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It's Budget Time Again — First Budget Hearing Held Jan. 19, 2011

Each year around mid-January and early February, the Selectmen hold budget hearings. The purpose of these hearings is to give taxpayers the chance to review the budget and ask questions of the Selectmen before Town Meeting in March. Unfortunately, attendance is pretty sparse and the audience usually consists of department heads. This year's January 19th hearing was no exception. Almost everyone in the room had a direct stake in the budget!

The Selectmen have again — with assistance from all departments — created a bare-bones budget. For the first time in several years, there was a small cost-of-living adjustment given: 2.5%. In studying the budget numbers, you may not see a 2.5% increase in salaries as last year contained 53 pay weeks so the salary numbers were already up a bit.

The only budget items we'll touch on here are those that have changed by quite a bit.

The Selectmen's parttime office help budget line is up from \$500 to \$11,000. This is because Jean Lee is now working parttime. You'll see a corresponding *decrease* in fulltime wages because her salary is no longer in that budget line.

Landfill testing has gone down 23.48%.

Some of the number changes within the Town Clerk's budget look "scary," but the bottom line hasn't changed all that much. In past years, Deidre Littlefield's salary was taken from the Deputy Town Clerk budget line. However, because she doesn't live in town, she can't be the Deputy Town Clerk. She can, however, be the Assistant Clerk, and her salary was moved to that line and was taken out of the Deputy's budget line. She's received the same 2.5% raise as everyone else; her salary will now be taken from the correct budget line. It is mainly a budgetary "housekeeping" matter.

The Election portion of the budget is down due to there being fewer elections during this fiscal year.

There is a large increase in the "Assessments/Utilities" line within the Assessments/Maps section of the budget. The budgeted amount has gone from \$4,000 to \$25,000. There is currently a law pending in the legislature that, if passed, will allow town to assess taxes on Verizon's portion of the lines running through town. If the law pass-

es, this money will be used to assess and levy the tax to Verizon — which will mean additional tax revenue to the town. If the law doesn't pass, the money will go back into the General Fund at the end of the year.

The Tax Collector — File Clerk position is no longer staffed, resulting in a decrease to \$0 in that line. Tax Collector — Seminars/Training is up \$500 because Tax Collector Helen McNeil needs to recertify this year.

Under Employee Benefits, FICA shows a decrease of 5.10%, due to the fact that the Library's portion of FICA is now reflected in their portion of the budget.

"The department heads really sharpened their pencils this year."

STEVE IVES, SELECTMAN

ZBA — Salary reflects a 13.33% increase, from \$3,000 to \$3,400. The Zoning Board of Adjustment now has two alternates instead of one.

The Town Hall — Heating line has increased from \$400 to \$600, a 50% increase. This one-half the total cost of heating; the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church pays the other half.

The Town's Health & Dental Insurance line shows a modest 1.82% increase. This is the Selectmen's best estimate but in the past, these estimates have been fairly accurate.

Police Department — Regular Salaries are down 3.9%, even with the 2.5% increase because the Lieutenant's position is open. The Outside Services line is up 33.33%. This line includes bottled water service, radar recertifications, wireless service, copier repairs, etc.

The Fire Department — Equipment Maintenance line is up \$700 due to the fact that air packs are no longer under warranty and repairs and testing must now be paid for.

One of the largest increases in the budget is the Highway — Building Maintenance line, which went from \$6,000 to \$28,000. The Highway Garage needs a new roof.

Tipping Fees at the Wheelabrator Incinerator in Penacook have increased to \$66.80/ton. For every ton we recycle, we save \$66.80! That budget line went from \$216,300 to \$227,000. Remember: it pays to recycle!

Another small increase is seen in the Recreation — Swim Lesson Wages. This is contracted out and the company that handles it increased their fee this year. It is a very popular program that has grown each year.

The Library budget has a couple of minor increases, due mainly to the Library budget reflecting their portion of FICA and the State Retirement System. These items are dictated by outside entities and the Town has no control over them. Their fuel budget is up from \$6,250 to \$8,000.

Overall, it is a very lean budget. As Selectman Ives said, "The department heads really sharpened their pencils this year." The total budget is down a bit over 5%.

At the end of the budget hearing, the Board of Selectmen expressed their appreciation for the town employees and their hard work. They were unanimous in their praise. "We have a really good bunch of people working for the town."

Proposed Warrant Articles

The following proposed warrant articles are in no particular order.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000 for the purpose of shimming and paving 2,800± feet of Staniels Road and machine paving 4,858± feet of East Ricker Road. \$90,000 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000 value.

\$70,000 of this will be raised through taxes.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,500 for the purpose of purchasing a packer trailer for the Transfer Station with funds to be withdrawn from the Transfer Station Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said pur-

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Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings open until 7 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

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

783-0170 • Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.

Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.

Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays.

For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email

LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley: PO Box 67, Andover, NH 03216. 682-3782

Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303. 796-2268

Priscilla P. Lockwood: PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224. 783-4349

Joy K. Tilton: 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8806

Frank A. Tupper: PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224. 783-4110

Deborah H. Wheeler: 38 Bay St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8212

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway: 225 Tyler Rd., Webster, NH 03303. 271-7585

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The Loudon Ledger” 2011 Schedule

January 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 12/20

February 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/17

March 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/11 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/14

April 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/21

May 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/18

June 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/16

July 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/20

August 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/18

September 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/22

October 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/19

November 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/17

December 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/21

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

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

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Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577
www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: sludwick@hughes.net

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

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

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

Sunday Worship Hours:

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.) • Children's Church for ages 3–grade 3

Sunday School Classes for *all* ages 9:30–10:30 a.m.

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

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

Men's Ministry/Men of Faith: Saturday 7:00 a.m.

Women's Ministry: Third Friday at 6:30 p.m. • *Senior Ministry/SAGES:* Third Monday

Small Group Ministry/BRIDGES: Various locations during the week

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

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

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • *Saturday Youth Group:* 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)
We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540

Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional PrayerWatch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details)

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church.

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

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

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

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) *Jr. Kids Church* (2-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)
Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

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

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. (Brian Bollinger)

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. *First Sunday of Every Month:* Communion Service followed by potluck luncheon. *Third Sunday of Every Month:* Men's and Women's Ministry Luncheon following services.

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

LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church To Hold Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner

The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church on Clough Hill Road in Loudon will be holding its third annual Fundraiser Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 5–7 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 ages 12 and up; \$3.00 under 12. Cost includes: spaghetti/meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and hot/cold drinks. Proceeds from this fundraiser go toward scholarships for summer camp for our Sunday school. ■

Old Home Day Committee Getting Ready for 2011!

The Loudon Old Home Day Committee will meet on Sunday evening, February 13 at 6:30 at Kim Bean's house. The group always welcomes new members. If you're interested in joining the committee, please come to the meeting or contact a committee member (tjbourque@comcast.net) — the list can be found on the town's web site: www.loudonnh.org under "Community." ■

**Looking for information on Loudon:
Boards, Committees, Taxes, Community,
Lifestyle, Calendars, Agendas, etc.?**

**Go to
www.loudonnh.org**



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either

by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

McAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY

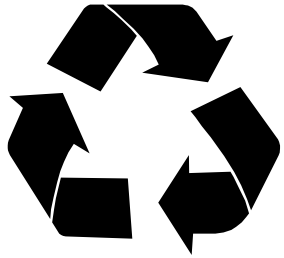
Unlimited free admission to the Society's museum and free use of the Society's library.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

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

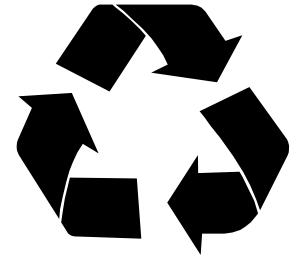
WRIGHT MUSEUM

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



Recycling: Are You Part of the Problem? Or Are You Part Of The Solution? (And you know who you are.)

By LeeAnn Childress, Loudon Solid Waste and Recycling Committee



I often wonder what it is going to take to get everyone on board with recycling. What if you were charged \$10 for every recycled product you put in the trash? Is that what it would take to get you to do the right thing? People need to understand that every bit of recycling makes a difference. For example, one year of recycling on the college campus of Stanford University, saved the equivalent of 33,913 trees and the need for 636 tons of iron ore, coal, and limestone.

We all know that recycling conserves our natural resources, saves landfill space, and reduces water pollution and air pollution. When we recycle it reduces the amount of tonnage taken to the incinerator which means we reduce our cost for that service. When you toss trash without recycling first, it costs us all money and it's expensive. We pay to have trash transported to the incinerator and if you are putting recyclable goods in the trash you are costing us all more money.

A few interesting facts I found online about some benefits of recycling are:

- Recycling creates 1.1 million U.S. jobs, \$236 billion in gross annual sales and \$37 Billion in annual payrolls. For every job collecting recyclables, there are 26 jobs in processing the materials and manufacturing them into new products. *Recycling creates jobs.*

- Every ton of newsprint or mixed paper that is recycled saves approximately 17 trees. *Recycling helps our environment.*
- Mining is the world's most deadly occupation. On average, 40 mine workers are killed on the job each day, and many more are injured. *Recycling reduces the need for mining.*
- Brutal wars over natural resources, including timber and minerals, have killed or displaced more than 20 million people and are raising at least \$12 billion a year for rebels, warlords, and repressive governments. *Recycling eases the demand for the resources.*

So please, get a your household recycling program started. It's easy and a good family project. Set a good example for your kids and teach them to appreciate and care for their environment.

And just to remind you, the following is a list of what can be recycled at the transfer station. Mixed Paper, Cardboard (OCC), Aluminum Cans, Tin Cans, Electronics, Plastic Bottles, Used Motor Oil, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Batteries, Telephones and Cell Phones, Tires, Textiles, Glass, Compost, and Electric Wire. ■



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

Mark your calendars!! The annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night will be held on March 15th at the Loudon Elementary School! Look for more information in the D.A.R.E. news in this issue.

We are also starting to prepare for the annual Bicycle Safety Class which will be tentatively held in April or May. Look for more information in the next issue of the Ledger.

The 2011 major race schedule is as follows:

- 6/19/11: Loudon Classic
- 07/17/11: Lexox Industrial Tools 301
- 08/14/11: IZOD Indy Cars
- 09/19/11: Sylvania 300

Please welcome aboard Officer Alek Ladd. Officer Ladd completed the part-time Police Academy last year. In April of this year, he will attend the full-time academy.

We would like to continue to remind you that if you see or suspect anything out of the ordinary, **please** do not hesitate to contact us. We are here 24/7!

We thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or chief.fiske@loudonpolice.com. ■

LOUDON POLICE DEPARTMENT D.A.R.E. NEWS

Jason S. Fiske, Instructor

We have started another year of the D.A.R.E. curriculum at the Loudon Elementary School. The students are excited and, once again, there is great participation from the fifth-grade students. I wish to thank the fifth grade teachers, Mr. Satterfield, Ms. LaPlante, and Mrs. Painchaud for all their help in assisting me this year.

Want an inexpensive family night out? The big fundraiser is almost here! **Save the date! The annual D.A.R.E. Pizza night will be held on Tuesday, March 15th at the Loudon Elementary School.** Dinner will be served from 5–6:30 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. We will be selling tickets starting at 4:30; however, the doors will not be open to the raffle until 5:00 p.m. You do not need to be present at the raffle. A.J. Dukette from 93.3 The Wolf will be here for event once again! 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. ■

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE LOUDON LEDGER: FRIDAY, FEB. 11, 2010

LOUDON BUILDING SUPPLY

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603-267-2067

416 BUMFAGON RD.



Senior Health Clinics

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic in Loudon at the VOANNE Senior Housing on Tuesday, February 22 from 9 a.m. until noon. All services are provided for a requested fee of \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information, call CRVNA at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, ext. 5815. If you live in Loudon and need a ride, please call the JO Cate Van at 798-5203.

Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages:

Monday February 7 1–3 p.m.
Tuesday February 15 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 5815.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics:

Wed., Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to Noon	Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord
Fri., Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to Noon	West Street Ward House, Concord
Wed., Feb. 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m.	White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers blood pressure screenings in the areas that it serves. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. Blood pressure screenings are free of charge. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620.

Adult Grief Support Groups

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering two eight-week support groups beginning in February. Trained grief facilitators will provide an opportunity for grief support and education to participants who have suffered a recent loss.

The groups will meet at: Granite Ledges of Concord, 151 Langley Parkway, Concord on Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m., February 1–March 22; or, White Birch Community Center, 51 Hall Avenue, Henniker on Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m., February 15–April 5.

The group size is limited to 12 participants and sessions are free. Pre-register by calling (603) 224-4093, ext. 2826 or email laurie.brooks@crvna.org.

Senior Wellness Programs

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following Senior Wellness Programs at Concord Hospital Center for Health Promotion this March:

IMPROVING BALANCE AND HOME SAFETY

Improving balance and home safety helps you stay active throughout your life. Discover simple yoga exercises to increase your strength, endurance, balance, and flexibility. Learn tips on identifying potential risks in your home and how to reduce them to stay injury free.

Meets: Tuesday, March 8, 2–3 p.m.

By: Liesl Hasenfuss, PT

PLANNING IN ADVANCE FOR FUTURE HEALTHCARE CHOICES

Advance directives are legal documents that state what types of care and treatment you wish to receive if you have a future life-limiting illness. Your wishes are based on your personal values, preferences, and discussions with loved ones. Learn information, tools, and steps to help you plan for future medical care and treatments.

Meets: Tuesday, March 15, 2–3 p.m.

By: Sarah Gilman, MSW

COPING WITH LIFE CHANGES

There are many changes that occur in life that trigger grief and loss. Have you experienced changes in relationships, health status, or experienced the loss of a loved one or a job? As a result, many people have a mixture of feelings including sadness, fear, hopelessness, and frustration. Discover techniques on how to heal and lessen the impact of loss.

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pose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of funding a bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited into this fund. Monies in this fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article will affect the tax rate by 1 cent per \$1,000 value.

By creating a Revolving Fund for a Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day, the money for this bi-annual event can be budgeted for each year rather than all at once on the year of the event. It is basically a savings account that will allow the town to spread the tax impact out.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375,223 for the purchase of a fire engine and equipment with funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for the purpose of resurfacing the roll-off container areas with concrete and pavement, and constructing a concrete wall in the demolition area at the Transfer Station. Funds to be withdrawn from the Transfer Station Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate.

A cleaner, safer, and more efficient operation will be created by resurfacing these areas at the Transfer Station.

Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 9 a.m. at the Elementary School. Voting for town officials and any zoning ordinances will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

Gilmanton Year-Round Library Hosts Icebreaker and Silent Auction

Bring a friend, beat the winter doldrums and enjoy an evening out! On Saturday, February 6th 6:30–9:30 p.m. at the Gilmanton Academy there will be a February Icebreaker and Silent Auction to benefit of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library. Proceeds will go to offset next year's (2012) operating budget.

Included in your donation of \$15.00/pp you will receive a raffle ticket (couples will receive 3!). Raffle items include a gift basket of Cabot cheeses, Red River movie passes, a book lover's themed basket, and 2-night stay at a Marriott Hotel of your choice

Your donation also includes scrumptious hearty appetizers, delectable desserts, and is BYOB — mixers are provided, including a piano bar. There will be a silent auction with items such as a hooked rug, a reproduction antiques sign, a behind-the-scenes tour of the Castle in the Clouds, and much, much more. Stop by the library to make a reservation or call Susan Barr at 267-1905, susan.barr75@gmail.com or Carolyn Dickey at 267-6098, jdick-ey@metrocast.net.

For more information about the library go to www.gyrla.org. ■

Meets: Tuesday, March 22, 2–3 p.m.

By: Laurie Farmer, LICSW, ACHP-SW

FORGETFULNESS VS. MEMORY IMPAIRMENT

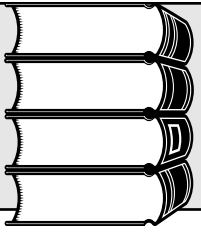
All of us have probably experienced occasional episodes of forgetfulness, however, there are differences between simple forgetfulness and dementia related illness. Find out if forgetfulness is a natural part of aging or something you can improve. Learn how to keep your brain and your memory in shape.

Meets: Tuesday, March 29, 2–3 pm

By: Betsy Livingston, LICSW, and Joan Bickford, RN

To register contact Concord Hospital Center for Health Promotion at (603) 230-7300 or on-line at www.concordhospital.org.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, incorporated in 1899, is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in more than 30 communities in central New Hampshire by providing and facilitating comprehensive homecare services, hospice care, community health services, personal home services, maternal child health services, pediatric services, and telehealth monitoring. In fiscal year 2010, Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association provided more than \$3 million in community benefits. ■



Maxfield Public Library News



Making penguins at Storytime.



"Sit 'n Stitch" group shared tips, patterns, and friendship. The group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and is for anyone who has a craft project they'd like to work on.

What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?

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January Word Scramble Answers:
MITTENS, BOOTS, JACKET, SKATING,
SNOWSHOEING, SLEDDING

Why did the clock get kicked out of the classroom?
Because it TOCKED too much!



On February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, story time children will pursue the groundhog to see why people expect him to know when Spring will come. After reading *Gregory's Shadow* by Don Freeman, the children will put together a groundhog puppet sure to predict spring's arrival.

Love is in the air, or is it something else? We'll find out when we read *Smelly Bill: Love Stinks* by Daniel Postgate on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of February. Craft time will follow as we create rosebuds for those we secretly admire. Story timers are welcome to stay after for a Valentine party. Please bring a treat to share and the library will provide juice.

Story time will get colorful on the 15th through the 17th, as we explore *Birds* by Kevin Henkes and *Birdhouse for Rent* by Harriet Ziefert. Each child will leave the library with a very vibrant fine-feathered friend.

There will be no story time February 22nd–24th due to school vacation.

SCHOOL VACATION

Join us on Wednesday, February 23rd, at 2 p.m. for the movie, *Despicable Me*. Juice and popcorn will be provided.

Join us on Thursday, February 24th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a drop-in craft.

SIT 'N STITCH

With a mix of beginners and advanced stitchers, nine people started the new stitching group on January 5th. Everyone had a great time sharing tips, patterns, and encouragement. If you'd like to join us, bring your project and drop in any Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Card, Orson Scott
Crais, Robert
Genova, Lisa
Hoag, Tami
Lescroart, John
Michaels, Fern
Phillips, Susan Elizabeth
Rachman, Tom
Vreeland, Susan
Woods, Stuart

Lost Gate
The Sentry
Left Neglected
Secrets to the Grave
Damage
Home Free
Call Me Irresistible
The Imperfectionists
Clara and Mr. Tiffany
Strategic Moves

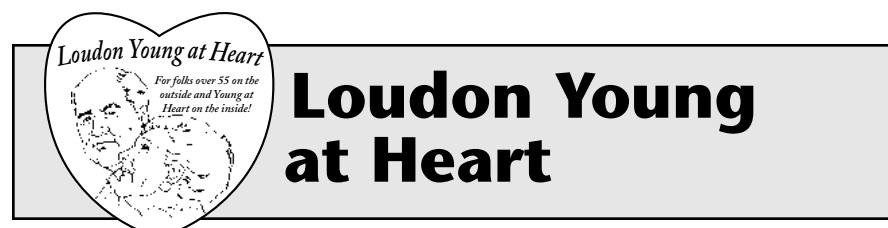
Nonfiction

Dederer, Claire
Nepo, Mark
Murray, Liz
Rasmussen, Daniel
Sass, Cynthia
Twain, Mark

Poser
The Book of Awakening
Breaking Night
American Uprising
Cinch!
The Autobiography of Mark Twain, Vol. 1

NEW DVDs

The American, *Despicable Me*, *Easy A*, *The Kids are All Right*, *Knight and Day*, *Legend of the Guardians*, *Mademoiselle Chambon*, *Mother and Child*, *The Other Guys*, *Restrepo*, *Secretariat*, *The Social Network*, *The Town*



Loudon Young at Heart

Loudon's Young at Heart held its meeting in January just before the "big storm." Twenty-eight gathered at Charlie's Barn on January for a business meeting and speaker under the leadership of Dottie Mulkhey, Vice President.

The snow policy was reviewed in that if school is cancelled there is no Young at Heart meeting. The group was reminded the John O. Cate van is not running in January.

New member Joan Malfait was welcomed and Elizabeth Outhouse and Bob Arsenault, members who passed away recently, were remembered.

The suggestion was made to have members bring a nonperishable food or personal care item to each meeting for the Loudon Food Pantry. All agreed.

The speaker was Jenn Brecktel, Community Liaison with Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association on Winter Wellness. She covered winter skin care, mood changes, injuries and colds/flu. Jen had many helpful tips to share.

Door prizes were won by Patty and Philip Mulkhey.

The February meeting is a lunch trip to Food for Thought Cafe in Belmont on February 8. The cost is \$9.00 and reservations need to be made with Polly at 798-5882 by February 1. Those wanting to car pool should meet at Charlie's barn at 11:30. ■

Maxfield Public Library — cont. from page 6

BOOK GROUP

Swedish author Stieg Larsson didn't live to see the astounding success of his best-selling trilogy. The book that started it all, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, is up for discussion on February 17, at 7 p.m. Mixing mystery, financial shenanigans, publishing woes, and unconventional romantic encounters, the story line is truly original. Newcomers are welcome.

CLASSIC BOOK GROUP

Shifting from Kate Chopin's female perspective to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's male view, the classic book group will explore 18th century reflections on love, philosophy, art, beauty, religion, and nature with *The Sorrows of Young Werther*. More commonly known for his tragedy *Faust*, Goethe set the stage with *Werther* for the many novels of romanticism that followed. The group will meet, at 2:30 p.m., on February 15. Readers are asked to provide their own copies of the book.

ART SHOW AND PHOTO CONTEST

Would you like your artwork included in the Loudon Village Arts Spirit of Spring Art Show, on May 6 and 7? Stop by for a prospectus to submit describing your work. Not an artist?

Had success with a camera? The LVA is running a contest looking for your best shot evoking spring. Maple-sugaring buckets? Mud season woes? Tree buds or early-blooming flowers? Give us your best shot and have a chance at winning \$100! Contest guidelines are available at the library.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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Richard Brown House

The residents of Richard Brown House have been enjoying the time and talents of Scott Vanson to learn and improve their computer skills. Scott is a senior at Merrimack Valley High School and is coming to us as part of his senior project. Scott is a very talented, patient and knowledgeable young man who we are delighted to have join us every other week.

Going on a hay ride with Stoneboat Farm's Belgian draft horses was how we celebrated the end of 2010 and the beginning of 2011. It was fun riding up through the village and having folks wave to us.

Richard Brown House is looking for a few established landscapers who might be willing to share their expertise with us. We would like to improve our outside landscaping and have flowers that will bloom in each season. If you are interested please contact Ken Lorden at 798-3190.

We are accepting applications for our waiting list for apartments. If you or someone you know is interested please contact manager, Michael Totri at 798-3190. ■

Feeling Overwhelmed? Stop And Smell The Roses

(NAPS)—For decades, people have advised friends to cope with stress by taking some time to "stop and smell the roses." Now, research shows that the old cliché might be onto something—that floral scents might actually increase productivity and mental performance.

For example, a study conducted by the Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation in Chicago found that people exposed to a mixed floral aroma completed memory-testing portions of neuropsychological tests 17 percent faster than those not exposed to the aroma. A study published in the journal *Science* showed that students exposed to the smell of roses while studying performed tests with 97 percent accuracy, compared to 86 percent accuracy among those not exposed.

"Learning and memory retention can depend on multiple variables: attention span, interest in the subject at hand, task difficulty, state of mind and what's going on around you," said Dr. Alan Hirsch, executive director of the Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation. "The area of the brain that regulates arousal and sleep-wake transitions is particularly sensitive to odor. Floral odors like rose, jasmine and lavender have been shown to enhance the brain's learning mechanisms and positively impact memory."

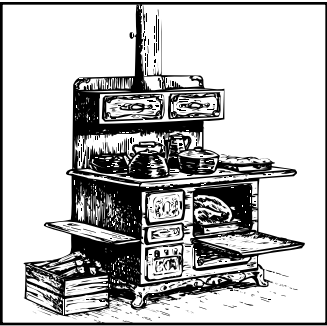
Fresh flowers, however, aren't the only way to reap the benefits. According to Dr. Hirsch, other ways to incorporate floral aromas into a daily routine include:

- Use floral-scented body washes and lotions;
- Drink a cup of green or black tea rich in aromatic scents;
- Use a rose-scented room freshener at night;
- Light scented candles in high traffic areas always—just remember to keep them out of reach of young children;
- Keep sachets of lavender in dresser drawers;
- Float orange rinds in glasses of water;
- Incorporate scented cleaning products, such as Pine-Sol Lavender, which has a calming floral aroma.

Visit www.TheCloroxCompany.com to learn more about their products.

Studies suggest incorporating aromatherapy into your daily routine to take advantage of the many benefits of floral scents. ■





What's Cookin'!

This month: Warm Up In Winter

By Jenn Pfeifer

Did you know that February is American Heart Month, and not because of Valentine's Day? This was evoked to help raise public awareness of heart disease. Eating a diet containing fruits, vegetables and whole grains, along with an active lifestyle can benefit your heart and your life in so many ways. Even though most people associate heart disease with men, it's also the leading cause of death among women. The American Heart Association's GO RED campaign aims to help women take action against heart disease. So please enjoy a healthy meal or walk with a friend and wear your heart on your sleeve by wearing something red on Friday, February 6th, which is National Wear Red Day.

February is also filled with lots of bizarre, crazy, silly and unknown holidays and observances. Do you celebrate World Nutella Day on the 5th, National Gum Drop Day on the 15th or National Chili Day on the 24th??? How about Solo Diners Eat Out weekend 4-6 or Jell-O Week the 6-12th? All month long you can celebrate Avocados, Bananas, Cherries, Star Fruit, Grapefruit, Beans (dry and fresh), and Sweet Potatoes. You can find out more at www.brownielocks.com/february. Now lets see what I can come up with for recipes using some of this months fine offerings.

BEEF WITH CHERRIES AND CHEESE

This is a great Valentines dinner for that special someone in your life. If your someone special, like my someone special doesn't like cherries (or any fruit in their dinner)...then you can substitute cherry tomatoes.

- 4 8-ounce beef tenderloin filets
- 3 ounces gorgonzola cheese
- 2 teaspoons mixed peppercorns, crushed
- kosher salt to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups pitted cherries
- 2 tablespoons shallots, finely chopped
- 4 thyme sprigs
- 1 cup red onions, sliced
- 1 cup port or your favorite red wine
- 1/2 cup almonds, roughly chopped
- 2 cups baby watercress cleaned and dried

Preheat oven to 400°F. Using a sharp knife slice a pocket in the tenderloin, about 2" deep and place cheese inside. Ensure cheese is not oozing out. Season tenderloin with peppercorns and salt. Heat olive oil in grilling pan set over medium high heat until almost smoking. Cook beef for 3 minutes on each side or until a deep golden brown crust is achieved. Remove tenderloin and reserve. Add cherries, shallots, onions, and thyme. Sauté for 2 minutes, deglaze with wine. Place beef back in the pan and move to the oven for 6 minutes for medium rare or until desired doneness. Remove beef from oven allow to rest 5 minutes. To plate spoon cherry sauce on the bottom of the plate top with watercress then top with beef. Sprinkle with nuts.

HERB-ROASTED SWEET POTATOES

This is a simple recipe that I make all the time. It is also the perfect side dish to the steak recipe above. My husband Nick is not a fan of sweet potatoes so I switch out 2 of the sweets for red or yukon gold potatoes and keep them separated on the baking sheet.

- 4 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1½-inch-thick rounds
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup fresh thyme or rosemary leaves, plus extra for garnish
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Preheat oven to 450°F. In large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and toss. Arrange potato slices in single layer on heavyweight rimmed baking sheet or in 13x9-inch baking dish. Place on top rack of oven and roast until tender and slightly browned, about 40 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature, garnished with herb sprigs.

TWO-BEAN SALAD

Cannellini beans are my favorite bean and if you haven't tried them...you should! Not only are they good for you they are soft and almost creamy with a mild bean flavor. They hold up great in a soup or can be blended to make wonderful dips and sauces. Now pair that with the crisp freshness of a green bean and you have got yourself a side dish that is perfect served warm or cold.

- 2 tablespoons Balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

- 1/2 teaspoon dry sweet basil crushed to a powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper to taste
- 3/4 pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 1 19-ounce can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed

Whisk together vinegar, oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl. Cook green beans in a 3- to 4-quart saucepan of boiling salted water 2 minutes, then add shallot and cook until beans are crisp-tender, about 2 minutes more. Drain in a colander and plunge into a large bowl of ice and cold water to stop cooking (1 minute for warm or 5 minutes for cold). Drain well, then add to dressing in bowl along with cannellini beans and toss well.

AVOCANANA BREAD — RECIPE PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA AVOCADO COMMISSION

My son Alex has been on an anti banana kick for about 5 years now. I thought it was because for the first 4 years of his life (including in my belly time) he had a banana almost every day of his life. He would eat banana bread but only if, one of my best friends, "Manda," made it! Then came NECAP testing at school...and a daily banana from the principal! Now, he has a new found love of bananas which means I haven't had a browning banana in our house in months. So I apologize that I haven't actually tried this recipe yet but it looked to interesting not to include.

This is a classic banana bread that uses creamy Fresh California Avocado to replace shortening. The result is very moist and great for breakfast, snacks, tea time or dessert.

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| 1/3 cup old-fashioned oats | 1 cup all purpose flour |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 ripe, Fresh California Avocado, seeded | 1/4 cup light olive oil |
| 2 eggs | 1 cup (packed) brown sugar |
| 1/2 cup chopped walnuts | 2 very ripe bananas |
| | 1/4 cup buttermilk |

Line a 9 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pan with nonstick foil and lightly grease the bottom only. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine dry ingredients: oats, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Set aside. Scoop the avocado into a large bowl and mash lightly. Add oil and brown sugar to the avocado. Cream together using an electric mixer, until light and creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in bananas, then walnuts and dry ingredients. Stir in buttermilk and beat just until buttermilk is incorporated. Pour into prepared loaf pan and bake in preheated oven for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Avocanana bread is quite moist and may not pass the "toothpick" test at this point. If you prefer a drier bread, bake a little longer.

GRAPEFRUIT MARTINI

This is a delicious and refreshing recipe. Not to mention it is a very pretty.

- 9 fluid ounces or 6 shots Grapefruit Liqueur (recipe below)
- 2 blood oranges (juiced)
- grapefruit soda

Place ice in shaker. Pour in Liqueur and blood orange juice. Shake well. Strain into 2 martini glasses with sugar rims and top with grapefruit soda.

Grapefruit Liqueur

Making liqueur is fun and easy. You can change out the grapefruit for equal amounts of your favorite citrus fruits.

- 6 medium or large ruby red grapefruit
- 3 cups 80 proof vodka
- 1 cup Water
- 2 tablespoon whole coriander seed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 cup white sugar

Cut or scrape off zest, the colored part of rind. Then peel grapefruit and discard pith or white spongy part. Separate grapefruit sections and cut each section into several pieces. Combine the rest of the ingredients. Cover. Leave to infuse for several weeks. Strain and let the liqueur clear for a week to 10 days. Carefully pour off the clear liqueur.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please email me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net.

TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Jackson, MPH

Congenital Heart Defects: The Most Common Birth Defect

CHD Awareness Week: February 7–14, 2011

Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs) are a lethal constellation of birth defects of the heart that affect millions of newborn infants and children worldwide; a killer that claims thousands of lives every year. Eight of every 1000 children born alive (0.8%) will have some form of congenital heart defect.

Despite much research, in the majority of cases, CHDs occur without any known cause. That is the case with my daughter, Casey Ingraham. You may know her as the peppy redhead at Loudon Elementary School. She exudes energy and enthusiasm, yet within her little body is a heart that is deteriorating. Casey has Transposition of the Great Arteries (TGA). This type of defect is one of the less common ones; only 5% of all CHDs are TGA. She has already been through a balloon atrial septostomy at 2 days old and an

arterial switch operation when she was 6 days old. It pains me knowing she is facing another open-heart surgery in her future due to her weakening heart. We don't know when, but her cardiologist says it is inevitable. Sometimes the waiting is a blessing, sometimes a curse. I've learned to appreciate each day with her and pray that as time passes, advances in medicine will resolve her complications.

As you may have noticed, every February I write on this subject in my quest to increase awareness. The fact is, congenital heart defects are the number-one birth defect — and the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths worldwide. But awareness is low — and that's taking a toll.

CHD FACTS

Congenital heart defects (CHDs) occur when a baby's heart fails to form properly during early pregnancy. In most cases, the cause is unknown,

although scientists feel both genetic and environmental factors play a role.

Some environmental factors that increase the risk of CHDs include the mother's use of cocaine, alcohol or certain medications while pregnant. Some maternal medical conditions — such as diabetes — may also increase risk.

CHDs are the most common birth defect — and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths.

CHDs occur more often than Spina Bifida, Down Syndrome or hearing loss — and kill twice as many children as childhood cancer.

It is estimated that 40,000 babies with CHDs are born in the United States each year — that's one in every 125 babies.

Although some babies will be diagnosed at birth, newborns are not routinely screened for CHDs — and pregnant women are not routinely tested for CHDs.

There are approximately 35 different types of congenital heart defects.

Some CHDs may be treated with surgery, medicine and/or devices, such as artificial valves and pacemakers. In the last 25 years, advances in the treatment of heart defects have enabled half a million U.S. children with serious CHDs to survive into adulthood.

Many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes are caused by undiagnosed CHDs and childhood-onset heart disease.

Early detection is critical to the successful treatment of CHDs. Some heart defects can be detected by a routine ultrasound — but the most effective prenatal test is an echocardiogram performed by a Pediatric Cardiologist.

Source: www.littlehearts.org and CHDinfo.com

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to: tricia0101@comcast.net ■



News from the American Legion Post 88 Loudon

By Jim Dymont

American Legion Post 88 Donates to NH Veteran Home Holiday Fund

The American Legion Department of New Hampshire, Post 88 in Loudon, recently donated \$1,000 to the New Hampshire Veterans Home (NHVH) to be used for Christmas gifts for residents. Post 88, which doubled their donation 2009, was represented by Jim Dymont, Commander; Fred Osgood, Chaplain; and Alan Davidson, Treasurer. The Post also contributes to the Loudon Food Pantry as well as veterans in their community who need help during the holidays.

Local Post 88 News

We welcome VFW Post 4405 of Loudon. They are using the hall for their meetings, which are held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Both the Legion and VFW are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining either organization, please contact Fred at 224-0172. We are doing very well on our 2011 membership goal — let's keep up the good work.

The hall is available for rentals. To rent, contact Alan at 798-5587 or Jim 435-8892; one of us should be able to help.

We have some sad news. Lester (Buster) Annis passed away this past month. Buster was a Legion member for sixty years, he was Sergeant of Arms as far back as I can remember. He never missed a meeting except due to illness. He was right there to help on any project. He will be missed at the Old Home Day breakfast — he always made sure the toast was ready. If you knew him, he knew everyone and everything from the old days of Loudon. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Well, I guess this is all the good news and bad news for this month. Have a safe and healthy New Year!

The Legion Family



American Legion Post 88 donated \$1,000 to the NHVH Resident Benefit Christmas Fund. From left, Alan Davidson, Treasurer of American Legion Post 88 in Loudon; Jim Dymont, Commander; NH Veterans Home resident Ray Plummer, a US Army Veteran of WWII; Gayle Bestick, NHVH Recreation Secretary; and Fred Osgood, Chaplain of American Legion Post 88 in Loudon.



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Loudon Girl Scout News

The Girl Scouts of Loudon kicked off 2011 in fine style with a community service event that also heralded the kick-off of our annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. This year's event was entitled "Jammies and Cookies." More than 40 girls and 17 adults came dressed in their pajamas and each brought a donation of a book and a pair of pajamas for local kids in need. Everyone enjoyed cookie crafts, cookie SWAPS, cookie games, cookies songs and best of all — snacks made with Girl Scout Cookies!!!! The Girls also had an opportunity to chillax and watch some "short mini-movies" on their blankets and pillows after crafts and snack.

Junior Troop #12641 made pajama pants, which they donated to a community service project. The Loudon Food Pantry was very grateful to receive large boxes of children's pajamas and children's books for those in need.

Our Girl Scout Cookie Sale is still going strong. We continue to take orders for cookies and are anticipating the initial arrival of cookies in just a few short weeks. Thank you to everyone who has purchased cookies! If you

February brings our annual World Thinking Day celebration. World Thinking Day is an opportunity for girls to celebrate international friendships by exploring other cultures. It also serves as a reminder that we live as part of the larger global community. This year, we are celebrating holidays and festivals from around the world. The Girls will spend time learning about how other countries support Girl Scouting, but also how that country's culture is passed down via celebrations. Troops will perform songs or skits and sample food from around the world. Some of the countries being represented are China, Japan, Russia and Easter Island.

The Loudon Girl Scouts are happy welcome new girls who want to join so look for the forms on the website www.loudonnh.org for more info.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We are always looking for more girls who want to be part of the fun. Visit www.loudonnh.org for information and the registration forms. For more information about the Loudon Girl Scouts, or to request help with your community service project please contact Service Unit Manager Cecile Merrill at 798-3876 cmerrill01@comcast.net.

Brownie Troop 10454

Melissa Himes, Rebecca Stuart

At our eleventh meeting we were working on completing our Colors and Shapes badge so we made a construction paper weaving for our background by cutting one piece of colored construction paper in long parallel strips that were still attached at one end, and looked like a fringed hoola skirt when cut properly. They then cut their alternate color construction paper into vertical strips to weave between, making a checkerboard affect. Some used straight scissors other girls used scalloped scissors to give their background a different look. The girls then used glue to draw or write the design they wanted. Hearts, peace signs, a Christmas tree, a dolphin, and a birthday cake were soon drawn and bean paintings were soon created out of different colors and shapes of beans pressed into the glue to dry. They came out beautiful!

Our twelfth meeting the girls brought in short or long sleeve t shirts to decorate with fabric paints. The girls squeezed the fabric paint onto their hands and pressed them onto the t-shirts to make hand print designs like flowers, squeezed designs onto their shirts like hearts and peace signs, and used paint brushes to fill in larger areas like Christmas trees. The shirts came out great and got them one requirement closer to their Art to Wear badge. They then moved onto their last activity to earn their Colors and Shapes badge. They made mobiles using yarn tied around chopsticks for the top, and cut



out colors and shapes with drawings on them as their chimes. They punched holes in the tops and attached them with different colors and lengths of yarn to the chopstick wings at the top. And our final activity at our meeting was the last badge requirement for our Math Fun badge. We wrote the alphabet on the white board and the girls took turns assigning monetary values to each letter from 1 cent to 1\$ dollar. They then spelled out their names with the amounts and had to do the math to add them up to see who had the most expensive name.

We made our thirteenth meeting into a badge finishing Christmas party. They wore pajama pants and the shirts that they decorated at their last meeting. First we painted clear plastic ornament balls with designs and fun colors and some of the girls sprinkled them with glitter and others stuck sparkling jewels into the wet paint. They used ornament hooks and bows of ribbon to be able to hang them off their trees, and some girls put bells inside for a musical touch. Then the girls partnered up to do face painting. A tiger, a piece sign, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, a snake, a cat, and a butterfly were soon ready for snacks and a Yankee Swap gift exchange. The girls have now completed five badges!

At our fourteenth meeting we reviewed all the details for the Cookies and Jammies event that is coming up soon to collect new pajamas and books to donate locally and serve as a Girl Scout Cookie kick off event. Since our troop loved singing so much when we went Christmas caroling we were chosen to learn the cookie-rena (a Girl Scout cookie themed version of the

Macarena) to teach it to the group. Then, in the spirit of Girl Scout cookies we completed the Cookies Count badge. We set a goal of 100 boxes sold per girl so we can raise enough money to be able to go on an overnight adventure to the Boston Museum of Science. Thank you to everyone who supports all the girls by buying Girl Scout cookies!

Junior Troop 10361

Tara Memmelo, Karen Minery

January was spent learning about China and the cultural importance of the Chinese New Year. Each girl was tasked with learning 3 facts about China for presentation on our poster.



We also talked about the food and activities that are important aspects of Chinese New Year celebrations. Don't forget our Peanut Butter and Jelly drive, we still have collection boxes at around Loudon. Hunger knows no season. Be sure and tell us how many boxes of Girl Scout Cookies you need. We're happy to take your order.

Junior Troop 12083

Leader Julie Segien, Co-Leader Karen Thurber-Wells

Our troop earned their Sew Simple badge at the last two meeting. The girls



still need cookies, please contact Cecile Merrill (info below). Proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies support Girl Scouting in New Hampshire, but they also provide our local troops with working capital for their community service projects and other activities. The Girls Scouts are still collecting boxes of cookies for Operation Cookie; you can donate your cookie order to the members of the military serving around the world.



Girl Scouts — cont. from 10

learned how to use a sewing machine, plus a few hand stitches as they personalized their denim totes and water bottle holders. The hand me down denim jeans were a little rough to sew but the girls stuck with it. At our January meetings talked about a pinning ceremony and learned about Japan, our World Thinking Day country. We planned our posters, food, and a craft for the February event.

Junior Troop #12641

Kathy Fischer

We have been busy working on our “Sew Simple” badge. Our girls made 5 pairs of PJ bottoms to donate to the Loudon Food Pantry in association with our Service Unit “Jammie & Cookies” night. They teamed up to cut, pin and machine stitch the flannel fabric in a range of sizes and colors—and they came out so nice the girls wanted to keep them! However, we are donating them along with some purchased t-shirts to those in need and will plan to sew more for them to keep. Our troop also helped the PTA at the Santa’s breakfast craft fair by having free kids crafts (sand art necklaces and bead ornaments). We ended the year with a Re-dedication ceremony for all our returning scouts. This is a tradition to reaffirm our belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which are the foundation of scouting. The girls participated by showing an easy way to remember the law on our fingertips. Each finger represented a part of the law and had a saying to go along with it. The girls received their recognition from selling Fall Product and their Sew Simple badge. We also enjoyed refreshments with our families that attended. We will be selling cookies at booth sales around town and in Concord, so stop by to say hi and support our local scouts!

Cadette Troop #12356

Advisors: Amanda Masse, Lysa Bennet-Crouch, Cecile Merrill, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz & Sandi Lyle

We helped the younger girls making SWAPS (fun crafts that the girls will make and wear with pins) at the Jammies & Cookies event. We are very busy working on our countries for the upcoming World Thinking Day event as we celebrate “Holidays Around The World” with the other troops here in Loudon. Half of our troop is learning about Russia and the other half Easter Island. We will share some fun information about these countries and the holidays we chose in the next issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. We want to thank Mrs. Geerdes-Lakowicz for organizing our troop’s Girl Scout cookie sale this year. We also need to give a huge thanks to Mrs. Holbrook for being the Cookie Sale Manager for all troops here in Loudon!! The girls are working hard toward their personal sales goals. We are always looking for ways to help out in our community — please let us know if we can help!! ■



2011 New Hampshire Motor Speedway Schedule Includes New England's Three Largest Sporting Events

NHMS Posting Most Ambitious Racing Schedule To Date!

The most ambitious racing schedule in the 21-year history of New Hampshire Motor Speedway includes the three largest sporting events to be held in New England during 2011.

For the 15th consecutive year, "The Magic Mile" will host two NASCAR Sprint Cup Series dates with the LENOX Industrial Tools 301 on Sunday, July 17, and the SYLVANIA 300 on Sunday, Sept. 25.

In addition to the two NASCAR weekends, a "New Breed of Speed" will invade the 1.058-mile oval on Sunday, Aug. 14 when the IZOD IndyCar® Series returns after a 13-year hiatus. Indianapolis 500 winners Dario Franchitti, Helio Castroneves, Scott Dixon and female racing sensation Danica Patrick are among those who will battle wheel-to-wheel at speeds approaching 200 mph.

The action-packed schedule begins May 17–22 with the 21st Annual Vintage Racing Celebration. Classic car enthusiasts will have the opportunity to see vintage midgets, sprint cars, champ cars, roadsters, NASCAR stock cars, sports cars and formula cars competing on the 1.058-mile oval and 1.6-mile

road-course. A two-day car show and automotive flea market will also be part of the celebration on May 21–22.

On June 17–19, the oldest motorcycle event in North America returns to New Hampshire Motor Speedway with the 88th running of the Loudon Classic. Many of the world's top two-wheel racers will be in action on the challenging 12-turn road course as the weekend features more than 20 races and wraps up the legendary Laconia Bike Week.

The 2011 season of speed also features races for the NASCAR Nationwide Series, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, NASCAR K&N Pro Series East, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and the American-Canadian Tour.

Tickets for all 2011 events at New Hampshire Motor Speedway can be purchased by calling the track's ticket hotline at (603) 783-4931. Additional information, including camping availability and prices, can be found online at www.nhms.com.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway 2011 Major Event Schedule

May 17–19	21st Annual Vintage Racing Celebration Oval Days Vintage midget, sprint car, champ car, roadster and NASCAR stock car racing and car show
May 20–22	21st Annual Vintage Racing Celebration Road-Course Days Vintage motorcycle, sports car and formula car racing, automotive flea market and car show
June 17–19	88th Annual Loudon Classic American SportBike Racing Association, Loudon Road Race Series, Sidecar Racers Association
July 14	NASCAR FanFest NASCAR K&N Pro Series East practice and qualifying, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour practice and qualifying, driver appearances, live entertainment
July 15	FansFirst Pole Day NASCAR Sprint Cup Series practice and qualifying, NASCAR Nationwide Series practice, NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race
July 16	Saturday Doubleheader NASCAR Sprint Cup Series practice, NASCAR Nationwide Series qualifying and race, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race
July 17	LENOX Industrial Tools 301 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race
Aug. 12	American-Canadian Tour Friday American-Canadian Tour practice and qualifying
Aug. 13	Saturday Doubleheader NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race, American-Canadian Tour race, Firestone Indy Lights practice and qualifying, IZOD IndyCar Series practice and qualifying
Aug. 14	IZOD IndyCar Series 225 IZOD IndyCar Series race, Firestone Indy Lights Series race
Sept. 22	NASCAR FanFest NASCAR K&N Pro Series East practice and qualifying, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour practice and qualifying, driver appearances, live entertainment
Sept. 23	FansFirst Pole Day NASCAR Sprint Cup Series practice and qualifying, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series practice, NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race
Sept. 24	Tripleheader Saturday NASCAR Sprint Cup Series practice, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series qualifying and race, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race, American-American Canadian Tour race
Sept. 25	SYLVANIA 300 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race



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MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations

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Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
February 14, 2011	Merrimack Valley High School
March 4, 2011	Penacook Elementary School

Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

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Hay, Beef. 435-7509

B&B Syrup. Barton & Bowles

227 Flagg Road
783-4341, 783-9123

D.S. Cole Growers

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

Hill Top Feeds

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

Ledgeview Greenhouses

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

Liliana Flower Farm

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

Lyon Berry Farm

986 Route 129
Highbush blueberries. 435-7640

Maple Ridge Farm

268 Loudon Ridge Road
Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup. 435-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm

612 Route 129
Peaches, Corn, Apples, Country Store. 798-5860

Miles Smith Farm

56 Whitehouse Road
Locally raised hormone and antibiotic free beef, individual cuts and sides
Tue, Th 4–7:30 p.m. W, 9–1 p.m., Sat 9–3 p.m. www.milessmithfarm.com. 783-5159

Moonshine Farm Organics

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

Mudget Hill Mumbling Maplers

255 Mudgett Hill Road
Maple products: syrup & candy. 783-4447

Our Place Farm

290 Route 129
Goat milk, meat goats, eggs, freezer pigs, handspun yarn, sheep fleeces.
798-3183

Pearl and Sons

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

Ramsay's Farm Stand

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

Red Manse Farm

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

Sanborn Mills Farm

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

Windswept Maples

845 Loudon Ridge Road
Vegetables, Beef, Maple Syrup, Eggs
M–F 1–6 p.m., Weekends 9–5. 267-8492

Register Now For Becoming An Outdoors- Woman Winter Workshop (February 19, 2011)

Registration is now open for the 2011 Winter Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop, a one-day program for women to learn outdoor skills for winter activities. The Winter BOW workshop will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011 (snow date Sunday, February 20), at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H. The workshop costs \$55, which includes a box lunch and most equipment. Participants must be at least 18 years old. BOW is co-sponsored by N.H. Fish and Game and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

Winter BOW participants choose a single activity to explore during the workshop. They can learn how to ice-fish, gain winter outdoor survival skills, try snowshoeing and tracking, snowmobiling or 'Shoe and Shoot (combines snowshoeing and woodland target shooting).

To register, download the registration forms and workshop brochure at www.nhbow.com, or email Lisa.M.Collins@wildlife.nh.gov or call 603-271-3212. Sign up soon, because BOW workshops fill up fast.

The New Hampshire Wildlife Federation is a nonprofit group that advocates for the promotion and protection of hunting, fishing and trapping, as well as the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat. Visit www.nhwhf.org.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit www.WildNH.com. ■



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REMEMBER WHEN?

By Debbie Kardaseski

I haven't made much progress with the history of the Parks Store other than to find its location: 30 South Village Road. I have found a few more photos of the store. The Loudon Historical Society has a wealth of old photos that are quite fascinating to look through. I recommend stopping by some time.

In the original photo, published in December's *Ledger*, there were two people standing in front of the store. The man on the left is Fred Parks, the store's owner. The gentleman on the right is Enos Foote.

The top photo, right, shows the store in its original form — much smaller than the building shown in the December 2010 *Ledger* (see below). If you look closely at the small photo below and the larger photo, bottom, right, you'll see the small original store.

Unfortunately, there are no dates on any of the photos. The middle photo shows a gas pump in front of the store (first building on right).

The bottom photo shows the store must have prospered through the years, as it has grown from the very small building on the left. The small building is no longer there but the house remains, albeit with a slightly smaller porch on the front.

If you know any more of the store's history, I'd appreciate hearing from you. It appears that at one time, there were quite a few stores in Loudon! Please contact me at debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. ■



Winter Carnival

Sat. February 19, 2011

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Bad weather or no-snow date of February 26th)

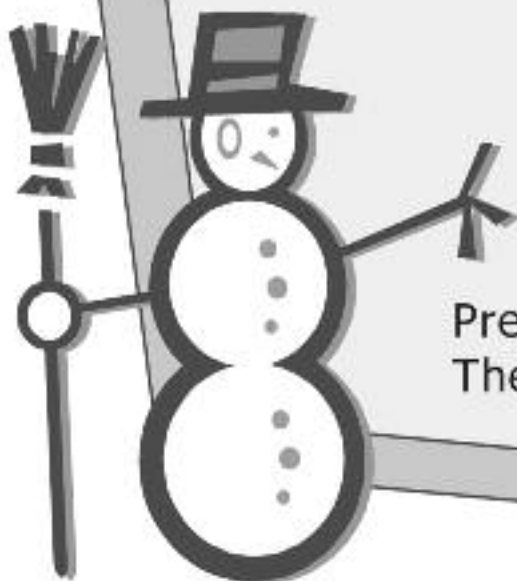
Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon for some winter fun at the Recreation Field in the village. Snowman toss game, horse drawn wagon rides with the Belgian draft horses from Stone Boat Farm in Loudon. Snowman building competition – with prizes for the top three most creative, snowshoeing with snowshoes available or bring your own, a bonfire to keep warm and tons of winter fun for all!

Free hot cocoa & cookies!

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

Proceeds to benefit Loudon Food Pantry

Presented by
The Loudon Recreation Committee



Loudon Recreation Committee News

"SAFE ON MY OWN" CLASS

The American Red Cross "Safe On My Own" class will be held on **Friday, March 11th** from 3:30–5:30 p.m. at Loudon Elementary School in the art room. This class is two hours and teaches children ages 8–11 personal safety, home alone responsibilities, and basic emergency communication techniques. This class is for Loudon residents only. Loudon Recreation Committee is paying a portion of the class; the balance of the cost per student is \$10. Students **MUST** register in advance and there is a class minimum and maximum so register ASAP. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print the form and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Amanda @ 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net

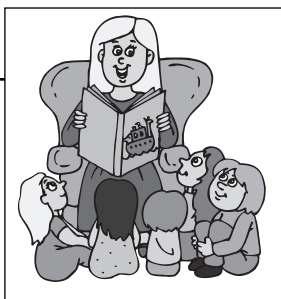
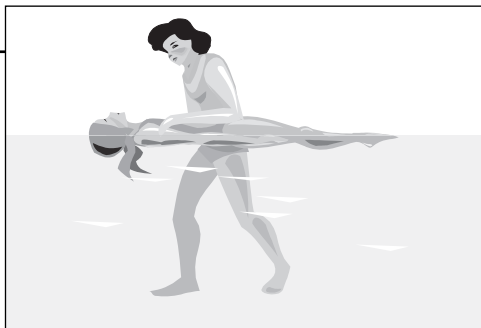


MANCHESTER MONARCH'S and VERTICAL DREAMS RECREATION OUTING

The Manchester Monarchs and Vertical Dreams created a package that is sure to be a hit! On **Sunday, February 13th** the event will begin with indoor climbing at Vertical Dreams from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. followed by a Monarchs game starting at 3:00 p.m. Look for details on the flyer at www.loudonnh.org

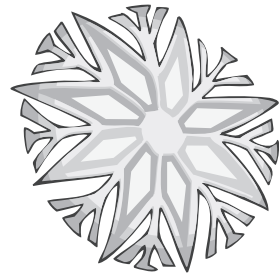
PRESCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Since Clough Pond is now frozen over it is time to move swimming lessons indoors! We had such a successful summer swim lesson program last year, Swim NH, LLC has decided to schedule classes at The Red Roof Inn right here in Loudon. There are four levels of classes. A parent and child class for 6 months to 3 years; preschool classes for children 3–5 years; level 1 beginner swimmers for 5 and older and a level 2 program for 5 and older swimmers for stroke development. If you are interested in class information, please contact Karen Jenovese at 724-7484 or www.nhswimschool.com.



BABYSITTING CLASS

The American Red Cross "Babysitting" class will be held on **Saturday, March 12th** from 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at The Loudon Community Building in the village. This class is a six hour course and provides youth ages 11–15 the skills they will need to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This class is for Loudon residents only. Loudon Recreation Committee is paying a portion of the class; the balance of the cost per student is \$30. Students **MUST** register in advance and there is a class minimum and maximum so register ASAP. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print the form and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Amanda @ 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net.



LOUDON WINTER CARNIVAL...

On **Saturday, February 19th** from **11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** with fun for all!! We will have snowman building competition — with prizes, snowshoeing with snowshoes available or bring your own, and tons winter fun for all! There will be a bonfire to keep warm and free hot cocoa and cookies. Also available for a nominal fee will be drink, hot dog and chip combos and those proceeds will benefit the Loudon Food Pantry. Stoneboat Farm will be there with their Belgian horses providing hay rides. We will be holding a skate swap — bring the skates you've outgrown and swap for the next size if available. Come on down to the Recreation Fields for some fun with your friends and neighbors from Loudon. We are always looking for help on the day of the event, if you can help please let us know!! In the event of bad weather or no-snow on the 19th, we will hold the event on Feb. 26th.



POTTERY CLASSES

Loudon Recreation Committee and Salty Dog Pottery have teamed up to present **February vacation** children's clay workshops. Children ages six and up are being offered five different workshop choices including designing your own plate, making a mug, coil pots, clay characters and clay masks. Each workshop is \$15, an optional painting and glazing workshop is being offered for an additional fee. All the details and directions to register are at the website www.loudonnh.org or call Teresa Taylor at 435-6014.

IN THE WORKS...

We are also trying to put together craft classes and children's art classes.

Attention Advance Planners!

For those who plan REALLY far in advance... **Children's Summer Theater Camp will be held July 25th–July 29th** at Loudon Elementary School. Children's Stage Adventures is excited to be bringing their theater camp back to Loudon for the fourth year in a row!

We will also be planning our Community Summer Fun Nights in the coming months — let us know what you enjoyed and want to see again — or if you have an idea.

Please watch future issues of *The Loudon Ledger* and the website for more details on these upcoming events. As always, you should check the website www.loudonnh.org between issues of *The Loudon Ledger* to make sure you aren't missing anything!! Thank you for your continued support!

What Can We Plan For You?

We know you're out there and are interested in something — tell us what it is! Are you interested in getting a group of people together to work on something? Do you have an interest or skill that you want to share with others? If so we don't hear from you!!! We have held many great workshops in the past, if you were interested in something but couldn't attend and want to see it offered again — let us know!!! We always welcome ideas and comments about recreation programming here in Loudon. If you have ideas, comments or would like to be placed on our email contact list please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or by email at affirmhealth@yahoo.com The Loudon Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library — please contact Alicia to be placed on our email list in case of a meeting date change! We hope to see you!! ■

Donald and Howard

By Marilyn Jenks

This story was shared with us by Mike LaBonte. It was first published a number of years ago. It tells an entertaining tale of a long-standing friendship between Donald Jenks and his friend Howard. Donald lived in the Haverhill area before coming to Loudon. Next month, we will run the final installment. We offer our thanks to Marilyn Jenks for letting us print the story again.

Donald and Howard were blood brothers and they didn't even know it. The unofficial ceremony took place over 30 years ago at the North Haverhill Fair. Active in 4H, the boys showed cattle. One dull afternoon, horseplay began and they both fell into some barbed wire surrounding the pen of a very uncooperative ram. As Donald helped untangle Howard's shirtsleeve, the union happened. Scraped elbow against scratch on the hand.

After growing out of 4H, the two remained good friends. They both married, made modest livings and each had a big garden and a few animals. Bragging rights were inherited from their fathers, Hoot and Red, and were of the common variety... until 1992.

North Haverhill Fair was a comfortably country as you can get. The horse and pony pulling was not just a pulling event but a social event for the teamsters and their helpers on and off the field. There was good-natured chatter during and after the contests. Neither Howard nor Donald had a team but they sure had plenty to say.

1992 had been an excellent growing year and as the crowd watched the pulling at that year's Fair, Donald said to Howard, "Howard, my asparagus was so tall this season, I had to hire Little Joe's tree shear to cut it." And a new field of competition was born.

The remark by Donald was of little interest to anyone until rumors began to filter through the grapevine that this was serious business. Word was out that Howard had countered in January by advising Donald that he was approached by the local pool hall to sell them his peas. His crop, when dried, had produced peas the size of billiards which were perfectly smooth and perfectly shaped. No dents, no wrinkles, and hard as bullets. He admitted you couldn't eat them. Couldn't soften them up...ever. So no amount of spilled beer or pool cue brutality could damage them. Howard thought if he could improve the size, Bowling for Dollars might be interested as well.

The Fair in 1993 was in full swing. The night pulling was on. Donald said, "Howard, the wind came up last week and one of the gusts was so strong it knocked over two of my brussel sprouts. The power company said they had never had brussel sprouts take the wires down before. The lights were out for two days and the whole place stunk of cabbage for a week." All eyes were on Howard. "Donald," Howard said, "You know those two kittens I just got. Saw them trying to pull our neighbor's boar up over the hill. The squealing attracted my attention. Strong little buggers. Got to stop feeding them those six foot pout from my pond." Heads turned backed to Donald. No comment was made.

Looking forward to the Fair had new meaning now. Especially the pulling events. And the seating was very important since you wanted to be as close as pos-

sible to the combat. The fans started getting seated in 1994 at 7:00 a.m. and the pulling wasn't scheduled until 11:00. Howard and Donald had their metal chairs backed up against the fence in front of the grandstand as usual. Once the pulling began, the crowd had one eye on the teamsters and one eye on the occupants of those chairs.

Before long Howard said, "Donald, the drive-in movie snack bar bought my whole crop of popcorn. Two ears made enough popcorn for everybody there through the double feature *and* the coming attractions." Heads turned. "Well, Howard," said Donald, "My sunflowers had blooms so bright, we had to wear sunglasses in bed. Haven't used an outside light in months. GE wants to buy the seeds. Spotlight sales are declining. I said I would think about it." The announcer stopped announcing.

After what seemed like forever, Howard said, "Donald, that bull I bought last winter has grown to trophy size. I have to use my backhoe to clean out his stall in the morning. It takes seventy bucket loads to finish the job. Three days worth is enough to fertilize half the fields in New Hampshire. I may have to go global with this one." A murmur softly rumbled through the stands. Donald stood up and said, "However, *that's* a lot of bull. I will *never* be able to beat that." Then he left the arena.

For the next two years, the Fair went back to normal. Although Howard and Donald were there, no side competition took place. The fairgoers were disappointed. They had discussed these stories all year, made side bets, and looked forward to new adventures.

In February 1996, Donald's favorite bantam hen, Brownie, laid five eggs. All five hatched. Chicks grow so fast it seems as if one day they are fuzzy and the next they have pin feathers and the next they are full-grown. All five were fuzzy. All five got pin feathers. Four started to grow. One stayed very small. It was a hen and Donald named her Mini for miniature. In July, Mini laid an egg.

The pulling contest was back to its original expectatons in 1996. This was a close pull and the stands were packed. Donald said, "Howard, how big is a hummin'bird's egg?" The crowd hushed and focused on Howard. Howard said, "Never saw one but I think it's the size of a jumbo BB." "Well," said Donald, "I have a young banty hen who is bigger than a hummin'bird, but...her eggs ain't." A little smile peeked at the corners of Donald's mouth. Howard was caught without a comeback. He was used to huge, not tiny. Howard admired Donald for coming up with a fresh challenge. Just like a brother. ■



Faster Browsing

(NAPS)—If your Internet searches are taking too long, you may not need to buy a new computer. You may just need a way to speed up your searches, especially if you are a frequent traveler who must rely on crowded Wi-Fi networks in coffeehouses, hotels and at airports.

One way to speed your connection is to switch browsers. For example, many travelers rely on the Opera Web browser. The browser's Opera Turbo feature uses powerful servers to compress Web pages, so less data is transferred over the network to your PC. This means sites can get to you faster.

Also, the browser does not compress secure pages, so banking and shopping are safe.

The free browser has long been known for its cutting-edge innovation, pioneering most of the features taken for granted in browsers today. Already the fastest browser available, it works on PCs, Macs and Linux computers. Download the free Opera browser from www.opera.com. ■

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OBITUARIES

Robert Arsneault

Robert Arsneault, 77, of Old Suncook Road in Concord, who had been a resident of Loudon for almost fifty years, died Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House.

He was born in Penacook, son of the late Arthur and Josephine (Landry) Arsneault. He was a graduate of St. John's High School, where he was co-captain on the football team and also played basketball. Robert worked as a butcher in many of the supermarkets in the Concord area.

He was an avid sports fan and collected coins and stamps.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Bobbi Jo Arsneault; and his brothers and sisters, Lorraine Croteau, Marlene Diggins, Mary Jane Abbott, Joanne Smallidge, Richard Arsneault, and three brothers and sisters who died in infancy.

Robert is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joanne (West) Arsneault of Concord; four children, Debra Harbour and her husband, Mark, of Boscawen; Donna Flinders of Concord; David Arsneault and his wife, Allyson, of Loudon; and Darlene Dorr and her husband, David, of Eldersburg, MD; eleven grandchildren, Jared, Jillian, Nicole, Andrea, Dennis, Michael, Jessica, Justin, Emily, Dylan, and Nathan; one great-granddaughter, Cassidie; a brother, Michael Arsneault of Concord; a sister, Irene Lemay of Suncook; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Concord Boys and Girls Club, 55 Bradley St., Concord 03301; or to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord 03301. ■

Lester M. Annis

Lester M. Annis, 79, died Wednesday, December 28, 2010, at home. Lester, known to his family and friends as "Buster," was born October 21, 1931, in Chichester, to Herman L. and Beatrice (Grady) Annis. He was a lifelong resident of Loudon and a long-standing member of American Legion Post 88.

He graduated from Concord High School in 1947 and entered the US Navy in 1952. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to his home in Loudon, where he made his living farming.

He was recently honored by the Manchester VA Medical Center in recognition of giving over 25,000 hours in volunteer service there. He enjoyed going to work every day and thought of his co-workers there as his extended family. In his free time, he liked to stay busy collecting aluminum cans for recycling and cutting wood for his family's woodstove. His kindness, generosity, and loving spirit will be remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by a sister, Frances Young of Manchester; a great-uncle, John Grady of Concord; a niece, Linda Hunton of Loudon; and nephews John Pease of Loudon, Robert Pease of Barnstead, and Clayton Pease, Jr. of Concord and their families.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held in the Spring and the Moore Cemetery in Loudon. The Rev. Henry M. Frost will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Manchester VA Medical Center, 718 Smyth Road, Manchester 03104; or the American Legion Post 88, 55 South Village Road, Loudon 03307. ■

Melvin G. Gullage

Melvin G. Gullage, 81, of Kingstowne Mobile Home Park, formerly a Loudon resident for more than 45 years, died Saturday, January 1, 2011, at Pleasant View Center, surrounded by his loving family, after battling lung cancer.

Born January 26, 1929, in Somerville, MA, the only child of Stephen and Irene (Sweetland) Gullage, Mel moved to Concord in 1930 and attended Concord schools, graduating from Concord High School in 1947. Mel joined the New Hampshire National Guard in 1948, proudly serving for 36 years, retiring in 1984. During Mel's military career, he achieved the distinction of becoming New Hampshire National Guard's first State Command Sergeant Major. After his military retirement, he continued supporting the organization through a New Hampshire State position, completing 46 years on the military reservation until his retirement in 1994. Mel served as a part-time police officer in the town of Loudon from 1970 to 1980, including several appointments as interim police chief during those years. He was elected selectman in 1980 and served his town for six years in that office.

Mel will be especially remembered for his devotion to his family, his ability to always see the good in people, his sincere desire to help everyone around him, and he always treated everyone in any situation with dignity and respect.

Mel is survived by his wife of 33 years, June (Hall) Gullage of Epsom; five children, Kevin Gullage and his wife, Donna, of New Gloucester, ME, Sharman Cas-savaugh and her husband, Pete, of Salisbury, Kelli Hunt and her husband, Jody, of Loudon, Gigi Angwin and her husband, Adam, of Loudon, and George Fiske III and his wife, Nina, of Newmarket; seven grandchildren, Miki Steenbeke and her husband, Donny, of Salisbury, Zachary, Jordan, Taylor, Garrett, Aubrie, and Dillon; and two great-grandchildren, Emma and Walker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Home Care Program, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord 03301; or Pleasant View Resident Counsel, 239 Pleasant St., Concord 03301, which enables residents of the Pleasant View Transition Unit to make outside field trips.

Our heartfelt thanks to friends, family, Dr. Kent Smith and Barb, VNA, and the wonderful staff (our extended family) of Pleasant View for the care and support we received during this difficult time. ■

Bertrand L. Spooner Jr.



Bertrand L. Spooner Jr., 86 of Old Turnpike Road, Danbury, NH passed away on Jan. 11, 2011 at home after a brief illness. He was born in West Greenwich, RI and grew up in Loudon, NH. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on December 7, 1942 and served during World War II in the Asian Pacific Theatre. His service included 3½ years in which he served as a Sergeant in the 2nd Marine Division and participated in the battles of Tarawa, Tinian, Saipan, and Okinawa, some of the fiercest battles in the Pacific Campaign, in the Weapons Company as a Rifleman and Machine Gunner.

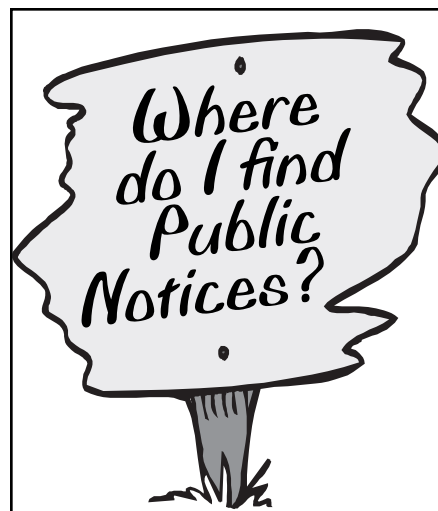
He also participated in the occupation of Nagasaki, Japan and he was honorably discharged on December 6, 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, United States Marine Corps expeditionary Medal, World War II Navy Occupational Medal, World War II American Campaign Medal, World War II American Defense Service Medal, World War II Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the United States Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He was a lifetime member of the Marine Corps 2nd Marine Division National Chapter, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter and the New England Chapter, as well as the Disabled American Veterans Association, United States Naval Institute, VFW, and the Marine Corps Historical Foundation. He was also a member of the Pittsfield Historical Society and Loudon Historical Society where he donated numerous items.

After returning from the war, he married Virginia I. Bennett and worked for the Federal Government with the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Providence, RI as the Chief of Receipt and Dispatch Unit as well as Mail Section and Chief of Data Processing. After 17 years he transferred to the Department of the Navy at Quonset Point, RI and was EMA Supervisor and Project Planner with the Data Processing Department. He retired in 1972 and moved to Northfield, NH where he owned an antique shop and enjoyed planting and growing vegetable gardens. He was a writer and regularly wrote numerous articles which were published in the United States Marine Corps "Follow Me" and "Leatherneck" magazines. He is predeceased by his wife Virginia I. Spooner of 56 years and his daughter, Cynthia Carter of Northfield, NH. He is survived by his children Leigh Spooner and his wife Linda, Sandra Cherry and her husband Joseph, Daniel Spooner, Sr. and his wife Margaret, Susan Dore and her husband Steve, Sharon Mauser and her husband David, James Spooner, Sr. and his wife Donna and Bertrand Spooner, III and his wife Pennie. He has fifteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He enjoyed his family, the outdoors, gardening, and reading.

He had written numerous stories that he planned on publishing, including a children's book.

He owned and operated an antique book shop in Danbury, NH. He was most proud of his family and his Marine Corps affiliations and was a very caring and giving person.

Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery in the Spring with a full military honor service. For an online guestbook, please visit www.neunfuneralhomes.com. ■



Notices for all Public Meetings are posted at the following sites:

- Town Office
- Maxfield Public Library
- Beanstalk Store
- Ivory Rose/USPS
- Transfer Station
- Web Site

M V S D News

Students At Loudon Elementary School Are Going Green!

Students at LES in the Environmental Kids' Club will be holding a carwash on Saturday, April 2nd from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This event will be held on school grounds in an effort to raise money for a solar panel kit, as well as a wind turbine to be used at LES. The day's events will include a table of sun and wind powered gadgets, fun music, and a hotdog lunch. The cost of the carwash will be a voluntary donation and the hotdog lunch will include a hotdog, chips, and drink of your choice for \$3.00. The students in the club have been researching and looking into alternative energies which includes solar, wind, and hydro power. As a cumulative year-end project, they thought it would be a great idea to put what they've learned into action! Based on their research, the environmental scientists (LES students!) are looking to purchase an "Air Breeze" wind turbine and a solar panel kit to be placed on the new storage shed located in the back of the school by the playground. The shed, which is currently used for storage, has no electricity. The students would like to collect the energies from the solar panel and wind turbine, store that energy in a battery, and use it to provide environmentally-friendly electricity for the storage shed. All proceeds from the carwash will go towards the Environmental Kids' Club renewable energy project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Raymond at LES by phone: 783-4400 or email, braymond@mv.k12.nh.us. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this! The students look forward to seeing you there! ■

**Next Deadline:
Feb. 11, 2011**

THE COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK The School Budget Process

By Troy Cowan, Chair, MV Finance Committee

Every year in March, the voters of Merrimack Valley School District have the opportunity to vote on the proposed budget for the next school year. They may choose to amend the budget's total amount up or down, approve the budget or reject it. It is a critical decision that has a direct and considerable impact on both the quality of education that the district is able to provide, and the tax burden that is felt by the residents of our towns. And yet, to many voters it may feel as though they are being asked to make this decision based on too little information. For starters, the sheer numbers involved can seem overwhelming. Merrimack Valley's budgets have run from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 for the last few years. Is that the right amount to run a district of our size? Is it too much? Too little? What was the process used to come to the final amount? In this issue of the *Pride Link*, we will attempt to describe that process, and hopefully help voters to feel a little more informed and ready to meet their responsibility at the next District Meeting.

Around September or October, the finance committee of the School Board begins having budget preparation meetings, attended usually by the committee, other interested board members, and the entire district administrative team. These are public meetings and therefore can be attended by any member of the community. The purpose of these meetings is to put together a budget that is ready to be voted on by the full School Board, and then, if that passes, by the district voters.

As might be expected, a full \$35,000,000 budget is not worked up from scratch each year. The starting point for one year's budget is the previous year's budget. The first refinement of this budget is made by the administrative team, led by the Superintendent and Business Administrator, based on practical necessity. For instance, a line item for gasoline might be increased if the price of gas is on the rise. This

revised budget is brought to the first budget preparation meeting. Here the finance committee, working closely with the Superintendent, establishes general goals and priorities. It may be the desire of the committee to put more emphasis on reading at the elementary school level, so the budget could be increased to add an additional teacher. Or the committee may decide that, because of economic conditions, budget increases have to be held to a minimum, or that even more drastic measures need to be taken. It is generally up to the administrative team to make the specific changes to the budget to reflect the committee's desires. Over the course of a few meetings, the budget will take shape to the point where the committee is ready to recommend it for passage by the full board. If it passes, it is taken before the voters at the Budget Hearing in January or February, and the Annual District Meeting in March.

Salaries and benefits make up the largest single portion of the school district budget, but ironically is an area that cannot be modified much at all during the budget meetings. Salaries are set by contract with the various unions that represent the district employees. Contracts generally run for three years before they are re-negotiated between the board and the unions, and almost always include increases from one year to the next. So it is typical for the initial draft of a year's budget to start out with an increase on the order of 1% to 4% just from contractual salary increases. The only changes that can be made that affect the salary total are additions or subtractions of teacher or other positions.

The final budget approved by the school board is presented to the public at a Budget Hearing held in January or February. The presentation is made by a member of the board, going through the budget function by function and explaining any significant changes from the previous budget to the proposed organized into "functions," e.g. Read-

ing Programs, School Library Services, Care and Upkeep of Grounds, etc.; and then further broken down into "objects" under the function, e.g. Salaries, Supplies and Printed Media, Furniture and Equipment, etc. After the presentation has been made, members of the public are given the opportunity to ask questions or give their opinions on the budget. No vote is held by the public at the Budget Hearing, but directly after the hearing, the school board meets to make a final vote on the budget. This gives the board the opportunity to make modifications to the budget based on feedback from the public prior to the Annual District Meeting in March.

At the Annual District Meeting, the voters get their opportunity to vote on the proposed budget. The budget is presented again, as it was at the Budget Hearing, and the public once again is able to ask questions and state opinions. Members of the public may also propose amendments to the budget. This is limited to changes to the grand total only; amendments cannot be made to specific line items. Although if it is intended for the increase or cut to affect a certain part of the budget, that can be made clear at the time of the proposal, and if the amendment passes, the school board will most usually honor that desire. Amended or not, the budget must either be accepted or rejected by a majority vote.

If the budget is rejected, the school board and administration will have to modify the budget and bring it back before the voters at a special district meeting convened just for that purpose. The voters may reject the budget again, and the school board will have to try again with another modified budget. If no budget has been accepted by the time the new fiscal year begins on July 1, the previous year's budget is considered to be in effect.

As the fiscal year progresses, administration and the school board review expenses and look for areas where they might be exceeding the budgeted

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All proceeds stay within Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains to support local girls. Troops use their profits for adventures and activities. Girls earn their own "Cookie Dough" to pay for camp and for many more opportunities in Girl Scouting.

Don't know a Girl Scout in your area? Call the Girl Scout Cookie hotline: 888-474-9686 x201 and a troop will contact you. In mid February, go to www.girlscoutsgwm.org and click on the Cookie Locator to find a booth sale near you.

Check out these delicious links for more:

- http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_cookies/
- <http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org/Cookies/cookiesforsale.html>

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves more than 15,000 girls across New Hampshire and Vermont, with support from 5,100 trained and dedicated volunteers. We are a chartered member of Girl Scouts of the USA, a 98-year-old organization dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. To join or volunteer, see www.girlscouts-gwm.org or call 888-474-9686.

Were you a Girl Scout? Tell us about it! E-mail 100thanniversary@girlscouts-gwm.org. ■

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amount. The money in the district's budget is fungible, which means the administration can move money from one function to another as needed. The school district may not expend more than the grand total in the approved budget, even by one dollar, without convening another district meeting and obtaining permission by a majority vote. The district may come in under budget and typically does. This results in what is called a fund balance. This fund balance is returned to the taxpayers in the form of a reduced tax rate. Sometimes, the school board may choose to spend some of the fund balance rather than return it all to the tax payers. For instance, it has been the practice of the Merrimack Valley school board to use some of the fund balance to pay off bus leases early, thus saving the taxpayer money in the long run. For the last few years, the fund balance for Merrimack Valley has been about \$1.3 million dollars, which sounds like a large amount but as a percentage of the budget is reasonable: around 3.7%.

Hopefully, the above explanation helps the reader understand the process, but it may not help them to judge whether the budget put before them this upcoming March is worthy to be approved or not. So how can they make this decision? What is the right amount of money to spend for a district of our size, with the particular tax base that we have in our five towns? How much difference should it make that we are still in tough economic times with no sign of a quick turnaround? The fact is there is no easy answer; no magic formula that can determine the appropriate

number. However, there is data that can offer some guidance. First, our budget can be compared against other district's budgets, normalized by the number of students in the district. Cost per pupil data is easy to obtain (for instance www.education.nh.gov/data/financial.htm). Merrimack Valley's cost per pupil for the last few years has been around 93% of the state average. Second, some idea of how efficiently the district is spending money can be inferred by looking at how well it is educating its students. There are a number of ways of looking at this, including standardized test scores, graduation rates, and college acceptance rates. For example, in 2008-2009, the state dropout rate was 1.7%, and the college acceptance rate was 74%, while for Merrimack Valley the rates were 0.5% and 97%. The NECAP standardized test scores in 2009 show that 65% of MV students were proficient or higher in math, and 76% were proficient or higher in reading, compared to 66% and 76% state wide.

However the decision is made, voting on the school district budget is clearly a very important responsibility, and one that Merrimack Valley voters have traditionally taken very seriously. In this climate of economic uncertainty and increased global competition, where family finances are strained and yet the need for a high quality education is perhaps greater than ever, that is not likely to change.

This is a Merrimack Valley School District Publication. Your reactions and suggestions are important to us. Please contact us at 753-6561 or at cpride@mv.k12.nh.us. ■



Five Reasons Why Owning a Home Is Better Than Renting

By Jack Prendiville

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The housing market is on the mend in many parts of the country, but media reports about falling prices and foreclosures may still be making you hesitate before taking the plunge and buying a home. The truth is this: There's never been a better time to buy a home. Low interest rates, a great supply of houses from which to choose, and motivated sellers are just a few of the reasons why now is a great time to buy. But there are many other advantages to owning a home, rather than renting. Here are just a few:

- **The potential to build equity.** Sure, there are still reports of falling prices in some parts of the nation. But, in general and over time, you are likely to build equity in your new home. Plus, if you stay in your house long enough, you will ultimately pay off your mortgage and own it outright.
- **Tax savings.** For many, the interest on a home mortgage, and real estate property taxes, are tax deductible. Rent is not. Check with your financial advisor for more information.
- **Control.** Want to remodel your home, repaint the exterior or plant some flowers? If you own your own home, you are free to do so, subject only to local zoning ordinances and homeowners association or condominium rules. If you rent, you cannot make these changes unless the landlord agrees.
- **Stable housing costs.** If you have a fixed rate mortgage, your principal and interest are fixed, and your payments are predictable. But a landlord can raise your rent.
- **Pride of ownership.** If you purchase a house, it's yours! To many, owning a home is the very epitome of the American dream. And, with a sense of permanence, you will establish roots in your community. ■

Historical Society Looking For Restoration Project Support

As many may already know, the Historical Society is currently working on restoring the Town Pound. It is located on Young's Hill Road, adjacent to our Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church which is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. It is an 18th Century dry-laid stone structure built as the original pound for the town when it was first established. As the name suggests, it was used to keep stray animals, including livestock, until the rightful owners claimed them. It adds to the beautiful and historic landscape in our town center and should be preserved for the education and enjoyment of future generations. Currently it is in need of repair as parts of two of the walls are collapsing. We've begun some preliminary work and have raised some funds to get the project going. At this point we are applying for a Moose Plate grant to help us with the costs. If you support the restoration and preservation of the Town Pound please send me a brief e-mail (cbabonis@gmail.com) so that we may include in our application that we have the support of the community. Thanks for your attention to this and your ongoing support of the Historical Society.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Babonis

Loudon Historical Society, Secretary

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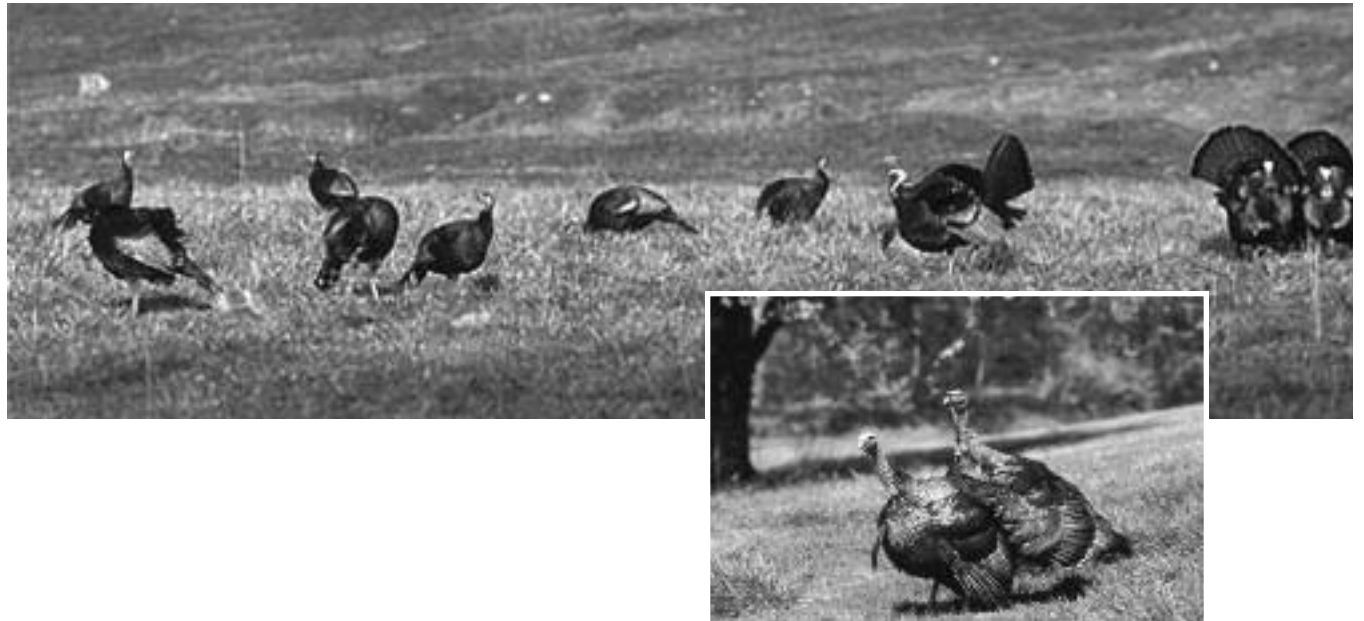
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"Citizen Conservationists" Asked to Report Wild Turkey Flock Sightings

If you see a flock of wild turkeys in New Hampshire this winter, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department would like to hear about it. For the third consecutive year, citizens are being asked to report sightings of turkey flocks seen from now through March 31, 2011, by filling out a simple electronic survey form posted on the Fish and Game website at www.wildnh.com/turkeysurvey. You can also reach the survey by going to www.wildnh.com and clicking on "2011 Winter Turkey Flock Survey." Please do not report multiple sightings of the same flock.

The Winter Flock Survey will bolster Fish and Game's understanding of the abundance and distribution of turkeys during New Hampshire's challenging winter months. The survey asks participants to report the number of turkeys in the flock; the location where they were seen; the type of habitat the birds were observed in; and what the turkeys were feeding on, such as acorns, beechnuts, seed at birdfeeders, or corn silage.

The survey is designed to fill gaps in Fish and Game's existing winter flock data collection efforts. "For parts of the state, especially eastern and northern New Hampshire, we could benefit by additional sighting reports," said Ted Walski, Turkey Project Leader at Fish and Game. "This reporting system will allow the public to contribute important information to our understanding of winter turkey status in an inexpensive, efficient and, hopefully, enjoyable way." Last winter, people responding to the survey reported over 1,200 flocks totaling over 19,000 turkeys, and encompassing all areas of the state. Last year's survey results are summarized at wildlife.state.nh.us/turkey/survey/results_2010.html.



Turkeys are easy to see this time of year because they gather in large, highly visible flocks. Knowledge of the status of wintering turkeys is particularly important in New Hampshire, because of the challenges of severe winter weather and limited natural food supplies. There are an estimated 45,000 wild turkeys in New Hampshire. Wild turkeys had disappeared from the New

Hampshire landscape by the mid-1800s because of overuse and habitat loss from extensive land clearing. Their successful recovery in the state began in 1975, with a reintroduction of 25 turkeys by the N.H. Fish and Game Department.

For more information on the flock survey, write to Turkey Project Leader Ted Walski at Fish and Game Region 4

Office, 15 Ash Brook Court, Keene, N.H. 03431; or call 603-352-9669.

Turkey research in New Hampshire is supported by federal funds from the Wildlife Restoration Program. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit www.wildnh.com. ■

MV School District Meeting — December 13, 2010

1. Roll Call and Call to Order: The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Mary Estee, Tracy Murch, Sandy Davis; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Pat Severance, Jim Tremblay; Assistant Principal for Special Education Maureen Gross; Facilities Director Fred Reagan; Paulette Fitzgerald, MVLC Administrator

Others Present: Cherilyn Perelli, Teacher, Webster Elementary School
Emily Reagan, MVHS Student Representative

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by David Longnecker, to approve the November 8, 2010 meeting minutes (pages 1-5 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Report:

Robin Heins reviewed the NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 6 in the packet). Robin reported we are keeping an eye on the overages. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the financial report as presented (pages

7-20 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.

4. Student Representative Report/Public Participation:

Mark Hutchins introduced MVHS Student Representative, Emily Reagan. Emily reported on sports and activities at the high school.

Cherilyn Perelli, WES Teacher, presented information regarding multiculturalism and international mindedness.

5. Good News:

Building principals and Chris Barry reported on good news items throughout the district.

6. Committee Reports:

FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Mary Estee and Fred Reagan reported on the November 8, 2010 Facilities Committee meeting. *Motion by Thomas Godfrey, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the fitness space at the middle school. Motion passed unanimously.*

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

David Longnecker reported on the November 15, 2010 Long Range Planning Committee meeting (minutes on page 39 in the packet).

STUDENT ETHICS COMMITTEE:

See Non-Public Minutes.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the November 29, 2010 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on pages 41-44 in the packet). Included in the packet for a first read is a draft of Policy IJOA, SCHOOL APPROVED TRIPS (pages 42-43) and a draft of Policy IJOB, CHAPERONE POLICY (page 44).

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Troy Cowan reported on the December 6, 2010 Finance Committee meeting (minutes on page 45 in the packet).

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

OTHER:

Laura Vincent reported on tonight's Curriculum Committee meetings (minutes will be in the packet next month).

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

7. Old Business:

LETTER FROM CITY OF CONCORD – TIF DISTRICT:

Mike Martin reported on the response letter from the City Manager regarding Penacook Village Tax Increment Finance District.

OTHER:

None

8. New Business:

DRAFT 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Included in the packet (page 51) for board feedback is a draft of the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

DRAFT COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK:

Chris Barry distributed an updated draft of the January/February issue of The Community Pride Link for the board to review.

OTHER:

Mark Hutchins brought a question to the board from a member of the public: what programs do we have in place to identify the next Columbine student? The board and administrators discussed programs, resources, etc. throughout the district. Ad-

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ministration will bring a report to the January 2011 meeting.

9. Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

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

10. Board Chairman's Report: None**11. Assistant Superintendent's Report:** None

Chris Barry reported on the December 3, 2010 Steering Committee for Improvement meeting (minutes on page 54 in the packet). The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:45 a.m. at the SAU office.

Chris reviewed Heather Drolet's monthly progress report on her sabbatical leave (page 55 in the packet).

The list of recognition letters sent out in November & December 2010 is included in the packet (page 56) for board review.

12. Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin reviewed information received from NHDOE (pages 57-78 in the packet) regarding the Education Jobs Fund.

Mike also reviewed the 2011 Charter Application Information included in the packet (page 79).

Mike reported on meeting with legislators.

Break at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel and student issues at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longneck, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

13. See Non-Public Session Minutes.

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Laura Vincent, to go out of non-public session at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Audrey Carter, to accept the intent to retire letters from Margaret Halacy, Mike Hallahan, Eileen Jones and Ryan Brandt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Laura Vincent, to nominate Jeremy Hall, MVHS Social Studies Teacher, for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year at the recommended salary of \$25,207. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Lorrie Carey, to deny the original manifest hardship request because it does not currently meet the requirements of the manifest hardship. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to ratify a one-year agreement for the 2011-2012 school years with the teachers for a sum not to exceed \$482,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Laura Vincent, to adjourn. Motion passed.

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch
Clerk

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel and student issues at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longneck, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

13. Non-Public Session:**RESIGNATION:**

Included in the packet for board review is the resignation letter received from Carmela Dow, Treasurer for Merrimack Valley School District, SAU 46 and CSI Charter School.

RETIREMENT:

Letters of intent to retire effective June 2011 received from Margaret Halacy (BES Reading Specialist), Mike Hallahan (MVHS Math Teacher), Eileen Jones (BES School Nurse) and Ryan Brandt (MVHS Science Teacher).

STAFF NOMINATION:

The board reviewed a staff nomination presented by administration.

STUDENT ETHICS:

The board reviewed the first draft minutes (pages 86-89 in the packet) from the November 15, 2010 Student Ethics Committee meeting. No changes were made.

NEGOTIATIONS:

Robin Heins updated the board on the proposed contract agreement with the MV Teachers Association.

OTHER:

The board was informed of a request for reassignment of nursing positions.

The board was updated on the current status of a manifest hardship request.

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Laura Vincent, to go out of non-public session at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Agricultural Commission Minutes — December 13, 2010

Next Meetings:

Monday, January 10, 2011, Loudon Community Building- Charlie's Barn, 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Bruce Dawson, Earl Tuson, Carole Soule, Melissa Moore Attendees: None

Minutes (recorded by Melissa Moore):

Prior minutes accepted with corrected typos.

Discussed not having Agricultural Commission meetings during the summer (June through September; inclusive. Moved to pass. Melissa seconded. Passed.

Carole volunteered to write a letter to the Selectmen to replace John Plummer with Alice Tuson as an alternate. Bruce moved; Melissa seconded; motion passed.

Carole will write a Thank-you note to the Recreation Commission regarding the Harvest Dinner in November.

Promotional Grant: Is no longer available through NHDAMF but Carole will investigate another source. Bruce moved; Earl seconded; motion passed.

Winter speakers were discussed:

Kevin Gardner

Someone should send an invite to Young at Heart to increase attendance for "speakers" meetings.

Melissa indicated that the author of Stone by Stone from UConn is no longer giving public presentations. (Dr. Robert Thorson).

Consider doing the talking series with Historical Society.

Bruce will look into finding out how many High Tunnels are within our jurisdiction.

Bruce may have a speaker on Farm Energy.

Carole, Bruce, Earl talked about the Farm Infrastructure seminar. Capital Area Farm was a sponsor. Mobile processing of animal for meat was discussed, as was a flash freezer. For non-livestock farmers, a no-till drill was discussed. A fence-post pounder was thought to be useful. Possible farm infrastructure needs in Loudon was discussed.

The best seeds for rotational grazing and winter grazing was discussed.

Carole moved that Our Place Farm (James Batchelder) be put on the Loudon Ag Map. Bruce seconded. Motion passed.

Carole will present the 2011 meeting schedule at the January 2011 meeting.

Bruce moved to adjourn at 7:43pm. Earl seconded. Passed.

Next Deadline: Feb. 11, 2011

Library Trustees Minutes — December 15, 2010

5:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Trustees Sue Kowalski, Sandy Blanchard, Ken Krzewick, Library Director Nancy Hendy, and Alternate Steve Del Deo.

Minutes from the November 2, 2010 Trustees meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report

Part time wages are running over, but are still below budget since the cut in 2007/8. Fuel oil has not been running over in cost, due to the fact that pre-buy is in the Spring and the library is using pre-bought fuel purchased last Spring. Collection Maintenance is less than level funded due to juvenile materials which have not been completed as of yet. DVDs are still highly circulated, but CD circulation has slowed due to the availability of downloading from the web. The library has membership in a Co-op, which saves on purchases of DVDs. The library has been conservative in its use of pre-bought postage. Cleaning expenditure has stayed at level funding. It is necessary for the library to be cleaned on a weekly basis, if not daily. The library is heading towards an automation system, which will be classed under non-print materials. As with Massachusetts, New Hampshire is looking towards an on line consortium automated state system between libraries. Spending is less on reference materials due to the accessibility and availability of information retrieved from the web.

Library Director's Report

A tentative date for the Loudon Village Arts Spring Show has been set May 6 and 7. Set-up will take place on Thursday, May 5. The Library will run a photo contest in conjunction with the Spring theme of the show.

By popular request, Ken Krzewick will offer a follow-up class, Oil Painting II, to the Oil Painting for Beginners Course. Running for eight weeks. The next session will begin on January 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. Limited to six registrants, the class is already full. The Hardy Road Village District group will meet here on Saturday, January 8, from 11 a. m to 1 p. m. We are looking into running a program on simple yoga postures. The next book sale is set for January 22.

Children's Librarian's Report

Picked stories and crafts on November 1st for December story time. Prepared crafts for story time on November 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th. Completed the word scramble for the December Ledger on November 9th. On November 16th hosted Ms. Laplante's 5th grade class, who is planning to have an exhibit on the American Revolution at the library this month. I showed them how to use the library catalog, and where to find books in the library. There were 20 children and one teacher in attendance. On Novem-

ber 19th attended the Children's Book Review at NHSL, where I was able to pick out four free books. Movie day at the library was November 23rd. There were 2 showings of "Toy Story" with 14 children and 10 adults in attendance. On November 23rd talked to Linda Heath about her therapy dog and how/if we could use her services in the library. I will talk with the elementary school to see if there may be a need and if they would like to have the library as the meeting place. Teachers will be setting the exhibits at the library on Monday, November 29th for the America Revolution project. The Story Time numbers for the Month of November 91 children and 78 adults.

Children's Librarian's Report — review November report

The Trustees and the Director had a discussion regarding emergencies. They decided that protocol will be written down and made accessible in key areas of the Library.

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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes — January 12, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Julie Robinson

Members Attending: Bill Gabler, Bob Butler

Also in attendance: Rob Buzzell, Paulie Touzin

The issue of potential expiration of terms of appointment to the commission was discussed. Julie will check to see which, if any, members of the commission will have their terms expire this year and will be up for reappointment.

The continued need for new members of the Conservation Commission was dis-

cussed, with several excellent candidates being identified. Members of the current commission will reach out to those individuals as well as seeking ways to promote more involvement from throughout the community.

Elections of officers was held, with the slate of Julie Robinson as Chair, Bob Butler as Vice-Chair and Bill Gabler as Secretary being approved unanimously.

Julie reported that she had been contacted by Jeff Smith, a consultant who is representing Five Rivers Trust. Fiver Rivers Trust holds the conservation easements on several parcels in town and reportedly has several topics that they would like to discuss with us. Julie invited him to attend the February meeting to discuss the goals of the Loudon Conservation Commission, our relationship with Five Rivers Trust, and other matters of mutual interest.

The Farm and Ranch Protection Program (FRPP) grant process for the Moore property is nearing completion. The survey and appraisal are complete, the baseline evaluation is nearly complete and the final stages for award of the grant and consummation of the conservation easement process should be done soon. We will then need to hold a public meeting to take public comment and to hold a final vote on the award.

A second party with property on Loudon Ridge has come forward to begin the process to place his parcels into a long term conservation easement through the FRPP. Initial evaluation work has begun on the approximately 130 acres involved.

Additionally, two other parties' have approached the Conservation Commission regarding placing significant parcels of land in town in conservation easement. The growing pressure for easement requests led to the creation of a waiting list. This is due to the fact that the numerous requests for easements are likely to exceed the commission's capacity to obtain and administer those easements, with funding of both the trust and operational budget being of paramount concern. Discussion was that if there is continued desires to place land in conservation, additional funding will be required in the future.

Julie reported that she will be preparing the commission letter for the annual Town Report and sought input from the members regarding what should be in that letter.

Julie announced that there would be a public meeting on Jan. 18th at 7:00 pm to discuss the town warrants and budget and encouraged members to attend if they are able.

A request from the NH Assoc. of Conservation Commission for \$250 in annual dues was presented. Bob Butler moved that we pay that amount, seconded by Bill Gabler and voted in the affirmative

Julie reported that she had been contacted by the Rocky Pond Association regarding their request for \$1,500 in funding in support of their efforts to control Milfoil. She said that she had told them our vote was to provide \$1,000 and that those funds would be available upon request.

Rob Buzzell provided an update on his work to monitor the parcels under conservation easement in the town. All LCIP site walks and reports are complete, with deficiencies previously identified on a previous walk of one parcel having now been corrected. Through Robs efforts to personally monitor each of the various parcels and to create an efficient administrative tracking system that fully documents the condition of each parcel, the town is in a much better position regarding the administration of parcels under conservation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

*Submitted Bill Gabler
Secretary*

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Budget 2011–12/Meeting with Selectmen 12/16, 8:30 a.m.

Concord Library reduced usage

The Trustees had a discussion regarding the decrease in usage numbers reported by the *Concord Monitor*. However, there was also a decrease in the number of open hours at the Penacook branch. When the numbers for the Concord library were combined with the Penacook branch the circulation numbers decreased. Access to the Maxfield library is still on the rise. The numbers have been going up.

DVD Display

New shelving is necessary for displaying DVD information. This is a highly popular and active area of circulation within the library. The current shelving is not adequate.

Metal Roof Update

The Metal roof is still under investigation and discussion.

Friends Group update

The Friends of the library group is still under discussion by the Trustees.

The Trustees meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

*Susan Kowalski
Sandra Blanchard
Kenneth M. Krzewick*

Selectmen's Budget Review Minutes — December 10, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

The Board met with Office Manager Jean Lee.

Mrs. Lee advised the Board all department heads are on the schedule to meet with the Board to review their budgets. The Library Trustees are scheduled for Thursday, December 16 at 8:30 A.M., and the Tax Collector and Town Clerk as well as Recreation Committee Chair Alicia Grimaldi would like to meet with the Board Thursday morning to review their budget requests.

Mrs. Lee presented the Board with a request for a reduction of hours and consideration of continued health insurance benefits. Discussion ensued on scheduling and transition of duties. Selectman Bowles said he wanted to clarify the Board's consideration of the request is on a case by case basis only. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the request for a reduced flexible schedule of 15 hours per week and continuation of insurance for Office Manager Jean Lee subject to a performance review at the end of the current fiscal year June 30, 2011, effective December 26, 2010. Second by Selectman Bowles.* Selectman Ives stated he would like to modify his motion to clarify the insurance coverage is medical insurance only not dental insurance, and the insurance would continue through September 30, 2011. *Selectman Ives moved to amend the motion to read; to approve the request for a reduced flexible schedule of 15 hours per week and continuation of medical insurance coverage for Office Manger Jean Lee through September 30, 2011, subject to a performance review at the end of the current fiscal year June 30, 2011. Effective date is December 26, 2010. Second by Selectman Bowles.* Chairman Maxfield called for a vote on the original motion. *Motion failed. Chairman*

Maxfield called for a vote on amended motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed current budget appropriations and discussed modifications for fiscal year 2011–2012. Discussion ensued on the landfill testing appropriation. Mrs. Lee will pull the laboratory testing proposal to see if the appropriation can be reduced as the testing requirements have been adjusted to twice per year instead of quarterly. The Board continued with the government buildings portion of the budget. Public Service of NH has advised the proposed increase in electricity costs will be at 3%. The Board agreed to adjust the electricity appropriations by this amount. The Board discussed the repair appropriation for the Town Offices and Community Building. It was agreed to reduce this amount by \$3,000. The Board agreed to reduce the Town Hall repair line to \$5,000. The Board reviewed insurance costs and discussed proposed increases in worker's compensation, unemployment, and property liability. The Board reviewed the Welfare appropriations and agreed to level fund the current budget.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske and Dispatcher/Administrative Assistant Janice Morin.

Chief Fiske requested an additional \$4,000 be added to the regular salary line as well as additional funding to the overtime line. Chief Fiske said he is requesting a 2.5% increase in the Cost of Living Allowance for his department. Selectman Bowles said the Board has not made any decision on a COLA at this time. Until such time as a decision is made, Chief Fiske's request will be taken under advisement. Selectman Bowles noted dispatch has been reduced by \$3,879.00. Selectman Bowles asked for a breakdown of the outside services line. Chief Fiske reviewed items that come under this appropriation. It was noted the operating

budgets for health and compliance are level funded except for salaries which will be addressed once the Board makes a decision on the Cost of Living Allowance. Chief Fiske stated he was recommending level funding on the Emergency Management line.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr reviewed his requests for salary increases for his full time firefighter/EMTs. Discussion ensued on Chief Burr's proposed promotions. Selectman Ives stated this will be taken under advisement at this time until a decision is made on a Cost of Living Adjustment. The Board reviewed Chief Burr's request for part-time wages, standby, and ambulance billing fees. The Board continued with the review of the budget requests for the Fire Department operating budget. Chief Burr noted the dispatch appropriation will need to be increased to cover increased costs. He is requesting \$45,000 for fiscal year 2011–2012. Chief Burr advised the Board he is requesting level funding for the forest fire budget. The Board discussed the special events budget line for the Fire Department. It was decided to leave that account level funded. Chief Burr briefly addressed the Capital Reserve account for fire apparatus replacement.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice and Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.

Chairman Maxfield noted Mr. Rice's budget was level funded in most lines. Due to a new contract for uniforms, this line has been increased to \$7,885 for the year. Selectman Bowles recommended the gas and oil line be increased to \$37,000 based on projected price increases. Mr. Rice also asked to have Account number 01-43119-600-626 to Excavator Maintenance with an appropriation of \$2,000. Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Rice the Board was discussing a Cost of

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 14, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Deputy Fire Chief Rich Edgecomb.

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 7, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Budget Review Minutes of Friday, December 10, 2010 as written. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield noted for the record the Board of Permit portion of the meeting has been cancelled, as there were no items for the agenda this month. He also noted for the record two pistol permits were signed for approval and the Board was in receipt of a letter from Bruce Yeaton. Mr. Yeaton also provided letters to be delivered to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Selectman Ives discussed the annual fire department compensation and advised Chief Burr he has received a number of telephone complaints regarding the process. Chief Burr explained the way the compensation is calculated and said some members did not qualify for compensation when they had in the past. He said the Committee decides on the method used in the calculations and the members had an opportunity to review the numbers before the final list was submitted. He said work commitments and educational classes are considered when the committee meets to review the data. Selectman Ives questioned the method used in the calculations. Selectman Bowles asked Chief Burr to provide the calculations for the past and current years and the criteria

for qualifying for compensation so the Selectmen can review it. Selectman Ives told Chief Burr when it comes to money, the standards set for qualifying for the compensation must be adhered to. Exceptions can't be made for other considerations.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board noted receipt of the Transportation Improvement Program for 2013 to 2022 from Central NH Regional Planning Commission.

The Board received a letter from Michael Harris regarding scheduling of assessment personnel and abatement application request. Contract Assessor David Wiley has been provided a copy of this letter as well.

The Board received a request to name a new alternate to the Agricultural Commission. This will be taken under advisement at this time.

The Board received a proposal from Cartographic Associates Inc. to produce the town's tax maps in digital format.

The Board received the State Education Tax Warrant for 2011 in the amount of \$1,276,474.

The Board reviewed an email from Judy Houston of The Louis Berger Group regarding the landfill post closure inspection for 2010.

The Board noted receipt of a scholarship thank you note.

The Board reviewed compliance reports from Environmental Soils Management for the months of October and November.

The Board was provided the budget hearing dates for Merrimack Valley School District for review. The Selectmen will hold their first budget hearing on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 P.M.

The Board received a request from NH Sno Shakers Snowmobile Club to obtain the

tax map format that they can use in an overlay for their trail maps. Mrs. Lee will contact Cartographic Associates to verify the format used and what it would entail to provide this program to the snowmobile club.

The Board received an abutter letter for the Decato property special exception application for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Board received the annual dues assessment from NH Municipal Association.

The Board discussed cancelling the Selectmen's meeting on December 28. It was agreed to cancel the meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:01 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Budget Review Minutes — December 16, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

The Board met with Library Trustees Susan Kowalski, Sandra Blanchard and Kenneth Krzewick.

The Trustees discussed the roof on the Library and whether or not the warranty is still in effect. Selectman Ives asked if the Trustees have the actual contract for the roof. Ms. Blanchard said they have not been able to find it. Discussion ensued on the options available. The Board asked the Trustees to provide the warranty tag from the roofing and they will discuss having town counsel draft a letter requesting further information.

The cost of living allowance was discussed. Ms. Blanchard asked about the Budget Hearings. The Board advised the first public hearing will be January 18 at 7:00 P.M.

The Board reviewed payroll figures for proposed changes to the budget.

The Board discussed the appropriations associated with property assessments and health and dental insurance.

The Board met with Recreation Committee Chair Alicia Grimaldi.

Mrs. Grimaldi explained the only increase in her operating budget is an additional \$500 for swim lessons due to increased enrollment.

Mrs. Grimaldi addressed the status of the tennis court and a proposal to re-surface the court. She said she is still receiving complaints about the condition of the court. Selectman Bowles said a base should be placed under the court. Mrs. Grimaldi said she has requested a proposal from Vermont Tennis Court to do the repairs. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

The Board met with Town Clerk Wendy Walsh.

The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's budget. Discussion ensued on the Town Clerk's salary line. The Board will review last year's warrant article with town counsel to clarify the procedure that should be followed.

The Board met with Planning/Zoning Administrative Assistant Donna White.

Ms. White said for the most part the budgets for Planning and Zoning is level funded.

She discussed the town's association with Central NH Regional Planning Commission and the assistance received during the past year on several projects.

The Board and Ms. White discussed the possibility of Ms. White assisting with duties in the Selectmen's Office as her time and work load permits.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil said she has tried to keep her budget level funded. She said postage is up a bit as well as seminars and training.

The Board discussed the proposed Cost of Living Allowance and reviewed payroll

records for various employees. The Board reviewed the amounts decided on with Office Manager Jean Lee. The Board reviewed the minutes from the 2010 Town Meeting in regards to the Town Clerk salary warrant article.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 11:10 A.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 21, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Road Agent David Rice.

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 14, 2010 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Thursday, December 16, 2010 Budget Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the December 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes between the Selectmen and representatives of NHMS as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice presented the Board with information on possible proposed Warrant Articles for Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding Staniels Road, Ricker Road, and East Ricker Road paving.

Mr. Rice provided the Board with a cost estimate for repairs to the roof at the High-

way Garage. Discussion ensued regarding budget lines and funding.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that he had contacted NH the Beautiful regarding the grant for the used oil burner. He stated that the committee for the grant meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled for January 2011. Discussion ensued regarding the used oil burner as well as the used oil collection. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the price quotes are good for thirty days. The Board will take this information under advisement.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the mower head on the mower used all summer is junk and he is looking to find other options to put on the mower.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding the budget review. The Board agreed to meet with Ms. Lee on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.

The Board received a response from Attorney Mayer regarding a Warrant Article vs. Budget question.

The Board received information from Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske from

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Living Allowance around 2.5%, but will wait until they have an opportunity to review all the revisions and see where the bottom line is.

The Board began their review of the Landfill budget with Steve Bennett. Mr. Bennett advised the Board he had been in contact with Fairpoint Communications regarding the telephone bills for the Transfer Station. It was determined a higher rate was being charged and should be adjusted soon. Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Bennett the electricity line should be adjusted to reflect a 3% increase. The Board addressed the Household Hazardous Waste Day appropriation. This is scheduled for every other year and the Board would like to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to cover these costs. Mr. Bennett addressed the tipping fee appropriation for the next fiscal year. He explained the calculations he and Jean Lee had discussed. The Board agreed to set this appropriation at \$227,000. Mr. Bennett discussed the possibility of a warrant article to place concrete pads under the roll off trailers and concrete walls at the metal pile. This would be an effort to make this area more user friendly.

Selectman Ives moved to close the budget review meeting at 11:55 A.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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NHMS for the Speedway Children's Charity event.

The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding an Officer appointment for Robert Guertin to Lieutenant.

The Board reviewed the Report of Excavated Materials for NHMS and agreed to assess the doamage penalty due to the late filing of the reports.

The Board received copies of the revised Block Grant breakdown from DOT for review.

The Board received copies of the revised Merrimack Valley School District Assessment for 2010-2011.

The Board received an invitation to the Christmas Breakfast from the Fire Department.

The Board received copies of the Annual Report and resolutions from Concord

Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative.

The Board received correspondence from ESMI for review.

The Board received draft copies of the Planning Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2010 for review.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that it was time to open the sealed bids received for the FY Ending June 30, 2010 Annual Town Report printing. Bids submitted are as follows:

Debbie K. Graphics, 622 Old Shaker Rd., Loudon, NH for layout and design only \$900.00.

Evans Printing, 276 North State St., Concord, NH — 2000 books \$3,750.00 — 1500 books \$3,250.00.

Kase Printing, 13 Hampshire Dr., Hudson, NH — 2000 books \$3,773.00 — 1500 books \$3,255.00.

Select Print Solutions, P O Box 188, North Brookfield, MA — 2000 books \$4,578.00 — 1500 books \$3,697.00.

Whitman Communications, Inc., P O Box 1156, Lebanon, NH — 2000 books \$5,347.00 — 1500 books \$4,110.00.

The Country Press, Inc., P O Box 489, Middleboro, MA — 2000 books \$4,072.74 — 1500 books \$3,122.78.

Selectman Bowles moved to award the printing bid for 1500 copies of the 2010 Annual Report to Kase Printing in the amount of \$3,255.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Bowles stated letters would be forwarded to all bidders thanking them for their submission and advising them of the outcome. Selectman Ives stated the award for Kase Printing is based on the specifications on the bid they submitted. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board agreed to have Deb K. Graphics do the layout and design of the Annual Report.

The Board recognized Brenda Pearl from the audience. Mrs. Pearl asked the Board for an executive session. Selectman Ives moved to enter in to executive session at 7:30 PM. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Ives yes, Bowles yes. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Maxfield stated the purpose of the executive session was to discuss insurance coverage with Mrs. Pearl. The Board moved to seal the executive session minutes for a period of five years. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Budget Review Minutes — December 28, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Lee. Also present Office Manager Jean Lee.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Selectman Ives moved to appoint Alice Tuson to the position of Loudon Agricultural Commission Alternate to replace John Plumer. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the contract for layout, design, correction, and prep to print with Deb K. Graphics for the 2010-2011 Town Report in the amount of \$900.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield noted for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Office Manager Jean Lee to discuss budget questions.

Mrs. Lee asked the Board for clarification on the Cost of Living adjustments they had addressed at their budget review on December 16. The Board reviewed the salary appropriations for each department. The Cost of Living allowance has been calculated at 2.5%. Mrs. Lee asked if the Board had made a decision on the Town Clerk's salary request. The Board had requested an

opinion from Town Counsel and will increase the salary appropriation in the proposed budget for FY 2011-2012.

Mrs. Lee discussed the Police Department Part-time Secretary position and stated that the line should be adjusted to bring the line to \$1,540.00. She stated this line covers the office during the three weeks of vacation for Janice Morin. The Board agreed to this change.

The Police Department Overtime line was discussed. It was agreed to leave the line as budgeted.

Mrs. Lee asked for clarification on the Special Events lines. She asked if the Board was leaving the Police Special Events at \$300,000.00 and the Fire Special Events at \$60,000.00. The Board agreed on those figures.

Mrs. Lee asked about the Zoning Board increase in salary line for the addition of a ZBA alternate position.

Mrs. Lee requested clarification on the Library salaries. The Board agreed to leave the part-time figure at \$45,100.00.

The Selectmen began discussing revisions to the budget lines.

The Board agreed to reduce the Selectmen's Data Processing line to \$9,500.00, Printing line to \$6,000.00, Supply line to

\$3,000.00, and Advertising line to \$1,250.00.

The Board agreed to reduce the Town Clerk's Dues and Seminars line to \$1,050.00.

The Board agreed to reduce the Tax Collector's Data Processing line to \$5,500.00 and Office Supplies to \$2,500.00.

The Board agreed to reduce the Planning Board Printing line to \$1,250.00

The Board agreed to reduce the ZBA Legal Fees to \$2,000.00.

The Board agreed to reduce the Town Office Community Building Repair line to \$8,000.00.

The Board agreed to increase the Highway Department Building Maintenance line to \$28,000.00 due to the need for roof repair. Selectman Bowles will follow up on costs associated with the metal roof.

The Board began discussion regarding proposed Warrant Articles.

Discussion ensued regarding a possible Warrant Article for paving and shimming approximately 2,800 feet of Staniels Road and machine paving the whole length of East Ricker Road approximately 4,850 feet for \$160,000.00. \$90,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Highway Roadway Capital Improvements Fund with the balance to be raised by taxes. The Board agreed to have the Selectmen named as agents to carry out said purpose.

The Board discussed a possible Warrant Article for the purchase of a Compactor for the Transfer Station at a cost of \$52,500.00. Funds to be withdrawn from the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board discussed the possibility of establishing an Expendable Trust Fund for

the Household Hazardous Waste Day. Discussion ensued regarding wording and types of funds that could be established to carry out the intended purpose of the fund.

The Board discussed the tennis courts at the Recreation Field. Discussion ensued regarding cost estimates provided by Vermont Tennis Courts as well as the possibility of having local contractors and members of the Highway Department provide some of the labor as well as the possibility of donations of materials or purchasing materials at cost to cut down on the overall expense of this project. Selectman Bowles will look in to this issue.

The Board discussed ordering a plaque for the Town Hall identifying its placement on the National Historic Registry. The Board agreed that the plaque should be ordered.

Selectman Ives stated that Chief Burr had a locksmith at the Fire Station doing work and decided to have the lock on the old safe looked at. The locksmith was able to open the safe and it was found to contain many old ledger books. The Board discussed having the Historical Society review and catalog the ledgers so an accurate listing of what was inside will be available.

Discussion ensued regarding the Public Hearing scheduled for January 18, 2011 to discuss the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 AM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 4, 2011

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present, Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Deputy Fire Chief Rich Edgecomb.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 21, 2010 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Budget Work Session meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 28, 2010 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the pump on one of the highway trucks has been repaired.

Mr. Rice asked the Board about the waste oil heater for the Highway Garage. The Board agreed that Mr. Rice should move forward with the purchase of the reconditioned unit from Arrow with the full warrantee. Discussion ensued regarding the used oil at the Transfer Station being used to fuel the waste oil heater, as well as the amount of used oil produced by the Highway Department vehicles in the wintertime. Mr. Rice said he would like to purchase one or two 150–175 gallon tanks to transfer the used oil into so the sediment can settle prior to pumping the used oil to the heating unit. Mr. Rice said he could purchase a pump to pump the used oil from the holding tanks to the heating unit. Selectman Ives asked if there would be any concerns from the Fire Department. Mr. Rice said no. Chairman Maxfield asked if Mr. Rice had the money in his budget to cover the costs associated with this purchase. Mr. Rice said he did have the funds within his budget.

Selectman Ives asked if the Highway Department had any problems plowing Sanborn Road during the last storm. Mr. Rice said there were no problems. Chairman Maxfield asked Mr. Rice to take a ride to Sanborn Road and check to see if there are any problems within the right-of-way.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr advised the Board that Merrimack Valley School District is working on obtaining a fixed location generator for the Loudon Elementary School through grants. He stated that in order for the School District to move forward with the grant application, there is paperwork that needs to be completed by the Selectmen and some departments within the Town of Loudon. Chief Burr said the paperwork is part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance program. He went on to say Nancy St. Laurent would be available if the Selectmen have questions regarding the paperwork requirements. Chief Burr stated that Fred Regan from MVSD has been working with Ms. St. Laurent on this project. Discussion ensued regarding the

school being part of the Emergency Management Plan as well as discussion on the generators available to the School District. Chief Burr discussed the paperwork. The Board agreed to review the paperwork and complete as much of the information as possible.

Chief Burr advised the Board that one of the ribs inside the tank on Tanker 1 let go and is being repaired at Lakes Region Fire Apparatus. It was stated that the work was covered under the lifetime warrantee.

Selectman Ives asked about the Fire Department Annual Compensation. Chief Burr stated that the meeting to review this issue has been rescheduled to January 6, 2011.

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Edgecomb stated that there should be clarification of the November 23, 2010 minutes to show that there were two members of the Fire Department attending the Paramedics class, not one. Selectman Ives asked for the names of the individuals. Deputy Chief Edgecomb stated Megan Paquette and Craig Benner.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Jim McNeil of Lovejoy Road from the audience.

Mr. McNeil congratulated the Fire Department on their Facebook page and the notation of 983 calls for the year.

Mr. McNeil asked about the Fire Department Compensation meeting scheduled for January 6, 2011 to see if the discussion was pertaining to specific complaints made by members. Chief Burr said the meeting was to look at the whole thing all over again.

Mr. McNeil asked about a camper fire on Lovejoy Road regarding the direction from which the fire was attacked. He asked if this was a new practice by the Fire Department. Chief Burr stated the first crew on scene attacked the fire in the manner that they felt was best at the time. He stated that if Mr. McNeil had any question regarding this issue he could have gone to the Fire Station and discussed his concerns. Mr. McNeil said he did not have a problem with the way it was fought; he just wanted to know if this was common practice. Chairman Maxfield said he felt that the fire fighters would use their best judgment, but he was not an expert.

The Board recognized Steve Jackson of Berry Road from the audience.

Mr. Jackson provided the Board with property sales statistics of sales that have occurred in Loudon over the past year. He explained the statistics provided and stated he wanted to show the variation between sales and assessments to be sure that now, while the values are being looked at for reassessing, all the information is considered. Mr. Jackson stated he wanted to be sure that everyone shared in an equal portion of the assessments. Selectman Bowles explained to Mr. Jackson that while the information provided is valuable there are many other factors that play into the assessment, not just sales. He stated that the

Selectmen are required by the State to follow certain procedures while doing the reassessments. The Board discussed the fact that if the assessments go down the tax rate will increase to make up the difference in what needs to be collected in taxes. Mr. Jackson said he is aware of the process and he wanted to be sure that while the assessors are reviewing the information for reassessment, they look at the whole picture so everyone is assessed their equal share. Discussion ensued regarding assessing and the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Mr. Jackson stated that the information he provided to the Board was from the MLS listings and the nhtaxkiosk.com site. The Board agreed to forward a copy of Mr. Jackson's information to Assessor David Wiley.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the deadlines for the Town Report articles. The Board stated that the photo for the cover of the Town Report would be provided by the Historical Society. Selectman Bowles will contact Michelle York of the Loudon Historical Society regarding the photo.

The Board received information from Shelly Gerlarneau of DRA regarding the establishment of an expendable trust or a revolving fund for the Transfer Station. The Board stated that they are looking at establishing a revolving fund for the household Hazardous Waste Day, which was voted on at Town Meeting, to be held bi-annually. They said that by establishing a revolving fund monies could be deposited annually and withdrawn bi-annually for the purpose of holding the HHWD event without having to deal with the Capital Reserve Fund restrictions. It was stated that due to the way the budget years line up it is difficult to place monies in the budget for a bi-annual event when the funds have to be expended in the fiscal year it is appropriated.

The Board reviewed proposed warrant articles. Selectman Bowles stated that he read in the *Loudon Ledger* there was another proposed warrant article regarding the purchase of a new fire truck in the amount of \$380,000.00. The Board stated that they have not yet received the proposed warrant article from the fire department.

The Board received copies of Budget Revision #3 for review.

The Board received notice of the Merrimack Valley School District Budget Hearing scheduled on January 25, 2011.

The Board received a copy of the 2010 Meals and Rooms tax payment in the amount of \$235,034.69.

Chairman Maxfield read a copy of the Holiday Food Basket thank you letter for the 2010 Capital Region Holiday Food Basket Project into the record:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for their help with the 2010 Holiday Food Basket Project. Approximately 120 Loudon families were provided holiday meals through this very worthwhile program.


Doug Cole, D.S. Cole Growers for the use of the truck (and driver) to pick up the food boxes at the National Guard Armory in Concord.

Mike LaBonte for assisting with the pick-up, helping to sort the deliveries, and delivering the boxes.

Fire Chief Jeff Burr and members of the Loudon Fire Department: Bill Lake, Tom Henley, Chip Barrett, Mike Souther, Brian Searles, Dena Leonard, Joanne Edgecomb, and Craig Benner.

We would also like to thank the following volunteers who helped to sort, pack, and make deliveries: Jim and Sue Venne for the use of their

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pick-up, Jerry Venn, Mindy Bean, Kevin McCormick, Al and Cindy Brock, Shea Gaboriault, Stacy Lane, Wayne Matice, and Mike Dube.

To Chris DeVol and Penney Marketing: Thank you for your generous donation of the puzzle books to be included for all recipients to enjoy.

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Jean M. Lee, Office Manager
Bonnie Theriault, Office Assistant
The Selectmen agreed.

The Board received copies of a letter from Bruce Yeaton about Sanborn Road, as well as copies of a letter sent by Mr. Yeaton to the Charitable Trust Office and the reply to Mr. Yeaton from DES on Sanborn Road for review.

The Board received copies of propane quotes from Huckleberry Heating.

The Board received copies of a letter sent to Rodney Eastman from NH DOT regarding water along NH Route 129.

The Board received copies of the draft December ZBA minutes for review.

The Board received a letter and binder on Northern Pass project from PSNH for review.

The Board received copies of the 2011 Legislative Bulletin #1 for review.

The Board received copies of training session information.

The Board received notice that Don Butson from Cartographic called regarding the Digital Mapping updates. The Board will take this issue under advisement at this time.

The Board received notification that Mel Gullage, former Selectman, had passed away.

Chip Cochran asked the Board if the minutes of the Budget Meeting on December 28, 2010 were available to the public. The Board advised Mr. Cochran that he could obtain a copy at the Selectmen's Office.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Planning Board Minutes — December 16, 2010

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Henry Huntington, Steve Jackson, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Bob Cole, Alternate Jeff Green, Ex-Officio Steve Ives

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 18, 2010 Meeting — Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Hermel Fortier — Mr. Fortier submitted a letter to the Board, asking for a reduction in the bonding requirement regarding the newly constructed road on Oak Hill Road. Donna gave an overview of the project to date, noting that the road agent has looked at the road and found everything to be in order. The Louis Berger Group, in a brief email and a phone conversation, has agreed that the construction was done to plan and is complete. A formal letter from The Louis Berger Group is forthcoming. Donna explained that the subdivision plans have not yet been recorded as there was no bond in place. Mr. Fortier completed the roadwork so as not to have to secure a bond in the full amount of the construction cost estimate of \$210,529. Per the Land Development Regulations, Section 24.6.1, 15% of the original amount will be held as a maintenance surety. There was brief discussion. Stan Prescott made a motion to set the bond amount at \$31,579 (15% of \$210,529); seconded by Bob Cole. There was discussion of the term of the bond. Mr. Prescott amended his motion to read: to set the bond amount at \$31,579 (15% of \$210,529) until such time that the road is accepted by the Town. Mr. Cole was in agreement with the amended motion. All were in favor.

New Business:

Application #10-15, Peter Dumont/Dumont Sales — Change of Use, in the C/I District, Map 66, Lot 4. Mr. Dumont explained that the property that he owns on Route 106 was most recently approved for NH Picket Fences, which moved from the property a year ago. He said he would like to use his property for storage and consignment/sales of boats, rv's, and other vehicles. Mr. Dumont said that he would be using the existing structures. He said he would slightly expand the display area at the front of the lot where NH Picket Fences had materials. Tom Dow asked Mr. Dumont if he planned to do any repairs at the property. Mr. Dumont said he does not plan to do repairs. He said he would just like to get something going at this point. He said he will put lights up for parking lot security and would give the fire department a key to the lot if they wanted one. Donna informed the Board that Fire Chief Burr called the office with regard to this application. The chief said that the

fire department would be looking for emergency lights and exit signs in the office building once Mr. Dumont is ready to open for business. He said they will do an inspection at that time.

Steve Ives noted that when Mr. Dumont was in to speak with the Board a month or two ago he was proposing only storage, yet now he is talking about consignment and sales. Mr. Dumont said that was correct, noting that the property was used for equipment sales in the past and he felt it would be a better business opportunity rather than just the storage. Tom Moore stated that Mr. Dumont mentioned putting up additional lighting. He cautioned Mr. Dumont to be careful about lighting. Mr. Dumont said there are currently lights on the corners of the building and in a tree, all shining on the lot itself. Stan Prescott said to be sure they are not going to shine on the neighbors or the road. Mr. Dumont said he would probably have motion lights and would be sure they do not project into the road or neighboring properties.

Tom Moore asked Mr. Dumont if he plans to have a sign. Mr. Dumont said he would get a permit to put one up on the building where NH Picket Fence had one. He is familiar with the sign regulations. It was asked what Mr. Dumont would use for storage facilities. He said there is an existing storage trailer behind the building and he plans to add two 40' ground-level boxes in the same location for storage of display items. He said he would move items out for display during the day and store them at night.

Bob Cole made a motion to accept the application as complete; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Steve Ives asked how many items there would be on the lot. Mr. Dumont said he is not sure what will come in at this time. He said it will all be neatly organized inside the fenced area of his property.

Steve Jackson made a motion to approve the change of use for travel or camping trailer; motor home, boat, motorcycle, retail sales as presented, with all business to be conducted within the fenced area; seconded by Bob Cole. Stan Prescott asked if hours of operation should be set. There was brief discussion and it was agreed by the majority that there was no need. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

DeCato lot merger — Evangia DeCato submitted a voluntary lot merger for Map 11, Lot 12 and Map 2, Lot 27. Bruce Mar-

shall introduced himself to the Board as a buyer of the properties. He and a partner are purchasing the parcels and plan to operate as has been done by DeCato Sand & Gravel. Mr. Marshall said that they plan to do some topography work in the spring and create a long-term plan. The Board reviewed and signed the merger request.

Parking permit review — Donna showed the Board copies of a parking lot that was submitted for review. Members agreed that the plan needed to be on one large piece of paper rather than various ones that have to be taped together and that the spaces should be numbered. Donna will contact the permit holder.

Flood hazard areas — Steve Jackson informed the Board that he has just been through a six-month process to have a property taken out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). He said the process is quite involved but the end result will save the homeowner from having to carry pricey flood insurance. Steve suggested that the Board might want to consider SFHA when reviewing subdivisions and other land use applications. He said he feels it would be good to consider when looking at the building area and making sure that buyers are aware of the SFHA. There was discussion about designations done by surveyors on such plans. It was agreed that it would be good to look at the SFHA maps each time.

Yeaton letter — Donna read a letter from Bruce Yeaton that was sent to the State DES in September with regard to a stone barrier adjacent to Sanborn Pond Dam. There was brief discussion about the work on the dam and the purpose of the temporary barrier.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there is a special exception for a gravel pit for DeCato Sand & Gravel and a variance of the amount of permeable area and a special exception for reduced setbacks for the Faith Community Bible Church on the agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott said that there was no Board of Permit meeting this month.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. was made by Steve Jackson; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

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

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Zoning Board Minutes — December 23, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and Alternate Jon Huntington

Jon Huntington was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl and Ned Lizotte.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Roy Merrill made a motion to accept the minutes of November 29, 2010 as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Site Visit — Roy Merrill made a motion to accept the minutes of the site visit on December 4, 2010; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. It was noted that Mr. Merrill was the only member present at this meeting who attended the site visit. Mr. Saunderson did a site visit individually and was in agreement with the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Z10-12 & Z10-13, Faith Community Bible Church — Special Exception for Reduced Setbacks & Variance for Impermeable Coverage, Map 39, Lot 29, North Village Road. There were no abutters present. Rodney Phillips spoke on behalf of the church.

Chairman Powelson informed Mr. Phillips that there would only be four voting members for this case. He gave Mr. Phillips the option to continue the application to another meeting where there might be a full board. Mr. Phillips stated that he was alright with four members hearing the case.

There was brief discussion of the site visit that was done at this property on December 4, 2010. Roy Merrill was the only board member present this evening that was on that scheduled walk. George Saunderson and Dave Powelson stated that they did individual visits to the property. Mr. Merrill said that they had looked at drainage and areas of concern to the abutters. He said that all were satisfied and no issues were raised. Drainage had been a concern and it was determined that this would not affect the neighbor at all.

Chairman Powelson closed the hearing on Application #Z10-12 to the public and opened it to the board for discussion and decision. George Saunderson made a motion to approve the special exception for reduced setbacks as presented; seconded by Jon Huntington. There was no further discussion. A roll vote was taken: Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Jon Huntington — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

Chairman Powelson closed the hearing on Application #Z10-13 to the public and opened it to the board for discussion and decision. Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the application as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. Dave Powelson stated that the difference between the 50% allowed and 52.59% being requested is fairly small and the soils at this property are fairly permeable. Roy Merrill said there are good draining soils and this project is not going to affect anything. A roll vote was taken: Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Jon Huntington — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

Z10-14, Evangia DeCato — Special Exception for Gravel Pit Operation, Map 2, Lot 27, Chichester Road. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicant. Abutter David Gilbert was present. Mr. Green explained that this involves two lots, Map 11, Lot 12 and Map 2, Lot 27. The main gravel pit operation is on Map 11, Lot 12 but has extended onto Map 2, Lot 27. He pointed out the layout and explained where the operation had gone over the property line. He noted that the two lots were merged with a voluntary lot merger at last week's Planning Board meeting and this merger has been recorded with the registry. Bruce Marshall introduced himself as a buyer of these properties. He explained how it was discovered that the excavation had gone onto the adjacent parcel and how he wants to be sure everything is in order prior to the closing on the purchase next week. There was discussion of the original area of excavation. Mr. Marshall stated that he has a 1979 aerial shot of the properties that shows the excavation was over the line even at that point. He told the board that he will be doing a reclamation plan and putting a bond on the parcel. Discussion continued about the town records that do not specify a map and lot for the original area of excavation, the depth of the current pit area, and the process that will be followed to bring the new lot into compliance (Alteration of Terrain, Planning Board, and any other required permits). There was also discussion about Map 2, Lot 27 being in Current Use and that a land use change tax will be assessed once all records are updated.

Chairman Powelson and Mr. Green went through the points of the application. Mr. Powelson asked about steep slopes. Mr. Green said that there are some and they would come into the Planning Board process. He said the owners will have to do an Alteration of Terrain through the State and full plans for site plan review. Mr. Green pointed out that the steepest are toward the river. Roy Merrill stated that he is an abutter through the Maurice Merrill parcel so will be recusing himself from voting. He said that he felt a site visit would be good. Jon Huntington asked about a wet area. Mr. Green explained that topography is going to be done for the Alteration of Terrain and the Planning Board site plan. He pointed out that there is a bog on this parcel and the required buffers will be adhered to. Mr. Green said the State would be involved in the process. Dave Powelson noted that wetlands are covered in the Zoning Ordinance, saying that would have to be followed as well. He said that might limit the area of excavation.

Bruce Marshall said that they will be continuing the operation as it has been and will bring the operation into full conformance. He said prior records did not contain details of the exact area and they have now defined a footprint with this survey. Jon Huntington asked if they were saying they cannot do anything until all plans and permits are in place even if this application is approved. Mr. Marshall said that they could not go outside the footprint without everything being in compliance with current regulations. Jeff Green said they cannot do anything more than the three acres that has already been expanded until a bond, reclamation plan, and Alteration of Terrain are in

place. Mr. Marshall said they could do forestry on the parcel but could not excavate. He said he just wants to be sure everything is in conformance before the closing on the purchase. Dave Powelson said they are looking to buy this property for a future gravel pit up to eighty acres, then reclaim the areas. He noted that there is an existing well-established operation and he does not see a lot of problem with the request. George Saunderson said he felt a site walk was needed and he was not sure that waiting another month would hurt anything. Mr. Marshall said waiting could create a sizable disaster for him. He said he is on the Bow Planning Board and he wants to get off on the right foot with Loudon's boards but would prefer not to be delayed a full month. Mr. Marshall explained the process that has led to this point, noting that the expansion was just recently realized after doing the survey. Mr. Marshall said that prior to the survey being done the town records and two State agencies had informed him that the operation was all legal. Discussion continued about doing a site visit, the process still to be done once the sale is completed, and how best to proceed with this application.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters in favor of this application. Mr. Gilbert said what he is hearing seems reasonable, noting that the next phase would bring additional details. He recommended that the Board grant the special exception. Donna reported that abutter Pat Bigwood called the office earlier in the day and said that she and her husband were in favor of the application. Roy Merrill said he would reserve comment. There were no other abutter comments.

The chairman stated that there is significant concern by George Saunderson who would prefer to see what happens before it happens. Mr. Saunderson said he feels that Mr. Marshall will do a fine job with the operation but the Board has a history of site visits and he feels that one is warranted in this situation. Jon Huntington stated that no abutters are upset with the proposed use, this is an existing business, and he sees no reason to wait. There was continued discussion about doing a site visit and the process beyond this application.

Jon Huntington made a motion to approve the application as presented; seconded by Dave Powelson. Mr. Powelson noted that this approval is for a gravel pit operation on the combined lots of Map 2, Lot 27 and Map 11, Lot 12 (to be known as Map 11, Lot 12) that will meet all requirements of special conditions. A roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED. Mr. Marshall offered to do a site walk with Board members at their convenience.

BOARD DISCUSSION


A letter was received from Bruce Yeaton with regard to Sanborn Road. Donna will distribute copies to Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Submitted by:
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

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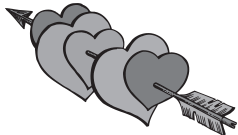

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6	7 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4H @ Legion	8 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 11:30am•Young at Heart meets @ Com. Bldg. to car pool to "Food for Thought" cafe in Belmont 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg.	9 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	10 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	11 LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2011 ISSUE	12 5-7pm•Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church
13 6:30pm•Old Home Day Com. @ Kim Bean's	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 6:30pm•Communications Council @ LES 7pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting 7:15pm•MVSD School Board Meeting @ MVHS 	15 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 2:30pm•Just the Classics Book Group @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	16 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Legion & Auxilliary 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	17 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Book Group @ Library 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	18	19 11-3•Winter Carnival @ Recreation Field in the Village
20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY 	22 9-12am•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Richard Brown House 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	23 2pm•Movie "Despicable Me" @ Library 6:30pm•Recreation Com. @ Library 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	24 11-3•Drop-in Craft Time @ Library 2pm•JO Cate Van Com. @ Van Office 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	25	26
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