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Fire Department's First "Factory-Built" Truck Back In Town

On Tuesday, December 15, the Loudon Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to accept the donation of the town of Loudon's first factory-built fire engine. This truck was built by American LaFrance in 1941 on a Ford chassis for the Federal Government during WWII. When the town purchased the truck from the government it was named "Engine 2" and served over 20 years as a primary fire engine until replaced in 1972.

Warren Jenkins, Loudon Fire Chief from 1970 to 1977, purchased the truck at public auction in 1973. Jeff Jenkins, Loudon Fire Chief from 1986 to 1989, and Warren's son, has owned the truck since 1984 and restored the truck to its current condition. Jeff Jenkins donated this truck to the Town as a gift, with the hope that the Town will keep this truck as a piece of history to show how the Fire Department has evolved over the years.

The Selectmen and Fire Chief Rick Wright want to thank Jeff Jenkins and the Jenkins family for their very generous donation. ■



Fire Chief Rick Wright, right, thanks former Chief Jeff Jenkins for his generous donation of a restored fire truck that was Loudon's first "factory-built" engine.

U10 Boys Soccer Undefeated Fall Season



The Loudon Freedom U10 Boys soccer team went undefeated this Fall in the New Hampshire Soccer League posting a record of 8-0 in the regular season. While the 8-0 record is certainly impressive we are more happy with the skill development of the kids over the season and their showing great character and sportsmanship both on and off the field. Well done boys!

Special thanks to Pete Hanson and Brad Gray for coaching and Breanne Mullen for all the behind the scenes administration. Also a big thanks to all the supportive parents!

Picture from left to right: Coach Pete Hanson, Nate Joubert, Ben Hanson, Jake Hanson, Aiden Gray, Luke Hanson, Aiden Bondaz, Brice Winter, Mike Mullen, Gabe Corliss, and Coach Brad Gray. Front row: Travis Garcia. ■

Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 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 • townclerk@loudonnh.org
Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–8:45 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
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. 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543 • taxcollector@loudonnh.org
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7032 (8 Cooper St., Fire Dept. side of Safety Complex) • 798-5584
Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: www.loudonnh.org→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.

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 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

783-4568 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Library Director: Deborah Gadway-Lambert • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: 2–7:30 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Wed.: 2–7:30 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

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

Loudon Representatives
REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte. (603) 622-7979. Ayotte.senate.gov
U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. Shaheen.senate.gov
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Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us
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REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

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Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2016 Schedule

January 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/21

February 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/22 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/25

March 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/22

April 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/21

May 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/18

June 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/20 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/23

July 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/20

August 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/18

September 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/22

October 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/19

November 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/17

December 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/21

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Web Site and Article Submissions: Kathy Pitman — Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net

Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. for all ages

Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.

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

FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



Family Bible Church

“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”

Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 or 267-8066
www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org • Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org

Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.

Fellowship time provided following the morning service.

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

Tuesday Morning: Ladies’ Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group

Other adult groups meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings: call or email for details

FREE Monthly Community Dinners: 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. John M. Young, Pastor

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

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

Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.

For information on scheduled events, call Gayle Doyle at 435-0496 or email: gad022948@gmail.com. For general church information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 608-5833 (days) or 435-6510 (evenings).



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson

Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger

Visitation Pastor Rev. Mike Matthews

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

office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–3-year-olds.) Jr. Kids Church (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Children’s Church (Grades 1–4)

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.

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Josh: 7–8 p.m.

Kids Time (Grades 1–6). 7–8 p.m.



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

Elizabeth West Earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Elizabeth West earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn and is equivalent to an Eagle Scout for Boy Scouts. Elizabeth has been in Girl Scouts since first grade and is presently an Ambassador with Loudon Troop 12356 run by leaders Cecile Merrill and Lysa Crouch. Mrs. Carol Pike, and Dr. Brian Blake, both Loudon residents, were the Gold Advisors for Elizabeth’s project.

In order to earn the Gold Award, Elizabeth completed a project on sun safety awareness. She contacted nearly 100 superintendents in the state and shared with them a simple and cost-effective plan to increase sun safety for students while at school. She met with NH State Senators, US Senators, Governor Maggie Hasson, and Virginia Barry the NH Commissioner of the Department of Education. She contacted over 30 NH newspapers to publish articles that increased the general public’s awareness on Sun Safety. The project took Elizabeth over 130 hours to complete. She was very happy with the results of the project. Over 90% of the schools that responded to her survey have plans to implement a safe sun program within the next two years. ■



PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF LOUDON

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Loudon town offices (29 S. Village Rd., Loudon) on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. for the town election. Changes in party registrations may be accepted. RSA 669:5.

Marge Schoonmaker

Francine Clave

Tracy Huckins

Supervisors of the Checklist

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

Serving Dinner: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Family Bible Church
676 Loudon Ridge Road
Loudon, NH 03307

Bring your friends. • Bring your family.
Bring your appetite

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU

Call Cindy at 393-4384 for information
or directions. Leave a message.



Loudon Food Pantry News

Thanksgiving Boxes

Our final total for Thanksgiving Boxes given out was 76. We'd like to thank Meadow Ledge Farm for their apple donation again this year. It's always wonderful to add fresh produce to our baskets. Thank you to all our donors for their contributions to our baskets.

Turkey Trot

We received 654 food and personal care items from the Turkey Trot. Thank you!

Boy Scouts of Loudon

The received 1,259 food and personal care items from the Boy Scouts of Loudon. Thank you!

Gift of Lights

So far this year, we have received 5,179.65 pounds of food from Gift of Lights at the NH Motor Speedway. This is 940.85 pounds more than last year at this time and it's not over yet. Gift of Lights runs until January 2, 2016. Thank you!

All donations, big and small, help to support our current needs but also are needed to sustain us during the spring, summer, and fall months when donations are at their lowest. Thank you for giving us the support we need which allows us to do what we do!

Annual 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser — November 1st Through December 15th

This raffle has come to a close for this year. We sold \$145 in raffle tickets. Our goal of \$200 was missed by \$55. We'll try again next year. The lucky winner is Noriel W. with the winnings of (insert drum roll here)...\$72.50. Congratulations Noriel and thanks for playing.

On Another Note: Santa's Breakfast...

As in prior years, the Loudon Food Pantry was invited to Santa's Breakfast again this year. On a personal note, my daughter and I were moving from one apartment to another. We had been moving for two weeks (around our work schedule) and also giving out Thanksgiving Boxes at the food pantry as well. We completed moving the Friday night before Santa's Breakfast around 10 p.m. I had every intention of being at Santa's Breakfast but slept through my alarm and when I did wake up I was very sick.

With that being said, my sincere apologies to the coordinators of Santa's Breakfast and to anyone that expected to see Loudon Food Pantry there. We enjoy this event and look forward to it each year. I hope that Loudon Food Pantry receives an invite again next year. (I don't plan on moving again for another ten years, at least).

Thank you,
Sue



Loudon Police Department News

By Kristoffer R. Burgess, Sergeant

Happy New Year!

On November 24, 2015, the Loudon Police Department held its annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 55 potential donors attended, with 51 lifesaving units collected! Our appreciation and thanks to everyone who came out to support this worthwhile cause. Many thanks not only to the donors but the many volunteers who assisted by offering their time or providing soup, chili, stew or dessert. Special thanks to Brookside Pizza for providing \$5 Brookside Bucks coupons for our donors and Loudon Mart for supplying the paper products!

Once again, this past holiday season we had three generous, confidential donors who came forth to brighten Christmas for four families. We wish to thank them for their generosity and appreciate all they do for our community!

From the members of the Loudon Police Department, Happy New Year! ■

Next Loudon Ledger Deadline:
January 22, 2016
For the February 2016 Issue

Bill Quigley Named Speedway's Vice President of Marketing and Events

From the ski slopes to the front-stretch, New Hampshire Motor Speedway officials announced the hiring of Bill Quigley in a newly-created position as the vice president of marketing and events.

Quigley joins the speedway after spending the last decade as the director of marketing and sales with Gunstock Mountain Resort in his hometown of Gilford, NH, while holding board positions with the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association. Quigley is not new to the speedway, though, having served as an original board member of the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities for six years.

"Bill brings more than 30 years of senior level marketing experience to the table and we couldn't be more excited to add him to our team," said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of the speedway. "Bill has a proven track record of developing strong promotional initiatives, cultivating a strong and motivated staff, and increasing sales — all of which will serve him well as the head of our marketing and events teams."

As vice president of marketing and events, Quigley will work closely with the speedway's in-house graphics, sales, and ticket teams in order to meet business, revenue, and ticket sales goals. He will also be responsible for nearly all activities the fans will experience on an event weekend, including but not limited to the NASCAR pre-race show seen by over 100,000 race fans, victory lane post-race coordination, and FanFest, a fan-driven event which officially kicks off each NASCAR race weekend.

"Going from an iconic ski facility to the center of racing in New England, I cherish the opportunity that I have to continue building on the community relationships that I have with the same vendors who are also near and dear to New Hampshire Motor Speedway," said Quigley. "I am excited to work with such a phenomenal team as I take on my new role to market a great facility, bring in new exciting events, and build on the existing ones for the fans."

Quigley joined Gunstock in 2005, leading branding and sales efforts as a member of the senior management team. Prior to Gunstock, Quigley was the chief marketing officer for Tayllysoft in Houston, PA from 2003–05; the chief executive officer for Wisp Mountain in Deep Creek, MD from 2001–02; vice president of The Grandoe Corporation in Gloversville, NY from 1997–2001; and the director of sales and marketing at Gordini, USA in Essex Junction, VT from 1991–97.

Quigley graduated with a B.S. in Science (concentrations in marketing and entrepreneurial studies) from Babson College in Wellesley, MA. He resides in Gilford, NH, where he lives with his wife, Paige, and their children, Carson, Bryce, and Keaton. ■



University of
New Hampshire
Cooperative Extension

Goat Production 5-day Workshop

Presented by Dot Perkins

Dates: January 21, 28, and February 11, 19, 25

Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Place: All workshops held at the Merrimack County UNH Cooperative Extension office, 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH.

Cost: \$15.00 per person /per class. 4-Hers are free, but must be accompanied by a registered adult. Space is limited to 40 per class, so register early!

On-line registration: <https://bitly.com/UNHGoats>

For Directions or Questions contact: Dorothy Perkins, Extension Field Specialist at Merrimack County UNH Cooperative Extension by calling 603-796-2151 or emailing dorothy.perkins@unh.edu

Attendees will learn basic information about raising goats; nutrition and health, reproduction and safe milk production and handling. Attendees can sign up for one class or all five.



News From American Legion Post 88

By Commander Shawn Jones



To my Legion Family,

At our December meeting we had 11 members in attendance. Gary Tasker gave a report from the Building Committee. They have met with a contractor and are coming up with bid specifications. The contractor will give us a quote to renovate our post. If we do not like the amount, we can put the work out for bid knowing what the bid specs will be. Shane Labonte will contact Home Depot and Lowes and see if they will be willing to make a donation to our building expenses to include labor and supplies. The Building Committee will also work with Larry Elliot to get a Home Depot charge card so that supplies can be bought.

Mike Moffett showed us the yearbooks he's been working on. He's gathered newspaper clippings and photos from the past four years and organized them chronologically. We may even enter these in next year's Department Post Yearbook competition. We appreciate the time and effort our Historian has undertaken in documenting our post's history.

We voted to donate \$250.00 to the Loudon Food Pantry for its Christmas baskets. We also voted to donate \$500.00 to the NH Veterans Home resident benefit fund.

Membership Update

We did not make 100 percent membership by the end of December. Joe processed four membership renewals at the December meeting, which will put us over the 75.34% renewals that Department had us at as of December 9, 2015.

Starting in January 2016 the membership dues are \$30.00 — still a bargain compared to some other posts and Department, whose dues have gone up to \$50.00. The NH Department's goal for our post is to recruit two new members for 2016. If you know of anyone interested in learning about the benefits of joining, please have that person contact me for a membership brochure. As customary, Post 88 will pay the new member's dues for the first year if they'd like.

From Our Department Adjutant's Newsletter:

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held on January 30, 2016. The location for this conference will be the Roland E. Patnode Post 7, Rochester, NH. This conference will include the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Junior Auxiliary.

The doors open at 8:00 a.m. with coffee and registration; the opening joint session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

We are proud to have our National Judge Advocate, Phil Onderdonk, addressing our Legionnaires in our normal training. If you have not had a chance to hear our National Judge Advocate speak, you are in for a treat. He will be addressing many issues affecting the American Legion and, hopefully, will answer questions you may have, as time allows.

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!
Please check your ad carefully. If there is a problem with your ad, you must contact the Communications Council prior to the next deadline. If there is an error solely attributable to the Council, your corrected ad will be run in the next issue for free.



Sr. Vice Commander Gary Tasker presenting Sue Houck of the Loudon Food Pantry with a donation from the American Legion Post #88 of \$250.00.



Mike Moffett of Loudon's American Legion Post #88 is seen here presenting a "Toys for Tots" check for \$150 from Post #88 to Marine LCpl Hendry at the Londonderry, NH Military Reserve Center. Also pictured is LCpl Balletto who is holding a sled full of toys and gifts Moffett delivered to Londonderry from the Loudon Lions Club.

This would be the year to come to this conference if you have not previously.

Oratorical Competitions

The Legion's Oratorical Competitions are coming up for the 2016 year. These contests are open to all students from grades five to twelve including home schoolers. If a parent(s) want to learn more about the American Legion Oratorical contest go to <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/about> or contact me at uscgr1987@tds.net.

Raffle Winners

Our Commander's Fund Raffle winners for December were: \$50/G. Tasker; \$25/S. Johnstone; \$10/R. Smith; \$10/R. Letendere and \$5/B. Boardman. Congratulations to our winners.

Our next meeting will be on January 20th at 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn. I hope you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year. ■

*In Comradeship,
Commander Shawn Jones
uscgr1987@tds.net*

Free Ice Fishing Talks at Fish and Game in January

Polish up your ice fishing skills by taking advantage of two free ice fishing seminars with New Hampshire fishing guide Tim Moore being offered in Concord this January at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Moore is the owner of Tim Moore Outdoors. He has ice fished in New Hampshire for more than thirty years and has been featured on *NH's Wildside TV* and *New Hampshire Chronicle*. Moore is an Ice Team Pro, as well as a member of Clam Outdoors, Vexilar, Maki Plastics, and Daddy Mac Lures Pro Staffs. The talks will begin at 7 p.m. at Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH. No pre-registration is necessary.

CATCHING WINTER PANFISH

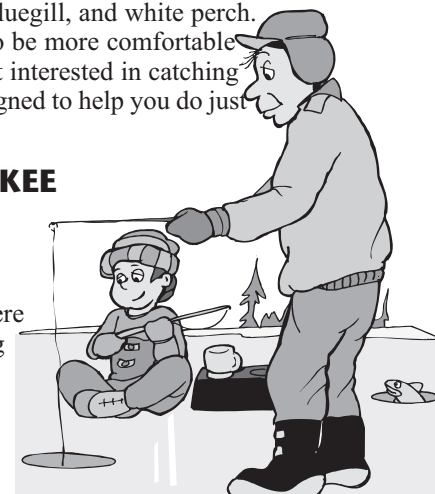
Wednesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

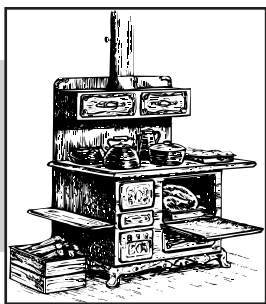
Few outdoor adventures offer more fun and action than catching panfish through the ice. Tim Moore will talk about the tools, tactics, and techniques he uses to pull hundreds of fish through the ice every winter. Learn the techniques you need to know to find and catch panfish like crappie, bluegill, and white perch. Discover how to get the most out of the products that allow anglers to be more comfortable and more productive on the ice. "I've never met an angler who wasn't interested in catching more fish," says Moore. "Most of today's ice-fishing products are designed to help you do just that."

ICE FISHING FOR LAKE TROUT ON WINNIPESAUKEE

Wednesday, January 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

You, too, can catch lunker lakere! Tim Moore will cover the tools and techniques he uses to catch lake trout through the ice on Lake Winnepesaukee. He will focus on winter patterns of fish behavior, where to find lake trout, selecting equipment, using electronics, and choosing lures and baits. "You can fish for numbers or you can fish for size," says Moore. "I hope to shed some light on both." Whether you are new to ice fishing or have fished for years, this seminar will help you put lake trout on your grill. ■





What's Cookin'! January is National Soup Month!

By Jenn Pfeifer

HAPPY NEW YEAR LOUDON!!!! January is National Soup Month. If we start making up for the warm weather we had in December, our bodies are going to need a hot bowl of soup to help keep us warm. Soup is a great way to use up leftovers: throw leftover meat and veggies in a pot, add some stock or broth and you have soup!

DIET SOUP — By Jenn Pfeifer

This is a great soup if you are considering a diet for the new year. You can also add your favorite protein, starch and herbs to jazz it up.

- 3 large onions
- 2 8 oz. cans of tomatoes
- 1 large cabbage
- 1 bunch celery
- 3 large carrots
- water or stock (enough to cover vegetables)
- 1 pkg. dry onion soup or ranch dip mix
- salt and pepper to taste

Cut all ingredients into bite-size pieces and combine in a large soup pot. Cover with water and onion soup or dip mix. Boil vegetables for 10 minutes. Cover, reduce heat to a simmer until vegetables are to your desired tenderness. You can cool and freeze up to 1 month. Great as a drink, blend til pureed. Add more water to thin out if needed.

COCONUT CURRY BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP — By Jenn Pfeifer

I made this yummy soup for Christmas brunch and froze the leftovers for a quick meal in a few weeks.

- 1 Tbsp. coconut oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup carrots, chopped
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 large butternut squash, roasted and scooped
- 1 cup canned coconut milk
- 3/4 tsp. curry powder

Yogurt drizzle

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2½ Tbsp. canned coconut milk

Heat a medium-large pot to medium heat. Add coconut oil, onions, and carrots. Sauté until vegetables have softened and start to brown slightly. Add broth and squash; cover and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add curry powder. Puree soup using a hand blender or in small batches in a regular blender. Return to pot. Stir in 1 cup coconut milk and heat through if necessary. Portion soup into bowls.

In a small bowl, stir together the yogurt and 2½ Tbs. coconut milk. Put the mixture into a pastry bag or a ziplock bag and snip off the tip with a pair of kitchen shears. Make swirls of yogurt in each bowl of soup (I made stars). I also add fresh cilantro and croutons.

WINTRY BEET SOUP — By Allrecipies.com

This is a beautiful soup for Valentine's day!

- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1½ lbs. beets, peeled and diced
- 8 ozs. carrots, trimmed and chopped
- 8 ozs. potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ¾ cup dry white wine
- 3½ cups vegetable stock
- 6 Tbsp. crème fraîche
- 1–2 Tbsp. horseradish sauce
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice

Melt butter in a large saucepan on medium heat. Add beets, carrots, potatoes, and onion and sauté for 2–3 mins. Add wine and stock and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer for 15–20 minutes, until the vegetables are soft. Mix crème fraîche, horseradish sauce, and lemon juice in a small bowl. Season then set aside. Blend soup in a food processor, blender or using an immersion blender until smooth. Season. Divide soup among 4 bowls. Swirl in horseradish cream and serve.

ZUPPA TOSCANA SOUP — By Sugar n' Spice Gals

If you have ever had this soup at Olive Garden and loved it you should try this delicious and easy recipe at home.

- 1 lb. ground italian sausage
- 1½ tsp. crushed red pepper
- 1 white onion diced
- 4 Tbsp. bacon pieces (about 4–5 pieces of bacon chopped up)
- 2 tsp. garlic puree (I used minced garlic)
- 10 cups water
- 5 cubes chicken bouillon
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 lb. sliced russet potatoes (about 3 large potatoes)
- ¼ of a bunch of Kale (I use a full bunch)

Brown sausage with crushed red pepper in a large pot. Drain excess fat and remove and put in fridge while you prepare other ingredients. In the same pot, saute onion, garlic and bacon over low medium heat for 15 minutes or till the onion is soft. Add chicken bouillon and water to the pot and bring to a boil. Add the sliced potatoes and cook till soft, about ½ hour on low. Add the cream and cook till thoroughly heated through. Stir in sausage and kale and heat through. (Kale will need to soften up some) When serving add some grated parmesan cheese on top if you like! Enjoy!!!

20-MINUTE MISO-TURMERIC SOUP — By Lindsey Love

Turmeric has been in the news a lot lately for it's medicinal properties. It has been used for year in ancient medicines to help with inflammation and other ailments ranging from arthritis, stomach, intestinal and liver problems to headaches, bronchitis, colds, depression and even and cancer.

- 2 medium turnips, cut into ½-inch cubes (about 8 ounces)
- 4 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and tops slivered
- 1" piece fresh turmeric, peeled and grated (or 1½ teaspoons dried ground turmeric)
- 4 cups filtered water
- 4–5 tablespoons mellow yellow miso paste (preferably non-GMO)
- 1 package 100 percent buckwheat soba noodles
- 1/3 cup green onion or scallions, finely chopped
- A few handfuls microgreens, to serve

Place the cubed turnips, sliced mushrooms, and turmeric in a large soup pot; cover with 4 cups filtered water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and bring to a simmer; cook for roughly 15 to 18 minutes (until turnips are tender, but still have a bit of a bite). Add 4 tablespoons of miso paste to a bowl, ladle 1 cup of the broth into the bowl and whisk until dissolved. Return mixture to soup pot; taste and adjust by adding more miso if need be. Bring roughly 3 quarts of water to boil in a large pot; add soba noodles and cook according to instructions on the package. Drain and rinse with cold water, use your fingers to separate noodles if need be. To serve, divide the noodles among soup bowls and ladle the vegetables and broth over top. Finish with a sprinkling of sliced onions and microgreens.

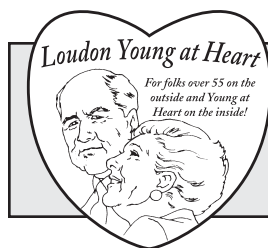
SLOW COOKER CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP — By Michelle Varga

- 4½ lbs. chicken breasts
- 3½ cups chunky salsa (use whatever heat level you are comfortable with)
- 3½ cups chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp. + 1 tsp taco seasoning
- 1½ cups frozen corn kernels
- 19 oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed

Optional for Serving:

Strips of toasted tortillas or crushed tortilla chips

Combine all ingredients, except chicken in a 6 quart slow cooker. Stir everything to combine. Add chicken breasts to the mixture in the slow cooker. Do not cut the chicken. Cook on high for 2½ hours. Remove the chicken breasts from the slow cooker and place them into a mixing bowl, leaving the liquid and other ingredients in the pot. Using 2 forks, gently break apart the chicken breasts to shred. I like to have a combination of large chunks and small. Add the shredded chicken back to slow cooker and cook on LOW for 1½ hours. Sprinkle with crushed tortilla chips or toasted tortilla strips if desired. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

By Maureen Prescott

It was merry and bright for sure at Charlie's Barn when Loudon Young at Heart met for their December 8, 2015 meeting. Forty-six members dressed in their holiday attire joined in a sing-a-long with Bill Parker for the season's Christmas carols. What a fun time it was!!

The potluck lunch again brought out the best cooks with delicious casseroles, salads, and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and conversation with their friends. There was definitely a festive spirit in the air and no one went away hungry.

There were several door prizes — four of them were beautiful poinsettias donated by Ledgeview Greenhouses. The recipients of this year's door prizes were: Sharon Strout, George Franz, Ginny Nichols, Terry O'Brien, Barbara Hemphill, Carolyn Stinson, Phil Mulkhey, Doreen Scoville, and Letty Barton.

With the chill in the air the members of the Young at Heart were reminded of the snow policy. If there is no school the meeting is cancelled. Many also brought donations for the Loudon Food Pantry.

The Young at Heart will meet again on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Gerry LoFaro, a Graphic Artist, will be the speaker.

Thank you to all who participated in making the Young at Heart Christmas party a huge success.

See you all next month and until then stay warm and safe!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! ■

Neighborly Farming: Part 1

Submitted by the Loudon Agriculture Commission

You move out to the country to escape the noise and congestion of the city. You envision the sound of soft breezes and chickadees, fresh air, perhaps the hoot of an owl from time to time.

Your reality? The smell of manure, the sound of hungry animals calling for their morning breakfast and the big brown eyes...of a cow...staring into your back slider.

Sorry folks, but that's living in a farming community.

Like all states, New Hampshire has "right to farm" laws that prevent nuisance lawsuits against farmers. Odors, noise, and the occasional escapee are par for the course in the country. But don't despair. There are things you can do.

Communication is key. Talk to your local farmers and get to know them. More often than not, if you bring your concerns to them directly they are more apt to work with you to solve any issues. Good stewardship begins with being good neighbors and that goes both ways. Farmers don't want to create ill will with their neighbors and, if they know there is a problem, they are often willing to work with you on a solution.

If communication doesn't solve the problem, you still have options. The Loudon Agriculture Commission is available to help mediate some problems. In many cases there is funding available to help farmers fix fences or manage manure. We are here to help facilitate a solution for both parties.

While we suggest you reach out to us first, you can also reach out to the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture and get their advice. They are an official government body that can work with farms to help alleviate issues. They also offer mediation services at a higher level and documented Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The town compliance officer is another option. The compliance officer can help determine where there may be problems with local codes and how to fix them.

It's important to have an open dialogue with your neighbors, whether they are farmers or not. Understanding how a farm works and what's involved may help you in the long run.

Have questions? Feel free to contact any one of our board members or come to one of our meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn behind the town offices. ■

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NH Fish and Game Benefits From Private Donations

The Wildlife Heritage Foundation of NH has received two private, anonymous donations to benefit the Law Enforcement Division of the N.H. Fish and Game Department.

The first donation came from an experienced hiker who severely injured his leg while on a climb last spring and was assisted by members of the NH Fish and Game Law Enforcement Division Search and Rescue Team. The hiker's donation is earmarked for the purchase of additional safety rope, along with new cold weather stoves used to heat up fluids for those being rescued. "Thanks to you, I am on the mend. You guys are real professionals at what you do," the donor said in a note of thanks.

The Foundation was also the recipient of a donation from a private philanthropic fund to provide new holsters, revolver lights and new multi-layered jackets for all Conservation Officers. The donor of the equipment is a strong supporter of Fish and Game's Law Enforcement Division, and believes that Conservation Officers need to be supplied with up-to-date equipment.

New Hampshire Fish and Game, like many other wildlife agencies today, faces significant challenges as a result of reduced budgets and ever increasing costs. Equipment needs and requirements have to be prioritized which limits what can be purchased.

"As a result of these generous donations, and the continuing support of the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire, Conservation Officers will receive necessary safety equipment to be used during lifesaving search and rescue missions, new technology to enhance firearm defense in low-light conditions, and improved clothing for each officer in the field," said Colonel Kevin Jordan, Chief of the Law Enforcement Division. "We are very grateful for these generous donations."

The Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire is the official non-profit partner of the NH Fish and Game Department, and works to secure funds in support of the Department's critical education, conservation, wildlife and law enforcement programs important to preserving New Hampshire's quality of outdoor life for generations to come.

To learn more about the Foundation and how you can help preserve New Hampshire's heritage of wild places and wild things, visit www.nhwildlifeheritage.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wildlifeheritageNH. ■

Time to Buy or Renew Voluntary Hike Safe Cards

Hikers, climbers, back country skiers, kayakers and other outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to purchase their voluntary annual Hike Safe Card for 2016. Card sales help ensure that NH Fish and Game Law Enforcement Conservation Officers, trained in wilderness rescue, are there to come to your aid if the unexpected occurs in a remote location. The card also makes the holder exempt from liability for repaying search and rescue costs due to negligence in New Hampshire (unless caused by reckless or intentional behavior).

2016 Hike Safe Cards cost \$25 for an individual, or \$35 for a family (parents and minor children), and are good for the calendar year ending December 31, 2016. The price is the same for in-state and non-residents. You can purchase the card for someone else — they make a great gift for any backcountry adventurer on your list. Cards can be purchased online or by mail at www.wildnh.com/safe; they are also sold at the NH Fish and Game Department in Concord.

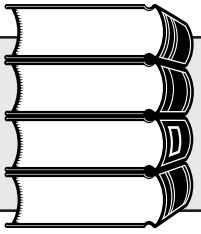
The card was first issued in 2015, and proved very popular. As of December 1, 2015, a total of 2,848 cards had been sold, bringing in more than \$75,700 for the Fish and Game Search and Rescue Fund. Cards must be renewed annually.

"The Hike Safe Card got a great reception in its first year — people seem to appreciate having a way to contribute to our Search and Rescue readiness, at the same time they get the peace of mind that if an incident occurs, reimbursement costs are covered," said Col. Kevin Jordan.

Avid hiker and Appalachian Mountain Club volunteer Dolores Rebolledo of Stratham, NH, was one of the first people to buy the new Hike Safe Card in 2015. Rebolledo has conquered all the four-thousand footers in New England, is certified in Wilderness First Aid, and records her adventures on a hiking blog. "Each time I step on the trail I bring the 10 Essentials and extra items as well. I feel I am well prepared," Rebolledo said, according to the statement, "but I appreciate the assurance the card gives me year-round should something happen that requires rescue."

In recent years (2006–2014), Fish and Game has conducted an average of 180 search and rescue missions each year. Under state law, the Fish and Game Department can pursue reimbursement for rescue costs if the person rescued is deemed to have acted negligently. From 2006 through 2014, the Department recouped over \$69,600 in rescue cost reimbursements.

In addition to Hike Safe Card revenues, Fish and Game's Search and Rescue Fund is supported by a \$1 fee collected for each boat, snowmobile and OHRV registered in New Hampshire. ■



Maxfield Public Library News

New!! Coloring For Adults

Coloring not only brings back happy memories from your childhood, the act of coloring can create a sense of wellbeing and offer a relaxing moment from the digital world.

Starting January 5, you can drop in every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for coloring and coffee, and de-stress from everyday pressures.

New!! Meditation

After a long day and a busy holiday season, join Fran Nash for some gentle stretching, which will transition into a guided meditation. Turn your attention away from distracting thoughts and take a peaceful journey, focusing on the present moment. The hour-long meditation class will be held on Wednesday, Jan 6 at 6:00 p.m. The cost per session is \$5.00.

Teen Advisory Meeting

If you are a teenager and are interested in what's happening at the library, we want your opinion on how to revamp the Young Adult section. You would be involved in what books and movies to purchase and what programs we should offer. Join us Thursday, January 7 at 3:30 p.m. for our first meeting.

YOU can make a REAL difference!



The adult coloring program has become very popular.

Story Time

Join us January 5, 6, and 7 to hear *Snow* by Roy McKie and *Toys Meet Snow* by Emily Jenkins. The children

will be thinking about tasty snowflakes after making their snowy craft.

On January 12, 13, and 14 story time will learn about animal habitats

by reading *Snowy Bear* by Tony Mitton and *Welcome Home, Bear* by Il Sung Na. In the craft time to follow, the children will create the perfect home for a hibernating bear.

Enjoying music during Story Time.



On January 19, 20, and 21 story timers will talk about collecting items after listening to *Dewey Bob* by Judy Schachner. Following this touching story, the children will use Dewey's button collection to fasten a picture.

If you're interested in dinosaurs, join us January 26, 27, and 28 for Molly Idle's *Sea Rex* and *Tiara Saurus Rex* by Brianna Caplan Sayres. Each child will leave the library adorned with dinosaur spikes.

Snow Policy

Story time will follow the Merrimack Valley School District with closings and delays. If school is cancelled for the day, there will be NO story time that day. If school has a delayed opening on Tuesday or Thursday, story time will start at 11:00 a.m. A delayed opening on Wednesday, does NOT affect story time.

You can check for delays or cancellations on Channel 9, the WMUR website, Maxfieldlibrary.com, the library's Facebook page or call the library at 798-5153.

Altered Books

Join us Wednesday, January 20 at 6 p.m. and learn the craft of altered books. What is an altered book? An altered book is a "form of mixed media artwork that changes a book from its original form into a different form, altering its appearance and/or meaning."

This is a free program.

Adult Craft Club — Make It At The Maxfield!

The library will be offering a new monthly craft club for adults starting on Saturday, January 23, at 9 a.m. Our first craft will be a button tree painting. We will have a variety of buttons to choose from but, if you have special buttons you would like to use, please bring them for your project.

In order to have ample supplies, you will need to sign up for this event. The cost is \$5 per person.

Just In Time For Valentines Day...

On Wednesday, February 3, at 6 p.m. we will be hosting the Mariposa Museum and World Culture Center's Science of Chocolate Outreach Program.

Examine a living cacao tree, enjoy a Mayan legend about the theft of chocolate from paradise, and take part in a chocolate-making demonstration. While we wait for our homemade chocolate to temper, you are invited to learn where the cacao tree grows, how the beans are processed, and what the "organic" and "fair-trade" designations mean in the world of cocoa. Everyone will have an opportunity to taste raw cacao nibs, imagine whether or not they would have enjoyed the original Mayan or Aztec drink, and sample a modern version of Mexican spiced hot chocolate. Participants will leave knowing that chocolate really does grow on trees!

Book Group

Book group will meet on January 28 at 7 p.m. Call the library for more information.

Yoga

Yoga is offered at the library Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Low-impact chair yoga is offered on Tuesday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 11 a.m. The cost per session is \$5.00.

Holiday Closing

The library will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Library Hours

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■

Young crafters created Christmas trees in December.



Story Timers decorated the Christmas tree in the Children's Room.



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 \$4.50. Children under age 1 free.

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

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Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

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SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

\$3 trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$10 each.

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

Free admission for a family.

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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

Welcome 2016!

Resolve to clean out your garage, shed, and basement! Get ready for...

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY



April 23rd, 2016
(time to be determined)
At the
Loudon Transfer Station.

This event is open to all residents of Loudon.
 Must bring proof of residency.

What To Bring:

From your workbench:

- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Oil paint, stains, thinners, and strippers

From your garage:

- Engine degreasers, brake fluids

From your yard:

- Insecticides, weed killers, poisons
- Pesticides
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Wood preservatives

From your home:

- Aerosol cans
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets

What NOT To Bring:

From your workbench:

- Ammunition, fireworks, and explosives
- Infectious and biological waste
- Prescription medicines/syringes
- Radioactive waste
- Unknown compress gas cylinder

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Loudon Agriculture Commission Reviews 2015

The Loudon Agriculture Commission was hard at work this year. Here are some of the things we accomplished in 2015.

- We secured a matching grant of \$375 thanks to those who donated funds to the commission. A great big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed. We could not have done everything we did this year without you.
- At the beginning of the year we finished and distributed the farm maps. This was a project long in the making and we were very happy with the final product. We will be looking to do another updated map in the near future as funding becomes available. If you haven't seen the map, you can check out our website at loudonag.org or contact Cindy Shea or Carole Soule for a copy. If you are interested in being listed on the next map, please contact any board member.
- We also created and published a list of farms in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you would like your farm listed, please contact Cindy Shea for more information.
- In June we sponsored a "Watch and Learn" demonstration on processing chickens. It was a beautiful summer day and there was good attendance. The entire process from beginning to end was demonstrated and questions were welcomed. It was a great way to "dip your toes" in the world of processing your own chickens.
- In October we held a beekeeping seminar. Randall Davis from the Seacoast Area Beekeepers Associated provided solid information and demonstrations for all aspects of beekeeping. He was a wealth of knowledge.

- In November we held our "Grants for Farmers" workshop with the help of Susan Poland, Business Programs Specialist for the USDA's Rural Development and Carole Soule from Miles Smith Farm and the recipient of many grants. Many grants were discussed as well as other types of grants farmers can apply for. It was very interesting.
- In addition to workshops, we have been actively learning about the rules regarding Agritourism and how that fits with the town of Loudon. Agritourism helps farmers earn extra income beyond standard farming practices and is a vital part of the state's commitment to farming and agriculture.
- For 2016, we have in the works a "hands-on" chicken processing clinic and a composting clinic. We are also working with surrounding town commissions in order to coordinate and share events.

Please continue to look for articles from us in the *Loudon Ledger* and feel free to come by one of our monthly meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn behind the Town Offices.

If you have any questions regarding past or future workshops or just questions in general in regards to farming and agriculture, please reach out to any of our board members.

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Registration Opens for Free Winter Indoor Archery Leagues

Interested in keeping your archery skills in tune once archery season comes to an end? This winter, the NH Fish and Game Department is once again offering free archery leagues for both beginners and experienced archers who want to learn new skills or improve their current skills. Both leagues will be held at Fish and Game's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center, located at 387 Perch Pond Road in Holderness, NH. Registration is now open.

Each archery league will meet one night a week, from 6:30–8:00 p.m., for four consecutive weeks:

January Leagues:

Beginner/Instructional league — every Tuesday beginning January 5, 2015

Beginner/Instructional league — every Wednesday beginning January 6, 2015

February Leagues:

Beginner/Instructional league — every Tuesday beginning February 2, 2015

Advanced League — every Wednesday beginning February 3, 2015

Registration

To register, call Tom Flynn or Eric Geib at the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center at (603) 536-3954. Registration is

first-come, first-served, so if you are interested, call soon. Participation will be limited to 10 people in each league. You must be able to commit to attending all four weeks in order to register.

Participants in the adult league must bring their own equipment in good working condition. Only field tips or target points will be permitted; NO BROADHEADS. All equipment will be provided for the participants in the beginner league.

"This is a great opportunity to get out of the house to participate in an activity that normally takes place in the summer and fall, as well as meet new friends," said Tom Flynn, Facility Manager at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center. "So, whether you are an experienced archer looking to keep your skills sharp over the winter, or someone who just wants to give archery a try, come join the fun!"

For directions to Fish and Game's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center, to volunteer at the center, or to learn more about other course offerings at Owl Brook, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/owl-brook-directions.html.

Activities at the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center are funded by federal Wildlife Restoration Funds, supported by your purchase of firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. Learn more at www.wildnh.com/funding/wsfr.html. ■



The Loudon Ledger is always interested in what you or your organization is doing in Loudon. See page 2 for upcoming deadlines and send your items to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. Before writing an article, please read the "Submission Policy," also on page 2. If you are writing about your business, every effort must be made to keep the article from being a "commercial." Items of that sort may be run as an advertisement and you will be charged appropriately — or your article may be edited. The Communications Council approves all content before publishing.

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Composting in the Winter

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LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Recycling Committee



We know it's coming...it might not be on the ground as I am writing this article on 12/11/2015, but SNOW could very well be all around you as you are reading this in January 2016. Don't let a glistening white blanket of snow stop you from continuing to compost. It may be a little inconvenient, but it can be done. And a little effort on your part will put you ahead of the game when spring does arrive.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO KEEP YOUR COMPOST PILE (AND THE BACTERIA WITHIN IT) HAPPY.

1. Snow is actually a very effective insulator. It can help reduce the wind chill factor. Think about relocating the composter to be in the sun on the lee side of a building, fence or natural feature.
2. Whether you have a closed-bin system like a barrel or bin or it's a pile of materials on the ground, consider building a simple structure over it or possibly stack bales of straw around it. The shelter will help protect your compost from unnecessary moisture.
3. The dark color (usually black or dark green) of the compost barrels will help keep the vital bacteria insulated and warm so it can continue to aid in the decomposing process.
4. A tarp over your ground compost pile will help keep out moisture, and help contain the internal heat for the bacteria to do its job.
5. If you have room in your garage, shed or barn, consider moving your compost barrel into it for added warmth and protection from the wind.
6. Remember to shred it, dice it, and cut it small. Cutting the food scraps and other material into particles *less than two inches in size* will help heat the compost more uniformly and insulate it from outside temperature extremes.
7. Carbon (brown materials) is still important. Nitrogen (green scraps) are easily produced in your kitchen over the winter, but carbon like dried leaves, straw and plant debris won't be readily available unless you stashed some away during the fall. Brown matter continues to be needed to balance the green. During the winter be sure to add shredded paper, straw, sawdust, wood chips, and paper towel tubes to your compost.

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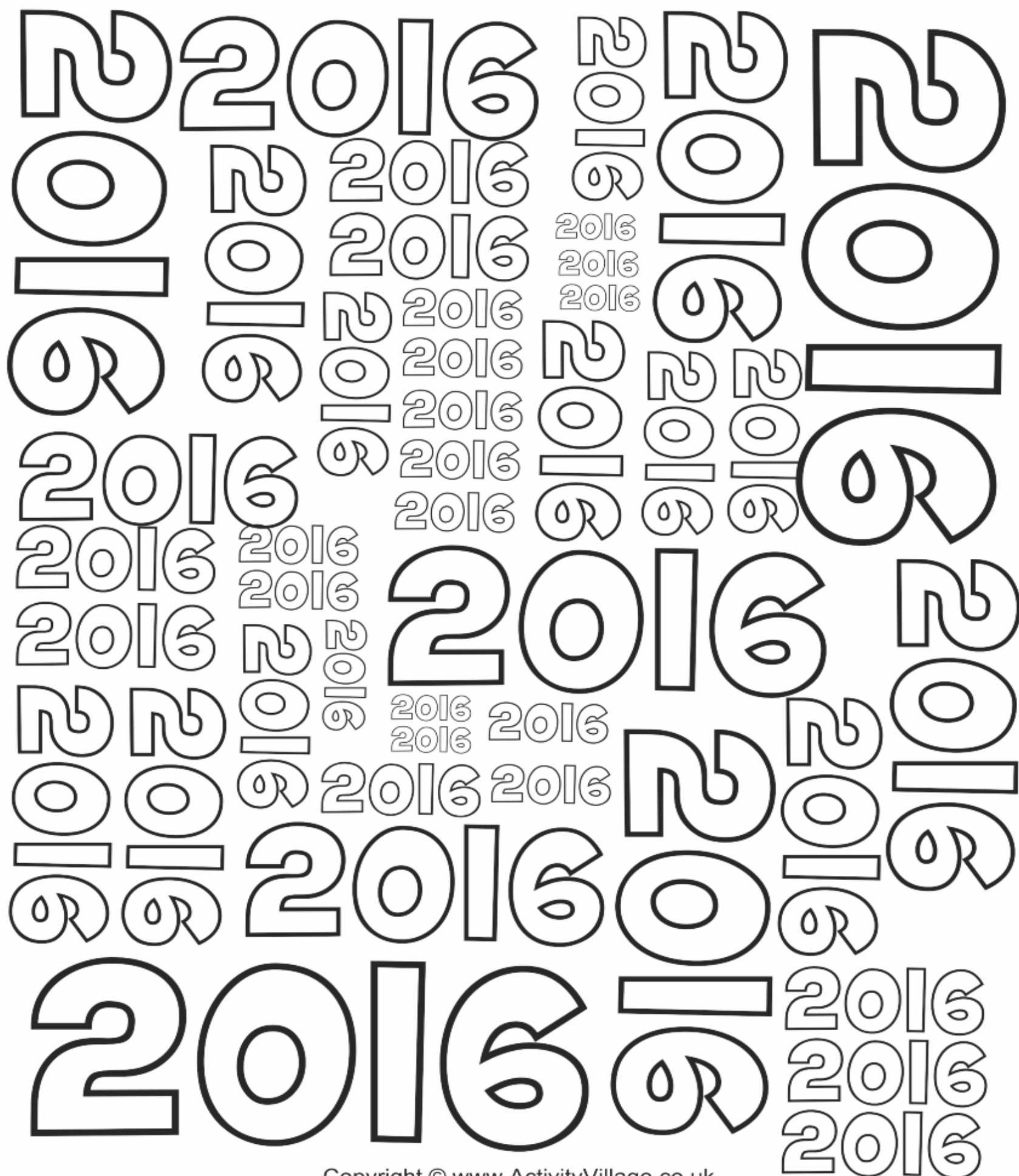
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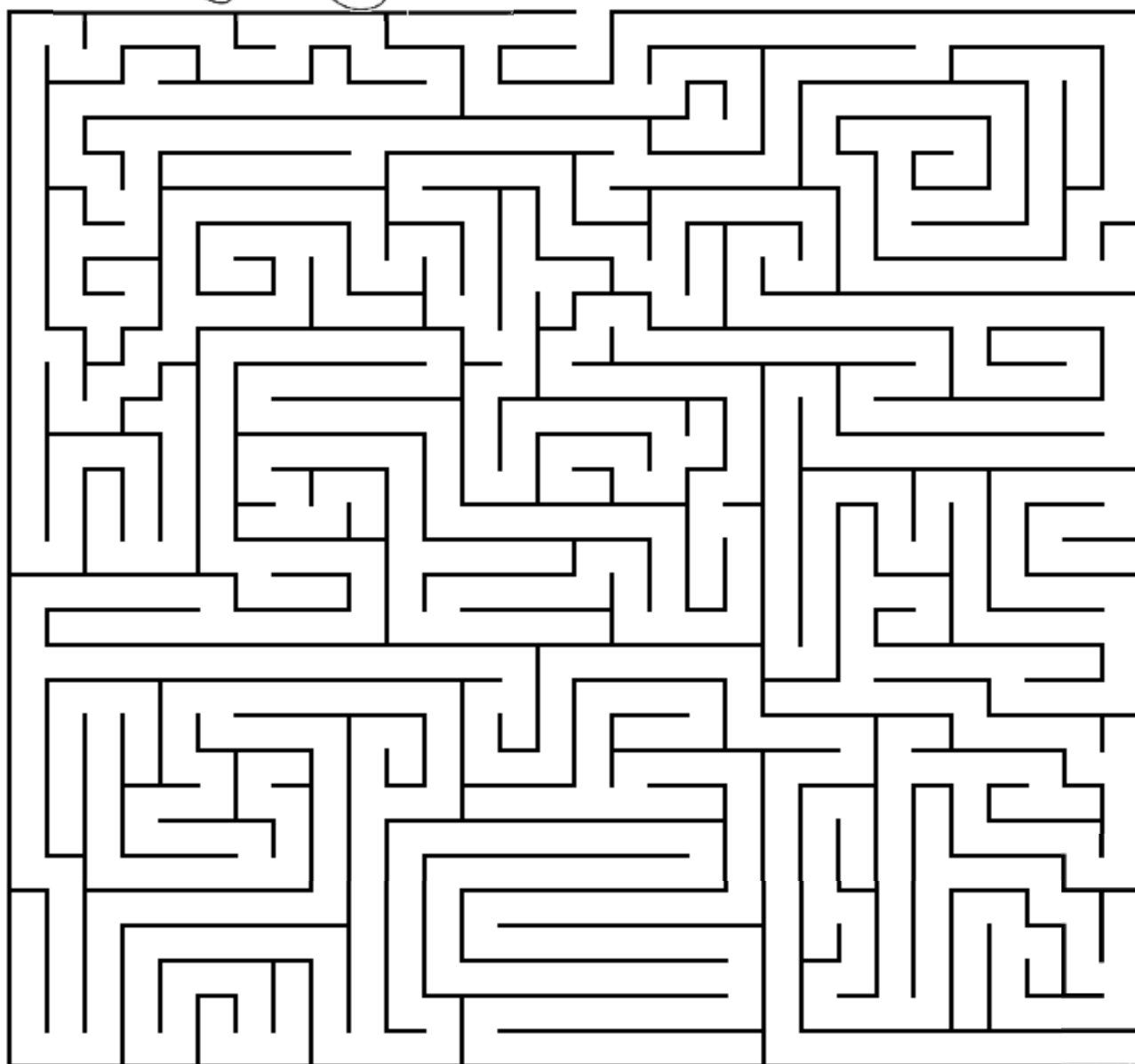
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Happy New Year!

Can you help the children get together for their New Year party?



Loudon Elementary School News

Hour of Code

LES students participated in the international event, Hour of Code, during the week of December 14th. Over ten million students worldwide participate in this annual event designed to introduce students to the exciting world of Computer Science. This activity is designed to help encourage problem solving skills, logical thinking and creativity.

Mrs. Herrmann, the LES Media Center Specialist, coordinated this event. Parents were invited in to join their students during their hour. Fifth graders worked with younger students to support their work exploring code.

Visit <https://code.org/learn> to complete the coding tutorials that students enjoyed during this event.



Elementary School students participated in the international Hour of Code event during December.

Santa's Breakfast

On Saturday, December 5th, the LES PTA, with the help of numerous community volunteers, hosted the annual Santa's Breakfast event. Those in attendance were served delicious pancakes with homemade maple syrup. Participants were also able to visit with Santa, enjoy the delicious "Cookie Walk," take their chance in the raffle and relax on a horse and wagon ride.

The LES chorus performed several songs in celebration of the season at Santa's Breakfast. The chorus is comprised of students in grades 3–5 and directed by Mrs. Jennifer Keaton.

This event was a huge success and very well attended. Proceeds raised will support PTA funded school events. Thank you to all who came and joined in the fun!



Helping Students Be More Fluent With Math Facts

Jess Jacques, MVSD Math Specialist

Knowing math facts is essential for student success with more complex mathematical ideas and algebraic thinking. Many define fact fluency as the ability to recall the answers to basic math facts automatically and without hesitation. A typical standard of recall for facts is 2–3 seconds and some believe to build fluency you do so through rote memorization using practices

such as timed tests and flashcards. A problem with developing fluency in ways such as timed tests and flashcards typically lead to increased anxiety rates and lower retention rates of facts because students are not making necessary connections and learning facts only for the moment. Another problem is it creates a misconception that students who are fast at recalling math facts are strong math students. The challenge faced is how can we better help children learn and retain their facts without causing anxiety?

The best way is to give students strategies, provide numerous opportunities to practice, and use methods such as games that promote mathematical understanding of concepts as well as fluency. Additionally, devel-



The Loudon Elementary School chorus entertained guests at Santa's Breakfast.

oping fluency through games appeals more to students and helps to build confidence with fact recall in a stress free environment. One suggestion is an addition game that shows fluency of facts to 20. Students are dealt cards and try to create 13 (or any number) as many ways as possible (for example 6 and 7, 9 and 4, 8 and 5, and even 5, 5, and 3). Likewise, for multiplication, instead of traditional flash cards, use a sort activity where students have to find all the ways to show 36 through multiplication (arrays, repeated addition numerically or symbolically and area) as shown above. These examples promote mathematical thinking, allow students to be flexible with their numbers by making connections, and develops fact fluency all while allowing students to have fun. Below are some links to more fact fluency activities that you can easily be done at home to support classroom instruction. Trying out a few of these would be a great way to incorporate some new homework habits over vacation and for the start of the new year!

Card and dice games:

<http://greatminds.neUmaps/math/games>

http://www.boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com/about-News/articles/P_layingWithNumbers-Fellingq.pdf

Online:

Greg Tang: <http://grextangmath.com/games> (ten frame mania, math limbo, break apart, missing number)



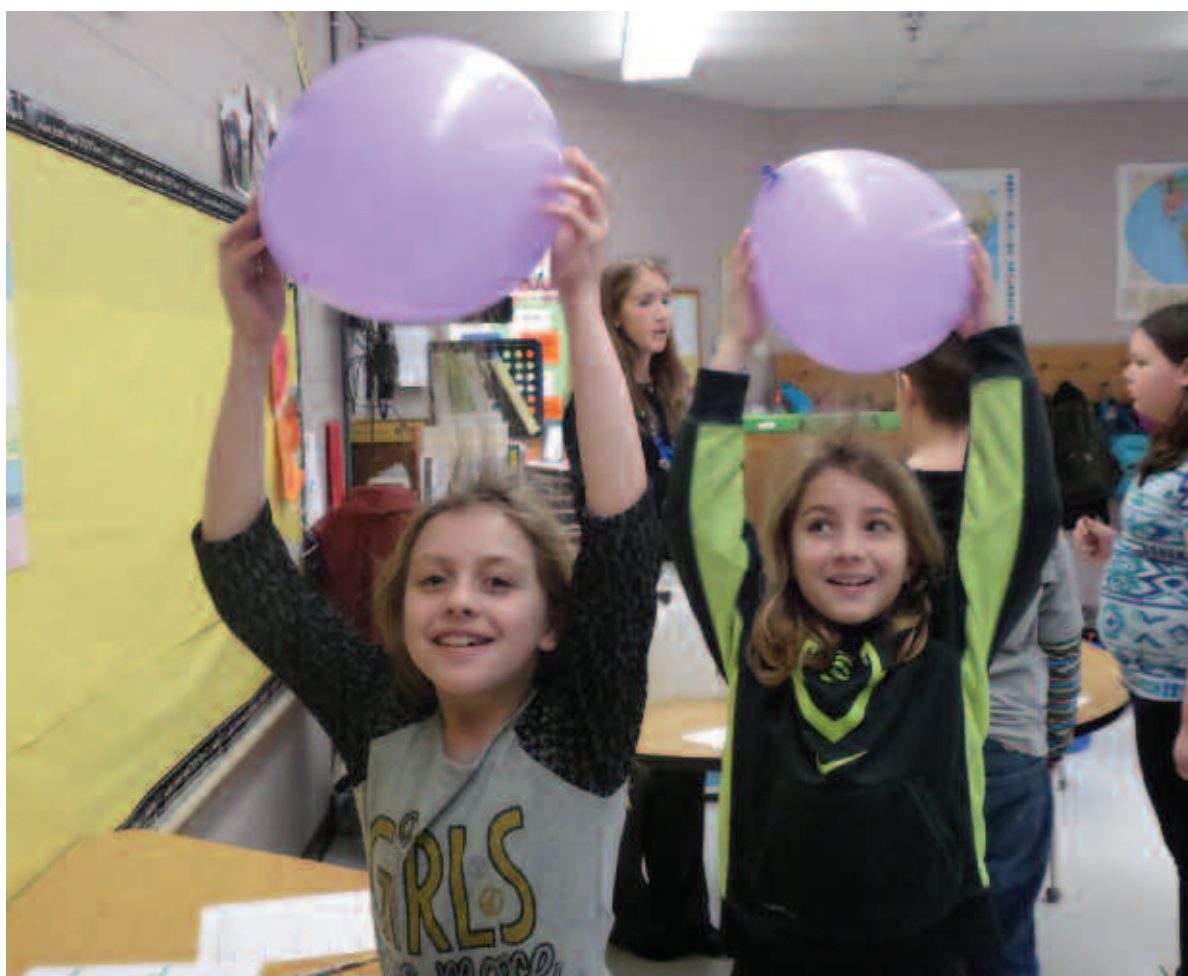
Loudon Elementary School students hard at work on their computers.

Calling All Kindergarten Students

We are on a quest to identify all of our incoming Kindergarten students for the 2016–2017 school year. If you or someone you know has a child that will be six by September 30th and lives in Loudon, they are eligible. Please contact Mrs. Muzzey by phone at 783-4400 or by email at dmuzzey@mvspdpriide.org with the student's name, parent's name, and contact information. We want to be sure that all eligible students receive registration information.

LES Happenings

- The LES Student Council coordinated the Third Annual 5 Days of Giving Event. The LES community brought in donations of non-perishable items, clothing, toys, and pet food to support those in need during the Holiday season.
- LES First Grade students have been awarded the Target Field Trip Grant! This grant will help defray the expense of the First Grade field trip to the NH Audubon Society this spring. Thank you Target for your generous support! ■

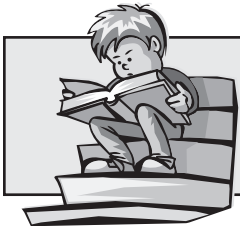


Students in Mrs. Valence's classroom perform an experiment.

Upcoming Events at LES

- 1/8 PTA Snack Cart
- 1/14 5th Grade Field Trip
- 1/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/29 PTA Snack Cart



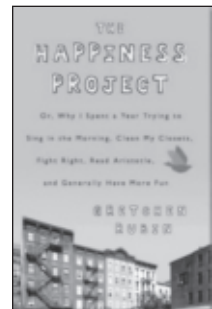
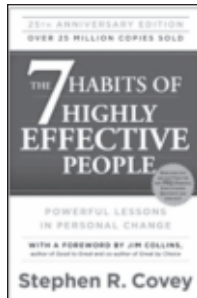


Between the Covers: Help With New Year's Resolutions

By Kate Dockham

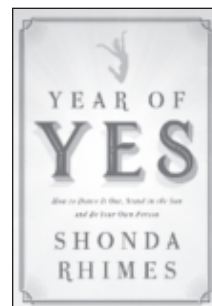
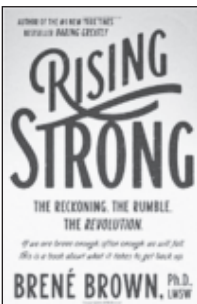
January. A New Year. Resolutions. These thoughts swirl in my head and I wonder if I will be able to keep my resolutions this year. Perhaps, in order to keep our resolutions, we need the thoughts of an expert to keep us inspired and motivated. It is human nature to want to change, to improve ourselves. The publishing market knows this and has created an 11-billion-dollar self-help industry. Below are some of the newest and most popular books to help us make a new, and better version of ourselves.

One of the most successful franchises about self-improvement is Stephen Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. The original book in the series was published over 25 years ago and since then it has been reincarnated for teens, families, careers, and more. Covey is a leadership authority and first wrote his book for the business community, but the ideals transcend all aspects of life. He challenges the reader to change their perspective of how the world works, which then affects your perception and reaction to productivity, time management, positive thinking, and more. The first 3 habits discussed are about moving from a dependency on others to independence. Habits 4, 5, and 6 are about teamwork and cooperation, moving the reader from dependency to interdependence. And Habit 7 brings it all together for continuous improvement. Covey's book is one to work through and study, not just skim over. Many people still go back to their copy and reread the annotations they wrote in the margins. While written as a business model, many of the stories used to enlighten the points made come from both family life and the business world.



I first started *The Happiness Project: Or, Why I Spent a Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun* last December and I hated it! Maybe I read the first ten pages. Then I got the list for this year's book club and there it was, on the list. I put off reading it for as long as I could. Finally, I turned on my Kindle again. I couldn't even believe it was the same book! This time I found Gretchen Rubin's voice is easy going and familiar and was able to relate to her writing. Rubin worked on her *Happiness Project* for a year and the book is set up by months. Each month has a goal, backed by research she has done on what makes us happy. In January, Rubin works on vitality, February on marriage, and the following months include work, parenthood, leisure, friendship, money, spirituality, passions, mindfulness, and attitude. The month of December walks through pulling all of these ideas together. Rubin is very insistent that everyone's journey is not the same and I agree that you should read the book at your own pace. Not all the chapters relate to all people. The chapter on parenthood discusses life with young children, mine is 18. I skimmed the chapter, but it did make me consider how I could change my interactions with my young adult so we could both enjoy our relationship more. While I enjoyed this book much more the second time around, after a few chapters it started to weigh down. Rubin does not share her failures with us. A year of trying to make improvements and she never stumbled? I found that a little hard to believe. I am glad I read this book and found many useful things in it. This is a book to pick up and put down, to use what is relevant to you and create your own journey to a happier life.

While our first book is about increasing overall happiness, *Rising Strong* is about picking yourself up and finding happiness after either a large or small disappointment. It is about vulnerability, which author Brene Brown deems the "greatest measure of our courage." Brown is also a researcher with a straight-forward voice. In this book Brown assumes failure. Life has ups and downs. Her focus is on the choices we make while falling down, while picking ourselves up, and the consequences of those choices. Even in the introduction, Brown will make the reader a little uncomfortable in order to create honesty and accountability for failure and the redemption that comes after. Not for everyone, this tough love look at responding to failures, large and small, sets out to give us the language and a general map as to getting back on our feet.



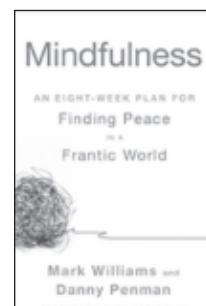
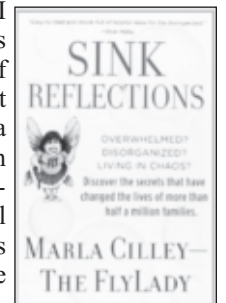
Another take on happiness is *Year of Yes: How to Dance It Out, Stand in the Sun and Be Your Own Person* by Shonda Rhimes. Yes, that Shonda Rhimes, creator and producer of *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal*, and *How to Get Away with Murder*. Shonda Rhimes the introvert. Yes, that's right: an introvert. Avoiding public appearances and suffering through panic attacks at interviews, until her sister reminded her that she never said yes to anything. Rhimes took this as a challenge and decided that for one year, she would say yes to everything that

scared her. It changed her life. This intimate and hilarious book isn't necessarily a "how to" but a memoir; a very candid and poignant memoir that shows readers how to step out of their comfort zone. Rhimes looks at her life before saying yes and the year of saying yes. A year when she appeared on Jimmy Kimmel and gave the commencement speech at Dartmouth, her alma mater. A year when she said no to eating a whole pecan pie when lonely and yes to being healthy and thinner. Rhimes learned many lessons during her year of yes and she shares them all with the reader. Being included in the very personal process allows the reader to cheer for Rhimes and motivate themselves.



While discussing introverts, Susan Cain's *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* is a book that could change our perception of others and the way we interact with them. I believe this book could also improve our work places, schools, and society as a whole. Creator, director, and producer Shonda Rhimes is not alone. One-third of all people are introverts. These are the people who prefer to listen than to speak; they are creative and innovative but not self-promoting; they prefer to work alone. Many introverts, like Rhimes, are famous. Dr. Suess, Frederic Chopin, and Steve Wozniak all fall into this category and have all made contributions to society. Cain takes the position that our society, from elementary school to the workforce, is set up for extroverts and those introverts among us believe there is something wrong with them and they must change to fit in. In hindsight, Cain continues, past generations revered people with inner strength and integrity and many were impressed by those who were "quiet, reserved, and dignified." Today her research, and personal experience shows that introverts are good at building loyalty, listening intently, and maintaining focus. Cain passionately argues her points, which have been thoroughly researched, and weaves them with unforgettable true stories. *Quiet* shows us how undervalued introverts are and how much we lose because of this.

I am a believer in routines. I use them in my classroom and I try to use them at home. When I have routines in place life runs so much more smoothly. While this next book may seem out of place here, when I am in my FlyLady zone life hums right along. *Sink Reflections* by Marla Cilley, aka The FlyLady, is a book I read all the way through then went back and used as an owner's manual. This book is a companion to Cilley's mentoring program and online website, Flylady.net. The purpose of all of Cilley's work is to create doable housekeeping routines while breaking down overwhelming chores into manageable pieces and giving us all more time! More time to enjoy life, spend with those we love, read a book, watch bad TV, time to do whatever it is that makes us happy. Unlike Rubin's *Happiness Project*, which seems big and sometimes intangible, *Sink Reflections* takes you through baby steps and is very down to earth. Some suggestions in the book, like lay out your clothes for the next day every night, make perfect sense — it will save you time in the morning. Other suggestions I had to try to understand. For example, when I read "Dress to your shoes" every morning even if you are not going out, I was like "Really?" Then one Saturday morning I did. The day was so productive! Still relaxing but much more productive than when I go downstairs in my sweats and before I know it is 11 o'clock and all I have done is watch morning TV and checked my email. All Cilley wants is for us to FLY — Finally Love Yourself — and she feels we can get there by finding more time and letting go of perfectionist ideals that have run many people's lives.



I am going to end this month with *Mindfulness: An Eight-Week Plan for Finding Peace in a Frantic World*. I believe spirituality is a very personal thing. *Mindfulness*, which can help with one's spirituality, is a tool everyone can use to calm their lives and find inner peace. This book is very practical. While discussing the ideas and theories of mindfulness and meditation, it has straightforward tools to put in place to help break the cycle of anxiety, stress, unhappiness, and exhaustion. Written by Mark Williams and Daniel Penman, this book walks you through the work of Williams and his colleagues at Oxford University, the University of Cambridge, and the University of Toronto. They created Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy, a program that has been clinically proven to be as effective as drugs for depression. So the program works. It works not only for those who are depressed, but everyday people struggling with the demands of everyday life. Williams and Penman provide a set of simple practices, taking only 10–20 minutes a day, that can improve your day-to-day life.

New Years is a time to think of fresh beginnings and change. As we begin 2016, let's consider making our lives happier, more peaceful, less stressful, and being kind to one another. Until next time...keep turning those pages. ■

SCC New Hampshire Chapter Delivers \$250,000 to Local Nonprofits

Gov. Hassan, Mayor Gatsas help distribute checks at annual check distribution, assisting more than 110,000 children across New England

Providing the perfect setting for holiday cheer and benevolence, the Palace Theatre on December 10, 2105 once again served as a fitting host for Speedway Children's Charities' annual grant distribution. The 2015 total of \$252,435 put the New Hampshire chapter's grand total at more than \$1.2 million since the first distribution back in 2009.

Joining New Hampshire Motor Speedway executive vice president and general manager David McGrath and SCC New Hampshire chapter director Cheryl LaPrade were New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan and Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas, who helped hand out checks to the 60 New England nonprofit organizations, benefiting more than 110,000 children.

"We wouldn't be able to provide these grants without the help of so many people," said LaPrade. "This is always a very special day for me to be standing here in front of all of you. Your efforts, all year-round, don't go unnoticed — thank you for all that you do."

Over the last seven years, NHMS and SCC have helped support nearly 285,000 children across New England.

"I'm so very proud to be associated with this wonderful organization. I'm the proud product of a large family, there were 11 of us, and programs like the Boys & Girls Club were a big part of our lives growing up," said McGrath. "We know the work doesn't stop today. This is the fruit of this year's efforts, and with Cheryl at the helm it will be a very successful 2016."

This year's event welcomed more than 150 representatives from the 60 organizations to the Palace Theatre in downtown Manchester.

"It's fitting that I'm here today on the set of 'A Christmas Carol.' Today speaks to the message of the holidays and the commitment we have to each other year-round," said Hassan. "This time of year, the days are shortest, darkness is all around us, and it gets cold. But we overcome that darkness by coming together and reinforcing the strength that we as human beings give each other. And it all starts and ends with the great work of everyone in this room here today."

"I visit a lot of our programs here in the city and I know the tough times that they have. These checks they will be receiving make a huge difference," said Gatsas, noting the 12 non-profit programs in the Manchester area that received grant checks. "The speedway does a great job of raising these dollars and a big reason for that is from the fans that go to the races. We are very thankful of those fans generous contributions."

New Hampshire is one of eight SCC chapters in the Speedway Motorsports, Inc. (SMI) family. This year, the eight chapters raised close to \$3 million to help children in need across the country. Since its inception in 1982, SCC has awarded more than \$44 million to nonprofit organizations.

Money raised through the New Hampshire Chapter includes events such as the "One for the Kids" Golf Tournament, NASCAR Champions Breakfast, Red Bucket Brigade (July and September), Driver Memorabilia Auction, Lobster Bake, Track Walk, and the Safe Kids 500, as well as both NASCAR weekends.

Speedway Children's Charities is a national non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1982 with the mission: to care for children in educational, financial, social and medical need in order to help them lead productive lives. There are eight SCC chapters across the United States, representing the communities surrounding SMI speedways. Each chapter is run independently with the purpose of helping children in need within its local region.

The 2015 nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire receiving checks include:
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire – Manchester, N.H.
 Boys & Girls Club of Greater Concord – Concord, N.H.
 Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua – Nashua, N.H.
 Boys & Girls of the North Country – Littleton, N.H.
 Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley – Milford, N.H.
 Capitol Region Food Program – Concord, N.H.
 Child and Family Services of New Hampshire – Manchester, N.H.
 Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock – Lebanon, N.H.



City Year, Inc. – Manchester, N.H.
 Community Alliance for Teen Safety – Derry, N.H.
 Concord Community Music School – Concord, N.H.
 Concord Family YMCA – Concord, N.H.
 Concord Hospital Trust – Concord, N.H.
 Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire – Manchester, N.H.
 David's House – Lebanon, N.H.
 Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc. – Manchester, N.H.
 End 68 Hours of Hunger – Somersworth, N.H.
 Granite State Adaptive – Mirror Lake, N.H.
 Granite State Children's Alliance – Nashua, N.H.
 Injury Prevention Center of NH (Trustees of Dartmouth) – Lebanon, N.H.
 Inti Soccer Academy – Manchester, N.H.
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 Mary and John Elliot Charitable Foundation – Manchester, N.H.
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 McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Corp. – Concord, N.H.
 Mental Health Center of Southern New Hampshire – Derry, N.H.
 Muscular Dystrophy Association – Manchester, N.H.
 New Hampshire Catholic Charities – Manchester, N.H.
 New Hampshire Children's Trust, Inc. – Concord, N.H.
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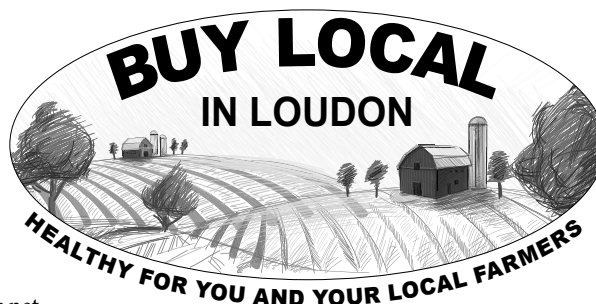
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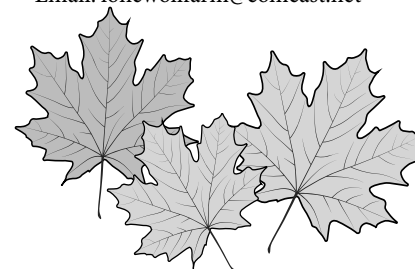
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Newly Bereaved Support Session in Concord

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a bereavement program “Newly Bereaved” Support Session on Tuesday, January 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Concord Regional VNA Hospice House, 240 Pleasant Street in Concord. Sessions are held the first Tuesday of each month.

This session provide grief education and support for those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call (603) 224-4093, ext. 2828 or e-mail carmella.dow@crvna.org.

VNA Offers “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” in Concord

Concord Regional VNA is offering “Powerful Tools for Caregivers,” a six-week program that empowers family caregivers of adults to take better care of themselves. The program takes place on Tuesdays beginning January 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton Street in Concord.

Learn tools to help reduce stress, improve caregiving confidence, establish balance in your life, communicate your needs, make difficult decisions, and locate helpful resources.

Thank you to our generous underwriter Helms & Company, Inc. There is no fee to attend this program and space is limited. To register, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 or visit www.crvna.org. ■

Top 5 Reasons to Thank a New Hampshire Landowner

New Hampshire Fish and Game’s top five reasons to thank a New Hampshire landowner (in no particular order).

1. They allow you to hunt on their land. New Hampshire has approximately 60,000 hunters and while some hunt on their own land, and some hunt on public land, an overwhelming number claim their favorite spot is on someone else’s land. Private landowners play an important role in keeping the tradition of hunting intact in New Hampshire.

2. They allow you to access water from their land. Have you ever stopped to think about whose land it is that you are stepping over so you can fish at your favorite fishing hole? While there are many public shore lands to fish from and to put your boat into the water, a number of our shores are surrounded by private lands. Private landowners play an important role in keeping our water access sites open.

3. They allow you to ride on designated trails through their property. What’s your favorite riding sport? Snowmobiling, ATVing, horseback riding, mountain biking, and even sledding down your neighbors’ hill in the winter, happens because of the generosity of private landowners. Private landowners play an important role in keeping your favorite riding sport open for use.

4. Their lands provide habitat for wildlife. Whether you hunt, fish, or watch wildlife, you can thank your neighbor for keeping their lands wild and usable for New Hampshire’s great diversity of wildlife. Private landowners play an important role in the sustainability of wildlife.

5. They keep their lands open for you to play! With over 70% of New Hampshire land in private ownership, it is likely that you play on someone else’s land. Now’s the perfect time to extend your sincere thanks to landowners who allow you access to their land for your outdoor recreation fun.

Having access to private land is a privilege and one we all hope to maintain for future generations to come. Treat the landowner as you would like to be treated and treat their land as you would like yours to be treated.

Thank you, New Hampshire landowners!

New Hampshire Fish and Game’s Landowner Relations Program works in partnership with landowners, hunters, and anglers by proactively addressing problems landowners experience while providing access to others. To learn more about the program, including Operation Land Share, please go to www.wildnh.com/landshare. ■



Five Tips On Buying A Home Alone

Jack Prendiville
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While it used to be almost unheard of to buy a home before marriage, more and more singles are taking that major step on their own. If you find yourself in this situation, don’t feel alone. There are plenty of solo home buyers out there who are just like you. Here’s what you should know:

- **Clean your credit:** One of the first items a potential lender will check is your credit score. Check with your bank and credit card issuer to see if they’ll offer you a free look at your credit score. If the number isn’t up to par, try to pay off some of your outstanding balances and avoid opening any new credit accounts.
- **Put down as much as possible:** Prepare to have at least a 15 percent down payment ready when you make the initial home purchase. If you can put down more, even better. The more money you can offer up front, the better interest rate will be from mortgage lenders.
- **Dream realistically:** Avoid looking at homes that are out of your reach. As a rule of thumb, multiply your salary by two or two and a half, and that’s how much you should be willing to spend.
- **Get organized:** When you’re preparing to apply for a mortgage, collect all the paperwork you’ll need as soon as possible. You’ll most likely need your last two or three tax return statements, a few recent pay stubs, a letter from your employer and your last 12 months of bank statements.
- **Bring along a voice of reason:** Buying a home can be exciting and emotional. It’s important to have someone you trust, like a parent or friend, to be there during the process. ■

Include Your Family Tree In The Loudon Town History!

The Loudon Historical Society is looking to have a Loudon Town History written. We will be asking for help in different areas and one of

those areas will be a genealogy of each family in town and sending us your family tree. Write your genealogy in Word using Times New Roman 12 point font and send it to The Loudon Historical

Society’s

e-mail address:

loudonhistory@gmail.com.

Be on the lookout for more information and other ways to help.



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OBITUARIES

DAVID EVERETT MATHES

David Everett Mathes died peacefully at his home in Loudon, surrounded by his loving family, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015. He was 61 years old and the cause of his death was pancreatic cancer.

David was born in Manchester and grew up in Deerfield. After graduating from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, he became a member of the French Foreign Legion in Bordeaux, France, and then in French Guyana. As a legionnaire for five years, he fell in love with French language and culture, and afterwards decided to pursue graduate studies in French literature and language at Middlebury College in Vermont, where he received a Master of Arts degree. Later, David received a second Master of Arts degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages from the School of International Training in Vermont. As a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher of French, Spanish and English as a Second Language, David worked in Paris, Cyprus, Mexico, Illinois and Massachusetts. In New Hampshire, he taught at Merrimack Valley High School in Merrimack and Bishop Brady High School in Concord, where both colleagues and students treasured working with him.

David's survivors include his devoted wife, Francisca Acosta-Mathes, who was a fellow college instructor in Monterrey, Mexico, when they married in 1997; his mother, Nancy Hess Mathes of Deerfield (his father Roger Varney Mathes died in April); his brother, Steven Mathes and sister-in-law, Christine Doyle of Nottingham; his sister, Abigail Pitou of Utah; and his brother, Benjamin Mathes and sister-in-law, Caroline Mudge Mathes of Maine; his sister-in-law, Rosy Acosta of Mexico; brother-in-law, Blas Acosta of Mexico; and his brother-in-law, Juan Acosta of Arizona. There are also numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers and to honor David's love of tennis and his volunteer work teaching tennis to children, please send donations in his memory to the Homer Labonte Loudon Recreation Tennis Fund, c/o Town of Loudon, PO Box 7837, Loudon, NH 03307.

JOANNE E. HOLUB

Joanne E. Holub, 71, passed away Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, at Lakes Region General Hospital.

She was born in Danby, Vt., on March 7, 1944, the daughter of the late Frederick Baker, Sr. and Dorothy (Hazelton) Baker. Joanne was a strong, smart, caring woman with a wonderful sense of humor and a loving heart. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and grandmother.

She worked for many years at Banks Chevrolet in Concord as a salesperson and in the service area prior to her retirement. Some of her favorite pastimes were shopping, redecorating her home and cruising in her mustang. She loved spending time with her family and was looking forward to becoming a great-grandmother. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends. Her family will miss her big hugs, joyful smile, home cooking and all the love and joy that she gave us by being such a great mom.

Joanne is predeceased by her husband, James E. Holub Sr.; her parents, three brothers, Gilbert Baker, Frederick Baker Jr. and Richard Baker; one sister, Ella Barrows.

She is survived by her three sons, Carl F. Holub and his wife, Tammy of Belmont, James E. Holub Jr. and his wife, Angela of Loudon and Joseph F. Holub and his wife, Samantha of Gilmanton; two grandchildren, Kylie Holub and wife, Casandra and Melissa Holub of Colorado; one sister, Nancy Buffum of Vermont; and many nieces and nephews that she loved very much.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to your local SPCA or Humane Society. ■

Tri-state Reciprocal Snowmobile Weekend — January 29–31, 2016

It's time to start making plans for the New Hampshire-Vermont-Maine reciprocal snowmobile weekend, coming January 29–31, 2016 (Friday through Sunday). The tri-state event gives snowmobile enthusiasts a chance to explore new trails in northern New England.

"This weekend is one of the highlights of the winter for many resident and non-resident riders," said N.H. Fish and Game Major John Wimsatt, who coordinates Snowmobile and Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle enforcement, registration, and safety education for New Hampshire.

Following are the ground rules for the weekend:

- All snowmobiles legally registered in New Hampshire will be able to operate in Vermont and Maine during the reciprocal weekend. All other Vermont and Maine snowmobile laws and rules must be complied with, including Vermont's mandatory liability insurance, safety education certification (if born after 7/1/1983), and youth operation requirements.
- All snowmobiles legally registered to ride in Vermont and Maine will be able to operate on New Hampshire trails during the three-day open weekend. To be legally registered in Vermont, snowmobiles must display, pursuant to Vermont law, a valid Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc. Trails Maintenance Assessment, also known as the Trails Pass. All other New Hampshire laws and rules regarding the operation of snowmobiles must be adhered to, such as speed limits, youth operation standards, etc.

The Three-State Reciprocal weekend will occur annually in January/February (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), provided that our neighboring states continue to participate.

For information on snowmobiling in New Hampshire, visit:

- N.H. Fish and Game Department at www.ride.nh.gov
- N.H. Bureau of Trails at www.nhtrails.org
- N.H. Snowmobile Association at www.nhsa.com

For information on snowmobiling rules in Vermont, visit www.vtvast.org.

For information on snowmobiling rules in Maine, visit www.maine.gov/ifw/laws_rules/snowlaws.htm. ■



Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — November 2, 2015

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

In attendance: Trustees Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Alice Tuson; Alternate Herb Huckins; Library Director Deborah Gadwah-Lambert.

Acceptance of minutes: The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting. Molly moved to accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.

The Trustees reviewed the Director's Report, which consisted of the following:

- **Holiday Schedule:** Closed November 11 (Veteran's Day), November 26–28 (Thanksgiving), December 24–26 (Christmas). The Library will be open December 31, 10–3 only for New Year's Eve.
- Cheryl suggested putting up a Christmas tree in front of the French doors in the Children's Room. Debbi went

through the decorations in storage, which are old and could use to be replaced. Debbi felt that a snowman theme would work well, so that it can be kept up after the holidays. She is willing to bring in her personal Christmas village and snowmen decorations for the Library to use.

- There will be a Joint loss Management meeting at the Library on November 4.
- The Loudon Village Arts requested to have a show on Saturday, November 21.
- Debbi is encouraging both Fran and Cheryl to submit portfolios for NH Paralibrarian Certification and pursue continued education. The Trustees agreed that having a certified staff helps with professionalism and that

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Merrimack Valley School Board Meeting Minutes — Oct. 5, 2015

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

Board Members Present: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Karin Page, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark MacLean; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals David Miller, Pat Severance, Stephanie Wheeler; Assistant Principal Bill Hinkle; Learning Center Administrator Julie Gaudette; Facilities Director Fred Reagan.

Others Present: Bruce Johnson, Abby Allen, Jody Allen, Mary Boucher, Thelma Barge, Heather Ordway and Paul Bruillard, Webster Residents; Marsha Murphy, Sandy Miller and Louise Andrus, Salisbury Residents; Jen Mercer, Tammy Gray and Amy Corliss, Loudon Residents; and Jeni Laliberte, Boscawen Resident.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Mark Hutchins.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea to approve the September 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes (pages 1–5 in the packet).* Discussion — Correction in spelling Carey, and Audrey Carter needed to be included in second roll call. *Motion to approve with corrections Will Renauld, second by Seelye Longnecker, motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comment: Jennifer Mercer read a letter to the School Board sharing her appreciation of Superintendent Mark MacLean and Assistant Christine Barry

meeting with a group of concerned parents in Loudon. She also expressed concerns about a lack of response from the School Board, the brevity of the meeting minutes, and listed more topics she is concerned about. She read quotes from an article about Union City, NJ and submitted the article and her letter.

Presentation — students and staff from WES: A representation of 5th graders from Webster Elementary School gave a presentation how they set up a blog page. They insert pictures and add captions for each grade level, Art and Music. The 5th grade students are responsible for maintaining it on the Webster Elementary School Website.

SAU Report on MV Business and Finance:

Business: Business Administrator Robin Heins reported on the following Citizen Correspondence (page 6 in the packet).

09/08/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested copies of monthly Board minutes for 1997, 1998, 1999, 2004, and 2005. Katie Keyser provided the available information on 9/25/15.

09/17/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested information on how often schools are up for reauthorization by the International Baccalaureate Organization and what information the District has to measure whether it is working. Chris Barry responded on 9/17/15.

09/28/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested information on the cost associated with the wood chip plant. Fred Reagan responded on 09/30/15.

09/28/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested information on the costs of summer school programs. Administration is collecting the information.

Finance: Robin Heins reported on the Budget (pages 8–21 in the packet) and directed the Board's attention to the Budget's overages (page 7). Security overage — (217,789.95) — overage is due to expenses for security throughout District; money was reserved last year for this project. As this is carryover money, an audit entry needs to be made in the account for the reserve to balance this. Site improvement overage — (12,058.28) — overage due to work done around the district this summer; appropriate transfers will be made to deal with this. Fred explained flooding issues, water damage, and the need for dry wells by the gazebo and a retaining wall by the fitness room at the High School (these efforts have mitigated the aforementioned issues).

A question was raised concerning the cost per page charged to those requesting information, \$.25 a page. Will asked if the amount of time spent gathering the information was kept. Robin replied that because of Right To Know doesn't allow for a per/hour charge for this data gathering, she doesn't keep track. Lorrie felt that the time should be tracked and a public information officer should be hired. *Will Renauld made a motion to document the time, Karen Page seconded it. Will asked to amend the motion — to receive a report on a monthly basis of time spent gathering information requested from citizens. The motion carried.*

Normandie Blake moved to accept the Financial Report, Seelye Longnecker seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Good News: Superintendent Mark MacLean made reference to the Student Presentation given by Webster Elementary School, introduced the School Principals present at the meeting and invited them to add any good news that was not already submitted in the packet. (pages 22–28).

Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee: Normandie Blake reported that minutes are on page 29 in the packet. The meeting was reported on in September's meeting.

Long Range Planning: Seelye Longnecker reported that the evaluation tool has been finalized. The report is on page 30 in the packet. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm at MVHS.

Curriculum Committee: Laura Vincent reviewed the Curriculum Committee minutes on page 31 in the packet. The Art Department gave a 30 minute presentation including examples of instruction on each level. There was discussion of the Art Department posting a slide show on the MVSD Website. Chris Barry gave information on the various Summer School programs in the District. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at MVHS.

Some concern was raised by Karen Page and Lorrie Carey on public comment during committee meetings.

Even though interaction is encouraged, there is a difference between public comment and a public hearing or public forum. Caroletta felt it was important not to have the public sitting at the committee table. Mark MacLean reviewed committee meeting protocol and a guiding document will be created for committee meetings.

Facilities Committee: Mark referred to page 32 in the packet. Will Renauld requested that Solar Gardens submit a Professional Resume (if they have not done so already). The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at MVHS.

The Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at MVHS. The Policy meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Old Business:

Policy KF Second Read — *A motion was made by Caroletta Alicea and seconded by Lorrie Carey to accept the policies with changes as written. The vote was unanimous.*

New Business:

Annual Meeting — Polling Hours: Mark Hutchins explained that the Board received a letter from the Attorney General's office stating that we have been in violation of polling hours. The polls should be open from 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. District Counsel advised that there is room for discussion; however, the Board intends to comply with the recommendation. There was brainstorming about the increase of cost, public building location, hiring people to run the voting booths, and different ways to implement the new polling hours. Recommendations were made to explain the increase in cost in the booklet and to be transparent about where the money is coming from.

Annual Meeting — Campaign Materials: Distributing campaign materials in the air-lock at the High School would be considered within the building. No candidate is allowed to distribute campaign materials in the building. There needs to be 10–15 foot path for the people to walk into the building as well, which would be the Moderator's responsibility to enforce.

Lorrie Carey asked if the Board would be meeting with the Town Selectmen this year. Discussion ensued about timing and the need to have a more concrete financial budget in place — he and Robin will look into it.

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

Manifests and journal entrees were circulated for Board member signatures. *Motion by Caroletta Alicea and seconded by Lorrie Carey to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.*

Board Chairperson's Report:

Mark Hutchins gave no report for this month.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry spotlighted a 1988 MV Alumni, Christian Alicea, the son of Caroletta Alicea, for receiving an Emmy Award. Christian is a director on MSNBC's, *All In with Chris Hayes*. They won a News Emmy Award documentary called *Fifty Year War: The Changing Face of Poverty in America*.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark MacLean reported on a conference he attended. Subjects were brought up concerning the aging of the NH population, looking a Public Education in different ways, Health Care, the "New Normal" in public education, being proactive rather than reactive. He had the opportunity to hear AASA national representative speak. She was well versed in politics and national legislation.

Topics For Next Board Meeting:

Follow up on the School Board Association negotiations workshop and Kidder Law Conference, protocol for committee meetings concerning public comment, update on the IB program — it's costs and impact.

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investing in a good staff helps both the library the Loudon community.

- The book bin in the parking lot has seen a lot of use. Debbi has had to contact the company twice in the past two weeks to empty it. The Chichester Library Trustees, who used to receive our unsold book sale books before the library donation policies were changed, asked if they could go through the items from the bin. They had relied on our unsold books for income for their library. Debbi explained that while she is happy to send large "unwanted" donations their way, we receive income from the items that go into the Big Hearted Books bin. She explained that the library was expending a lot of staff time and effort on handling used books for monthly book sales and that we needed to change our methods. There is now a cart next to the circulation desk for an "on-going" book sale of best items received. This, in conjunction with the book bin, are working very well for the library now.
- Cheryl and Fran are almost finished weeding the children's books. Debbi is half way through weeding the non-fiction area. When that is finished, the Young Adult section will move to the area where the magazines currently are. Debbi suggested some ideas for furnishings in the YA section. The idea is to make the library more welcoming

to young adults. The entire adult fiction section will be weeded soon.

- Fran, Cheryl, and Debbi attended the New England Library Association Conference on October 26. They came back with many ideas from the workshops, some of which they hope to implement. Debbi attended workshops on Human Resources and the Public Library.
- Debbi picked up the 2016 summer manual and the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten tote bags.
- The carpet behind the circulation desk still needs to be fixed. General Linen has been replaced by Unifirst for servicing the three entrance mats.
- Frank Gooch worked on the sticking front door, trimmed the tree outside, and fixed all the A/C covers.
- Debbi is waiting for quotes for the rotted French doors to the exterior of the children's room.

The Trustees' reviewed the proposed budget for 2016–2017.

The Trustees reviewed the Director's income and expenses report.

The next Trustees' meeting was scheduled for December 7, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Molly Ashland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.; seconded by Alice Tuson. All were in favor.

Submitted by:
Ken Krzewick
Molly Ashland
Alice Tuson

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Public Comment:

Sandy Miller asked how much the towns were paid to run the poll booths. The response was \$11.00 per hour. Jennifer Mercer stated that she was not aware of correct procedure concerning public comment. There was discussion about proper protocol, that statements need to be in writing in order for it to be added to the minutes. Mark Hutchins stated that he did not like a policy that restricts public comment, but it can turn into a discourse which is not proper protocol for a Board meeting. Louise asked about accountability. The response to her question was going about it in an appropriate time and way. As questions arise they are directed to the proper channels. Louise also asked about due diligence with the solar company, and expressed that the public should have more input. Bruce Johnson asked the Board not to entertain taking a day off of school for District voting, and thanked the School Board for all the work they do.

Non-Public Session:

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Lorrie Carey to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (b, c) at 8.45 p.m.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Karin Page, Will Renault, Laura Vincent.

See Non-Public Minutes.

Return to Public Session

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbie-Jo Michael, Karin Page, Will Renault, Laura Vincent

Action from Non-Public if Needed:

Personnel: *Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Normandie Blake, to nominate grant funded social worker as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Normandie Blake to accept the retirement of Suzanne Morgan, effective June 30, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Will Renault, second by Seelye Longnecker to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Vendt, MVSD Clerk*

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Lorrie Carey to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II (b) at 8:47 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Karin Page, Will Renault, Laura Vincent

Non-Public Session:

Personnel: Administration provided information to the Board a staff nomination, and retirement.

Motion by Seelye Longnecker, second by Karin Page to go out of non-public session at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbie-Jo Michael, Karin Page, Will Renault, Laura Vincent

APPROVED: 11/9/2015

MVSD Board Minutes — Nov. 9, 2015

PUBLIC SESSION NOVEMBER 9, 2015

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: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renault, Laura Vincent.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark MacLean; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Jeff Drouin, Pat Severance; Assistant Principal Shaun St. Onge; MVSD Special Ed Administrator Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan.

Others Present: Nanci Plimpton SES grade 1 educator; Louise Andrus, Celine Burrows, Salisbury Residents; Elaine Hashem, Carisa Corrow, Webster Residents; Roy Merrill, Cindy Merrill, Janine Fraser, Angela Andrews, Justin Perron, McCall Abbott, Jen Mercer, Heidi Johansen, Amy Corliss, Tammy Gray, Loudon Residents; Jeni Laliberte, Boscawen Resident; Abby Prescott, Deb Corey, Penacook Residents.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Mark Hutchins asked for a motion to recess the Board Meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing concerning HB 507 at 7:15 p.m. The motion was made by Lorrie Carey and seconded by Normandie Blake. The motion carried. Chairman Mark Hutchins read updated RSA 189:68 IV relative to HB 507. ("No school shall record in any way a school classroom for any purpose without school board approval after a public hearing, and without written consent of the teacher and the parent or legal guardian of each affected student.") He stated that this public hearing is to ensure we are in compliance with new legislation and that the intent of this Public Hearing is to collect public feedback on classroom recordings. Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry gave some information on origins of classroom practices and explained how this new law will need Board approval with teacher and parent/guardian consenting prior to use of recording in the classroom. This could be either by detailed letter with parent approval or possibly an annual notice which could take care of the year. Superintendent Mark MacLean explained that this bill began due to discussions concerning the possibility of teachers being recorded unknowingly for purposes of evaluation.

Chairman Mark Hutchins then opened the hearing to the public: A question was raised as to whether there was surveillance in the classroom. The answer was no. Someone asked for clarification — would we come up with an associated procedure? The response was that no action will be taking place this evening; procedure will be part of related policy development. The Board is gathering information from the public at this time. A question was raised as to whether there was a policy in place. The response was that there was not a policy in this language. Tammy Gray asked if we had a privacy policy. She was concerned that the DOE is collecting 18 pieces of information of our students that are non-academic. With no more public wishing to comment, a motion was made to close Public Hearing by Lorrie Carey, second by Will Renault. The motion carried. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Board Meeting reconvened:

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Will Renault, to reconvene the Board Meeting The motion carried. The Board Meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Mark Hutchins.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the October 5, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes (pages 1–5 in the packet). The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Louise Andrus read a statement concerning her dissatisfaction of the Board not having approached her and their not having taken action because of previous practices concerning campaign materials distribution and polling hours during last year's School Board election — which she feels may have caused her to lose her chances of having become a School Board Member. Because of this, she is willing to take this grievance to court. Jennifer Mercer read a letter to the School Board that restated her concerns about Common Core and general frustration with the School District. She notified the School Board that because of this she and her husband would be pulling their children out of the District and homeschooling them. Roy Merrill gave his thoughts on how the District could potentially save money on fuel. Robin Heins thanked him and stated that they would put his recommendation as an agenda item in the Finance Committee meeting.

Presentation:

Celine Burrows, President of the National Honor Society, presented her developing and implementing a NHS Mentorship Program. They provide profile sheets to the Academy Seminar Classes and profile sheets to NHS members and matched up profiles. The intent is to provide student direction, support and connection on a bi-weekly basis to Freshmen, and to help them become more aware of opportunities that are available to them concerning their prospective career paths.

Good News:

Superintendent Mark MacLean reminded us that Good News is in the Packet (pages 22-29), introduced our host, Shaun St. Onge, MVHS Assistant Principal, and invited the other Principals to add anything not already covered in the packet. Mr. St. Onge praised Music Teacher, Margaret Oswald for her coordinating a wonderful Veteran's Day Assembly. Pat Severance, MVMS Principal, shared that during the 8th grade Washington DC trip, the students had the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. More about the trip would be share in next month's Good News. Mark MacLean stated that he had received positive feedback concerning the DC trip that it was well run.

SAU Report on MV Business and Finance:

Business: Business Administrator Robin Heins reported on the following Citizen Correspondence (page 6 in the packet).

10/09/15 Ken Ross-Raymond: Requested total WES enrollment and class size. Katie Keyser provided the information 10/09/15.

10/13/15 Louise Andrus: Requested information on costs of Summer School Program. Chris Barry responded on 10/15/15.

10/14/15 Louise Andrus: Requested preliminary Smarter Balanced Assessment Scores. Mark Lean responded 10/14/15.

10/15/15 Jen Mercer: Requested preliminary Smarter Balance Assessment Scores. Mark MacLean responded 10/15/15.

Finance: Robin Heins reported on the Budget (pages 7–21 in the packet) and directed the Board's attention to the Budget's overages (page 7). Discussion was made about the increase of homeless in the District, there was no increase this Fall. Discussion was made concerning a student requiring extensive vision and hearing services. What was not covered in Medicaid will be submitted to Catastrophic Aid. More discussion was made concerning the Catastrophic Aid having been reduced and the fact that the balance would have to be made up by the local taxpayers. *Normandie Blake made a motion, second by Will Renault to approve the Business and Finance Reports. The motion carried.*

Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee: Mark MacLean referred to page 30 in the packet concerning solar exploration and facility updates. No schedule made for their next committee meeting at this point.

Curriculum Committee: Laura Vincent reported on the committee's discussion concerning changing the block scheduling to modified block scheduling. This is a long process and needs to be taken slowly, will probably not be for next year. This study began in 2013. Lorrie discussed conflicts in block scheduling and is hopeful to have more choices in High School. The committee is postponing their November 16th meeting to another time.

Finance Committee: Robin shared 10 year enrollment history and Grants that are received are entitled and competitive (pages 32-33 in packet). Mark MacLean as acting chair discussed the possibility of repurposing funds, possibly changing historical budget lines to show what we're actually spending according to needs for a 21st Century education. SAU administration is focusing on looking at potential savings and reallocations within the current budget. Robin stated that there would be a Health Care rate increase and an increase because of year three of the teacher's agreement. The next meeting will be November 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school and a committee chair will be elected.

Long Range Planning: Seelye Longnecker referred to page 34 in the packet. She shared focus goals, drafts for report card formats and possibly modifying a communication plan used in another district. Their next meeting is scheduled on December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Policy Committee: Chris Barry referred to page 57 concerning the first read of the new Video and Audio Recording in School Classrooms Policy. The second read for this and the other first read drafts pages 37–57 will be in the December Board Meeting. The policies concerning student discipline are more usable and current with present laws. No date for next meeting at this time.

There is a Transportation meeting relative to the RFP (mandatory for companies interested in bidding) on MVSD Transportation services.

Old Business:

Mark Hutchins read a letter composed by MVSD District counsel, it stated that his verbal communication with the Attorney General concerning the airlock, indicated

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that there was nothing illegal relative to elections or relative to the polling hours. There was no indication from him that there was anything illegal or that any previous actions were to be voided. Future efforts (polling hours and distributing campaign materials) will take place in line with the cease and desist letters from the AG's office. Discussion was made about expanding poll hours and making sure no one is distributing campaign materials in the airlock. It was added that if anyone sees a discrepancy at Annual Meeting, they are to go to the moderator. SAU planning is in place and underway for facility use of extended polling hours.

New Business:

Mark handed out draft (updated) informational documents for School Board and Committee Meeting Protocols and asked the Board members to be ready to discuss what the procedures will be and to read them in light of what we've heard from the public. Discussion included unintentionally creating public forums, the possibility of providing public forums quarterly if a more rigid mode was adopted, remaining consistent, utilizing Administration, the SAU and calling your Town Representative. The IAB Policy was already discussed.

Manifests /Journal Entries to Sign:

Manifests and journal entrees were circulated for Board Member signatures. Motion by Normandie Blake and seconded by Will Renauld to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Chairperson's Report:

Mark Hutchins gave no report for this month.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reported that the Smarter Balanced Assessment results will be available on November 12th. The District's practice is to send standardized test results with the report cards. If parents want them sooner, they can call the school principal. Results will be discussed at the December Board Meeting. The State DOE is planning on having the 11th grade take the SAT. The DOE is paying for the SAT, it will be a new version and the essay portion is not included. The essay portion would cost \$11.00 per student. Chris Barry added that it would be a one day paper pencil test opposed to online for portions of days up to 3 weeks (depending on how the school schedules the assessment). The testing would take place in March with make-ups in April - less trickery, but more rigorous. 8 districts are piloting PACE and we may have that as an option in the future. Information nights with the new math program were very well attended.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark MacLean reported that Salisbury and Webster schools were part of the 10% of Schools in the State visited as part of the Input Based Accountability System. Initial feedback is that the visiting team was impressed. Mark mentioned workshops focused on curriculum development through the NHSAA and closed with a letter forwarded by the Concord Superintendent. Enclosed was a 1914 Picture postcard of Penacook School found in an antique shop in California.

Topics for Next Board Meeting:

School Buses requiring seat belts which may result in having to buy more buses and/or retrofitting current buses; this may be a topic at the next Board meeting provided that information is available.

Public Comment:

Louise Andrus — Counsel's letter was separate from the packet. She got it online. Roy Merrill, asked why there were no Board minutes in the *Loudon Ledger* for the past 3 months (this may be due to the *Ledger*). He also discussed an article he read about charter school vs public school test results using same building in New York. Reason (according to the article)? No unions. Will Renauld asked for the name of the school (it was not known). Jennifer Mercer asked why IB results were not on the agenda. Response — it was directed to the curriculum committee. Nancy Plimpton stated that she had Celine in the 1st grade.

Non-Public Session:

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Normandie Blake to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (b) at 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Return to Public Session

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Action from Non-Public if Needed:

Personnel: *Motion by Will Renauld, second by Normandie Blake to accept the resignations of Jennifer Sprague and Anita Prickett, effective June 30, 2016, with thanks and appreciation. Motion passed unanimously.*

Adjournment:

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Seelye Longnecker to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Vendt, MVSD Clerk*

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Normandie Blake to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (b) at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Non-Public Session:

Personnel: The Board considered two retirement letters. *Motion by Will Renauld, second by Lorrie Carey to go out of non-public session at 9:15 p.m. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Regarding the question about School Board Meeting Minutes not always being in *The Loudon Ledger*. The minutes are not always available online at the time the *Ledger* goes into production and sometimes there isn't room for them. We promise to do better in the future! Our readers may also go to <https://sites.google.com/a/mvstdpride.org/district/home> and look under "School Board" to read the minutes.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 17, 2015

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Lance Houle.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that the contract he discussed last week for new uniforms is for sixty months not thirty-six months, which is the same as the previous contract. The Board agreed with signing the contract. Selectman Maxfield asked if the uniforms are replaced as they get worn out. Mr. Houle explained that the uniforms they have are pretty worn so that started the conversation about replacing them. During that conversation they decided to upgrade to uniforms that are reflective.

Mr. Houle said that the truck at Liberty had a problem with a pump, it is being fixed.

Chairman Krieger said he gave Mr. Houle the name of someone that might be interested in the position available in the highway department. Mr. Houle will look into the pay rate and talk to the gentlemen.

Selectman Maxfield asked about the potholes on East Ricker Road. Mr. Houle said some of them are filled; the deeper ones are done. Selectman Ives asked if it is going to be okay for plowing. Mr. Houle said yes.

Chairman Krieger explained that they received a letter from the Town of Chichester; they posted King Road and Canterbury Road as no thru trucking and want to put a sign in Loudon at the intersection of Chichester Road and Ricker Road that says no thru trucking because by the time trucks get to the town line it is too late to take a different road. Chairman Krieger asked if there is a problem with posting the sign in Loudon. Mr. Houle said no; there would be more of an issue with trucks backing down the road. Selectman Ives agreed that would be a safety issue. Mr. Houle said this is putting a lot of truck traffic on Ricker Road. Chairman Krieger said there are three businesses in Loudon that use the road. Selectman Ives said safety wise the trucks are better coming out Ricker Road onto Route 4, King Road onto Route 4 is very dangerous. Mr. Houle and the Board agreed that for safety they would allow a sign to be placed.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted a copy of Bonnie Theriault's resignation. He said her last day will be Friday, November 27, 2015.

Chief Wright said he was thinking about the best person to replace Bonnie and immediately thought of Donna. Chief Wright said he spoke to Donna and she is interested. Chairman Krieger said he also spoke to Donna. Selectman Ives said he spoke to Chief Wright on the phone about it and agrees that Donna would be a good fit there. He said his only apprehension is that now they'll find someone to fill her shoes in the planning and zoning office. Selectman Ives asked if Donna would be willing and able to train someone in that position. Donna White explained that she spoke to Chief Wright about that; he told her she would be available to be in planning and zoning a little bit until they get someone in there. Selectman Ives said that during the winter season things will probably slow down. Chief Wright said the job at the Fire Department is 40 hours. Selectman Ives said he understood that; this would only be until someone else is trained. Donna explained that what they are doing is far more involved than what she was doing when she worked in building and code before so she has some training to do. Selectman Ives asked what the timeframe for this will be. Chief Wright said he would like her to get some hours with Bonnie before she is gone. Selectman Ives said he would like the Chairmen of the two Boards notified of the change. Donna said she sent them emails explaining what was in the works because she didn't want them to hear it from someone else. Chairman Krieger said out of respect he wanted someone from the Board to talk to the two Chairmen. Selectman Ives said he will talk to Tom Dow and Selectman Maxfield will contact Dave Powelson. Donna explained that Monday, November 30 is the zoning board meeting so she will take care of that. Chairman Krieger said they need to be able to count on her for awhile. Donna agreed; she said she realizes there will be some extra work for awhile. Chairman Krieger asked Chief Wright if he is okay with that. Chief Wright said he is.

Chief Wright said he had the fire academy post the anticipated opening for a full-time Firefighter/EMT. He also posted it in house.

Chief Wright said he called the commissioner regarding the street lights on Route 106. He said he didn't get a definitive answer; there will be a DOT meeting in December. At that meeting they will look at all the information that has been gathered and make a decision.

Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:25 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-

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public session at 6:36 PM; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to increase the rate of pay for the Deputy Fire Chief to \$23.19 per hour and to increase the Fire Chief's salary to \$76,034 per year. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield explained that this increase is due to the increase in duties from picking up building and code; this is a much larger workload for both of these individuals. Chairman Krieger said they have been doing the added jobs for ten weeks; they all realize how much work is involved in those jobs. Selectman Ives explained that they talked about this back when the chief agreed to take over these positions so this is a follow through on those discussions. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger recognized Deborah Loiselle from NHDES.

Ms. Loiselle stated that she is from the MtBE Remediation Bureau at New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Ms. Loiselle explained the MtBE is a gas additive that, until it was banned by NH in 2007, was found in gasoline. The purpose of it was to increase the octane level, it was known to be better for air emissions but it is not good for ground water. She explained that about eleven years ago the State of NH pursued legal action against all of the large gasoline manufacturing corporations saying that they knew it could be a potential hazard, and if it got into private or public wells it could pose a health risk. Ms. Loiselle said they received a very large settlement from all the corporations with the exception of Exxon Mobile. She explained Exxon Mobile is appealing the decision and eventually there may be another large sum of money from them. Ms. Loiselle said with the settlement they were able to form the bureau within NHDES. Ms. Loiselle explained that they will do sample testing of

wells on property that might be located near areas that are potentially vulnerable to gasoline contaminations. If it is determined a well is contaminated that would do one of two things. They could hook someone up to public water if that is an option and if not they would install a filtration system. Ms. Loiselle said this would all be paid for by them out of the settlement money. She explained that letters will go out to property owners that are in areas potentially vulnerable to gasoline contamination in mid to late January inviting them to participate in the well sampling program. The Board of Selectmen thanked Ms. Loiselle for coming in to share the information.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Krieger signed four pistol permits.

The Board received a letter from Joseph Letteri regarding an accident on Route 106. The information will be forwarded to the Town Attorney and the Town insurance.

The Board received a letter from the Town of Chichester regarding "No thru trucking" on King Road. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Board received the October 2015 property transfers.

The Board received an update from Eagle Scout James Dunbar. James is doing a great job at the cemetery.

The Board received Fairpoint Litigation correspondence from Town Council.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Chairman Krieger read the following into the record: *We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon, NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God.*

Chairman Krieger read the Tax Collector's Warrant into the record: *TO: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New*

Hampshire in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5,500,109.50) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from December 22, 2015 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hun-

dred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Seventeenth day of November in 2015. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire. Motion to accept the warrant by Selectman Maxfield. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman



Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 24, 2015

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 17, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Robinson explained that the Conservation Commission has been working with the Ladd's on an easement. She said the Ladd's have submitted a document that is pretty good. Ms. Robinson said what the Conservation Commission was looking for was something set up similar to their LCIP land or the FRPP Program. She explained that the Commission went through the document thoroughly; she discussed the items that they recommend be changed and/or removed from the document. Ms. Robinson said the Conservation is an advisory board so they would like to know how the Selectmen would like to proceed. She said the Ladd's can meet with the Selectmen, with the Conservation Commission or the document can go to the town attorney first. Chairman Krieger said the Conservation Commission has the expertise in this matter so he would like to see them meet with the Ladd's. Ms. Robinson said she will contact the Ladd's to meet with them. Selectman Ives said he spoke to Sally Ladd a few days ago and told her that as a Board member he would be happy with the easement as long as the Conservation Commission and the Town attorney are happy with it. He agreed

with Chairman Krieger that they don't have the expertise in this. Ms. Robinson said that the Ladd's are not asking for any money which is a wonderful thing but it is still a liability to the town. Ms. Robinson said she will call Mrs. Ladd, get her a copy of the changes they are recommending, and tell her if they are okay with the changes they are ready to move forward with the easement. She said if they agree to the changes she will give the document to the town attorney for review. Selectman Maxfield asked for clarification on the money. Ms. Robinson explained that the Ladd's do not want any money they want to give the easement to the town. The Board thanked Ms. Robinson for coming in and for her work on this easement.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted a Deputy Health Officer Appointment paper. Deputy Bill Lake has agreed to the appointment. The Selectmen signed the paper.

Chief Wright asked if the Board has made the decision to move Donna White to the Fire Department. Selectman Ives said he spoke to Tom Dow, Chairman of the Planning Board. Selectman Ives explained that Tom's concern was that Donna be able to train the person that takes her job. He said he explained to Tom that Chief Wright said Donna would have time to train someone. Chairman Krieger said he spoke to Janice Morin who said that she would help out when she can. Selectman Maxfield spoke to Zoning Chairman Dave Powelson who was glad to hear that Ms. White is staying employed with the town. Selectman Ives said he spoke to Donna about whether the position should stay full-time or go part-time. He said she sent out an email and

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Post 88 has a new flag collection box outside of Charlie's Barn. It will be checked periodically and unserviceable flags will be removed and given final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop-off box in the main office.

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according to that it looks like it should be a full-time position. Chairman Krieger agreed. Selectman Ives said the new person can also help out in the other offices. Chief Wright said that Donna will start full-time at the Fire Department on Monday, November 30th. He explained that she will go over to the Planning and Zoning office when needed. She will do the Zoning Board meeting on November 30th. Selectman Maxfield asked about the December Planning Board meeting. Chief Wright said he's sure she would be willing to do it if necessary. Chairman Krieger said they will get the job posted right away. Selectman Ives said they will have to figure out where her salary will come from; they'll see what is left in Bonnie's salary line. Chief Wright said that Bonnie was making \$17.43 per hour and Donna makes \$15.57. Selectman Ives said he doesn't think that needs to change at this time. Chairman Krieger and Chief Wright agreed.

Chief Wright said Jeff Jenkins had the paperwork done up for the antique fire engine. He said he would like it done for the end of the year for a tax deduction. Chief Wright asked about the necessity for a public hearing to accept the gift of the truck. Selectman Ives clarified that the Town of Loudon will own the truck not the Fire Association. Selectman Ives about the value of the truck. Chief Wright said it is \$12,000. Chief Wright asked if there is certain dollar amount that would require the board to accept a gift. Selectman Ives said he thinks it is \$5,000. The Board will look into it.

Chief Wright said there is a town hall meeting with Governor Chris Christie at the Safety Complex at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Wright explained that he and Sergeant Burgess met with Jack Shaver for the thirty day review. He said that Mr. Shaver continues to make slow progress cleaning up his property. Chief Wright said the three unregistered vehicles are still on the property. Mr. Shaver told him he has made arrangements with a salvage company in Epsom to remove at least two of the vehicles.

Chief Wright said the old police cruiser is painted.

Chief Wright said so far they have one applicant for the Firefighter/EMT position that they expect to be opening up soon.

Chief Wright said the Loudon Fire Department sponsored a CPR/AED class for the police department.

Chief Wright said the Fire Association is having a Black Friday breakfast, Friday, November 27th from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. The association is also selling Christmas Trees and wreaths at the track Saturday, November 28th from 4:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Chief Wright said the tower is at Greenwood getting a few things done and should be back next week.

Chairman Krieger said under correspondence they have the letter that Code

Enforcement sent regarding the sap tank and shed on Lower Ridge Road.

Selectman Ives said it was nice to see the one fire truck and ambulance in the Christmas parade. He said they looked good.

Chairman Krieger signed one pistol permit.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of a letter that went from Town Council to the Merrimack County Superior Court regarding an Interpleader for a tax deeded property.

The Board received a copy of letter sent from the Code Enforcement Office to a resident regarding a Maple Sugar Operation.

The Board received fifteen (15) past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Ives made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: Acct # 6478 for \$121.71, Acct # 6659 for \$250.00, Acct # 6902 for \$108.69, Acct # 7202 for \$126.82, Acct # 7539 for \$104.79, Acct # 8172 for \$116.25, Acct # 8248 for \$126.82, Acct # 8404 for \$655.10, Acct # 8461 for \$229.89, Acct # 8579 for \$712.60, Acct # 8675 for \$95.40, Acct # 8803 for \$581.10, Acct # 8946 for \$522.30, Acct # 9024 for \$753.40, and Acct # 9029 for \$659.60. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a copy of the Merrimack County proposed budget for the 2016 calendar year.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

Chairman Krieger said that when they hired the Road Agent he was told they would review his pay after six months. Chairman Krieger said Mr. Houle is making \$23.70; he suggested raising his pay to \$25.00 per hour. *Selectman Ives made a motion to increase the rate of pay for Road Agent Lance Houle to \$25.00 per hour effective the next pay period; Monday. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield stated that the raise is due to a six-month review and Mr. Houle has proven to be doing very well. Selectman Ives said that Mr. Houle has improved roads in town and is catching up on some overlooked and overdue maintenance; he has heard nothing but good things from people around town and he thinks Mr. Houle deserves the raise. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the following reminders.

Monday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. is the Town Hall meeting with Governor Chris Christie.

Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. is the Zoning Board Meeting.

Tuesday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. is the Comcast Franchise Renewal Public Hearing.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes —
December 1, 2015**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Krieger opened the public hearing for the Comcast Franchise Renewal.

Chairman Krieger stated that the purpose of today's hearing is to receive the public's input on the proposal for renewal of the cable television franchise with Comcast. Chairman Krieger introduced Attorney Katherine B. Miller. Attorney Miller explained that the Town of Loudon hired her to negotiate the Comcast Franchise renewal. Attorney Miller said that Loudon is fortunate to have TDS available to provide a choice to subscribers because state law says that the agreements have to be roughly equivalent so the TDS Franchise looked at the Comcast Franchise and Comcast looked at TDS to be sure they were comparable. Attorney Miller explained that TDS supplies video service only in the areas that they supply phone service. Chairman Krieger explained that means if you have a 798 exchange you can look at TDS service. Attorney Miller explained that the negotiations have gone pretty well with the exception of the Greenview Drive area; which is a private road. She said that the Town, in the franchise agreement, has control over the public streets and rights of way. Attorney Miller said the franchise agreement does not cover pricing, channel offerings, technology used, internet and phone service because the Board of Selectmen don't have jurisdiction over those. Attorney Miller explained that this agreement is only for the cable TV service although Comcast also offers phone and internet and they although they come through the same pipe they are regulated differently so today they are talking about the cable TV services. Kathy Whedon from Greenview Drive explained that she has been working with Bryan Christensen for a long time to get internet. She explained that she thought the franchise agreement covered all that Comcast does. Ms. Whedon asked if Greenview Drive is exempt from the agreement because it is a private road. Ms. Miller said Comcast can go out on that road but it is not something that is required under the franchise agreement because it is private; the Selectmen can't control private property. Selectman Maxfield said they would welcome it on Greenview. Chairman Krieger stated that they tried to help mediate but there only certain things they can do on a private road. A gentleman asked for

Attorney Miller to repeat how the agreement works on a private road. Attorney Miller explained that the agreement deals with what the density is for the installation of cable facilities; it is 20 homes per mile. Bryan Christensen from Comcast explained that with the Greenview Drive folks in mind he and Attorney Miller tried to put provisions in Section 3.1 of the franchise agreement that would help their situation. He explained that it says 20 homes per aerial mile and 40 homes per underground mile where there is suitable conduit; he said his engineers don't believe there is suitable conduit there. Ms. Whedon said she was told that if the conduit was there they could get Comcast. She said she spoke to Streamline this morning to get an actual cost for the conduit and was told \$70-75,000. Ms. Whedon asked Mr. Christensen if Comcast is willing to put \$50,000 towards the building of the conduit as she was told before. Mr. Christensen said the total cost is \$125,000; there are more costs than just the conduit. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Christensen to clarify that if the conduit was there Comcast would run the cable with the homeowners paying nothing but their monthly fees. Mr. Christensen said he is confident in agreeing with that. Chairman Krieger clarified that they the homeowners would have to put in the conduit, Comcast would absorb the cost of running the cable to the homes which would be about \$50,000. Discussion ensued about where plans that show the conduit might be found. Chairman Krieger asked if Kim Bean has cable and whether it could be extended from there to cut down on mileage. Mr. Christensen said it would be about the same money, he said they also looked at coming in from Mudgett Hill Road. He explained that only cuts out a few hundred feet; an issue is the long driveways. Ms. Whedon said if it is run to the end of the long driveways it would be the option of the homeowner as to whether they want it run or not. Mr. Christensen said that would change the house count. Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Technology from the State of NH explained that she has been working with Kathy in trying to get her and her neighbors connected. She said the telephone lines are underground in conduit so the conduit is there the question is how big the conduit is. She explained that if the conduit isn't big enough than additional conduit would have to be laid. Mr. Christensen said they would not run the cable lines with the

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telephone lines. Attorney Miller explained that cable is different than telephone because telephone is labeled an essential service. She said cable TV is not subject to the same kinds of requirements to provide service. Attorney Miller said cable TV companies are private companies that make decisions based on their return. She said this new agreement has a slightly better density formula than in most of NH and most cable companies. Selectman Ives asked if they don't sign this renewal agreement what will transpire. Attorney Miller said the existing agreement is old and out of date will continue to be the agreement that Comcast will provide services under. Selectman Ives explained that they encouraged the people on Greenview Drive to form an association so they could work as a group on this, they have asked their attorney to work on the agreement to see what they can do with that so the town is trying to help as much as possible. A woman from the audience explained that the town could form a special assessment district where a special assessment could be assessed for the association for expansion of conduit for the cable to come in and that would be paid back over time. Attorney Miller explained that the question of whether the conduit is suitable is a question for the people of the association; they own the property, the road is not an accepted town road. She further explained that if the conduit is suitable there is a cost formula and the density is 20 homes per mile which is the most favorable expansion agreement she has seen in NH. Chairman Krieger stated that they hired Attorney Miller to negotiate the agreement and feels she did a good job. Ms. Whedon asked if there is urgency to signing the agreement or can it wait. Attorney Miller said that the town is out of compliance with state law with the old agreement and it is an important step to sign the new agreement. A woman from the audience suggested that if a franchise fee is collected it could be used for expansion of the cable. Selectman Ives said the fee would be passed on to the customers. Ms. Miller said it's not fair to have a franchise fee from everyone in the community to benefit a private road. Chairman Krieger clarified that this would be an additional amount on everyone's bill and stated that he is not in favor of taxing anyone anymore money. Chairman Krieger said the town has people losing houses very year and he is not willing to raise taxes. Selectman Ives clarified that if the Board signs the agreement it would not have any effect on the negotiations that Comcast and Greenview Drive are having. Mr. Christensen explained that this new agreement gives them a better shot because of the density formula. Selectman Ives asked if there is anything more that can be feasibly negotiated into this contract that can help Greenview Drive. Attorney Miller said not that she can think of.

Selectman Ives made a motion that the signing of the agreement be tabled for one week; next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger opened the regular Selectmen's hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 24, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission, Lucille Ladd, Sally Cole, and Attorney Jason Reimers.

Ms. Robinson explained that she spoke to Sally Cole about the discussion that she had last week with the Board. Ms. Robinson said they agreed to go forward with the Conservation Easement. They had a discussion about the line that went through tract 2; she thought it indicated that a road would be going through it. Ms. Cole explained to her that the line was not a road it was just a way travel way, not to be graveled or paved, to get to their property on the pond. Ms. Robinson said the line will be removed as well as a septic system because the Conservation Commission doesn't want an easement with a septic system on it. Ms. Robinson explained that they asked for the word predominantly to be removed in number three — Purposes because as this goes into perpetuity the word predominantly weakens the easement. She explained that they can fix that for agricultural purposes, such as for placement of a barn, by adding verbiage that says the Town and Grantor's will decide the location of it. Ms. Robinson said the reason being that they wouldn't want a barn added in the middle of the easement because it would weaken the easement. Ms. Robinson said references to any tract other than Tracts 1 and 2 will be removed with the exception of language that says that all of Tracts 1,2,3,4 and 6 must be sold as a unit none of them separately. Ms. Robinson said a copy should be given to the town attorney immediately. Attorney Reimer will forward a copy to town attorney by email and Ms. Robinson will call him in the morning. Attorney Reimers gave the Board copies of the easement with the changes that were requested by Mrs. Ladd, Ms. Cole and Ms. Robinson. He explained that word predominately was removed and he added that before a barn is constructed the location would be decided on by the Grantor and Grantee. Ms. Robinson said it should say any structure. Attorney Reimers said he changed the word from Tract 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. to Conserved Area 1, Conserved Area 2, Excluded Area 3, Excluded Area 4 etc. Selectman Maxfield thanked the Ladd's for doing this. Chairman Krieger said he agrees; they aren't making more land so it's nice to be able to save some. Ms. Robinson stated that she also appreciates what the Ladd's are doing and hopes they understand that her job as the Conservation Chair is to be a watchdog for the town. The Board

thanked Ms. Robinson for all her time and hard work.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for October 2015.

The Board received a legal notice from the Town of Middleton regarding a Special Use Permit to construct a cell tower.

The Board received a scholarship thank you from A. Radcliffe.

The Board received the Planning/Zoning Board Administrative Assistant job posting and description for approval. The job will be posted until Tuesday, December 15th.

The Board received notice that there will be a legislative listening session regarding New Hampshire's addict epidemic, Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Charlie's Barn. Representatives George Saunderson and Howard Moffett, a doctor from Concord Hospital and a representative from the Sheriff's office will be there.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

The Board received the following reminders.

Wednesday, December 2nd from 9-11:00 a.m. is a Hazard Mitigation Meeting.

Thursday, December 10th at 6 p.m. is a meeting with School Board.

Selectman Ives moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (e) at 6:28 PM.; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-public session at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. Motion carries. Chairman Krieger said the meeting was to discuss a confidential letter from the town attorney.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Next Loudon Ledger Deadline: January 22, 2016 for the February 2016 Issue

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 8, 2015

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Police Sergeant Kris Burgess.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 1, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted memo's regarding issues the Code Enforcement Office has been working on. Chairman Krieger explained that the first was an update regarding the sapping operation on Lower Ridge Road, the second is in regard to issues with a shelter and light on Berry Road and the third is a boundary dispute on Wales Bridge Road.

Chief Wright said a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the gift of a fire engine. Chief Wright explained that Jeff Jenkins has

offered to donate the engine to the town. Chief Wright gave the Board a "Donation and Transfer of Ownership" letter for their review. Mr. Jenkins will attend the meeting on December 15th. Selectman Maxfield asked if this is the first fire truck the town owned. Chief Wright clarified that it is the first factory built fire truck the town owned. Chief Wright said the Jenkins family bought it at auction in 1973 with the idea that it would get back to the town. Selectman Ives said it is very generous of them to donate it to the town.

Chief Wright explained that they have looked into grant money from the Assistance to Fire Fighters, a grant program from FEMA. He said this program allows Fire Departments and other emergency service organizations to apply for grant money. Chief Wright said with the Selectmen's support they would like to apply for money from this program. Chief Wright said they would like to apply for extrication equip-

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ment and upgrade the HVAC system at station 2.

Chief Wright said they received six applications for the soon to be available full-time position. Discussion ensued about who would interview the candidates. It was decided that Chief Wright, Deputy Lake, Selectman Ives and a volunteer member of the department would sit in on the interviews.

Chief Wright said he spoke to Dominic at NH Volunteer and Faith Stevens regarding the CERT Team. He said he spoke to them as well as the Chichester Fire Chief about a joint Loudon-Chichester CERT Team. They will be meeting to discuss it further. Chairman Krieger asked that the town insurance company be contacted to be sure the team is covered whether they are in Chichester or Loudon.

Chief Wright explained that he and Deputy Lake attended the Loudon Agricultural Commission meeting last week. They had a discussion about how the Agricultural Commission can help local farms.

Selectman Ives said there is an election coming up and the Supervisors of the Checklist are concerned about whether the town hall is big enough to handle the crowds. He asked if Station 1 be used for the election if necessary. Selectman Ives asked Chief Wright to think about it.

Selectman Ives read an invitation to the employees of the town of Loudon. He explained that every year the Fire Department puts on a breakfast for the town employees on Christmas Eve morning.

Selectman Maxfield stated that he saw the old cruiser with its new red paint job and said it looks good. Chief Wright said it is running good.

The Board met with Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess.

Sergeant Burgess thanked Chief Wright for having him over for Thanksgiving when he was on duty.

Sergeant Burgess said Eastern Propane repaired their furnace on Friday.

Sergeant Burgess said they had the overhead door in the garage repaired.

Sergeant Burgess said they received a couple of quotes for new carpet/vinyl tile at the Station. Chairman Krieger said they will review the quotes and talk about them next week.

The Board reviewed and signed pistol permits.

Sergeant Burgess said Officer Martel is going to Concord PD to see their evidence system. Sergeant Burgess explained they seem to have a great, relatively cost effective system and Loudon might be able to utilize something like it.

Selectman Ives commended the police department. He explained that he called them the other night because he heard shots down the road from him. Selectman Ives said Officer Martel answered the phone; a few minutes later the bank robbery happened. Officer Martel called after the inci-

dent at the bank to apologize for not getting right up there. Selectman Ives said he fully understood; the bank robbery was the priority and he appreciated the fact that Officer Martel took the time to call him back afterwards.

Selectman Ives moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:21 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-public session at 6:37 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. Motion carries.

Chairman Krieger recognized Kathy Whedon from Greenview Drive. Ms. Whedon said she looked back at the minutes from the meeting the Selectmen had with Bryan Christensen from Comcast back in February of 2014. She said he said there could be a mechanism put in the franchise agreement that said something like if you have ten-fifteen people willing to sign up for service Comcast will install it. Ms. Whedon said she did that and he doesn't have the authority. Ms. Whedon said she has done everything they have asked and then some. She said the agreement the town is operating under now is for 20 houses per aerial mile and 25 per underground. Ms. Whedon said with the new house being built up there they should be in that range. She said the new agreement has the 25 upped to 40 houses. Ms. Whedon asked the Selectmen why they can't say everybody in town gets cable or we don't sign the agreement. Chairman Krieger said he will discuss that change with Attorney Miller. He also said Attorney Miller said they can't push too much because that is a private road. Ms. Whedon said that the town has never sent a tax bill to Comcast, she said Bryan seemed to think a tax bill from a town our size would be about \$10,000 per year. Ms. Whedon suggested that in lieu of the money they haven't paid they could do the infrastructure to the places that need it. Selectman Maxfield said he spoke to Bryan Christensen who said there are 75 houses in town without cable. George Hunton from Currier Road explained that they are in the same situation; they don't have the conduit. He explained that his neighbor paid \$6,000 to get it. Discussion ensued about the 40 houses per underground mile. Chairman Krieger will contact Attorney Miller to get clarification regarding that number being increased from 25. Ms. Whedon explained that it became apparent that they weren't going to be able to get this so she started working with Carol Miller, Director

of Broadband Technology from the Division of Economic Development. Selectman Ives explained that they had intended to sign the agreement tonight but they are going to put it on hold for awhile longer.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from the Department of Labor stating that there are no outstanding violations and the Safety inspection audit is complete.

The Board received the November 2015 Property Transfers.

The Board received and invite to the employees Annual Christmas Breakfast from the Fire Dept.

The Board received that Maxfield Library Trustee's Meeting Minutes for November, 2015.

The Board received the Agriculture Commission September 3rd Meeting Minutes.

The Board received the Agriculture Commission November 5th Meeting Minutes.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

The Board received the following reminder.

Thursday, December 10th at 6 p.m. is a meeting with School Board.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — Nov. 19, 2105

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

Attendance:

George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Steve Ives, and Alternates Alice Tuson and Dustin Bowles

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 15, 2015 Regular Meeting — Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

October 15, 2015 Excavation Regulations review — Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

New Business:

Application #15-12, Loudon Ridge Properties — Lot Line Adjustment on Loudon Ridge Road, Map 45, Lots 1 & 2 in the AFP District. Applicant Howard Pearl and abutter June Lavoie (Evelyn Pearl Trust) were present. Mark Sargent of Richard D. Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant.

Mr. Sargent pointed out that Lot 1, with a house, has 108 acres and Lot 2, which is vacant, has 65 acres. He explained that 1.28 acres will be annexed from Lot 1 to Lot 2. Acreages after the adjustment will be 106.7 acres on Lot 1 and 66.3 acres on Lot 2. Bob Cole made a motion to accept the application as complete and to move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. Mr. Sargent read waiver requests for items 7 and 10 on the checklist. Tom Moore moved to grant the waivers; seconded by Bob Cole. Henry Huntington asked Mr. Sargent to submit revised letters to correlate to the checklist. All were in favor.

Abutter June Lavoie asked how this will affect her property across the road. It was explained that there will be no physical changes to the property except perhaps houses on the lots. She asked to be sure there would be no businesses. It was explained that these are residential lots.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. It was noted that Note #6 on the plan needs to be corrected regarding the intent of the plan. Bob Cole made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment, subject to the change of Note #6; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Application #15-13, Loudon Ridge Properties — Major Subdivision on Loudon Ridge Road, Map 45, Lot 2 in the AFP District. Applicant Howard Pearl and abutter June Lavoie (Evelyn Pearl Trust) were present. Mark Sargent of Richard D. Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant.

Mr. Sargent explained that Lot 2 now has 66.3 acres as a result of the lot line adjustment just approved. He said it is a vacant lot, there are some wetlands in the corner closest to Lot 1, and steep slopes have been shown. The intent is to create two new lots. Lot 2-1 would be 5.01 acres with 2.74 acres of contiguous buildable area and 400' of frontage, and Lot 2-2 would be 5.01 acres with 2.78 acres of contiguous buildable area and 400' of frontage. Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Mr. Sargent read a waiver request for item 7 on the checklist. Bob Cole moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

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Mr. Sargent read a waiver request for item 9 on the checklist. *Henry Huntington made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Mr. Sargent read a waiver request for item 10 on the checklist. *George Saunderson moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

Mr. Sargent read a waiver request for item 12 on the checklist. *Tom Moore moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

Stan Prescott said that Note #8 does not need to be on the plan. It was also stated that Note #6 needs to be corrected with regard to the plan's intent. Tom Dow pointed out that the total areas need to be corrected on the plan. It was also noted that there is no wetland stamp on the plan.

Tom Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Bob Cole made a motion to approve the application with the following conditions: remove Note #8, add wetland stamp, change total area calculation, and revise Note #6; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

Voluntary Lot Merger — John and Diane Peterson submitted a request to merge two of their lots, Map 49, Lots 18 and 25. The Board reviewed the completed merger form and tax maps. All were in agreement with the request and signed the document to be recorded.

Mike Tardiff would like to meet with the Board at the next meeting to finish up loose ends on the Master Plan update. It was agreed to meet with Mike at 6:30 p.m. on December 17th.

The next zoning amendment workshop is scheduled for December 2nd at 4:30 p.m.

Report of the ZBA:

There is a variance application for prospective buyers in the Villages (being withdrawn) and a variance application for an automotive service/repair business on Lower Ridge Road on this month's agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that the following items were discussed: 1) tank and structure for sap and pump station; 2) NHMS — Gift of Lights; 3) complaint on Rte 129, former Becky Smith property, about Millican Nurseries planting trees; it was agreed that it's an allowed use; 4) complaint on Berry Road about a Rhino shed and lights; and 5) complaint on School St./Batchelder Rd. about campers/internet sales/propane tanks; they were advised to go to the ZBA.

Adjournment:

Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — November 30, 2105**ROLL CALL:**

Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Dave Powelson, Ned Lizotte, Earl Tuson, Alternates George Saunderson, and Charlie Aznive

Bill Lake represented the Code/Compliance Office.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing — *Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2015 as presented; seconded by Earl Tuson. All were in favor.*

DISCUSSIONS:

Ben Carter, Foster Road — Mr. Carter explained that he has been letting a friend use his back garage for body work. Due to a neighbor's complaint to the Code Enforcement Office, he has been asked to attend this meeting and discuss the matter. There was discussion about previous businesses that were at the property (M29L25). Mr. Carter said this is not really a business. He does not charge Mr. Rollins any rent; Mr. Rollins did recently give him a little for the power. He said there is one car at a time there. Dave Powelson asked if Mr. Rollins is charging people. Donna Rollins was there to represent her husband. She said he does not do this frequently, generally for people he knows. She said he is 70 years old, there is no heat in the building, they have known the Carters for a while, and he stores his tools there. She said there is minimal money involved. Bill Lake said his office had a complaint call so he told Mr. Carter to come in to discuss the best way to handle the matter. Dave Powelson asked Mr. Carter if he wants to define it as a business. Mr. Carter said he wasn't sure he wanted to do that as it is more of a hobby for Mr. Rollins. Roy Merrill said it does not sound like it is going to turn into a big business, he's just doing occasional repairs in a garage. Charlie Aznive said it sounds like it has to be defined if there is an ongoing dispute. Mr. Powelson asked if this could come to some kind of an agreement in the sense of this being a hobby. He said a hearing would be required if they go for a business. George Saunderson said no rent is charged for the space; perhaps a limit could be put on the number of cars. Roy Merrill pointed out that Mr. Carter could go out there every night and work on something if he chose to so this does not seem much different. Bill Lake said it appears that Mr. Rollins does the work through word of mouth, helping people out. Michael Harris spoke about the Town's Zoning Ordinance, cautioning the Board members about what precedent they might be setting. He said he sees this as a violation of the Zoning Ordinance. Roy Merrill said the only thing the Board is doing is realizing this is not a business. Charlie Aznive stated that there were two previous "businesses" at this location. Howard Pearl said the Board is not approving anything as they have no application,

this is only a discussion. He acknowledged that Mr. Harris has a valid point. Earl Tuson explained to Mr. Harris, after he mentioned the need for hardship several times, that hardship is only one point of a variance; it is not the only thing that the ZBA looks at. Mr. Harris said it is inappropriate to chip away at the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Powelson said most of the Board feels comfortable with usual and customary uses of a home. He said using a garage/tinkering, if defined not a business, would comply with zoning. Ben Carter said farming is the only business at the property. It was agreed that farming is a permitted use throughout town. Howard Pearl said the Zoning Ordinance is very clear on what is required for a business; the Board is simply giving a little guidance. Ned Lizotte stated that if volume increases, traffic, etc. then the code enforcement office would tell them to come back in. Dave Powelson asked Bill Lake if this gave him something to work with; Mr. Lake agreed that it does.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Application #Z15-20, Jerry & Jo-Ellen Magalnick — The Board received a copy of letter from the applicants to the Board of Directors of the Villages at Loudon. In the letter they have stated that they no longer wish to pursue ownership/residence at the Villages. *Roy Merrill made a motion to recognize that the applicants have withdrawn the application; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.*

Application #Z15-21, Adam Bousquet — *Variance to operate a repair/service garage, Map 53, Lot 11, AFP District.* The applicant was not present. Abutters Jeff and Doreen Green were present. Michael Harris stated that he was present as a nearby resident. He again asked that the Board not erode the Zoning Ordinance by allowing a business in this area; he said it is no place for a business, speaking about additional traffic, etc.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to table the application until the next meeting rather than conduct the hearing without the applicant being present. *Roy Merrill made a motion to table the application to the next meeting; seconded by Earl Tuson.* The chairman and members discussed meeting date options since the regular date would be Christmas Eve. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Monday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. There will be no further notification. *All were in favor.*

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Email received — An email was received from Michael Harris. Mr. Harris said he was not sure why he was referred to the ZBA. Bill Lake explained that the matter of a sap tank and building was discussed at Board of Permit after receiving an inquiry

from Mr. Harris. He said Mr. Harris did not seem satisfied with the findings of that meeting so he was told he could address it with this board. Howard Pearl said this board is not enforcement. Mr. Lake said there is nothing to be enforced as it is a permitted use. Mr. Harris said the guy is putting vinyl siding on the shed; that seems more than temporary as he was told it was. He said the tank is within 10' of the roadway; the guy parks in the road and creates a nuisance. He said this is a commercial operation; there is no driveway, will have lighting, noise, etc. Mr. Harris said the guy has no permit; he has not applied to any board. Roy Merrill asked Mr. Harris if he would be happy if the man had a place to park his truck. Mr. Harris said he would be happy if the guy had a permit for a driveway and moved things back 50'. Howard Pearl noted that the sap tank and building, by rule, are pieces of equipment according to Current Use laws and the Department of Agriculture. He said the man is not required to have a business. Bill Lake noted that driveway permits are generally only for addressing purposes; there is no residence at this location. Mr. Pearl stated that anyone could park at the side of the road to collect sap buckets, cut wood, etc. Mr. Harris again stated that the guy has no permit. Mr. Pearl said there is no permit to get.

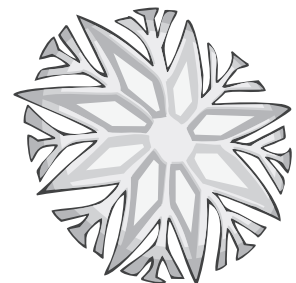
Morin, Craft Shop — Donna received an inquiry about Richard and Kim Morin re-opening a craft shop at their home on McKenzie Road. The Board reviewed an approval for a special exception for the craft shop from 1990. It was agreed that the approval stands as granted. If they want to change anything, such as the amount of anticipated traffic, they would need to come back to the Board.

Zoning amendment workshop — Members were reminded of the workshop set for this Wednesday, December 2nd, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*



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