of corn, 43,639 bushels of potatoes, 3,905 tons of hay, 7,958 pounds of wool, and 22,619 pounds of maple sugar.

Loudon sent thirty-two men to fight in the Revolutionary War and Captain Benjamin Sias of the town commanded a unit at the Battle of Bennington. Later he served as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention.

In the 1830’s Parker Pillsbury, the well-known abolitionist, preached to

Loudon congregations. In 1840 the Loudon Village Anti-Slavery Sewing Circle was formed.

Historic Sites:

Sanborn Farm — In operation for more than a century by the same family. This farm includes a water-powered sawmill which dates from pre-Revolutionary War times.

Stone Houses — In around 1830, five houses were constructed of cut stone in Loudon village.

Indian Trail — An old Indian trail along the Soucook River at one time connected the Concord area with Alton Bay and Lake Winnepesaukee.

Buswell’s Mine — Containing galea with inclusions of both gold and silver, the mine was in operation in the mid 19th century when ore was shipped to Pittsfield to be refined.

Lovering Mills — The stone foundation off Clough Pond Road on Shaker Brook. Rebuilt several times the original mill title was purchased by Moses Lovering in 1787.

Sabbatus Heights — The highest point in Loudon was named after the Chief of the Abenaki tribe who occupied the land on Loudon Ridge from 1740-1750.

Town Hall — Also located on the Ridge, Loudon’s Town Hall was built in 1779 and was the original church. In 1782 Shaker Elders Ebenezer Cooley and Israel Chauncey gave the first Shaker testimony in New Hampshire in this building.

I am always looking for more individuals interested in helping out with this section, and of course am always looking for your great photos. If you are interested in helping or have photos to share please contact me, Amanda by email at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227.

Please consider stopping by and joining the Historical Society, the next meeting is on Wednesday, February 6th. Please email Cyndi Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com for meeting details. Let’s all help keep Loudon’s history alive! This group is working in subgroups on cemetery documentation, oral histories and public relations efforts join them to find out more! ■

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and helps to defray the costs of providing wonderful experiences for the girls. As always, I again want to thank all who help make our troop a success.

Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse, Michele Paquette & Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz

The girls of Troop #300 are having a great start to 2008. Several families attended the Swift Water Cookie Kick-off event and Monarch’s game in Manchester. Most of our girls participated in the Loudon Cookie Kick-off. We went on a tour of Hannaford Supermarkets in Concord where the girls learned all about the importance of exercise, breakfast, balanced meals, making healthy choices, and learning about food labels. The tour taught the girls healthy behaviors and ways to make healthy choices throughout the day. The girls are working hard towards their cookie sales goals and have eyes on the prize of a couple of fun trips. Instead of dues for four weeks in January the girls decided to collect items for the sock/toiletries drive. We are very busy learning all about Italy as well as Girl Guides in Italy. So far the girls have sewed a flag, made maps and posters of their promise and law. Did you know that Brownie Girl Scouts in Italy are called Wolf Cubs! The Wolf Cub motto is “the best we can.” We will be making craft kits, SWAPS and putting together a skit or game to share with the other attendees. As part of our troop World Thinking Day celebrations later in the month the first year Brownies will receive their World Trefoil pin and all the girls will discuss and reflect on water, which is

the theme for this year’s celebration. We will discuss ways to act locally and globally about water issues. Thank you to our troop volunteers for events and trips!!

Brownie Troop #10454

Julie Segien & Kathy Fisher


The Brownies of Troop #10454 are working toward two Try Its; Cookies Count (being Girl Scout cookie selling time) and the Around the World Try-It. The girls learned how to Chinese jump rope, and read maps of the countries over in Europe. The girls also earned the Careers Try-it by reading a story of about a pioneer woman with a traveling sewing machine.

Junior Troop #361

Michele Holbrook & Gayleen Smith

Since we last wrote about the troop, the girls went to Roller Kingdom in Tyngsboro, MA for an afternoon of roller-skating followed by a pizza dinner. Everyone had a lot of fun that Saturday afternoon in November. December came and the girls made Christmas gifts for their families. Stamped candles and hot chocolate mix cones were a blast to make. Last month was our troop celebration of all birthdays for the year 2008. The girls enjoyed cupcakes, ice cream, and juice followed up with plenty of traditional birthday games. Musical chairs, dress-up relay races, hoola hoop games, and more. We finished the meeting off with a “birthday” Yankee Swap. Troop 361 will have more upcoming adventures which we promise to share in future issues. Till then, thank you for listening.

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LOUDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Loudon Historical Society — December 5, 2007

Present: Ron Lane, Michele York, Melanie Kiley, Cyndi Babonis, Linda Hunton, Bob Ordway, Patrick Kiley, Henry Frost, Betty Frost, Retta Weaver, Muriel Burr, and Fay Atkinson

Ron Lane opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The reading of the minutes were postponed and will be read at the next meeting.

Cyndi said that the tour of the Sanborn Mill will be planned for next spring. She also has the name of a person who is doing the history of Concord Hospital. The person is from Loudon and may be a potential writer for our town history.

Michele has looked up the publishers of other towns' histories and has information on several of them.

Cyndi suggested asking the publishers for the names of authors.

Ron spoke to someone about the history of Bow, which was written by people in town. We could look into their publishers.

This information gives us some good leads to pursue in finding an author. Cyndi will ask the person she knows about the process and cost.

It was mentioned that a lot of Loudon's early history is in the history of Canterbury.

Retta mentioned a speech that was given during the US Centennial that tells a lot about Loudon's history. She will try to find a copy. She also stated that many of Loudon's early meetings are in the state archives.

Michele mentioned again the possibility of selling town calendars as a fundraiser for the Society, such as those that we remember as kids. This brought up many other ideas for fundraising.

Cyndi suggested that we try whenever possible to coordinate any fundraising projects with other projects we are doing.

It was mentioned again that we need to make sure we get permission from the people we do oral histories on before we use their photos or voices for anything.

Cyndi brought five copies of *Listen to the Crickets*, by Ruth Sanborn King, to keep at the Historical Society. We discussed giving one to the Maxfield Public Library if they don't already have one.

Ron thanked Henry Frost for donating the old sounding board from the Freewill Baptist Church to the Historical Society. This sounding board is made of chestnut and acted as an amplifier. It was given to Henry by Ruth Sanborn King.

Ron told everyone that Galen Beale was in our building with Peter Bartlett, and gave him some recommendations of

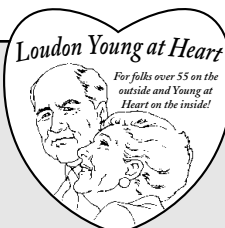
what to do with some of our artifacts. We will have copies of those recommendations at the next meeting. She would like to help with the curator position.

Fay Atkinson introduced herself to the other members. She has done a lot of work with genealogies and is interested in helping to photograph and document the cemeteries. Her daughter is interested in helping with oral histories. Muriel stated that she also has done a lot of work in genealogy.

Bob explained that the cemeteries project would include documenting and photographing all of the information on the stones and inputting that data into the computer, as well as researching to find out who is buried in each cemetery.

The general meeting was adjourned and everyone broke into committees to discuss the next steps to take in the various projects.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Hunton*



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

We had no program scheduled due to Primary Election Day, but we did enjoy having coffee and Dunkin' Donuts. Some of our members also worked at the polls, so we had only 24 people present. The door prizes of \$10.00 each were won by Maybelle Fisher and Clem Lyon. The Community Action Program provided lunch consisting of ham, pineapple, sweet potatoes, beets, rolls, and spice cake.

On February 12th, those members who have signed up will meet at the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to "Food for Thought" in Belmont for lunch. Some members will drive directly there, depending on the part of town that they live in, but they must have previously signed up for the lunch.

March 11th is town meeting day, and again we will have no program, and several of our members will be working at the polls. Hmmmm, shall we do the Dunkin' Donuts deal again?

We have had some new members this year, but we always have room for one or two or three or ??? — you get the idea. Remember, the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center. ■

Do you have old photos of Loudon residents, buildings or activities that you would like to share with the Historical Society? If so you can contact Cynthia Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com or call the town office and ask for Bob Ordway. We will set up an appointment to scan your photos.

Try Your Luck in the Moose Lottery

Lottery applications are now available for the adventure of a lifetime - hunting moose in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's 2008 moose hunt lottery is open! The entry fee is \$15 for New Hampshire residents and \$25 for nonresidents (nonrefundable). New Hampshire's moose hunt is nine days long, starting the third Saturday in October. This year's hunt runs from October 18-26, 2008. The odds of being selected in last year's lottery were about 1 in 20 for New Hampshire residents and 1 in 55 for nonresidents, some of the best odds in the nation for moose hunting.

Visit the Fish and Game website at www.HuntNH.com to enter the moose hunt lottery online or print out an application to mail in. Applications can also be picked up from Fish and Game license agents statewide. Moose hunt lottery applications for 2008 must be postmarked or submitted online by midnight Eastern Time, May 30, 2008, or they may be delivered to N.H. Fish and Game headquarters in Concord prior to 4:00 p.m. that day. Winners will be selected through a computerized random drawing on June 20.

Last year (2007), more than 16,700 applicants entered the lottery for the chance to win one of 675 permits. Those who are lucky enough to take part in the hunt have an excellent chance of success. Last year almost three-fourths of New Hampshire permit holders got their moose. Permit holders can choose another hunter of any age to accompany them on the hunt, but only one moose may be taken per permit.

Each applicant can enter the moose hunt lottery once each year. A bonus point system improves the chances for unsuccessful applicants who apply each consecutive year. Hunters who get permits are not eligible to enter the lottery for the following three years. It is not necessary to have a current hunting license to enter the lottery, but hunters who are offered and accept a permit must buy a \$150 resident or \$500 nonresident moose hunt permit, as well as a New Hampshire hunting license.

Both state residents and nonresidents may enter the moose lottery. The number of permits available to nonresidents is capped, based on the prior year's sales of nonresident hunting licenses (about 15 to 17 percent of the total).

On the Fish and Game website, you can find more information on moose hunting at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_moose.htm, including a moose hunt Q&A, regional success rates, and photos and stories from past New Hampshire moose hunts.

The state's current moose population is estimated at about 6,000 animals.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats; inform and educate the public about these resources; and provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate them. Visit www.HuntNH.com. ■

Historical Society Looking For Help!

Do you like to write or research history?

The Loudon Historical Society is looking for someone to write the history of Loudon. If you know an historian or someone with the experience to assist us with this, please contact Cynthia Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com.

Loudon Youth Athletic Association

By Melody Broider

Baseball & Softball News:

It won't be long till we hear the crack of the bat! Things are heating up for another exciting season of baseball. LYAA is now accepting applications for Baseball/Softball Coaches and Assistant Coaches for the 2008 season. Please help make this upcoming season a success by applying today. Little League requires that anyone interested in coaching must fill out an application and background check. This requirement is for head coaches as well as assistant coaches.

LYAA has made it easy for you! We would ask that you go to the LYAA web site: www.lyaanh.org on the home page you will find a link to the application. The application can be filled out on-line, however you will need to print it for the purpose of a signature and then send it with a copy of your license to LYAA at: LYAA, PO Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307. We are attempting to get the baseball season organized early. Therefore, if you are interested in coaching, we would ask you to have the forms back to us no later than February 15, 2008. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact any board member.

Loudon Little League Baseball & Softball Sign-Ups:

You can either sign up online at www.lyaanh.org, fill out and return form in this month's *Ledger*, or in person on the following dates:

SIGN-UP DATES!

Tuesday	Feb. 12th	6:00 to 8:00	Maxfield Library, Downstairs
Thursday	Feb. 14th	6:00 to 8:00	Maxfield Library, Downstairs
Saturday	Feb. 16th	10:30 to 2:00	Brookside Pizza
Saturday	Feb. 23rd	10:30 to 2:00	Brookside Pizza

COST

\$30.00 per child, \$50.00 family of 2 children, \$60.00 family of 3 or more children, \$40.00 per child for Babe Ruth. NOTE – First-year players need to bring or mail a copy of birth certificate with registration. National Little League Guidelines state: a participant must be 5 years old; a participant born on or between the dates of May 1, 2002 and April 30, 2003 is league age 5.

Go to www.lyaanh.org to download registration forms and to find information for the upcoming season!

LYAA wants you to get involved! Little in life is more rewarding than helping a child grow. We are expanding our membership to those of you who want to make a difference in a child's life and have fun. Becoming a LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings scheduled every fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. There are many exciting opportunities to take part in and any level of help is appreciated.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Melody Broider via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com.

Independent Community Basketball (ICB) Basketball News:

ICB would like to thank all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors that made the 2nd Annual Shoot-A-Thon such a success! Check out season updates at www.icbbasketball.com. ■

ICB Christmas Tournament — Boys 3rd & 4th Grade Division

Independent Community Basketball (ICB) is an area basketball program for Loudon, Boscawen, Penacook, Webster, and Salisbury youth. For more information, please see www.icbbasketball.com. More than half of this team is from Loudon. Alan's of Boscawen team was this year's Runner Up. *Back Row (left to right): Coach Scott Filion, Walter Corthell (fingers behind coaches head), Isaiah Mason, Timmy Gosvostes, Ben Thistle, and Coach Kevin Crutchfield. Front Row: Dylan Fifield, Hunter Brown, Brandon Brown, and Ian Curtin.* ■



BASEBALL SIGN-UP SHEET

Child's Name: _____ D/O/B _____

Gender: _____ Age as of April 30: _____ Grade Entering in Fall: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Home/Cell #: _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Home/Cell#: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy #: _____

Type of activity registering for (circle one)

National Little League Guidelines state: a participant born on or between the dates of May 1, 2002 and April 30, 2003 is league age 5. LYAA will need a copy of child's birth certificate.

Tee-ball (5-6)	Coach Pitch (7-8)	Minor Baseball (9-12)	Minor Softball (9-12)
Major Baseball (9-12)	Major Softball (9-12)	Senior Softball (13-15)	Babe Ruth (13-16)

Team or Coach played for last season: _____

LYAA is run and maintained by VOLUNTEERS!! We MUST have parent and/or family participation to offer a full baseball/softball program. Please choose one or more of the following volunteer positions:

- ☐ Field Maintenance
- ☐ Coaching Experience: _____
- ☐ Umpiring Experience: _____
- ☐ Concession Stand
- ☐ Team Mom or Dad
- ☐ Sponsor: _____ Team Level: _____

I hereby give permission for the above named child to participate in the Loudon Little League Program. I agree to assume all risks incidental to participation in the program, including any risk resulting from transportation to or from activities. I further agree to release from liability the Loudon Youth Athletic Association and its agents, coaches, game officials, and sponsors.

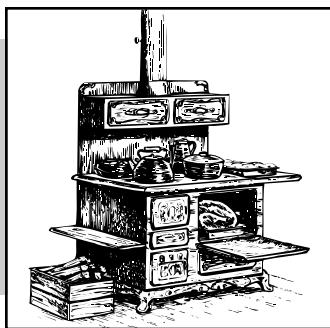
Parent or guardians signature: _____ Date: _____

COSTS

\$30.00 per Child	\$50.00 Family with 2 Children
\$60.00 Family with 3 Children	\$40.00 per Child (Babe Ruth)

**Please make checks payable to LYAA
(Loudon Youth Athletic Association)
PO Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307**

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What's Cookin'!

This month: Beg and Borrow

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Happy Valentines Day Loudon! I hope you are all able to spend time with the ones you love and I have some great recipes for you to share them. Some recipes are worth asking for and waiting for. So a big *thank you* to Loudon Resident Sherri Kluesner for sharing a recipe I first tasted at a 2006 Christmas cookie swap. My first thought about these cookies sitting next to beautifully decorated, brightly colored, and somewhat elaborate cookies was “those look plain and simple.” Well the simple part maybe true but the plain part was blown right off the cookie table after I bit into my first cookie. They were wonderfully buttery and melt-in-your-mouth delicious. So for the next year I harassed this poor woman and anyone who might know her to be reminded that I would REALLY love to have her recipe. So the ultimate Christmas gift to a foodie like me came at this year's 2007 cookie swap in the form of a white sheet of paper and on it was the recipe I had been trying to recreate from my taste buds memory — unsuccessfully — for a year. With that in mind, I just couldn't wait until next Christmas to share it with you. So please make this recipe ASAP and share it with someone you love this Valentine's Day and the whole year through.

BUTTER RICHES — Sherri Kluesener

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 unbeaten egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 3/4-2 cups sifted flour to form sugar for dipping glass

Browned Butter Frosting

- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3-4 tablespoons cream

Cream the butter. Gradually add sugars and cream well. Add egg yolk and vanilla: beat well. Blend in enough flour to form stiff dough. Shape into balls the size of a marble; place on greased cookie sheets. Flatten with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar to the size of a 50 cent piece. Bake at 350 degrees for 7-9 minutes until light golden brown. Cool and frost. If desired, garnish with slivered almonds.

Frosting: Brown the butter and remove from heat. Blend in powdered sugar and vanilla. Gradually add cream until of spreading consistency.

PEANUT BRITTLE — Baker Turk

Every year my Dad goes to Alabama to hunt and, in addition to bringing back meat to fill the freezer, I eagerly await the arrival of the gallon-sized zip-lock bag full (if not already dipped into on the air plane) of the most delicious peanut brittle I've ever tasted. It is made by a man at hunting camp who really knows what he's doing. And luckily for me and you this year's bag was accompanied by the recipe as well. The peanut brittle is long gone but I'm happy to be able to share the recipe with you and hope you feel the same way about it as my family!

- 1/2 cup water
- 3 “teacups” sugar (2 3/4 cups)
- 1 cup white syrup
- 4 cups raw shelled peanuts
- 3 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter

Boil sugar, water and syrup to hard crack stage (I recommend a candy thermometer). Be sure to use a large heavy metal pan such as a pressure cooker bottom. Add peanuts and stir until they are golden in color. Add salt and butter — stir well. Add baking soda and stir well. This will foam up. Pour in buttered pans. Do not spread

out — it will spread itself. Cool completely and break into pieces. Keep in airtight containers.

POPPY SEED TORTE — Naomi Zander

When we first started dating, my husband Nick would tell me how delicious the poppy seed torte his Grandma Zander from Wisconsin used to make. In my mind, I envisioned something more like a pecan pie made with poppy seeds instead of pecans. But after I had been around long enough, Nick's mother Jacquie finally gave the recipe for this delightfully cool, creamy, crunchy dessert to me and I, of course, am very excited to share it with you.

Crust

- 1 cup crushed graham crackers
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mixed as for pie crust. Pat in 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 10 minutes. Soften 1 envelope Knox gelatin in 1/3 cup of water and set aside.

Filling

- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 5 egg whites well beaten
- 1 cup sugar

Dash of salt
2 heaping tablespoons cornstarch
1/8 cup poppy seeds
Mix filling ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat until just about to boil. Remove from heat. Cool until thick but not cold. Add gelatin mixture, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 tablespoon butter. Cool. Fold in 5 beaten egg whites to which have been added 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar and 1/2 cup sugar.

Pour in cooled crust and chill. Serve with whipped cream if desired.

TWINKIE CAKE — Janet Preve

This next recipe was given to me by Janet Preve, a dear family friend. There has been many a gathering where this cake

has had my full attention and I kept my fingers crossed that there would be enough left over to get to bring a piece home. (Note: If you prefer a Suzie Q to Twinkies try this recipe with a chocolate cake mix.)

- 1 vanilla cake mix or French vanilla cake mix adding 1 teaspoon vanilla (Bake as directed on box. Cool completely.)
- 1 cup milk
- 6 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup Crisco
- 1 stick butter (real)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar

Filling: In a saucepan mix Crisco and milk. Heat until the mixture thickens. Cool completely, and then add with mixer the next ingredients one at a time to flour mixture until fluffy.

Remove cake from pan and cut the cake in half and put the bottom back in the pan. Add filling mixture. Then add top of cake. Sift powdered sugar on top of cake evenly. Refrigerate. Enjoy!

Next Month: Go green for St. Patrick's. I'll share with you some of my favorite foods that are green. Do you have any? Contact me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■





Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

D.A.R.E. NEWS

Jason S. Fiske, Instructor

We are on our way to another successful year of D.A.R.E. curriculum. The students are attentive and there is great participation from the fifth grade students. I wish to thank the fifth grade teachers, Mr. Satterfield, Mr. Herrick, and Ms. Starr for all their help in assisting me this year.

The big fundraiser is almost here! We have changed the date and the location this year. **Tuesday, March 18th will be the annual D.A.R.E. Pizza night. We will be holding the event at the Loudon Elementary School.** With the new addition, we will be able to utilize both the cafeteria and gym. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m.

– 6:30 p.m. The dinner includes a slice of pizza, salad, dessert, and a beverage for \$3.00. Additional slices may be purchased for \$1.00 a slice. The famous raffle will begin at 6:30 sharp. Tickets can be purchased for 3/\$1.00 or 20/\$5.00. There will be no advance ticket sales. You do not need to be present at the raffle. Andy Mack from 93.3 The Wolf will be here for event! Don't miss the fun!

This is our major fundraiser for the D.A.R.E. program. We appreciate the outpouring of support from our local businesses and residents. This program continues to be a success with the continued support from the community.

If you are interested in donating an item or have any questions, please contact Chief Fiske, Janice Morin or myself at 798-5521 or you may e-mail us at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. ■

2008 DARE PIZZA NIGHT



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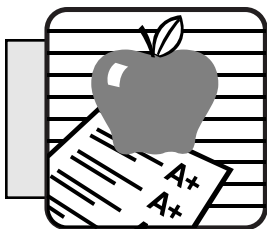
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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

PTA Art Reflections

The Loudon Elementary School PTA held its first-ever Art Reflections program this year. This is part of a national program which encourages students and rewards creativity in the categories of: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production. Students compete at school level, state level, and the state winners go on to Nationals.

Due to the limited number of submissions in each category, the Art Reflections Exhibit, which was scheduled in January, was revised. The students' works are on display at the school for everyone to view. The participants will be notified if their entry is chosen to be submitted for the state level.

The PTA wishes to thank those students who submitted artwork — they will receive recognition for their efforts. We would also like to thank the community judges that were lined up to share their knowledge and love of the arts by judging the work. Art Swenson, Betty Barton, and Judy Merrow were willing to volunteer their time to support the event and we are very grateful. We will certainly be calling on each of them in the future to share their knowledge.

The 2008–2009 Art Reflections theme is “WOW.” We look forward to seeing the wonderful submissions for the theme next year.

Pictured here are the submissions for this year, congratulations to all students on a job well done!

TRASH PICK-UP — by Levi, grade 3

When you pick up trash on the side of the road
It helps the earth because
The earth does not have to disintegrate it.

If you pick up trash on the side of the road
It will make the earth cleaner and
Help it to stay healthy.

When we leave trash and smoke on the ground
The smoke goes up and makes holes in
the atmosphere around us
And lets in bad air.



Kallie — Grade 1



Kyle — Grade 3



Levi — Grade 3



Kallie — Grade 1



Lauryn — Grade 3



Emily — Grade 5



Levi — Grade 3



Alex — Kindergarten



Raimee — Grade 4



Payton — Grade 3

MVHS Guidance Department, PTA, and Loudon Elementary School Present:

Early College Planning for Parents Grades K-8

Thursday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

Loudon Elementary School Old Art Room

Refreshments and Childcare will be provided by the PTA

It is never too early to begin preparing for your children's college education. Most 21st century careers require college or other training beyond high school. This seminar focuses on the parent's role in academic and financial preparation for college. Come find out what you can do now to prepare your children for success in college or other post secondary training. For more information contact: Mitch Taranow, mtaranow@mv.k12.nh.us, School Counselor (N-Z), Merrimack Valley High School, 603.753.4311

Mildred Lampron Memorial Book Award Available

The Loudon Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a book award to a Loudon student for \$750 in honor of Mildred P. Lampron. Mrs. Lampron was a full time teacher for over 30 years, 25 of them in Loudon at the Elementary School. Educating children was such an important part of her life that even after her retirement she spent a majority of her days at schools substituting and tutoring which she continued to do for another 10-15 years. She was an active community member and believed that the education of children was one of the greatest rewards in life. The Loudon Elementary School PTA honors Mrs. Lampron each year with this award.

To be eligible for this award, a student must be a graduating senior, a Loudon resident, and entering any 2- or 4-year college in the field of Education. The scholarship will be awarded based on community service, academic achievement, and extracurricular participation.

Applications must be completed and returned to Julie Barker, 472 Lower Ridge Rd., Loudon, NH 03307 or the MVHS Guidance Department by April 30, 2007. The award will be presented at Senior Awards Night. Copies of the application are available on the Loudon website www.loudonnh.org, at the MVHS Guidance Department and at the Maxfield Public Library in Loudon.

Merrimack Valley High School

Conservation Corner:

A group of Merrimack Valley High School students recently completed a community service project by clearing brush at the old Weir Farm Cellar Hole. This historic site is located in the middle of the Boscawen Town Forest at the end of Weir Road. The old farmstead is accessed via a short and well-maintained trail. The granite foundation of the farmhouse is well preserved, but over time it had been closed in by bittersweet vines and small saplings. Removing the brush required a team of people to cut, haul and stack; together we created a wonderful outdoor history lesson that more closely resembles the way the farm appeared in the 1930s when it was abandoned. The students learned about the farm, viewed old photos available at a small kiosk at the site, and generally completed a tremendous amount of work.

The Commission is working hard to keep the old farm fields and cellar hole from becoming overgrown. We also maintain a fairly extensive network of trails, including our interpretive trail that passes through the Weir Farm. We invite people to visit the Town Forest and enjoy the trail system.

Respectfully Submitted By Michael Jette, BCC Vice-Chair and Treasurer

Jazz All State Students

230 students from across the state auditioned for the All State Jazz Choirs, the top 64 students were selected to participate.

The following MVHS students will be singing in the Jazz All State Festival: **Rachel Carlson (Loudon)** — Alto voice, Senior (3rd time). Rachel is singing in the Honors Choir, which is made up of the top 32 singers. Rachel received a score of 86.5, the 9th highest score out of 83 altos who auditioned.

Michael Groleau (Penacook) — Tenor Voice, Senior (1st time). Michael is singing in the Honors Choir, which is made up of the top 32 singers. Michael received a score of 86.7, the 4th highest score out of 37 tenors who auditioned.

Seth Magee (Boscawen) — Bass voice, Senior (2nd time). Seth is singing in the Jazz Choir, he received a score of 79.8, the 13th highest score out of the 29 basses who auditioned.

All State Students

481 students from across state auditioned for the All State Chorus, 235 students were selected to participate in the 2 choruses. 268 woodwind and brass instrumentalists from across the state auditioned for the All State Band & Orchestra, 114 students were selected to participate.

The following students were selected to participate in the All State Music Festival:

Rachel Carlson (Loudon) — Alto voice, Senior, (3rd time). Rachel received a score of 86.6, the 3rd highest score out of the 57 students who auditioned in her room.

Michael Groleau (Penacook) — Tenor Voice, Senior (1st time). Michael received the 3rd highest score out of the 20 students who auditioned in his room.

Sarah Hashem (Webster) — Baritone, Junior (1st time). Sarah received a score of 57.2 and will be playing in the band.

Seth Magee (Boscawen) — Tuba, Senior, (2nd time). Seth received a score of 87.8, the 2nd highest score in the state on tuba. He will be playing in the band. Seth was also selected for the All State Chamber Festival, he played in the brass choir.

Amos Powelson (Penacook) — Trumpet, Senior, (2nd time). Amos received a score of 71.4 and will be playing in the band.

Althea Rosen (Salisbury) — Alto voice, Senior (3rd time). Althea received the 7th highest score out of the 57 students who auditioned in her room.

Merike Youngs (Penacook) — French Horn, Sophomore (1st time). Merike received a score of 54.9 and will be playing in the band.

Recognition for Outstanding Art Students

The state-wide level of the Scholastics Art and Writing competition winners were announced recently at the awards ceremony which took place at Pinkerton Academy. To date the Merrimack Valley high school art students have captured 32 outstanding awards!

Stephen Oakley (Salisbury) received: People's Choice Award! American Visions / Best of Show Award: Drawing, "Figures in Motion." Gold Key Art Portfolio Award with a \$4,000 college scholarship. Gold Key for artwork: Painting, "Double One." Gold Key for artwork: Drawing, "Continuous Line." Gold Key for artwork: Drawing, "Figures in Motion." Gold Key for artwork: Drawing, "Fastest Game on Two Feet." Gold Key for artwork: Drawing, "High Dive." Silver Key for artwork: Painting, "Creating My World." Silver Key for artwork: Drawing, "Drawing Me."

Lori Vanson (Loudon): Gold Key Art Portfolio Award with a \$4,000 college scholarship. Gold Key for artwork: Painting, "Not So Merry Cherry." Honorable Mention for artwork: Painting, "3 Calla Lillies."

Charlotte Evanofski (Webster): Gold Key Art Portfolio Award with a \$4,000 college scholarship. Gold Key for artwork: Drawing, "Self Portrait." Gold Key for artwork: Painting, "Lady with the Alligator Purse." Silver Key for individual artwork: Computer art, "My Web." Silver Key for individual artwork: Painting, "Strawberry Delight."

Abbey Dow (Loudon): Gold Key for artwork: Painting, "High School." Honorable Mention for artwork: Painting, "Tropical Change." Honorable Mention for artwork: Painting, "Effervescence."

Ryan Jelley (Boscawen): Gold Key for artwork: Painting, "After the Game."

SunMi Scheinler (Loudon): Gold Key for artwork: Mixed Media, "Shattered."

Meaghan Jackson (Loudon): Silver Key for artwork: Painting, "The Color of Family."

Lexi Potter (Penacook): Silver Key for artwork: Painting, "Pregame."

James Carey (Andover): Honorable Mention for artwork: Painting, "Dangerous Business."

Claire Dusell (Andover): Honorable Mention for Art Portfolio. Honorable Mention for artwork: Painting, "Blueberry Bluez."

Brandon Gallagher (Penacook): Honorable Mention for artwork: Drawing, "On the Edges of Black and White."

Allison Hayes (Loudon): Honorable Mention for artwork: Painting, "Textural Study."

Molly Kirsch (Loudon): Honorable Mention for artwork: Mixed Media, "Striving to Conform."

Brooke Zwick (Webster): Honorable Mention for artwork: Painting, "Self Portrait."

ALL GOLD KEY PORTFOLIOS and ARTWORK will now advance to the Scholastics NATIONAL LEVEL of competition which will take place in New York.

Student of the Month (December) Nominees

Penacook: Angela Fedion, Kristin Xavier, Sami Caldwell, Bruce Gassett, Jeremy Stinson, **Alex Temple** — **Male Student of the Month**, David Leach.

Webster: Bailey Martin, Danielle Gauthier, Cody Mock.

Salisbury: **Meghan Burrows** — **Female Student of the Month**.

Andover: Emily Laro

Loudon: Aimee Phillips, Anna Swenson, Brooke Halle, Ashley Dow, Russell Mancini, Zach Bouffard, Mike McAlister, Brad Moore, Alec Bastian.

Boscawen: Shannon Healey, Morgan Matthews.

The winning students are pictured below. ■



T+ YOUR HEART

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

February 14: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day

To my family, February 14 means much more than Valentines Day, it's also **Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day**. As you may recall, last year I wrote about our little girl Casey who has TGA (Transposition of the Great Arteries). She has already had one open-heart surgery and is facing at least one more. As heart wrenching as this has been for us, we are so proud of her. She will be 6 this May, enjoys Kindergarten at Loudon Elementary School, and loves life.

February 14 is a day to honor and remember all people born with a heart defect and all of the families and friends touched by our heroic "heart" children. There are about **1 million people alive in the United States alone who were born with a heart defect**. It is also a time to recognize the many medical professionals who take care of our heart children day in and day out and who conduct research which we hope will cure or prevent heart defects in the future.

Here are some facts regarding CHD's:

WHAT IS A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT (CHD)?

Congenital means it is present at birth. Heart defects begin in the early part of the pregnancy when the baby's heart is forming.

HOW MANY BABIES ARE BORN WITH A CHD?

Approximately 32,000 babies are born each year in the United States with a congenital heart defect (CHD). That equates to 1 out of 100 babies born have a heart defect.

WHAT IS THE NUMBER ONE BIRTH DEFECT

Congenital heart defects.

IS THERE A PRENATAL TEST FOR CHD?

An echocardiogram can accurately detect many heart defects, however, this test is performed by a specialized doctor and not an obstetrician. However, some heart defects can be detected though routine ultrasound.

HOW MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHD ARE THERE?

There are approximately 35 different types of congenital heart defects.

HOW ARE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS TREATED?

Today, most heart defects can be corrected or helped with surgery, medicine or devices, such as artificial valves and pacemakers. In the last 25 years, advances in treatment of heart defects have enabled half a million U.S. children with significant heart defects to survive into adulthood.

WHAT CAUSES A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT?

Unfortunately, they have not determined what causes heart defects, however, it is guessed that genetic and environmental factors play a role.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

We must raise awareness of the need for funding for CHD research. For every dollar provided by the National Institute of Health (NIH), only one penny is provided for pediatric research. Only a portion of that penny goes to support research on CHDs, the most common birth defect (according to the Children's Heart Foundation).

We also need to raise awareness of the need for organ and blood donations. **Only about 30% of the children who need a heart transplant receive one in time.** About 40,000 units of blood are used everyday, yet only about 5% of the adults, who are eligible to donate blood, do so. Someone needs blood every three seconds in the United States — that someone is often one of our heart children.

Sources: littlehearts.net and March of Dimes

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or Email: Tricia Ingraham: dingraham@comcast.net. ■

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Boating Education Classes Announced

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

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

02/09/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia
02/16/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Claremont Town Hall, Claremont



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

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

February Senior Health Clinics

A Senior Health Clinic will be held at the Loudon Community Building on February 26 from 9 a.m. until Noon. All services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call VNA's Senior Health Program at 224-4093. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

Hospice Volunteer Training Application Deadline February 15

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is seeking volunteers to offer companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice volunteers have the opportunity to provide care by visiting, listening, reading to patients, giving caregivers a respite break, running errands, providing transportation, bereavement services, helping with office work and in many other ways.

The next 10-week Hospice Volunteer Training Sessions start on Tuesday morning, March 4, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday evening, March 5, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Concord Regional VNA Hospice House.

Application deadline for the morning or evening sessions is February 15, with a minimum of seven applicants required to proceed with the training program. For more information, please contact Laurie Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator, at 224-4093 x 2826 laurie.brooks@crvna.org.

Concord Regional VNA Names New Trustees

Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO, announced that Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association held its 108th annual meeting recently. Chair Mark E. Lavalley welcomed new trustees Charles J. Fanaras, David F. Green, MD, Brian LaRoche, and Jessica S. Pollack, ARNP. Retiring trustee Linda Reed, RN, was recognized for her service to CRVNA. Also recognized was retiring trustee Maureen McCanty, MD, who was unable to attend.

Fanaras is owner of The Prescription Center in Concord. Dr. Green is a urologist with Concord Hospital Center for Urologic Care and president of the medical staff at Concord Hospital. LaRoche is manager of the Premier Account Sales Group for One Communications, a national telephone company. Pollack, ARNP, is a nurse practitioner at Internal Medicine in Concord.

Officers of Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association are: Mark Lavalley, Chair; Richard Holden, Vice-Chair; Steven Lauwers, Treasurer; Kathleen Ames, Secretary; Mary DeVeau, President; and Leslie Melby, Representative at Large. Trustees also include Mark Broth, Vera Buck, Glenn K. Currie, Janet DeVito, Marianne Fleischman, MD, Susan Heinecke, Marcia Matthews, Francis Meyer and Douglas Sampson.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association provides and facilitates comprehensive care in the home and community to optimize health, well-being and independence. Concord Regional VNA has a hospice program in the home and nursing facilities and operates the Hospice House in Concord. ■

02/16/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord
02/16/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia
02/16/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Ossipee Town Hall, Ossipee
02/16/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham Fire Department, Windham
02/23/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia
02/23/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Nashua St. Joseph's Hospital, Nashua
02/23/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Newbury Town Hall, Newbury
02/23/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Rochester Police Department, Rochester
03/08/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Squam Lakes Association, Route 3, Holderness
03/08/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough
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03/15/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Newbury Town Hall, Newbury
03/15/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Rochester Police Department, Rochester
03/22/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Claremont Town Hall, Claremont
03/22/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord
03/22/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham Fire Department, Windham
03/29/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Squam Lakes Association, Route 3, Holderness
03/29/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia
03/29/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Plaistow Library, Plaistow
03/29/08	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Rochester Police Department, Rochester

TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

02/11/08 & 02/13/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Seabrook Fire Department, Seabrook
02/12/08 & 02/14/08	5:30–9:00 p.m.	Laconia High School, Laconia
02/18/08 & 02/20/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Berlin NHCTC, Berlin
02/18/08 & 02/20/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Exeter Library, Exeter
02/18/08 & 02/20/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	West Running Brook Middle School, Derry
02/18/08 & 02/20/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Wolfeboro Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro
02/19/08 & 02/21/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Bridgewater-Hebron Village School, Bristol
02/19/08 & 02/21/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack
02/20/08 & 02/22/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Meredith Community Center, Meredith
02/25/08 & 02/27/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough
02/25/08 & 02/27/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Plaistow Library, Plaistow
02/26/08 & 02/28/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Londonderry Police Department, Londonderry
03/10/08 & 03/12/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Seabrook Fire Department, Seabrook
03/11/08 & 03/13/08	5:30–9:00 p.m.	Laconia High School, Laconia
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03/17/08 & 03/19/08	6:00–9:30 p.m.	Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough
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Print "Duck Blind Heaven" by Robert Childress Available

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and New Hampshire Ducks Unlimited are pleased to announce the availability of prints of "Duck Blind Heaven" by Robert Childress. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of each print will benefit both organizations.

The original painting portrays the artist's duck blind in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, with his wife and a neighbor as models. The artist was the late Robert Childress, a commercial artist in the 1940s. He is fondly remembered as the illustrator of the *Dick, Jane, and Sally* reading books in the early 1960s. Magazines such as *Yankee*, *Country Gentleman*, and *Readers Digest* have used Childress's artwork for magazine covers and story illustrations.

Childress was a friend of artist Norman Rockwell, and they both painted in the realism style, with similar shades of humor. Childress is known for commercial art he did for companies like Coca Cola, Campbell's Soup, and Buster Brown Shoes. He also painted portraits of notables such as U.S. Supreme Court Justice James Byrnes.

The giclee print of "Duck Blind Heaven" costs \$300 plus shipping. The print measures 24 by 22 inches and is printed on archival paper, shipped with a foam core backing via UPS. To place your order, call Ocean Exposures toll free at 1-877-885-9018.

To view the print image, visit the N.H. Fish and Game website, www.WildNH.com. ■

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS IN LOUDON:

The Ivory Rose

By Lee Laughlin

Taking Care of Business In Loudon is a monthly feature spotlighting a Loudon business researched and written by Lee Laughlin. If you would like your business to be profiled, please contact her at Laughlin@fearlessevents.com or 783-8971.

Not long ago, I was talking with my mother and she mentioned an article that ran in the *Boston Globe* about the impact of the NASCAR races on Loudon. “They interviewed the owner of a gift shop. It sounded neat, have you been there?”

“Yes mom, every time I need to go to the Post Office.”

“No, not the Post Office, it’s a gift shop.” My mom’s not all that familiar with small town living.

Mary George originally opened a store in the late ’80’s under a different name. Within months of the opening, George received an offer to purchase the business, so, she sold it. The new owner struggled and eventually, that business closed. Undeterred, Mary opened the Ivory Rose in a smaller version of its current location in 1989. Eighteen years later, the store has grown from 100 square feet of selling space to more than 2,000 square feet of retail space, plus storage in off site locations. It employs 6 people part-time and in 2003 became the home of Loudon substation of the US Post Office.

At the tender age of eleven, Mary started her first entrepreneurial venture cleaning neighbor’s houses. It was about that time she was met her future husband Ora. He would drive her and her sisters home from school on the back roads of Kingston, NH (because he didn’t have a license). Ora took a shine to Mary, and despite her mother’s warnings to “stay away from that one,” Mary was smitten. “I’ve only ever wanted to be married to Ora, we work

Mary George, owner of The Ivory Rose, poses among the many unique gift items available at her shop. Along with an interesting selection of products, The Ivory Rose houses the local postal sub-station.



really well together.” They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this past January.

Family is a strong theme for the Georges. They worked together to build George & Son Auto repair and Salvage into a successful business and later built Brookside Plaza. They sold the salvage part of the business, but one of their sons has taken over the auto repair shop. The other is himself a talented mechanic and their daughter works at the Ivory Rose as a floral designer. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, no word yet on when the younger generation will start working in the family businesses.

The need for a local card and gift store came to Mary on a trip into Con-

cord for a birthday card. The party she was attending was in the opposite direction, but the only place to purchase a card was Concord, and thus, The Ivory Rose was born. She started small with cards and small gifts and has worked to steadily expand inventory and add lines of collectibles.

It may seem strange, but the creation of the 03307 zip code for Loudon was a huge boon to the Ivory Rose’s growth. The sale of collectibles such as Boyd’s Bears or Department 56 Villages is very territorial. When she would call to inquire about bringing a line into the store, she’d be told that there were already dealers in Concord, New Hampshire. Once the Loudon Zip code was added, it paved the way for the

Ivory Rose to add some of the top names in collectibles to their inventory.

One aspect of the business that Mary most enjoys is the change. There is always a new product to be investigated. She travels to Boston regularly to attend gift shows to preview the latest product lines. When looking for items to add to the store’s inventory, she’s more conscious of quality and longevity than price. When she first saw Wood River Linens, she knew the country themed dish towels, napkins and placemats would appeal to her customers, but before placing a large order, she took a sample home and put it to the test. Only after they proved their value,

Business — cont. on 17



Just a few of the many friendly Boyd’s Bears at The Ivory Rose.



Flame-painted mailboxes are also available at The Ivory Rose — something for everyone!



Loudon's US Post Office is located in The Ivory Rose.



You'll find a large selection of Yankee Candles at The Ivory Rose.

Business — cont. from page 16

did she make them available to customers. Featured just inside the front door, they've been a consistent seller ever since. Gifts from well-known brands such as Yankee Candle and Russell Stover, are mainstays, but the store also features New Hampshire made, products by Great Bay Pottery, and Van Otis Chocolates.

When asked about her target audience, Mary has chosen to buck the traditional business guidance of narrowing her focus and instead strives to offer a wide variety of products priced from \$1.75 to \$500. "We want to be known as the place where you will find a gift for the person who is the hardest to buy for."

So, what is special about doing business in Loudon? "You know many of your customers and it is growing community." Mary is excited about the future especially now that NHIS is under new ownership. And, how do the races impact business? Positively. She has many customers that return with every race season just to see what is new and exciting in the world of collectables. The Ivory Rose especially benefits if there are vendors in the parking

lot selling race related products. "Guys won't stop for a gift shop, but they don't want to miss race t-shirts."

The store does a steady business (there's always a birthday to buy for or the latest Webkinz to be purchased), but sales are more brisk around Mother's Day, Christmas and of course Valentine's Day. It is difficult to predict from year to year what will be the big sellers, some years it is roses, other's it is arranged flowers. Unlike other major holidays, where people purchase gifts steadily in advance, Valentine's brings a crush of business all on one day. "Valentine's Day is a man's holiday and many prefer to wait until the last minute." Mary and her staff arrive at the store starting at 4 a.m. and are busy wrapping gifts, preparing flowers for delivery or guiding an uncertain customer through the purchasing process throughout the day. "Delivery packages are usually lining the aisles." The Ivory Rose delivers gifts and flowers to the expected local destinations (Concord, Epsom, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Chichester just to name a few), but as a member of the FTD network, they can arrange floral deliveries to any location around the world.

As much as she still enjoys running the Ivory Rose, her husband Ora is retired and Mary is considering slowing down to spend more time with family and perhaps take a break from the winter snows. She has a fully restored 1934 Ford street rod that she and Ora drive around the country to different car shows. She hasn't made any firm plans, but is looking at all of her options.

Her advice for anyone considering going into business for themselves? "Know your customers and always be excited about what you do."

You can visit the Ivory Rose in person at 563 Brookside Mall Route 106 (intersection of 106 and Shaker Road). Shop hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday (Post Office hours may vary). Information about their collectable lines can be found online at www.ivoryrosegifts.com by calling 783-0442.

Lee Laughlin is an event planner and writer who lives in Loudon. She blogs at <http://independentbw.blogspot.com/> ■

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Wildlife Action Grants Available for Teachers

Grant Application Deadline: February 15, 2008

A new round has opened for teachers interested in starting wildlife habitat projects to apply to the Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for start-up funds. The program provides mini-grants of up to \$300 (or \$600 with matching funds) for projects allowing students and educators to enhance habitat for people and wildlife. The deadline for submitting proposals is February 15, 2008. For a proposal packet, write to Marilyn Wyzga, Public Affairs Division, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301; email marilyn.c.wyzga@wildlife.nh.gov; or call (603) 271-3211.

The Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program is designed to support student environmental action that can be measured in acres improved or protected for wildlife. Activities can include hands-on schoolyard or community habitat improvement or projects influencing community attitudes about maintaining or protecting wildlife habitat.

The grant program is funded by the Conservation License Plate fund, through the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program at Fish and Game. Each applicant may request up to \$300, or up to \$600 if a dollar-for-dollar match can be provided by the school or organization for any amount over the initial \$300. A match is not required for the first \$300.

Grants are available to educators working in cooperation with Project HOME or Project WILD. Project HOME is an award-winning schoolyard habitat program coordinated by Fish and Game. Project WILD provides teachers with wildlife materials through interactive, interdisciplinary workshops about wildlife and the environment.

Who can apply for the Wildlife Action Grants?

- Project HOME facilitators;
- Teachers and educators trained in Project WILD; or
- Any teacher with a member of one of these programs on the project team.

"We're looking for student-driven action projects that will directly benefit wildlife," says Marilyn Wyzga, coordinator of the Project HOME schoolyard habitat program at Fish and Game. "Projects with the best chance of long-term success involve schools assembling a team of staff, students, community members and resource professionals."

Examples of past projects funded by Wildlife Action Grants include:

- The Well School (Peterborough) developed a pollinator garden and hedgerow community with native wildflowers and berry-producing shrubs to provide habitat for beneficial insects, butterflies and birds.
- The Symonds School (Keene) initiated a project called "Increasing Biodiversity at the Symonds School Playground." Native shrubs and trees, feeders and birdbaths provide food sources, water and shelter for wildlife, and an observation and study area for the students.
- The Elm Street Middle School (Nashua) planted a courtyard with species attractive to butterflies and birds, include butterfly larval food, nectar-producing and fruit-bearing perennials and shrubs, and added feeders and a birdbath to their habitat area.
- Greenfield Elementary School used their grant to expand earlier gardening efforts and provide habitat for birds by planting crabapples and a blueberry bush hedgerow.

- Prospect Mountain High School (Alton) created a "Wildlife at School" project within the ecology curriculum, to provide a feeding station including plantings to nourish and shelter birds.

Grant applications will be evaluated by staff from Project HOME and biologists and educators from the N.H. Fish and Game Department. Grant recipients are required to evaluate the progress of their project at the end of the school year. Recipients may apply for grants in subsequent years if additional funding is necessary, and also may apply for funds for new projects.

To find out more about resources for teachers available through the N.H. Fish and Game Department, visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Education/for_teachers.htm.

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2008 Fishing And Hunting Licenses Now Available

Get your 2008 N.H. fishing and hunting licenses today and be ready to enjoy a full year of outdoor adventure, from winter ice-fishing to angling for trout, bass, pike and more; plus the spring gobbler season in May and fall '08 hunting to come. Good from January 1 through December 31, 2008, licenses can be purchased online at www.WildNH.com or from license agents statewide.

Your hunting or fishing license — or, best of all, your "combo" license — is your year-round ticket to the Granite State's great outdoors. For New Hampshire residents, an annual fishing license costs \$35; basic hunting licenses are \$24.50; and combination (hunting and fishing) licenses are \$48.50. Nonresidents can buy annual fishing licenses for \$53; hunting licenses for \$105.50; and combination hunting/fishing licenses for \$143.50. Residents can buy a one-day fishing license for just \$10. Nonresidents have the option of buying one-, three- or seven-day fishing licenses.

NEW for 2008: The turkey license, which now covers both the spring and fall turkey seasons, will be \$16 for residents and \$31 for non-residents. In another change, the waterfowl stamp is no longer a separate stamp, but a \$5 check-off on the multi-form license.

For hunters and anglers concerned about the lack of access to pursue their sports, the \$10 Wildlife Legacy donation (a check-off on the multi-form license) provides an opportunity to support Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program. Lack of access is one of the most significant threats to the future of hunting and fishing in New Hampshire. The Landowner Relations Program works in partnership with hunters, anglers and landowners to maintain hunting and fishing access to private lands. Your Wildlife Legacy donation will help to maintain New Hampshire's hunting and fishing legacy for present and future generations. Learn more at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Inside_FandG/Wildlife_Legacy_Initiative.htm.

Make getting outside a family affair in 2008! New Hampshire fishing and hunting licenses are a great deal for families. Youths under age 16 fish free. They can also hunt without a license, but only under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter over age 18.

Fishing and hunting license fees directly support wildlife and fisheries management and education. For a link to online license sales and a list of local license agents, visit New Hampshire Fish and Game's website at WildNH.com. ■

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Creating Healthy Schools

By Lee Laughlin

Why do kids go to school? To learn, but, the Merrimack Valley School District recognizes that there are a variety of health related conditions that can impede students' ability to learn and has formed a Wellness Advisory Committee to determine if the district is doing all it can to improve student outcomes by creating a systematic coordinated approach to wellness.

The first meeting of the Wellness Advisory Committee was held at MV High School on January 10th. There were approximately 60 people in attendance. Many were from the schools, but parents and community members also turned out to learn more about this project.

The Wellness Advisory Committee is charged with:

- Assessing the District's and each school's efforts to create a healthy environment for our students and staff using the Healthy Schools Report Card Action Tool.
- Comparing those results with best practices recognized on the local, state and national levels.
- Identifying strengths and services already in place and illuminating areas for improvement.
- Providing annual summary reports to the Merrimack Valley School Board Wellness Task Force.

The committee will use the Healthy School Report Card Action Tool (HSRC) to assess school practices, identify and prioritize changes to improve the environment, and incorporate these changes into the district long-range plan. The HSRC tool is comprised of 11 sections. The School Board and Task force have already completed the first two, so the advisory committee is responsible for the remaining eight including:

- Social and emotional school climate
- Family and community involvement
- School facilities and transportation
- Health education
- Physical education and physical activity
- Food and nutrition services
- School health services
- Counseling, psychological and social work services
- School — site health promotion for staff

Each area will be assessed at the school level and the results reported back to the district.

The advisory committee is to be made up of community members, parents, and school staff with expertise in the area being assessed.

Committee members are still needed. You are invited to join for the entire project or work on the specific area (from the list above) where you have the most experience or interest. You are not required to assess the school your child attends. For example, if you have a child in the 5th grade at Loudon Elementary, you are welcome to join the Loudon assessment team, but you might also want to consider working on the team assessing the Middle school as a way to familiarize yourself with the staff and the school that your child will attend next year.

Projects like these are a great way to get involved in your child's education as well as get to know the people who spend the second largest amount of concentrated time with your child.

For more information please contact Tom Laliberte, Principal of Loudon Elementary at 783-4400, tlaliberte@mv.k12.nh.us or Christine Barry, Assistant Superintendent, cbarry@sau46.k12.nh.us. ■



Superintendent Michael Martin



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Troy Cowan and Tom Laliberte, Principal of L.E.S.

Saltwater Ice Fishing Class Offered

An upcoming workshop offers a chance to learn about a fun outdoor activity that will make you look forward to New Hampshire's long winter months — saltwater ice fishing. Join New Hampshire Fish and Game Department "Let's Go Fishing" instructors for a weekend program in Barrington, N.H., on Saturday, February 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, February 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The class is open to anyone, however, those age 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Reserve your spot by calling "Let's Go Fishing" instructor Skip Marquette at (603) 664-5596. The class is free; registration is first-come, first-served. All equipment and materials will be provided. You do not need to have a fishing license to participate.

The Saturday portion of the class will be spent inside the Barrington Town Hall, 41 Province Lane, Barrington. Participants will learn about ice fishing equipment, safety and practices, as well as the winter ecology of Great Bay. On Sunday, the class will meet at Durham Landing, Durham, and put their newly learned saltwater ice fishing skills to the test.

Over the past ten years, the N.H. Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. Find out more about the "Let's Go Fishing" program at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/lets_go_fishing.htm. Activities are federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats, as well as providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit www.FishNH.com. ■

Something to do this winter!

Look for NH Fish & Game at Upcoming Outdoor Events

Representatives from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will be on hand at several upcoming expos and events catering to outdoor enthusiasts. Visit them to purchase your 2008 New Hampshire hunting and fishing licenses, buy a 2008 N.H. Fish & Wildlife calendar and get answers to your wildlife, hunting and fishing questions. You'll also be able to check out the new line of Fish and Game merchandise, from camo hats to T-shirts and fleece vests.

Fish and Game staff will be at the following upcoming events:

TOYOTA EASTERN FISHING & OUTDOOR EXPOSITION: Thursday–Sunday, February 7–10, 2008, at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA, featuring everything and anything the angler, hunter or outdoorsman could imagine. For hours, directions and admission fee, visit www.sportshows.com/ShowPages/Worcester/worc_main.html. New this year at the expo, on Friday only, MyTV is teaming up with New Hampshire Fish and Game to give you an opportunity to audition for an appearance in a televised outdoor adventure featured on “My Outdoors.” Just visit the N.H. Fish and Game booth at the Toyota Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Exposition on Friday, February 8, between 1 and 8 p.m. for your video audition. For additional information about My Outdoors or the adventure audition, visit www.mytvstation.tv and click on “MyTV.”

GREAT MEREDITH ROTARY ICE FISHING DERBY: February 9–10, 2008. For tickets and information, visit www.meredithrotary.org/derby.

- N.H. Fish and Game fisheries biologist, John “the iceman” Viar will present a talk on a biologist's perspective on ice fishing tactics on Friday evening, February 8. Time and place will be posted on the derby website, listed above.

- On Saturday, February 9, Fish and Game's “Let's Go Fishing” (LGF) program staff and volunteers present a free hands-on clinic for kids and their parents on the basics of ice fishing. Learn how to catch the big one! Sessions run hourly starting at 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. Ice-fishing equipment will be featured, including using

tip-ups, sounding the hole and power augers. Then the kids will have a chance to fish!

- During the derby, John Viar and fisheries biologist Don Miller will collect valuable fish data at the derby weigh in. (Last year the state record cusk was registered at derby headquarters!). “The derby affords Fish and Game staff an opportunity to interact with anglers ‘on the ground,’ where their excitement is palpable!” said Miller.

BOSTON GLOBE TRAVEL SHOW: February 23–24, 2008, at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, MA. The N.H. Fish and Game Department is partnering with the N.H. Office of Travel and Tourism to bring show visitors an inside look into fish and wildlife activities in the Granite State. Fish and Game staff will present talks on family fishing, wildlife watching and fishing the I-93 corridor. They will also be on hand to help show attendees better understand the real New Hampshire advantage — incredible outdoor activities. For more information and directions to the Travel Show, visit www.bostonglobetravelshow.com.

FLY FISH NH SHOW: March 1–2, 2008, at the Pelham Fish & Game Club in Pelham, N.H. New Hampshire's only all-fly fishing show. Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.–3 p.m. For more information, directions and a flyer about the show, visit merrimacktu.org.

GRANITE STATE BOATING, HUNTING & FISHING EXPO: March 8–9, 2008, at the Manchester National Guard Armory in Manchester, N.H. Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fish and Game will be on hand to sell 2008 New Hampshire hunting and fishing licenses and 2008 N.H. Fish & Wildlife calendars, plus answer your wildlife, hunting and fishing questions. They'll also have the new line of Fish and Game merchandise, from camo hats and tee shirts to fleece vests, so come on down and visit the Fish and Game booth when you're at the show!

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Winter Sights in Loudon



If you're getting stir crazy from sitting inside this winter, take a walk and look at the sights! There is a lot of beauty in snow. The photo above was taken from Wales Bridge Road back on November 19 — and it already looked like winter. The photo at right was taken in December, looking down Shaker Brook from Old Shaker Road. These photos were taken by Debbie Kardaseski. If you have an interesting photo you'd like to share, please send it along to The Loudon Ledger. You may mail prints, which will be scanned and returned, to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. Or you can email electronic files to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com.



Winter Fun at Loudon's Skating Rink



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**Loudon's Recreation Committee,
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**Loudon also has walking trails and
the recreation field that are perfect
for snowshoeing!**

**Don't let winter beat you down!
Get out and get some fresh air!**



Winter Carnival

Saturday

February 23, 2008

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

(Bad weather or no-snow date of March 1st)

Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon for some winter fun at the Recreation Field & Ice Skating Rink in the village

Ice skating, snowman building competition – with prizes, snowshoeing with snowshoes available or bring your own, relay races, obstacle course & tug of war in snow! Free hot cocoa & cookies!

Also available for purchase: drink, hot dog, & chip combos.

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Concord Hospital Provides \$31 Million In Community Benefit Programs And Services

Concord Hospital provided more than \$31 million in community benefit health programs and services, improving access and affordability of medically needed care for thousands of individuals in 2007. As a not-for-profit charitable organization, Concord Hospital develops and implements a community benefits plan to ensure that the unique health care needs of its area residents are met. Each year, the hospital demonstrates its long-term commitment and responsiveness to the health needs of the communities served by providing the equivalent of millions of dollars in direct patient care, and programs and services.

"This community benefits report focuses on access to medically needed care and providing a medical safety net for our neighbors who are low-income, underinsured or uninsured," said Michael Green, president and CEO of Concord Hospital. "Access and affordability of medically needed care were identified in the 2003 Community Health Needs Assessment as the two key issues that needed to be addressed."

"In 2008, Concord Hospital and several other area healthcare organizations will once again develop a comprehensive community-wide health needs assessment," he said. "This collaborative effort will enable us to reevaluate our area's most pressing health needs and to update our community benefits plan."

Concord Hospital's 2007 Community Benefits Report focuses on the following key priorities.

1. Financial Assistance Programs and Subsidized Care and Services Increase Access to Care

Concord Hospital's Financial Assistance Program and the family health centers in Concord and Hillsboro-Deering remained the medical safety nets for individuals with or without health insurance and the means to pay for needed care.

Programs and services included:

- Offering a 15 percent discount to nearly 6,300 individuals, totaling \$1,073,569 for 14,265 episodes of care; • Providing 639 patients with nearly 11,000 free medications valued at more than \$3.7 million, as part of the hospital's Prescription Assistance Program;
- Providing 2,877 patients with \$17,965,351 in free and subsidized emergency and hospitalized care, a 13 percent increase over 2006;
- Enrolling 267 children into a health insurance plan, totaling nearly \$8.4 million in medical expenses through collaboration between the hospital's financial counselors and state and federally sponsored insurance programs, including Medicaid and Healthy Kids;
- Offering comprehensive medical services with access to mental health and dental care for 43,379 patient visits at the family health centers;
- Providing round-the-clock crisis intervention for 1,607 emergency patients needing mental and behavioral health support.

2. Increasing facility and medical personnel capacity

Having an ongoing relationship with a healthcare provider is critical to preventing disease and maintaining health and well-being. Programs and services included:

- Supporting area primary care practices with \$888,000 ensuring physicians the financial viability of providing care to the community;
- Acquiring Pittsfield Medical Center and adding another 14 primary care physicians to the Concord Hospital Physician Group;
- Graduating eight new physicians from the NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency. Four of the eight graduates will practice in New Hampshire;
- Opening The Jim and Marianne Cook Emergency Department, featuring 37 private patient rooms, to enhance privacy, safety and comfort.

The 2008 community benefits plan highlights include:

- Adding Pleasant Street Family Medicine to the Concord Hospital Physician Network, recruiting 12-15 new physicians and graduating six from the NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency program;
- Opening two newly expanded facilities in Epsom and Concord to provide patients with improved access to primary care physicians and the specialized services of the hospital's Sleep Center;
- Adding private patient rooms on the fourth and fifth floors of the East and North Wing Additions;
- Establishing a partnership between the hospital's financial counselors and area schools in the "100% Schools Initiative," a plan to identify uninsured children and provide every child with access to healthcare coverage through enrollment in Healthy Kids;
- Projecting a 14 percent increase in free and subsidized patient care and a seven percent increase in patient visits at the family health centers.

For a complete list of the 2007 community benefit activities, visit Concord Hospital's Web site at www.concordhospital.org or the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General at www.state.nh.us. ■

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News from the Town of Loudon:

MERCURY UPDATE

Homeowners Included in Mercury Disposal Ban

Effective January 1, 2008, RSA 149-M: 58 bans the disposal of all products containing intentionally-added mercury in landfills, transfer stations, and incinerators, regardless of the amount of mercury they contain. Homeowners and businesses alike are affected by the ban on such items as thermometers, thermostats, electrical switches, mercury button cell batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs, including compact fluorescent bulbs. Because mercury is a highly toxic chemical that does not break down, and accumulates in our bodies over time, it should not be discharged to the environment.

There are several legal disposal options for homeowners. Homeowners can bring spent bulbs and mercury-containing products to their town facility, if the town accepts them, or to a household hazardous waste collection event. Currently, some 60 municipal programs accept fluorescent lamps and of those, about 29 also accept mercury-containing products. Homeowners and small businesses may take up to 6 fluorescent lamps to participating True-Value and Ace hardware stores where the lamps will be accepted and recycled at no cost to the consumer.

Additionally, mercury restrictions in RSA 149-M: 51 prohibit the sale of many mercury-added products in the state, including thermometers and other measuring devices, switches, relays, and thermostats. The sales prohibition on measuring devices will take effect on January 1, 2008. Switches, relays, and thermostats sales will be restricted as of July 1, 2008.

For a more comprehensive list of common mercury-added products and recycling options, visit the N.H. Pollution Prevention Program website at www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/Mercury/Hgproducts.asp. For a list of household hazardous waste collection events and options for proper product recycling, go to www.des.nh.gov/HHW/. For more information, contact Paul Lockwood at (603) 271-2956 or paul.lockwood@des.nh.gov.

New Requirements for Disposing of Mercury-added Products — Homeowners, This Includes You!

As of January 1, 2008, the disposal of mercury-containing products at landfills, transfer stations and incinerators is prohibited. This means these items may not be disposed of as a solid waste with the “normal” garbage. The ban covers products including:

- Thermometers
- Fluorescent lamps
- Thermostats
- Mercury button cell batteries

- Switches and relays

Homeowners and businesses alike are subject to this ban. However, the ban does not prohibit the recycling of these items at solid waste facilities and we encourage consumers to bring them to their local facility for recycling along with their other recyclables. Legal disposal options include:

- Collection and Recycling at Municipal Facilities
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
- TrueValue and Ace Fluorescent Lamp Recycling Stores
- Municipal and Commercial Thermostat Recycling Locations

Sixty-three towns currently accept fluorescent lamps and of those, 29 also accept and recycle other mercury-containing products.

Mercury: What's the Big Deal?

Mercury is a toxic chemical that accumulates in our bodies and never breaks down into non-toxic forms. Mercury can damage several parts of the body, including the liver, kidneys and especially the brain, where it may cause neurological disorders. It should not be released into the environment. Some common sources of mercury are:

- Power plants that burn coal, releasing mercury into the air;
- Dentists that discharge mercury-amalgam down the drain; and
- Households that discard fluorescent lamps, thermostats, etc. in the garbage.

Once mercury is released into the air, water or ground, it moves through the environment and is absorbed by plants and animals.

Mercury bioaccumulates, that is, small amounts build up in the environment over time, and easily moves up the food chain as larger animals eat smaller animals. Mercury bioaccumulates in fish, which is the main way people ingest it.

Further Information

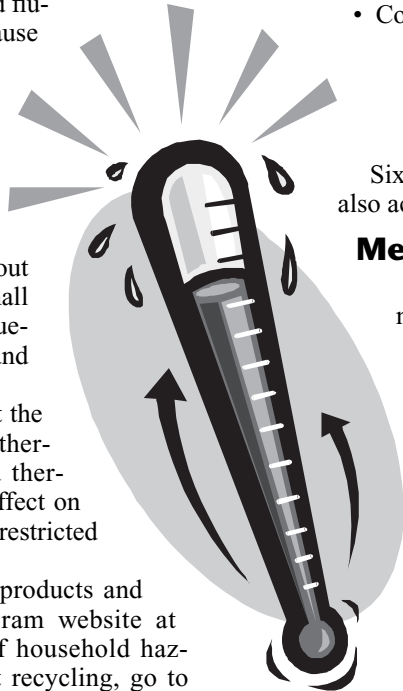
Common Mercury-added Products: www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/Mercury/HgProducts.asp

HHW schedule: www.des.nh.gov/HHW/

True Value: www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/Mercury/default.asp?link=lamp

Thermostat Recycling Program: www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/trc.htm

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The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

This past year, 2007, was very trying for our Post. We lost some key personnel, which we have had to try to move forward without. We are anxious to add many new members this year, please call the Legion at 798-5875 for contact numbers. Remember, we meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please come join us, come see what we do, and let us answer any questions you may have.

We have talked previously about the projects we are working on. Our Memorial Stone in the Boscawen Veterans cemetery will be in place this spring. We repainted the main hall, and refinished the floor. The kitchen and bathrooms are still being addressed.

We will continue to support many local organizations by donating the use of the hall. Some of these groups include: the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Cub Scouts, the 4-H Club, the Lions Club, the Loudon Young at Heart, the Loudon Recreation Committee, and also a church group which meets every Sunday.

To fund our projects and donations, we rent the hall for private functions, such as weddings, birthdays, anniver-

saries, and showers. At this time, for full use of the hall and grounds we charge \$200.00, including a \$50.00 refundable deposit. I hope this clarifies a misquote from last month's *Ledger* in the Selectmen's Minutes dated November 27, 2007.

We were able to raise money at the Loudon Old Home Day with our Breakfast and our afternoon Bingo. Some members recently worked at The Lodge at Belmont, licensing the gaming tables over the period of ten evenings. I would like to thank our members that participated by donating their time, and also the employees of The Lodge. It is always a pleasure working with this very professional organization.

Some of the donations that we have made this past year were to: local fire victims, the Veterans Home in Tilton, the food pantry in Loudon, pamphlets to the Loudon D.A.R.E. program, and a disaster procedure brochure to be handed out at the Loudon Elementary School. We were also able to donate towards the Gold Star Mothers statue at Veterans Park in Manchester in Polly Haines' name. For the holidays, post members also helped to decorate the Veteran's Cemetery in



Boscawen with wreaths. It was a beautiful sight as you can see in this picture.

We have worked with the V.F.W. Post, in Loudon, on the Memorial Day program, which was well received this past year. We hope to expand and continue to grow this event. We are looking forward to working with the Boy Scouts on the Veterans Day Event, and are aiming to make this a yearly event.

Our goal for 2008, is to be able to do more for the people of this community

and the Veterans of Loudon. We would like to have a more visible relationship working together on our common goals. Any suggestions and ideas would be greatly appreciated, please give us a call. I apologize, if I have forgotten any donations or organizations.

Have a great winter, but I have to tell you... I am looking forward to spring!

Thank you,
The Legion Family

Merrimack Valley Equestrian Team



Back Row: Angela Davidson, Loudon; Lindsey Galliher, Boscawen; Terise Cole, Penacook; Bridget Aznive, Loudon, and Maranda White, Boscawen. Front Row: Corissa Fortune, Webster; Jocelyn Tanner, Webster; Kaitlin Ryan, Loudon; Shauntee Currier, Salisbury; and Danielle Emrick, Boscawen.

Four years ago an organization was started called NH High School Equestrian Team which incorporated all the schools in NH that were interested in competing at the High School level. The organization allows any school with students 7th grade through 12th to compete in various classes of skill. Merrimack Valley enrolled the very first year. Since then Merrimack Valley Equestrian Team has increased tremendously. Coach, Stacey McNeil has had the Team practicing since December 1st on North Water St. in Boscawen at Saddle Brook Farm, thanks to the generosity of Pam and Gunner Wickland. The Team will be competing in 3 shows, (April 6, April 19, and May 4). From there, the top riders will be competing at the State Finals. Merrimack Valley has held the title of State Champions the past 2 years. The Team is not financially supported by the High School and is looking for donations and or sponsors of their Team for this year. If you are interested in supporting the Team, please contact Karen Currier at currier@tds.net or mail to 160 South Road, Salisbury, NH 03268. If you would like more information on Merrimack Valley Equestrian Team contact Stacey McNeil (Coach) at mvhset@comcast.net or Marge Tanner (Advisor) at pedlr704@aol.com. ■

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The Loudon Recreation Committee News

The Loudon Recreation Committee would like to thank Josh Sheehy for volunteering to take on the HUGE challenge of the ice rink maintenance this winter. We have had some extremely tricky weather conditions for maintaining the rink and Josh has stuck with it and done the best possible job to make the rink usable, we can't thank him enough. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this, please see the information sheet at the rink or contact Alicia Grimaldi if you are willing to help.

Winter Carnival!

The Loudon Recreation Committee invites you to attend the Winter Carnival event on Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 12:00 noon–4:00 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon for some winter fun at the Recreation Field and Ice Skating rink. Ice skating, snowman building competition — with prizes, snowshoeing with snowshoes available for use (if you have your own please bring them); relay races, obstacle course, and tug-of-war in the snow are all on the agenda!!! We will have free hot cocoa and cookies available. Also available for purchase will be drink, hot dog, and chip combos. Start gathering materials and ideas for your snowman for the competition!! We have a “no-snow” or “storm” date of March 1st in the event of no snow or treacherous traveling conditions on the 23rd. An announcement will be made at the top of the website should the date change. We still need a few more hands to make this event extremely successful! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Alicia Grimaldi.

Aerobics Classes Offered

The Loudon Recreation Committee is offering Aerobics Classes. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 6–6:45am. There will be a limit of 25 people per class. The classes will be held at Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The fee is \$25 for 8 classes. Drops in are welcome and fee is \$5 per class. Registrants will need to bring their own mat, water bottle and hand weights (3 to 8 lb). If you can, we would ask you to complete the registration form and waiver of liability prior to class, which you can obtain on the website www.loudonnh.org or for more information contact Alicia Grimaldi.

The Loudon Recreation Committee will also offer evening Aerobics Classes at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium in the month of March. The classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday from 6:15 to 7 p.m.

Karate Class Coming

Look for an evening class offering for youth Karate ages 5 to 10 by Jeff Hardy of Body Works to be held at the Loudon Elementary School Gymnasium. Check out the website www.loudonnh.org for more information.

If you have any ideas for events or activities you would like to see there are several ways for your ideas to be heard. You could contact Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193 or email affirmhealth@yahoo.com or you can print and return the events and activities survey which is available on the website www.loudonnh.org. Another way is to join us at our monthly meeting. **The Recreation Committee meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library**, please join us if you are interested in helping out, we hope to see you there!!! ■

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High Score 1177

By Jack Prendiville,
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There are a lot of numbers involved when you are looking to buy a home. Perhaps one of the most important is your credit score. Also referred to as a FICO score, this number tells a lender how likely you are to pay back your debt. The higher your score, the more likely you are to make good on your commitment. Clearly it is in your best interest to manage your credit score wisely because it can boost your ability to borrow. Start by finding out your score. Each person is entitled to one free credit report annually. If the number is lower than you would like, here are four tips for raising your score.

1. Start by paying your bills, from credit cards to utilities, on time. Delinquent payments pull down your rating. And the later the payments, the more negative the affect.
2. Do not automatically close accounts, even if they are old or paid off. You want creditors to see that you have a history of meeting your debt obligations.
3. Don't open unnecessary new accounts or add accounts too quickly. While it is true lenders like to see a mix of credit, they also consider the length of the relationship. Too many new accounts can lower your average account age, which can also lower your overall score.
4. If you are very concerned about your score and need to make more sweeping changes, consult a credit counselor. These professionals can formulate a plan that can help you consolidate debt and create more manageable payments. ■

**The Deadline for the March 2008
“Loudon Ledger”
is Friday, February 15.**

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 11, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Zoning Board Chairman David Powelson, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Road Agent David Rice, and Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 4, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

Fire Chief Jeff Burr discussed the dry hydrant at the golf course regarding the changes required by DES. He stated that he had met with Mr. Leombruno and Steve Roy regarding depth of the pipe for the dry hydrant and due to the lowering of the pond to meet DES requirements, there is a concern that the dry hydrant could potentially freeze. Chief Burr went on to say that through the engineering plans, there are ways to alleviate the threat of freezing pipes. He will continue working on this issue with Mr. Leombruno and DES. Selectman Bowles discussed the fact that this issue was raised when DES was requiring Mr. Leombruno to lower the pond. He asked that Chief Burr check to be sure the easements for the two dry hydrants are on file and to follow-up on this issue.

Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little provided the Board with a Grant Application for a base radio and installation for the Emergency Operations Center in the amount of \$6,600.00. Mrs. Little stated this is a grant and does not require matching funds. Selectman Bowles advised Mrs. Little to notify Office Manager Jean Lee as soon as a decision comes in, if the grant is approved, so a public hearing to accept the grant can be scheduled. *Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the NH Emergency Management Department grant application for the purchase and installation of a base radio in the amount of \$6,600.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

The Board talked with Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow and Zoning Board Chairman David Powelson regarding their proposed budget.

The Board agreed that they would review the submitted budgets and if there are any questions, they will either contact the Chairman of the Board or speak with Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the computer in the new Highway Truck has a few glitches with it and they are in the process of dealing with Liberty International to get the bugs worked out.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that other than snow removal the Highway Crew had been working on brush cleanup.

Discussion ensued regarding the salt deliveries. Mr. Rice said that the deliveries appear to be a bit slower than usual.

Discussion ensued regarding the lights at the Recreation Field. Mr. Rice stated

the lights for the basketball and tennis courts have been turned off and the light on the equipment shed will remain on for the skate park and the ice rink.

Selectman Bowles asked about the thin ice sign. Mr. Rice said that the Highway Crew was planning to put up the sign.

Chairman Maxfield stated he had received a phone call from a resident on Cross Brook Road regarding some erosion near his property. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice if there had been any issues with plowing Berry Road. Mr. Rice said that they have been plowing Berry Road with the 1-ton for a while as people park so close to the road that the big trucks cannot get through.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Maxfield stated that one Petition and Pole License had been submitted for signature and approval. *Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Petition and Pole License, #9AA5HM for Verizon, Inc., and PSNH Pole #373/1/2 on Batchelder Road. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a letter from the Library Trustees regarding scheduling a meeting to review their budget.

The Board received the draft proposed changes on the Growth Management Ordinance Study.

The Board received copies of a letter to the Planning Board from Earl Tuson regarding windmills.

The Board received correspondence from Michael Harris.

The Board received copies of a letter sent to Peter Schauer regarding the withdrawal of the DES Wetlands Application on Tax Map #012, Lot #044.

The Board reviewed copies of the draft Facilities Rental Agreement for review. *Selectman Bowles moved to increase the rental amount for the Town Hall to \$50.00 to be the same as the rental of the Community Building. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Town of Loudon Facilities Agreement and Fee Schedule with the change that the fee to rent the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road will be the same amount of \$50.00 as the Town of Loudon Board Room (Charlie's Barn/Community Building). Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received notification of a Homeland Security Training on January 12 & 13, 2008. Selectman Bowles stated he wanted to be sure that the CERT Team, Emergency Management, Police, and Fire Departments were all aware of this training.

The Board received information from the Local Government Center regarding Domestic Partner/Civil Union Legislation for medical and dental insurance coverage.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 18, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 11, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Budget Work Session Minutes of Friday, December 14, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2008 Paid Holiday Schedule. Chairman Maxfield stated that the paid holidays are the standard 10 holidays that the town has observed in the past. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the 2008 Paid Holiday Schedule which includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board thanked the Mulkhey Family for the donation of the lights and timers at the gazebo in memory of Bertha Mulkhey.

The Board received a memo from Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White regarding the spreadsheets for budgeting purposes.

Selectman Ives moved to authorize the implementation of the new ambulance billing rate as of January 1, 2008 as presented by Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of an e-mail regarding the Sprint/Nextel phones for emergency personnel. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

The Board received a copy of the State Rooms and Meals Tax revenue sharing in the amount of \$232,293.00.

The Board received a copy of a memo from Fire chief Jeff Burr to Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske regarding the cistern on Memory Lane.

The Board received information from Town Council regarding the SDS litigation.

Selectman Ives moved to forward past due ambulance bills account #37583 in the amount of \$510.10, account #790 in the amount of \$101.88, account #36032 in the amount of \$552.60, and account #16358 in the amount of \$51.01 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a request for the town to participate in the NH Public Works Academy with annual dues of \$150.00. The Board agreed that this would be taken under advisement at this time.

The Board met with Bill Leombruno, owner of The Ledges Golf Course, and his Attorney, Stephen Nix. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board is meeting with Mr. Leombruno and Attorney Nix to discuss Mr. Leombruno's issues and there will be no public input.

Attorney Nix stated that he and Mr. Leombruno were here to discuss the possibility of reclassifying Voted Road from a Class VI road to a Class V road. He said that they wanted to be clear that this is discussion only, and anything discussed is non-binding. Attorney Nix stated the issues pertain to the Golf Course, Greenview Drive, and the residential development that has occurred. He

proceeded to review the area and discuss the phases of development. Attorney Nix discussed concerns with the increase in traffic on Greenview Drive. He stated that Mr. Leombruno owns approximately 100 feet of Greenview Drive with an easement that was obtained by William Crowley for the access road. Attorney Nix stated they believe that the easement rights were not sufficient to support Phase II and Phase III of the development as Mr. Crowley did not own the property at that time. He said the golf course recognizes the need to take some action regarding traffic on Greenview Drive. Mr. Nix stated that Mr. Leombruno is planning to install some type of traffic control devices on the portion of the road that he owns to calm and slow people down. Mr. Nix stated that from a legal standpoint they do not feel the houses on Phase II and Phase III have the legal right to cross over the 100-foot section of the road. He said Mr. Leombruno recognizes the need for the owners to be able to access their properties and Mr. Leombruno has authorized Mr. Nix to grant revocable permission to all of landowners in Phase II and Phase III to continue to drive over that portion of the road with the intent that an alternative access will be worked on so they have legal access to their lots. Mr. Nix stated that Mr. Leombruno received a letter from Claire Crowley today, which states, that Ms. Crowley clearly indicated that she exerts her control over the remaining portions of Greenview Drive as the successor/developer. Mr. Nix said that he and Mr. Leombruno are looking to the Selectmen for their opinions regarding the upgrade of Voted Road. He went on to say that an engineer has reviewed the site and feels that upgrade to Voted Road would be very close to the current town regulations. Mr. Nix said that there is a steep portion that is in the 12% range, but the engineer feels it is possible to upgrade. He went on to discuss RSA 231:28, which allows the Selectmen to reclassify a Class VI

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road to a Class V road. Mr. Nix stated that there is a portion of the RSA, which allows for a betterment assessment, which can be paid over a ten-year period for the properties seeing the benefit of the upgrade. He went on to say that it is also their opinion that Ms. Crowley shares some of the responsibility regarding this issue and would be liable for some of the costs in providing legal access to the lots as successor/developer. Chairman Maxfield asked if any cost estimates had been obtained for the upgrade of Voted Road. Mr. Nix said they felt one way to approach it was to see if the Road Agent would review the site. Chairman Maxfield stated that while he understands the dilemma that Mr. Leombruno is in, the Selectmen have to look at the costs associated with the upgrade. He said that anytime the Town accepts a new road or a road is upgraded, it costs the Town additional funds for general maintenance and upkeep. Mr. Nix explained that the betterment assessment would be an additional tax that would be collected by the Town for the properties benefiting from the road upgrade and could be collected over a ten-year period so that the property owner would not have to deal with the full impact of the costs associated with the upgrade all at once. He said the Selectmen would have to determine which properties would be responsible for paying the betterment tax. Selectman Ives said the Board would need to research this idea and discuss it with the landowners on Greenview Drive prior to any decision. He said that he would be opposed to upgrading this road at a cost to the rest of the taxpayers in Loudon, as they have nothing to do with this issue. Selectman Ives said he felt that while upgrading Voted Road could be a solution to some of the issues, he is not sure that it is the only solution. Chairman Maxfield discussed the drainage issues relative to Greenview Drive. Mr. Nix asked if the Road Agent could gather some costs estimates for the upgrade of Voted Road. Selectman Bowles said he felt that even if Voted Road were to be upgraded there would still be some issues with Greenview Drive that need to be addressed. He said Mr. Leombruno has been working diligently to address all of the issues; however, some of the issues are still there. Selectman Bowles said he felt there would need to be a lot of research done on this issue and felt that an engineer would need to be the one to develop the cost estimates. Mr. Nix said that Mr. Leombruno is trying to find a solution to a problem that is not really his problem. Selectman Ives asked for clarification of the revocable permission that Mr. Leombruno is willing to grant the property owners. Mr. Nix stated there were no conditions, but that Mr. Leombruno planned to place some type

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 18, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes of Friday, December 28, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the updated Welfare Assistance Guidelines effective January 9, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Bowles

of calming devices on his portion of Greenview Drive for safety purposes. Selectman Ives asked about the letter Mr. Leombruno received from Ms. Crowley regarding her ownership of the road. Mr. Nix stated that the letter clearly indicated that Ms. Crowley acknowledges she owns the road and that she is in control of it. Chairman Maxfield stated he felt the biggest issue is the funding of Voted Road upgrades. Selectman Bowles said he felt that there were more issues than just the funding that must be addressed. Mr. Nix asked that the Board review the information and get back to him. Selectman Bowles said that there are other issues within the town relative to road structures that need to be addressed. He said that regardless of the betterment assessment the Town would have to front the money, if they agreed to perform the upgrades, and collect the tax from those landowners over a ten-year period. Selectman Bowles went on to say that Loudon has tried to stay away from bonding as much as possible and work within the budget. He said a project like this could require bonding. Discussion ensued regarding roads and maintenance. Mr. Nix asked about the Board's opinion of the betterment assessment. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board would need to review this issue with Town Counsel. The Board agreed that they would research this issue and get back to Mr. Leombruno and Mr. Nix.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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stated that the Selectmen are required to review and update the Welfare Guidelines to keep in line with local and state regulations and to keep the budget in line with any changes. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr discussed the Capital Area Health Network with regard to a training that the Selectmen and members of the Town Office should attend. He stated that the meeting would be approximately 2-1/2 to 3 hours long and will address the roles that key players would have if there were a pandemic outbreak in this area. The Board agreed that the training should be scheduled some time in April. Chief Burr will setup the training and let the Board know of the official date and time.

The Board advised Chief Burr that the approval for the grant application for the permanently installed base radio at Emergency Operations Center at Station 2 has been received.

Chief Burr advised the Board that the emergency snow declaration information was received from Homeland Security and it gives the information on how and when to apply for reimbursement after a snow emergency has been declared.

Discussion ensued regarding the letter to Tom Dow from Chief Burr regarding the Volunteers of America Project.

The Board received a copy of the CDL license for Pearson Souther.

Selectman Bowles thanked Chief Burr for shoveling out the cellar door area at the Community Building.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that four pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a quote from Harry-O Electrical for a photocell dusk to dawn light for the parking lot at the Recreation Field. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the proposal from Harry-O Electrical to install a photocell dusk to dawn light in the parking lot at the Recreation Field and to remove the existing fixture in the amount of \$550.00; funds to come from 01-45200-700-710 Rec. Department Park Maintenance and Supplies. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board had received copies of the revised 2007-2008 Merrimack Valley School District Assessment and the assessment went from \$6,997,314.00 to \$6,440,133.00.

The Board received notification that Mr. Day of East Ricker Road had contacted the Town Office and left a complaint regarding the snow plowing this year and that Road Agent David Rice had left Mr. Day a message regarding this issue. The Board asked that Mr. Rice follow up and let the Board know what the discussion was and how it is being addressed.

The Board received copies of the findings from the alarm activation at the Community Building.

The Board received copies of an e-mail regarding the ban on disposal of mercury-added products at a solid waste landfill, transfer station, or incinerator.

The Board received copies of the insurance reimbursement for the damage to a fire truck in the amount of \$3,681.20.

The Board received the notice of decision to reduce the bond on Thistle Hill Road to \$23,000.00. Selectman Bowles stated that Mr. Thistle has completed much of the work on the road and that the Planning Board was unable to view the work due to the snow. He stated that the bond was not reduced to the amount that Mr. Thistle had requested, but the Board agreed to the \$23,000.00 amount.

The Board received a request to waive ambulance service billings for two individuals.

The Board received information on House Bill 503 regarding a Solid Waste Management Fund.

The Board received information regarding Public Works in the Granite State.

The Board reviewed the Nextel contract proposal information.

The Board received information regarding Brownfield's Cleanup Grant Applications.

The Board received copies of information from Comcast regarding program changes and pricing changes. The Board discussed need to have cable service throughout town.

The Board received copies of the Legislative Bulletin and DRA Newsletters for review.

Chairman Maxfield recognized John Plumer from the audience.

Mr. Plumer asked about the placement of the base station radio grant that was approved by Homeland Security. The Board advised Mr. Plumer that the radio would be permanently installed at Station 2, which is the Emergency Operations Center for Emergency Management.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles.

Selectman Bowles said there was a huge turnout at the polls for the Presidential Primary on Tuesday and there was an additional 290+ new-registered voters, which means Loudon has over 3,600 registered voters. He said that he hopes to see a large turnout at Town Meeting. Selectman Ives thanked the election workers for staying until almost 11:00 p.m. tallying up the votes. It was stated that there was approximately 2,200 ballots cast for the Primary. *All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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Planning Board Minutes — December 20, 2007

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Stan Prescott, Henry Huntington, *Ex-Officio* Dustin Bowles, and *Alternates* Bob Ordway and Jeff Green were present.

Alternate Bob Ordway was appointed to sit in the absence of member Gary Tasker and Alternate Jeff Green was appointed to sit in the absence of member Steve Jackson.

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 15, 2007. Public Hearing. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

November 15, 2007. GMO Work Session. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

November 26, 2007. LDR Work Session. Tom Moore made a motion to approve the

minutes; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

December 5, 2007. GMO Work Session. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Discussions:

Wayne Thistle – request for bond reduction. Chairman Dow stated that there were two site walks (Thistle and Merullo) scheduled for December 15, 2007 but were not done because of the amount of snow.

Per the letter submitted by Mr. Thistle, he is requesting that his construction bond be reduced from \$35,000 to \$17,500. Also submitted was an estimate for June of 2008 of \$15,600 for the top coat of Thistle Hill Road. Jeff Green asked if anyone from the Board has been to the site. Dustin Bowles said that he has been there and has some concerns. He said the construction has apparently been done according to plans so it is probably too late to make any changes. Chairman Dow read a response from Mr. Puntin, town engineer, who has reviewed the project to date and feels that all is in order. Mr. Puntin said that his recommendation is to hold an additional \$3,000 for miscellaneous clean up.

Henry Huntington said that he likes 20% on top of the cost to finish the project. He said he would like to use that as a standard when considering bond reductions. Mr. Huntington said that he trusts the engineer's review and recommendation. There was discussion about how much to retain in addition to the estimated cost to finish. It was agreed to use 25% as a buffer. The Board used the estimate of \$15,600, Mr. Puntin's recommended \$3,000 for additional clean up, and 25% buffer to arrive at \$23,250, rounded to \$23,000. Stan Prescott made a motion to reduce the bond to \$23,000; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Tony Merullo – request for bond reduction. Mr. Merullo informed the Planning office that he would not be submitting a new request at this time due to the cancellation of the site walk. No action was taken.

Dan Aversa – request to change note on plans. Mr. Aversa explained that he would like to remove a note on his recently approved subdivision plan for Loudon Woods Estates. He said that there are notes on Lot 12 about removing the existing house, buildings, and pool. Mr. Aversa said that there had been some discussion that they may be removed but it was never definite and now he has a buyer for the existing home.

Stan Prescott said that he looked at the plans and the A-frame is within the side setback. He said that he thinks someone misinterpreted the setback line from the 180 x 240 box lines when it was noted that the new lot would be conforming. Dustin Bowles said that he thought that the original subdivision intent was that this house was to

be taken out and the lot lines were drawn accordingly. Mr. Aversa said he thought they would remove the house but now they are not going to. He said there is a metal building partially within the side setback and that will be pulled back. He said he would like to have the note removed from the plans so that they can finalize the sale of the lot and house.

Tom Moore said that a lot line adjustment would have to be done. Stan Prescott said that he thought it would be a Zoning issue. Jeff Green asked Mr. Prescott if he would be alright with leaving it if Mr. Aversa got a special exception. Mr. Prescott said that he would be, saying that it needs to meet the regulations. Dave Powelson asked if this was part of a subdivision. He was given the background of the subdivision and this lot. Mr. Powelson asked if the Planning Board would need to remove the note as well as the Zoning Board consider a special exception. Henry Huntington said the Planning Board could vote to remove the vote contingent on a special exception being granted.

Discussion continued about the best way to address the matter. Mr. Aversa was advised that his options would be a lot line adjustment or a special exception and removal of the note.

Conceptual Reviews:

Minor subdivision on Rte 129. Matt Moore stated that he is representing Everett Gage. Jeff Green recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Moore explained that Mr. Gage has a little over nine acres and would like to subdivide it so that his son could have the business and house and Mr. Gage would build a new house on the second lot. He said that there is 401.1' of frontage. Mr. Moore showed a conceptual plan that would have the existing buildings on a 1-1/2 acre lot. He explained that he laid it out that way in order to avoid creating an irregular lot and that the building area fits. Mr. Moore asked the Board their thoughts on allowing the 1-1/2 acre lot. The Board agreed that it would be non-conforming and would not be allowed. Ned Lizotte asked why it had not been laid out as 2 acres. Mr. Moore pointed out that it would be a very irregular shape because it has to maintain the 200' width back into the lot. Stan Prescott asked if there was any way to get to the back of the area.

Mr. Moore showed a second option, noting that it would have the required frontage, 3.1 acres for the existing buildings, and a 50' strip to the back of the lot. He said that his concern with this option would be the 50' strip and the driveway being in the setbacks. The Board agreed that the applicant would have to request a special exception for the driveway from the Zoning Board. After further discussion, the Board agreed that the second option was preferable.

Jeff Green returned to the table.

Old Business:

Application #07-03, Septic Disposal Solutions — Major Site Development, Located on Dump Road, in the C/I District. Map 40, Lot 7. Chairman Dow read a request from the applicant to table this case until the January meeting as they do not have anything new for review at this time. There was discussion about having to re-notify abutters. Henry Huntington made a motion to table this application to January 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building and to have the applicant re-notify abutters; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Application #07-04, Debra Rattee-Major Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 7. Chairman Dow read a request from the applicant's representative to table this application until the January meeting as they are waiting on the approval of the wetlands crossing permit for Lot 4. There was discussion about having to re-notify abutters. Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to January 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building and to have the applicant re-notify abutters; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. This will be the only notification.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Board Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there are two requests for building permit extensions, an application for a variance on a driveway, and an application for a special exception for a wetland crossing for a driveway.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Chairman Dow reported that Fire Chief Burr talked about the dry hydrant on Greenview Drive. The chief said that the water level was decreased and he is concerned about ice and that it will interfere with the flow of water. The chairman said that Chief Burr has met with Mr. Leombruno and there was no solution at the time of the Board of Permit meeting.

A board member asked about the status of the Greenview Drive situation. Dustin Bowles said that the selectmen had sent a response letter that the residents need to address their concerns to Claire Crowley.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Dustin Bowles; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. Immediately following the meeting, Board members began a work session for zoning amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White

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

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Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — Dec. 27, 2007

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of December 27, 2007 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Chairman Dave Powelson, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, and Alternate Jim Venne.

Jim Venne was appointed to sit as a voting member in the absence of member George Saunderson.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing. Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2007; seconded by Dave Powelson. All were in favor.

Site Walk. Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2007 site walk; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

Dan Aversa & Gary Vermette – Building Permit Extension. Mr. Aversa explained that this permit is for Map 11, Lot 91. He said that they have a customer that is trying to buy the lot but hasn't been able to sell their current home so building could not begin on this lot. He said that there has been some site work done at the lot. Jim Venne made a motion to extend building permit #07-006 for one year; seconded by Howard Pearl. Mr. Pearl said that this appears to be a similar situation as the Board has seen in recent months and is relative to the housing market. All were in favor.

Joseph Bohi – Building Permit Extension. Mr. Bohi asked for a one year extension due to the slow real estate market.

Howard Pearl made a motion to extend building permit #07-018 for one year; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #07-17, Andrew & Debra Knowlton — Variance to allow 6' @ 2% pitch from edge of road in lieu of 12' because of slope of lot, Map 58, Lot 46. Mr. Knowlton explained that the driveway was built at the 6' length as the original driveway permit was granted. He said that their contractor, Dennis Moore, was to ask the road agent if work requested by the Board as a result of the site walk could be held off until spring. The work is to bring the road and driveway to levels that would allow the driveway to slope away from the road. Ned Lizotte asked if Mr. Moore had said why he did not do the work. Mrs. Knowlton said that his concern was putting fill on frozen ground and then having a soft mess on warmer days. Mr. Knowlton said that Mr. Moore had offered to put up a \$1,000 bond if necessary to guarantee that the work would be done in the spring, and he said that they could give personal references of their integrity if needed. Roy Merrill said that he received a call from Steve Jackson earlier today and that Mr. Jackson asked if the driveway is within the 30' side setback. Mr. Knowlton said that it is not within the setback as they made sure of that when laying out the driveway.

Mr. Knowlton went through the points of the application. Chairman Powelson said the Board would have to agree with the five criteria in order to approve the variance. Ned Lizotte said that he thought the work was going to be done before this meeting, and he asked if the Board should wait to act until the

work is done. Jim Venne asked if the driveway approval is needed in order to get a certificate of occupancy. Mr. Knowlton said that they cannot get their construction loan converted to a regular mortgage without the certificate of occupancy and the driveway approval is needed before that can be issued. Dave Powelson said that there would be a hardship in trying to reach the 12' length. He stated that it would appear that the road agent and the Board thinks that 6' would suffice. Jim Venne said that 12' seems not to work with this property. He said that he is not convinced, however, that the road has packed that much that it has changed the slope as stated by Mrs. Knowlton. Mr. Knowlton stated that they will be paving the driveway once done. Ned Lizotte said that at the site walk it was pretty much agreed that Mr. Moore would do the work and the Board was alright with that. Mrs. Knowlton said that the day after the site walk got very cold and then there was a storm the day after that. She said that Mr. Moore and Mr. Rice agreed that the work should wait until spring. There was discussion about the work to be done and the hardship created by not being able to receive a certificate of occupancy.

There were no abutters present to speak in favor of or against the application. Mrs. Knowlton said that the Board of Selectmen were talking about the driveway since July but she and her husband were not notified of a problem until October. She said that Mr. Rice and Mr. Moore had talked and agreed that the 6' length was sufficient. Chairman Powelson stated that the applicants have offered a bond but he is not sure that the Board can set that. Jim Venne said that he would like to have it stated in the decision that all work is to be completed by May 1, 2008. Howard Pearl and Roy Merrill said that they thought June 1, 2008 might be better to ensure getting past spring thaw conditions. Mr. Knowlton said that he would like it to be based on the posting of roads. There was discussion about how to set up the bond and Donna suggested that the \$1,000 could be held in escrow by the Selectmen's office rather than dealing with a bond.

Chairman Powelson closed the hearing to the public; to be brought up under Unfinished Business.

Case #07-18, Jason & Amanda Masse — Special Exception for wetland crossing, Map 59, Lot 5. Mr. Masse stated that he has done a site walk with the Conservation Commission and had a couple of subsequent meetings with them. He said that they were to get a letter to the Board with their comments and recommendations. Mr. Masse said that this lot is on the Class VI portion of Beck Road and is part of the Chesley Trust. He said the Mr. Chesley was his wife's grandfather and they would like to keep the land in the family and use it for their personal residence, not for development. He explained the location and the lot, noting that they are trying to access the buildable area. Mr. Masse said he would do selective cutting, all utilities would be underground, and the driveway would be constructed in a manner to create the least impact to the natural surroundings.

Ned Lizotte asked about a colored section on the plan that Mr. Masse displayed. Mr. Masse explained that it is a steep slope district. He said that there would be slight cut and fill and the area is within the limits at approximately 1000 sf. Mr. Masse went through the points of the application. Chairman Powelson said that Mr. Masse has covered the points pretty well and explained the plan clearly. He asked if there were any abut-

ters present who wished to speak in favor of or against the application. Abutter Paul Perry said that he had no opposition to the plan.

Roy Merrill said that he does not feel that the Board needs to do a site walk if the Conservation Commission has looked at the property and will be sending their findings to the Board. Mr. Masse said that there is no state permit required for this project and that is why he contacted the Conservation Commission so early on. Howard Pearl asked Mr. Masse if he plans to do the work next year. Mr. Masse said if he gets the Board's approval he would then go through with the purchase of the property and get on the building permit list.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to continue this application to the January meeting so that the Board will have the Conservation Commission's response before making a decision; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor. The application will be continued to January 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. There will be no further notification.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Case #07-17, Andrew & Debra Knowlton — Variance to allow 6' @ 2% pitch from edge of road in lieu of 12' because of slope of lot, Map 58, Lot 46. Dave Powelson made a motion to approve the application for a variance as presented with \$1,000 to be provided by the applicant and held in escrow by the town against completion of the driveway by June 1, 2008; seconded by Howard Pearl. Jim Venne asked if this approval would release them to get their certificate of occupancy. Chairman Powelson said the approval would make them legal with the Zoning Ordinance but it would be up to Code Enforcement to decide if all criteria has been met for the certificate of occupancy. Howard Pearl said that this corrects a situation that needed to be corrected. A roll vote was taken: Jim Venne – Yes; Howard Pearl – Yes; Roy Merrill – Yes; Dave Powelson – Yes; Ned Lizotte – Yes. Unanimous – APPROVED.

The applicants are to notify the Zoning office once the work is done so that the Board can do a site walk to ensure that the driveway meets zoning requirements. Upon acceptance by the Board and road agent, the escrow funds will be released.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Donna informed the Board that she received suggested zoning changes from George Saunderson and has been instructed by the Planning Board chairman to get the Zoning Board's thoughts before submitting the information to the Planning Board for discussion. Mr. Saunderson would like to have the front setback in the RR and AFP districts increased from 50' to 75' and the frontage in the RR district increased from 200' to 250'. After discussing the pros and cons of each change, the Board agreed that the current ordinance is sufficient.

Ned Lizotte said that he would like to have the steep slope percentage changed from 20% back to 25%. He explained the reasoning behind the change and the Board agreed that they would be in favor of this change.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Howard Pearl.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White, Administrative Assistant



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