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Mission Statement...

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

Eagles Seen on Bee Hole Road!



Will Jarvis, of Bee Hole Road, recently had the opportunity of a visit from a Bald Eagle. He was able to take a number of photographs, which he has shared with us.

Loudon Tax Rate Breakdown

From the Loudon Board of Selectmen

The Loudon Selectmen, Department Heads and Committee Members work diligently to keep operation costs down as reflected in the Town Tax Rate. The Selectmen have no control over the County, School, and State rates. However, you do have control over the School rate by attending and voting at the Annual Meeting. Town meeting will be held Saturday, March 16, 2013. School meeting is usually held the preceding Thursday evening at MVHS auditorium. Watch future editions of *The Loudon Ledger* for specific dates and times. ■

TOWN OF LOUDON TAX RATE

	2011	2012	
County:	\$ 2.71	\$ 2.71	No Change
School:	\$10.68	\$11.33	Increase: \$0.65
Town:	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.15	Decrease: \$0.34
State Ed:	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.35	Decrease: \$0.14
Total:	\$20.37	\$20.54	Increase: \$0.17



Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • townofloudon@comcast.net
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542 • townclerkloudon@comcast.net
Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings open until 7 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543 • taxcollectorloudon@comcast.net
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Code Enforcement

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

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • dick@loudonfire.com
The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400
The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location.

Transfer Station

783-0170 • townofloudon@comcast.net
Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

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

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
The Library Trustees meet at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

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

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 9
Priscilla P. Lockwood: PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001
Howard M. Moffett: 66 Cogswell Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224-2011
Merrimack County — District 26
Lorrie J. Carey: 151 King St., Boscawen, NH 03303-2107
Senators — District 17
John Reagan: 53 Mt. Delight Rd., Deerfield, NH 0303-1304

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” 2013 Schedule

January 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 12/17

February 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/21

March 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/18

April 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/18

May 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/22

June 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/20

July 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/17

August 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/22

September 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/19

October 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/16

November 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/21

December 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/18

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

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

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs.

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church

Evangelical Free Church of America

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

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

Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship for ages 3 up to 4th Grade

Youth Group: Sunday 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

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



Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Contact Stephanie Gagne, Clerk (568-5080) or Sam Langley, Deacon (848-1455)
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Dick Carter, Interim Minister

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

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

Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study

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

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

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

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

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

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

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

Prayer Gathering: 6 p.m. • Adult Bible Studies: 6:30 p.m.

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

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



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.
Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of Every Month: Communion Service followed by potluck luncheon. Third Sunday of Every Month: Men’s and Women’s Ministry Luncheon following services.



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

You’re Invited to Dinner

Saturday, January 12, 2013

Serving dinner 4:30–6:30 PM

The Family Bible Church

Community Fellowship Kitchen

676 Loudon Ridge Road
Loudon, NH 03307

NO CHARGE
ALL ARE WELCOME

OUR MENU CHANGES EVERY MONTH
BUT THE LOVE IT IS SERVED WITH
ALWAYS REMAINS THE SAME

Sno-Shakers are hosting the Annual

Spaghetti Supper
and Mystery Auction

Saturday, January 13, 2013

5 p.m.

Adults/\$10.00 • Children 12 and under/\$5.00

Proceeds go to Easter Seals Camp SnoMo

Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

70 Clough Pond Road
Canterbury, NH 03224

The Loudon Historical Society and the NH Humanities Council is proud to present:

Steve Taylor speaking on: The Great Sheep Boom
and Its Enduring Legacy on the NH Landscape

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

Where: Charlies Barn, 29 S. Village Rd.

When: Wednesday, March 20th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Michele York, 396-2362

E-mail: myburton22@aol.com

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.



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police



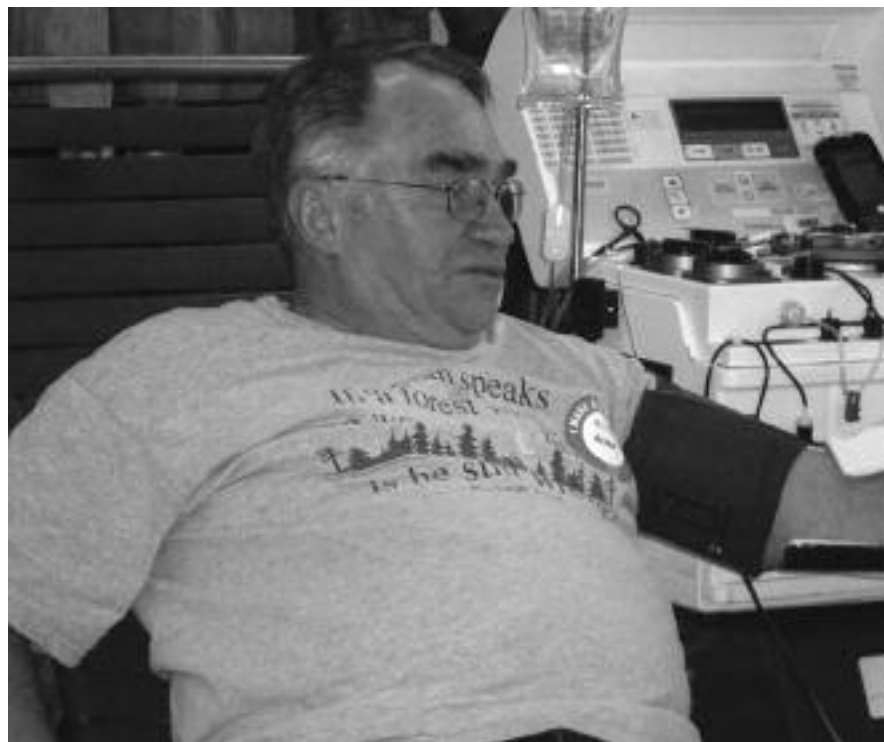
Happy New Year!

On November 27, 2011, the Loudon Police Department held our annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 67 donors gave 63 units of blood! 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 that assisted with their time or providing a soup, chili, stew, or dessert. These volunteers include Marilyn Jenks, Lisa Radcliffe, Alyssa Radcliffe, Boy Scout Troop 30, Girl Scout Cadet Troop 12356, Barbara Sullivan, Courtney Glazier, Rosann Storrs, Diane Bullock, Jan Eleftheriou, Nancy Bottcher, Tina Huntley, and Jayson & Jen Leonard from the Broken Yolk. Also thank you to Brookside Pizza for providing \$5 Brookside Bucks coupons for our donors!

Once again this past holiday season, we had two generous, confidential donors come forth to make sure two families were able to enjoy their Christmas. Although we can not share their names, we do want them to know we appreciate all they do! With all the negative news out there, it's nice to see there is some positive news to share!

I would like to emphasize to our residents that we continue to work closely with the staff at the Loudon Elementary School on a regular basis regarding the security measures at the school. In wake of the recent tragedy in Connecticut, we will continue to stay vigilant to keep our children safe.

Again, we thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department and on behalf of all members of the Loudon Police Department, Happy New Year! ■



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PTA Update

Santa's Breakfast

The 2012 PTA Santa's Breakfast was a success again this year. The PTA raised just under \$2,000. Those funds are used to pay for field trip transportation and subsidize the costs of field trip admissions as well as other PTA projects including technology updates.

LES Dance Party.

Instead of a sock hop, the PTA will be hosting a dance party on Friday, February 15th. Plans will be finalized at PTA meeting on Thursday, January 10th at 6 p.m. Join us (free child care provided)!

PTA Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars!!! The second annual Loudon Elementary School PTA Golf Tournament will held on Saturday June 1, 2013. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please contact Becky Herrmann at becky@handcut.com or 783-4257. ■

Troop 30 Goes Winter Camping!



By Chris Koufos

On December 7 and 8 some of the Boy Scouts and adults went Winter Camping at Hancock Campground located on the Kancamagus Highway. This was the first time camping at night when the temperature lowered to 28 degrees both nights and the day were in the low 40's with rain. The Scouts and adults had a great time on the 9.75 mile hike through Lincoln Woods. The Troop is in the process of planning our next overnight winter camping trip where all supplies will be carried in by backpack. In the photo, from left to right are: Nicholas Ackerson, Jacob Cheney, Danny Dockham, Mr. Matt Cheney, Ayden Radcliffe, Mr Rob Radcliffe, Nicholas Koufos, and Mr. Chris Koufos. The photo was taken at Black Pond. Thank you, boys for a great time and don't forget the diet water. ■

Library Services Available from Your Home Computer

Did you know that you can use the library without leaving the house? The Maxfield Library subscribes to several online services you can access from your home computer.

New Hampshire Downloadable Books:

This is a service through the NH State Library at <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>. The site easily guides you through downloading the software, checking out the books, and copying them onto an MP3 player, CDs, or e-book readers. The site offers an extensive list of MP3 players and e-book readers that can be used with the software as well as step-by-step new user tips. Books are available for children and adults in a variety of categories. Please call the library for more information.

TumbleBook Library:

Here you can find a collection of animated, talking picture books teaching young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love. Also offered are puzzles and games, audio books for older children, and foreign language learning. Access this site at www.tumblebooklibrary.com.

Username: Maxfield Password: 03307

EBSCOhost Research Databases:

This is an excellent site for students doing research as well as for adults who want to access periodicals without paying a subscription fee. Databases include: journals, magazines, newspapers, maps, and photographs. The home page offers searches designed for children, students, and adults. Search *NovelList* and *NovelList K-8*, databases of over 150,000 fiction titles, and over 4000 custom-created articles and lists on topics in business, education, health, and more. Access this site at <http://search.ebscohost.com>.

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Welcome 2013

Time to get serious about the Three R's to help your Environment!

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station Recycling Committee

Now it is easier than ever to make a change and move forward by following the 3 "R's" for helping your environment. I'm talking about **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**. Look for future articles in the Loudon Ledger featuring more information about how to be successful in practicing the 3 "R's".

REDUCE

Reducing the amount of waste you produce is the best way to help the environment.

- Buy products that don't have a lot of packaging. Some products are wrapped in many layers of plastic and paperboard even though they don't need to be.

REUSE

Instead of throwing things away, try to find ways to use them again!

- Bring cloth sacks to the store with you instead of taking home new paper or plastic bags. You can use these sacks again and again. You'll be saving some trees!

RECYCLE

Many of the things we use every day, like paper bags, soda cans, and milk cartons, are made out of materials that can be recycled. Recycled items are put through a process that makes it possible to create new products out of the materials from the old ones.

Questions???

Do you have questions you would like to ask the Recycling Committee?
If yes, submit them to la_childress@comcast.net
Subject line: Recycling Committee Questions

We will do our best to answer your questions and post them in the Loudon Ledger so everyone can learn.

Happy New Year to all and together we can make a difference.



Christmas Came Early: 44 Non-Profits Receive \$169,710 from NHMA and Speedway Children's Charities

Grant distribution provides support to more than 49,000 children

The Christmas spirit was alive and well in Manchester, N.H., on Tuesday, Dec. 11 as New Hampshire Motor Speedway and the New Hampshire Chapter of the Speedway Children's Charities donated \$169,710 to 44 local non-profit organizations as part of its third annual grant distribution presentation at Manchester City Hall.

"To have the opportunity to make a difference — no matter how big or small — for these programs certainly makes a day like today so worthwhile," said Cheryl LaPrade, director of the New Hampshire Chapter of SCC. "We're happy to help you fulfill the things you do to help kids."

Representatives from nearly all of the 44 organizations, scattered across New England, were on hand to receive a check from Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager of the speedway. The funds will provide assistance to more than 49,000 underprivileged children. Since its inception in 2009, the SCC and NHMS have raised more than \$450,000, which has supported the needs of more than 88,000 children.

"It's the time of year where everyone wants to help out and this year I'm very pleased with the effort that was put forth to raise nearly \$170,000 for children-related causes in and around New Hampshire, up into Maine and of course into Massachusetts," said Gappens. "The race fans were very generous this year, coming to our events and contributing. That's the mission of the SCC, to help a child in need, and that's what we've done here."

Money is raised through events such as celebrity dinners, golf tournaments, track walks, silent auctions, the Red Bucket Brigade and the Ride of a Lifetime, which allows fans to bid on a chance to ride with their favorite NASCAR driver at different Speedway Motorsports, Inc. (SMI) tracks.

Chris Emond, executive director of the Concord Boys and Girls Club in Concord, N.H., said that the money will provide scholarship money to about 330 kids so they are able to attend the Club's after-school and summer day camp programs.

"The donation is very important because approximately half our budget comes from charitable activities, contributions from individuals and foundations such as the SCC," said Emond.

Dawn Stanhope, executive director of David's House in Lebanon, N.H. David's House provides a home-away-from-home and support for the families of children receiving treatment at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

"The money we receive from Speedway Children's Charities helps us keep that home environment," said Stanhope. "David's House relies 100 percent on donations from the community to help support over 13,000 square feet of housing for these families."

Mayor Ted Gatsas noted that he met with several children from the The Birchtree Center in Newington, N.H. prior to the check distribution ceremony. Gatsas and Gappens then gave the three children a sled that they all sat on together.

"This is what the holiday season is all about," said Gatsas. "Jerry and New Hampshire Motor Speedway and the SCC don't have to give \$450,000 away, but they do because of how much they care for the welfare of children like the ones we have here today."

"One hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, what sort of house you lived in or the kind of car you drove," added LaPrade, "but the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child and all of you here today emulate that."

The money was raised during the 2012 LENOX Industrial Tools 301 and SYLVANIA 300 NASCAR weekends, as well as several other events held throughout the season. The 44 non-profit organizations include:

Mayhew, Bristol, N.H.
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake, Inc., Casco, ME
Riverbend Community Mental Health, Concord, N.H.
Concord Boys & Girls Club, Concord, N.H.
Concord Family YMCA, Concord, N.H.
Concord Hospital Trust, Concord, N.H.
The Friends Program, Inc., Concord, N.H.
The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Dover, N.H.
Zebra Crossings, Dover, N.H.
Copper Cannon Corporation, Franconia, N.H.
Crispin's House, Inc., Goffstown, N.H.
UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center, Goffstown, N.H.
New Generation, Inc., Greenland, N.H.
BMW Car Club of America Foundation, Greenville, S.C.
Shared Gifts, Hopkinton, N.H.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western New Hampshire, Keene, N.H.
Lakes Region Community Services Council, Laconia, N.H.
Family Service, Inc., Lawrence, Mass.
Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Lebanon, N.H.
David's House, Lebanon, N.H.
Injury Prevention Center of N.H., Lebanon, N.H.
SHINE Initiative, Leominster, Mass.
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country, Lisbon, N.H.
New Hampshire Aviation Society, Londonderry, N.H.
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Lowell, Mass.
Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc., Lowell, Mass.
City Year, Inc., Manchester, N.H.
Young Men's Christian Association, Manchester, N.H.
Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc., Manchester, N.H.
Webster House, Manchester, N.H.
Child & Family Services of New Hampshire, Manchester, N.H.
New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Manchester, N.H.
Boys & Girls Club of MetroWest, Inc., Marlborough, Mass.
SADD, Inc., Marlborough, Mass.
Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc., Nashua, N.H.
Lil' Iguana's Children's Safety Foundation, Nashua, N.H.
The Birchtree Center, Newington, N.H.
Kismet Rock Foundation, North Conway, N.H.
Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council, Northfield, N.H.
SuperSibs!, Palatine, Ill.
Windy Row Learning Center, Peterborough, N.H.
Spurwink Services, Inc., Portland, Maine
Community Cares Services, Inc., Taunton, Mass.
Kingswood Youth Center, Wolfeboro Falls, N.H. ■

LYAA News

LYAA hopes you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. We hope you're excited about new possibilities 2013 brings. January 29, 2013 will be LYAA's next meeting at 7 p.m. at Maxfield Library. We invite you to attend to learn about Board positions and other areas you can help to make 2013 a great year for our youth. Many of our Board members are willing to stay on for another year, thank you! However, our secretary gave her notice at the November 2012 meeting. As a result, LYAA will be seeking someone to commit to this position. If you have any questions about what the role LYAA secretary involves please feel free to contact Tracy at tckoufos@msn.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the January meeting! Happy New Year! ■



Thanks for Your Business

A Main Street Barber Shop 603-485-3007
159 Main Street, Suncook, NH 03275
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Loudon Historical Society Receives Pictorial Gift

The Loudon Historical Society met on October 3, 2012. Sean Jones, Ron Lane, Melanie and Pat Kiley, Stanley Prescorr, Michele York, John Plummer, and Cynthia Babonis were present.

At the meeting, John Plummer (left, in photo at right) donated a framed pictorial of the Lovejoy Farm (circa 1790) a.k.a. the Abraham Batchelder Farm. Dallas Langevin, the current owner of the farm, agreed to allow John to copy the photographs.

If you would like to see this pictorial or many other interesting items, contact a member of the Historical Society so you can stop by and visit. ■



Happy Hill 4-H Club

By Cassidy Boon, Reporter

On Monday, November 5, 2012 Happy Hill 4-H Club held a meeting at the Loudon Legion at 6:30 p.m. Topics were discussed between the recently elected youth leaders responsible for the productivity of the club. An installation ceremony was held and the new officers are as follows: Megan Bosivert, President; Susan Aznive, Vice President; Katelyn Leonard, Secretary; Cassidy Boon, Reporter; Emily Blain, Treasurer; Julia Peabody-Harhigh, Chaplain. At the next meeting, occurring December 3, 2012 there will be a potluck dinner followed by a secret Santa gift exchange.

The club will also be putting together gift packages for the troops as part of a citizenship project. ■



January Walk-In Immunization Clinics

CRVNA will offer its monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle on Monday, January 7, 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, January 15, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Clinics are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information, call CRVNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

January Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

A free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be offered on Friday, January 4, 9:30–11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinics are at the West Street Ward House, 41 West St. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics on January 22 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment. ■

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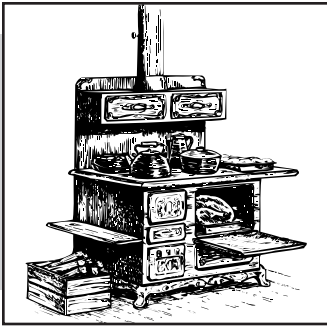
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Settle In With Soup

Jenn Pfeifer

Happy New Year, Loudon! I hope 2013 brings peace and happiness to everyone. There have been many tragedies in our country over the past few months and I really believe our future is in the hands of our children. My personal feeling is that we need to make and keep connections with our friends and families by spending time with each other and what better way than spending time cooking and eating. The weather is cold and warming up with a bowl of soup and people we love keeps us connected to one another.

Here are a few of my favorite soup recipes but my message to you this month is really just take time to snuggle your children, visit your family, call your friends, and spread love to those that need it the most.

LOADED POTATO SOUP

We like EXTRA cheese, sour cream and bacon for the top. YUM!

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup chopped carrot
- 2-3 minced garlic cloves
- 2 cups chopped broccoli florets, measure after chopping
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 5 cups chicken broth, can use veggie broth
- 32 ounces frozen cubed hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3 cups milk
- 2-3 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- salt, to taste

In a large soup pot, melt butter. Add onions, carrots, garlic, broccoli and parsley; sauté for about 5-7 minutes or until softened. Add the broth, hash browns, paprika, pepper, and celery salt.

Reduce heat to low and simmer for about 20 minutes or until everything is soft.

In a separate saucepan, melt the 6 tbsp butter. Stir in the flour and stir constantly while cooking for 3 minutes. Stir this into the soup. Add the milk and cheese to soup. Cook and stir soup mixture until heated through and thickened. Stir or bacon and add salt to taste.

BERMUDA FISH CHOWDER

"This recipe comes from the beautiful island of Bermuda. A wonderful blend of seafood and spices creates a meal in itself! Serve with a loaf of warm, crusty bread and Sherry Pepper Sauce to sprinkle on top." — Star Pooley

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 4 cups clam juice
- 2 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 14.5 ounce can peeled and diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 pound red snapper fillets, cut into 1 inch pieces

Heat oil in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add celery, carrots, onion, green pepper, and garlic; sauté about 8 minutes. Stir in tomato paste, and cook 1 minute. Add clam juice, potatoes, canned tomatoes with juice, Worcestershire sauce, jalapeno pepper, bay leaf, and ground black pepper. Simmer until potatoes are tender, stirring about every 30 minutes. Add fish. Simmer until snapper is easily flaked with fork, about 10 minutes.

CHINESE CHICKEN DUMPLING SOUP — Oxmoor House

I grate lots of ginger into this soup...It's the perfect soup when you're not feeling well.

- 1 cup minced cooked chicken breast (about 5 ounces)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 16 won ton wrappers
- 4 cups fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions

Combine first 3 ingredients in a small bowl. Working with 1 won ton wrapper at a time (cover remaining wrappers with a damp towel to keep them from drying), spoon about 1 tablespoon chicken mixture into center of each wrapper. Moisten edges of wrapper with water; bring opposite corners together. Press edges together to seal, forming a triangle. Cover lightly and set aside. Combine chicken broth and soy sauce in a large saucepan; bring to a simmer over medium heat. Add 4 dumplings; stir gently. Cook 4 minutes or until dumplings float to top. Place dumplings in a soup bowl. Repeat procedure with remaining dumplings. Add mushrooms and green onions to broth; cook 1 minute. Ladle 1 cup broth mixture over each bowl of dumplings. Serve immediately.

SLOW COOKER SPLIT PEA SOUP — Recipe from Betty Crocker

The classic pairing of mild split peas and rich ham come together in a delicious slow-cooker version.

- 7 cups water
- 1 package dried split peas (2 1/4 cups), sorted and rinsed (16 ounces)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 medium carrots, cut into 1/4-inch slices (1 1/2 cups)
- 2 medium stalks celery, finely chopped (1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 ham bone, 2 pounds ham shanks or 2 pounds smoked pork hocks

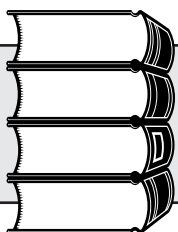
Mix all ingredients except ham in 4- to 5-quart slow cooker. Add ham.

Cover and cook on Low heat setting 8 to 10 hours or until peas are tender.

Remove ham from cooker; place on cutting board. Pull meat from bones, using 2 forks; discard bones and skin. Stir ham into soup. Stir well before serving.

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





Between the Covers

By Kate Dockham

Ahhh. The hustle and bustle is over and hopefully we can all take a deep breath. But perhaps you received a new gadget for the holidays; a computer, laptop, tablet or e-reader. Just because we are becoming an electronic society does not necessitate we give up the comfort and joy of a good read. This month I am going to focus on web sites to encourage and entice the reader in all of us.

If you are the proud owner of a new, or old, e-reader, the first place to go is <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>. This site powered by the New Hampshire Public Library has a myriad of titles, classics and recent releases. You will need your library card number from the Maxfield Library, then go to the website enter the library's name and your number and you can borrow free e-books. You need to input a 5 or 6 digit number, so if your library number is shorter, the friendly staff at the Maxfield Library can help you. The site also has free audio books you can borrow! In just a few minutes of browsing I was able to find books from one of my long time favorite authors, J.D. Robb, and new releases in the teen fiction section. This is a definite treasure trove for any reader.

Earlier this year I wrote about James Patterson's website, www.readkiddo.com. This is a great site which organizes books by age. The site has recommendations on titles and many articles for parents. These articles discuss how to help the reluctant reader become enthusiastic readers. Another website parents might want to visit is www.guysread.com, created by author Jon Scieszka of *The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales* fame. This is a web based literacy program for boys founded to help boys become motivated life-long readers. This site is filled with lists, recommendations, author suggestions and fun printables for bookmarks, book plates and even more! www.amightygirl.com gives parents many helpful hints in raising strong independent daughters, including a quite extensive book list. Books are separated by theme and age so it will help you pick the perfect book for your mighty girl. Finally, parents might think about checking out the Book Wizard at Scholastic's website. While originally created for teachers, it can be extremely useful in finding the next book for your child. Go to www.scholastic.com/bookwizard click on "Search for Similar Books," enter the title of a book your child has enjoyed and the site will recommend books in the same reading level and theme.

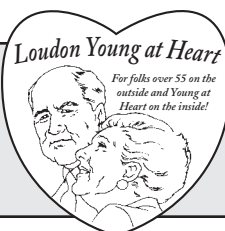
But enough about the kids!!! There are great websites out there to help everyone find their next great read. www.goodreads.com, www.shelfari.com, and www.librarythings.com all work in the same manner. Joining is free and once you are a member you can create a profile, view what your friends are reading, and rate books you have read, join discussion groups or browse their extensive libraries. But perhaps instead of sharing your recent reads, you would like to find your next favorite title. Then you will want to visit www.whatshouldireadnext.com or www.yournextread.com. Both of these sites allow you to browse and search without joining, but membership is free. Joining allows you to save titles and searches for your next visit. Once you get to the site enter a title of a book that you have read and the site will generate a list of titles you might like to read next. What Should I

Read Next displays your result in a list form from its 80,000 titles and has over 1million reader recommendations to help you choose. Your Next Read displays your results in a visual flow chart. The book you entered is placed in the center of the chart, surrounding by books you might enjoy to read next. Click on a new title and that book moves to the center with other titles surrounding it. This site is easy to navigate and I have to say my favorite of the two.

While doing research for this month's article, I found some interesting sites that some of you might find fun and useful. One such site is Whichbook, found at www.openngthebook.com/whichbook. As most book recommendation sites, you can find lists from other readers or create a list of your own. The unique aspect of this site is that you search by mood! Set four of twelve scales to your preference; for example "Happy" vs. "Sad," "Expected" vs. "Unpredictable," and "No Sex" vs. "Lots of Sex" and the site chooses the best match for your mood. Another fun site is Gnooks at www.gnooks.com. This site is not exclusively for books — it also contains categories for movies and music — but the literature map is a distinct feature. Type in an author's name and a scattered list of relevant author names will appear, with those most closely aligned with the original author's style or genre closest in proximity. Another unique feature is Gnod's Suggestions, which offers an author who might fit your taste based on reader recommendations. The Literature Map and Movie Map are features available even if you are not a member, but to use Gnod's Suggestions you need to join. I really enjoyed playing on this site and the author it suggested I try, using the information I gave, was one I have read and do enjoy. The final site I have to share with you attracted me because of its name, Flashlight Worthy! This site is connected to Amazon and will recommend you buy from them, but their lists for searches are "thoughtful, hand-picked" recommendations. They claim to take the redundancy out of a search you might do on Amazon. For example when you search an author's name on Amazon you get every published version of every book that author ever wrote. At www.flashlightworthybooks.com they claim to only list the author's best books and to list each title only once.

This has been a long and eventful month for my family and I am looking for the quiet days of winter to hunker down with a good book and a warm cup of cocoa. As you spend the upcoming months relaxing don't forget to keep turning those pages!

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Loudon Young at Heart

Christmas spirit and cheer filled the atmosphere in Charlie's Barn on Dec. 11, 2012 when Loudon Young at Heart met for their annual Christmas party. Fifty-five festive individuals joined in singing traditional Christmas carols with Roger Dow playing the keyboard. What a colorful sight with many dressed in their Christmas colors along with the snowman, poinsettias, and decorations on the tables.

The potluck lunch was again a huge success. The casseroles, salads and desserts were definitely eye catching and absolutely delicious. The Loudon Young at Heart definitely has many good cooks.

There were new members introduced: Pat and Dawn Van Wormer and Paul and Teresa Riel. They were warmly welcomed with a round of applause.

The door prizes of beautiful poinsettias from Ledgeview Greenhouses were won by: Mike Smith, Paul Riel, and Patty Mulkhey.

The Young at Heart will meet again on Jan. 8, 2013 at Charlie's Barn at 10:00 a.m. to hear Mary Duffy from the Arthritis Foundation speak on arthritis, a condition that affects so many people.

Until then, a big thank-you to all who participated in making the Loudon Young at Heart Christmas party a huge success. We hope you all had a bright and beautiful Christmas season and a wonderful new year. ■

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Loudon Scouting News

Pack 247 collected more than 150 non-perishable food items at our November Pack meeting. The collection was initiated by the Wolves Den and the items were delivered immediately following the meeting.

The 600 Club

Congratulations to the 8 boys who sold more than \$600 worth of popcorn during the annual popcorn fundraiser:

*Caden Brien
Dylan Brien
Tyler Deveau
Hayden Gardener
Hayden Huson
Timmy Laughlin
Brady Moore
Cole Sheppard.*

In mid-December, some of our boys enjoyed Scout Night at the Manchester Monarchs. Boys who were part of the 600 club were given a free ticket to the game and families were offered discounted tickets.

Right before Christmas, the pack wrapped up our sale of Granite State Candy Bars. Thank you to everyone who purchased candy from individual boys or at our show and sell in November.

Our December pack meeting was a blast! We recognized our top popcorn sellers and awarded incentives to all who earned them. Way to

GO! Boys in the 600 club were given the opportunity to throw a cream pie at the Cub Scout Leader of their choice.

Along with the fun and games, the boys took time to celebrate the season. They enjoyed popcorn and a holiday movie. They also brought cash or gift cards to help a Pittsfield Cub Scout family who's members suffered injuries, some of them severe, in a November car accident.

Earlier this month, some of our boys and their families attended Scout Night at the Monster Truck Jam at the Verizon Wireless Arena. Just before the show, there was a Scout Clinic to meet the drivers and get up close to the trucks! The "pit party" gave families an opportunity to get out on the floor with the trucks and drivers and learn what it takes to keep monster trucks charging!

Our pack is still in search of a few good volunteers. Open positions include, Registration Manager, Scout Event coordinator, and Uniform Manager. There are also several Activity Coordinator positions open. If you are interested in volunteering with a truly fantastic group of boys and their amazing leaders, please contact Cub Master Josh Brien at 603-496-8139 or jbprop@aol.com or Committee Chair

The boys are hard at work at their Pinewood Derby cars and are looking forward to our annual Blue and Gold banquet in February. We are always looking for new Cub Scouts if you know a boy who would benefit from Scouting, please contact Cub Master Josh Brien at 603-496-8139 or jbprop@aol.com or Committee Chair Juliana Brien at 603-496-9581 or towheadmama@comcast.net. ■



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Loudon Recreation Committee News

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



BOOT CAMP FITNESS FOR KIDS!

Body Works Martial Arts will offer one free session of their Martial Arts Boot Camp for kids ages 8–10. Unlike a traditional karate class, this class focuses more on the health and fitness associated with martial arts. Their exercise regimen is creative and fun while the martial arts aspect provides important skills in stand-up and on-the-ground training. Music is used to keep the class high energy and positive. It is a great class that promotes health and safety in a fun way. The free class is on Thursday, January 17th from 6:00–6:45 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary school cafeteria. There is a class maximum of 20. Please print the flyer/waiver at www.loudonnh.org under what's new and follow instructions to register. If there is enough interest a full length class will be scheduled in the spring.

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE.

Body Works Martial Arts will offer one free session of their Women's Self Defense course for adults on Friday, February 1st from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Loudon Elementary School. This class is specifically designed to help women learn physical and psychological aspects of defeating a would-be attacker. If there is enough interest a longer session will be offered in the spring. Please print the waiver form at www.loudonnh.org and bring it with you to the class. There is no limit but this class is for ADULT WOMEN only.

WINTER CARNIVAL.

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

ZUMBA FITNESS.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECREATION!!!

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

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



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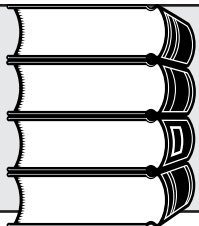
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Maxfield Public Library News



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Yoga Classes

Fran Nash will continue her ever-popular Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening yoga sessions in the new year. Call the library for a schedule of times and dates.

Loudon Village Arts

On the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., the Loudon Village Arts group meets to plan events and offer art workshops. Artists, craftspeople, and art fans are all invited to attend. Afternoon painting sessions take place every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Recent news of the tragic factory fire in Bangladesh reminds us of how far the world still has to go to insure safety in the workplace. An eerily similar situation took place in New York City in 1911 and was the catalyst for industry reforms. Book group will discuss *Triangle: The Fire That Changed America* by Dave Von Drehle at 7 p.m. on January 17. Newcomers are welcome.

Classic Book Group

While Antoine de Saint-Exupery's parable of *The Little Prince* has had a wide following, has been translated into 250 languages, and was made into a movie, the pilot/author's nonfiction works are not as widely read. Classic book group will meet on January 22, at 2:30 p.m., to consider how *Wind, Sand, and Stars* relates and measures up to the author's more well known little gem.

New Books

Fiction

Faulks, Sebastian
Fielding, Joy
Mathis, Ayana
Monninger, Joseph
Patterson, James
Preston, Douglas

Possible Life: A Novel in Five Parts
Shadow Creek
The Twelve Tribes of Hattie
Margaret from Maine
Private London
Two Graves

Nonfiction

Bell, Rob
Bestor, Leslie Ann
Daniluk, Julie
Sacks, Oliver

Love Wins
Cast on, Bind off: 54 Step-by-Step Methods
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New DVDs

Bernie, The Bourne Legacy, The Dark Knight Rises, The Expendables 2, Ice Age: Continental Drift, McKenna Shoots for the Stars, Now is Good, Raging Bull, Robot and Frank, Seeking a Friend for the End of the World, Safety Not Guaranteed, Sparkle, Ted, Total Recall, Trouble with the Curve

Story Time

Story time starts off the new year with thoughts of swirling snow. On January 2 and 3, after hearing Joyce Sidman's *Swirl by Swirl* and Kate Messner's *Over and Under the Snow*, the children will create swirling masterpieces to take home.

On January 8, 9, and 10 we'll discuss snow again with Cynthia Rylant's *Snow* and *Look Inside an Igloo* by Mari Schuh. The children will design beautiful winter scenes with watercolors.

Story timers will make bird feeders to hang in their backyard on the 15, 16, and 17 of January after listening to *Grumpy Birds* by Jeremy Tankard and *About Birds: a Guide for Children* by Cathryn Sill.

The new children's book, *Even Monsters Need Haircuts* by Matthew McElligott, inspired the theme for January 22 through 24. After reading a second book about hair, Laurie Halse Anderson's book *The Hair of Zoe Fleefer Goes to School*, the children will mold their own hairy play dough monsters.

For the last week of January, during story time we'll learn about dragons. Join us as we read *That Pesky Dragon* and *Who Wants a Dragon?* by Julie Sykes and James Mayhew. Each child will leave the library with the ability to breathe fire.

Book Sale

You never know what you'll find at the library's book sales, but it is fun to look. Stop by between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m., on Saturday, January 26, to hunt for old and new reading treasures.

Library Hours

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



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

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MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY

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

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

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

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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



Loudon Girl Scout News

The snow set a wintry scene as 20 Loudon Girl Scouts from five troops, along with 10 adults and several siblings arrived at the Richard Brown House to spread some holiday cheer on December 16th. We began our visit by singing Christmas carols, and the Daisy and Brownie Troops gave out ornaments they made especially for the residents. Cocoa and cookies were served by the children, and after enjoying our snacks, everyone worked to complete the frills on cheerful fleece scarves made by Junior Troop 12641. Each resident received a scarf and several ornaments, and the girls made some new friends as they sang, crafted, and chatted throughout the afternoon.

What time of year is it? IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!! The Girl Scouts kicked off the 2013 Cookie sale on December 29th. Initial cookie orders will be delivered in mid-February and booth sales will be taking place around the region throughout February and early March. The price this year is \$4 a box, but the funds raised support the girls as they plan community service and troop activities. Don't miss out on Thin Mints, Tag Alongs Trefoils and all of your favorite Girl Scout cookies.

We're all looking forward to World Thinking Day in February! Do you have a skill or passion you'd like to share with the girls? Please contact Amanda Masse at jaelmasse@comcast.com or 783-0227.

Junior Troop 10454

Debbie Latham & Cammy Nolin

The girls of Troop 10454 have been busy! They created a game and took part in the Halloween party fundraiser for the Food Pantry, baked lots of goodies for the bake sale, and recently marched in the Concord Thanksgiving Parade. Currently, they're observing the women in their lives and thinking about the impact that these women make and the roles that they play. They discussed the professions they would like to pursue when they grow up, and enjoy playing charades of different jobs. In December, they cut and decorated cinnamon dough Christmas ornaments, and made gift tags from recycled Christmas cards. Our girls will join several other Loudon troops to spread Christmas cheer at the Richard Brown House, where they will sing, do crafts, and play games with the residents. The girls voted on a list of activities they would like to do in the coming year, and agreed on a goal of Girl Scout Cookie sales to help pay for these events (support our Girl

Scouts by placing a cookie order between December 29 and January 24!).

Brownie Troop #10955

Lynette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

The girls continue to work on their Wonders of Water Journey. We were visited by someone from New Hampshire Fist & Game. At the meeting we learned about the Water Cycle and Web of Life by playing special games. We learned about the Ecology of Ponds and how our actions can affect the water and pond life. We made a pledge to conserve water and discussed how each of us will contribute to conserving water.

We worked on our Dance Badge with a special guest. We danced ballet, tap and we had fun choreographing a special dance to the Justin Bieber song "Beauty and the Beat" — even the adults joined in!

Christmas Caroling brought us to the Richard Brown house for an afternoon of singing, crafts, cookies and fun with the residents! December ends with a Pajama Holiday Party! Full of fun, food, dancing and a Yankee Swap! We kicked off the 2013 Cookie Sale on December 29th

Junior Troop #12083

Lynette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

Our special guest returned to share her knowledge of Japan. The Troop started the meeting with removing their shoes. In Japan, besides politeness and keeping the home clean, taking off the shoes is also a sign of leaving the outside world behind, along with its troubles and worries. The girls participated in making sushi rolls (using gummy candy), learning the language, heard music and learned about of the history of Japan. It was another great opportunity for the girls to learn about another country!

We joined our Local Senior Troop for a Team Building Fun night! We discussed what the Girl Scout Promise means to each of the girls, played games and made a Troop Agreement. We hope to have the older girls back for another fun meeting!

We also participated in the Christmas Caroling event at the Richard Brown house. We enjoyed an afternoon of singing, crafts, cookies and fun with the residents! December ends with a Holiday Celebration! Full of fun, crafts, food and an Ornament Yankee Swap! We'll be kicking off the 2013 cookie sale on December 29th. May we take your order?

Cadette Troop 12641

Kathy Fischer and Jennifer Jones

The girls have enjoyed doing a Christmas craft to take home at our meetings as we continue on our Breathe Journey. In the community service department our troop cut & sewed 33 simple fleece scarves to donate to the residents of the Richard Brown house on our Christmas visit. Then the girls and some of the ladies cut fringes in them -and voila — a very fashionable scarf results! They were much appreciated on a snowy afternoon and we enjoyed visiting them. Now the girls are planning to make more for themselves and plans are underway for a fun activity during Christmas break. We're also armed & ready with our GS Cookie order forms starting the 29th....on your mark, get set, GO!

Cadette Troop 12356

Advisors Cecile Merrill & Lysa Crouch

We held an intermediate awards ceremony for badges and activities we have already completed and combined it with a holiday party. We are working on our Secret Agent badge which is all about investigating and using different tools for investigations. We took the first aid/CPR/AED certification course in December and want to thank Lt. John Reese of Loudon Fire Department for teaching us the skills. Get ready for Girl Scout cookies!! Be sure to read what we are doing each month.

Senior Troop #12651

Advisors Amanda Masse & Marlene Martell

We took a first aid/CPR/AED certification class in early December and would like to thank our instructor Lt. John Reese of Loudon Fire Department for teaching us and other department members for helping with the skills portion. We also had a small holiday gathering and shared lots of laughs. We are planning to help the residents of The Richard Brown house learning some computer skills in January. World Thinking Day is in February and we will be helping to organize the event for our Girl Scout community. Lots of ideas for fun this year — you won't want to miss what we are up to, stay tuned in future issues of *The Loudon Ledger*! If you have any needs or ideas for community service we would love to hear them! ■

Ashley Winters Performs in "Believe"

Ashley Winters of Loudon performed before a packed house at the Audi in Concord on December 8. The musical "Believe" was directed by Brian Waldron to benefit the non-profit music ministry. Tickets were nearly sold out before the box office even opened, a rare event at the theatre. Beautiful Christmas music and talented singers drew rave reviews and a standing ovation. ■



Wildlife Action Grants Available — Grant Application Deadline: February 1, 2013

Teachers and community members interested in involving youth to make a difference for wildlife through habitat projects on schoolyards, public areas or community lands can apply to the *Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program* for start-up funds. This New Hampshire Fish and Game Department program provides mini-grants of \$300–\$600. Habitat projects create spaces for outdoor learning, and can range from a butterfly garden to shrubs for birds to a pond for amphibians — your imagination is the limit.

The deadline for submitting proposals is February 1, 2013. For a proposal packet, visit www.wildnh.com/Education/project_HOME.html and download the packet, or write to Marilyn Wyzga, Public Affairs Division, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03301; email marilyn.wyzga@wildlife.nh.gov; or call 603-271-3211.

The Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program is designed to support students, educators and community members in projects that create or enhance habitat for wildlife, and to provide inquiry-based, hands-on learning opportunities. The grant program is funded by the Conservation License Plate fund (moose plates), through the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program at Fish and Game. Each applicant may request up to \$300, or up to \$600 if a dollar-for-dollar match can be provided by the school or organization for any amount over the initial \$300. A match is not required for the first \$300.

Grants are available to teachers, educators, school staff and community members, especially those trained in Project WILD or Project HOME or who have a member of one of these programs on their project team. Project HOME is an award-winning schoolyard habitat program coordinated by Fish and Game. Project WILD is a K–12, interdisciplinary program about wildlife and the environment.

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

Examples of past projects funded by Wildlife Action Grants include:

- The Whipple Free Library in New Boston received \$300 to work with students to establish shrubs that benefit pollinators and other wildlife, enhancing an existing habitat.
- Stark Village School was awarded \$300 to establish a wildlife habitat on its school grounds as a riparian buffer, providing food and cover for migratory and resident wildlife.
- Timberlane Regional Middle School in Plaistow was given \$135 to install a bird bath and bird feeders as part of their courtyard renovation.
- The Dover Children’s Center received \$300 to add trees, shrubs, and perennials to their site to benefit butterflies, moths, birds, and small mammals, and will build and install bat boxes.
- The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center in Antrim was awarded \$600 to add trees, shrubs, and perennials to their site to benefit butterflies and other insects, birds and small mammals.

Grant applications will be evaluated by Project HOME staff and biologists and educators from the N.H. Fish and Game Department. Grant recipients are required to evaluate the progress of their project within 6 months of the award. Recipients may apply for grants in subsequent years if additional funding is necessary, and also may apply for funds for new projects.

For more resources for teachers from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, visit www.wildnh.com/Education/education.htm.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state’s fish, wildlife and marine resources. Visit online at www.wildnh.com. ■

Resolution for 2013: Open the Door and Connect Kids and Families with Nature

As the new year approaches, a statewide coalition hopes parents and child caregivers think about this as a resolution: *Connect children with the great outdoors in 2013*. They’ll love it and it’s great for them!

The NH Children in Nature Coalition has released a new report, *Opening Doors to Happier, Healthier Lives*, which outlines recommendations for connecting kids with nature in New Hampshire. The coalition’s seven goals — starting with getting kids outside to enjoy the great outdoors — are endorsed and welcomed by Susan E. Lynch, MD, New Hampshire’s First Lady.

“As a pediatric lipid specialist and as New Hampshire’s First Lady, I am very interested in working to encourage children to lead a healthy, active lifestyle as a preventative measure against childhood obesity,” Lynch said. “This emphasis on the importance of the health and physical activity of our children is equally represented and championed by the great work of the NH Children in Nature Coalition. This coalition demonstrates the importance of outdoor activities and learning experiences while utilizing New Hampshire’s rich and diverse natural resources.”

This is a great time to make a resolution for children, according to Marilyn Wyzga of the NH Children in Nature Coalition and the NH Fish and Game Department. “Looking ahead to all the possibilities of a new year, let’s make a resolution for our children,” Wyzga said. “Whether you’re a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher or any caregiver for kids: Encourage your children to play outside. Let them explore. Let them play in the snow, jump over a log, build a fort. It doesn’t have to be a formal activity; just enjoy a little time out each day. Open the door and let them play.”

With today’s children watching screens an average of 54 hours a week, the consequences are obesity and sedentary lifestyles, deepening misconceptions about the natural world, and less emphasis on unstructured time outdoors, according to the Coalition’s report. “The price of continuing these trends is serious, not only for children and their families, but for our communities, our schools, our culture, our economy, and the identity of the Granite State.”

In New Hampshire, 71 percent of children ages 6 to 17 and 53 percent of high school students do not get enough physical activity, according to the NH Department of Health and Human Services. And it’s no coincidence that 32 percent of children ages 6 to 12 are overweight or obese. Combined, excess weight and lack of physical activity are risk factors for asthma, diabetes, hypertension and other chronic illnesses that burden the state’s health care system and lead to lost productivity.

Nationally, the amount of outside space where children are allowed to roam free around their homes is one-ninth what it was in 1970.

Yet, research shows that the benefits of embracing an active, outdoor lifestyle are many, and that children who spend time outdoors are healthier and more creative, have better concentration, and even get better grades.

The good news is that this can be done easily in New Hampshire, and at little cost. In fact, New Hampshire is well positioned to lead the nation in promoting a healthy, active lifestyle that takes advantage of all the natural beauty, outdoor opportunities, and facilities our state offers — attributes that already help make tourism one of the state’s most important economic engines.

The coalition — representing agencies and organizations from diverse health, education and conservation disciplines — supports seven goals:

1. Increase participation in outdoor learning experiences for children and families.
2. Urge more children and families to get outside on a regular basis.
3. Ensure that every child has the opportunity to experience nature in his or her local community.
4. Provide children with more time for free play outdoors.
5. Increase appreciation and care of the outdoors through organized activities and groups.
6. Improve the health, fitness, and well-being of New Hampshire children.
7. Deepen the understanding of the natural world among children and youth.

For more information about the N.H. Children in Nature Coalition and how you can make a resolution to reconnect children, youth and families with nature, visit www.nhchildreninnature.org. ■

Fire Permits Required Until There’s Snow on the Ground

A Fire Permit is REQUIRED for ALL outside fires, including family campfires, chimineas, fireplaces, etc.

Permits can be obtained at the Fire Station during normal business hours.



Winter Carnival

Sat. February 23, 2013

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

(Bad weather or no-snow date of March 2nd)

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

It will be tons of winter fun for all!

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Merrimack Valley School District News

Merrimack Valley Middle School News

A reprint of the MVMS Newsletter

Standards-Based Grading

Standards-based grading challenges teachers to assess a student's skills and knowledge against a universal set of standards. Unlike traditional grading, student's work over the course of a semester is not averaged. Students are able to practice their skills without being penalized for not understanding the concept from the beginning. Teachers in each class keep portfolios of student work that document a student's progress. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to review their progress. We are in our third year of transition to standards-based grading and we welcome your input as we work to accurately assess our students and address their individual needs.

Trimester 1 Report Cards

Report cards, issued approximately every twelve weeks, provide a general overview of a student's academic progress. A list of the standards addressed in each class is included with the report card so parents and students know what information was taught over the course of the trimester. Copies of the standards can also be found on the MVMS website. Please note that a blank space on the report card next to a topic means this topic has not been taught yet, but will be addressed later in the year.

Academic Grading

4 — Meets Standards Independently and Consistently

3 — Meets Standards

2 — Working Towards Standard

1 — Below Standards

Citizenship and Effort

4 — Consistently

3 — Usually

2 — Sometimes

1 — Rarely

Parent Conferences

To better understand how well an individual student is progressing in a class, parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher with any questions or concerns. A complete staff directory is located on our website. Parents can also access their child's grades online. If you need assistance with your username or password, please email Marla Miller at mmiller@mv.k12.nh.us.

Celebrating Success

Principal's List

Students are included on the Principal's List if they have earned all 3s or 4s on the academic standards for the trimester.

Pride Award

Students earn the Pride Award if they have earned all 3s and 4s on the effort and citizenship standards for the trimester.

At the end of each trimester a list of the students who have been awarded the Principal's List and the Pride Award will be submitted to the Concord Monitor for publication.

IB Excited!

Students at MVMS have been immersed in inquiry instruction. Teachers have been working hard to create International Baccalaureate (IB) units of inquiry in an

effort to boost critical thinking and communication skills in their students.

In an 8th grade math unit titled, "How much is a Million?" students were required to use proportional reasoning to illustrate what a million actually looked like using grains of rice. This unit connected to an 8th grade literature unit about the Holocaust. The teachers wanted students to understand the magnitude of that situation through mathematics.

7th grade science students have recently been involved in scientific investigations. Students learned about the scientific method by creating their own science experiments. This highly engaging unit enabled students to learn the scientific method through their own-guided inquiry.

6th grade students have been learning about the design cycle in Family and Consumer Science class. Students were asked to work collaboratively to design a structure to withstand a mock natural disaster. Students were required to investigate the issue, design possible sketches of a structure, and develop a logical plan to create their structure. Upon conclusion of the project, students were required to evaluate their final product.

6th Grade

We got off to a fabulous start this year. After the initial jitters of learning how to navigate around a brand new setting and getting to know so many new faces, students and teachers got down to work. Whether reading about the vampire escapades of Darren Shan, exploring the periodic table, time-traveling back into the world of ancient Egypt, or over-coming their aversion to the realm of decimal numbers, students were challenged to think critically and demonstrate their knowledge through effective communication. The fruits of these efforts were put on display during our 6th Grade Academic Fiesta. This year we also had the wonderful opportunity to witness poetry brought to life through the brilliance of three artists from New York City. Our field trip to the Capital Center for the Arts for a "Poetry Slam" exposed us to poetry in an exciting and kid-friendly venue. Students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Of course, school isn't just about academics. We have committed ourselves to giving back to our communities through a variety of service projects. In November, we collected non-perishable foods to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy in New York and New Jersey. December's service project will be providing presents for less fortunate children through a coin collection, and making holiday cards for residents at local nursing homes. After all, this is the season to be recognizing our own blessings and the needs of our neighbors.

7th Grade

7th grade students have been busy getting to know each other and making new friends. In Ms. Ciarametaro's class students are reading, Touching Spirit Bear, and are working to expand their vocabulary and writing skills in Language Arts. In Social Studies, students learned about the election process and participated in a school-wide vote. Students then analyzed the data from the election in Math. They also investigated how decimals and fractions are used in our every day world. Students created their own experiments and presented their work in Science class.

We are trying something new in Guided Study this year, book clubs. Students selected a book of interest and have been meeting to discuss the book with their peers during GS. As groups finish their books, they will be putting together movie trailers, movie posters,

and book jackets to represent their books. These will be presented at the 7th Grade Academic Night.

8th Grade

Fresh off a week long visit to our nation's capital the 8th grade has been busy finishing up DC related projects.

In Language Arts, students used their experience reading the memoir, Night, and their trip to the Holocaust Museum, to write their "Letters from Auschwitz" assignments. Students in math have used the tragic numbers of the Holocaust to help them discover "What a Million" looks like. Science classes focused on the "Apollo to the Moon" exhibit at the Air and Space Museum and will be conducting their own "Rocket Races". In Social Studies students have created slide shows or movies to reveal their knowledge of favorite stops in DC.

During the months prior to the DC trip, students connected with the local community donating over 900 items to local food pantries.

Art

Art students have been working hard on a survey of art projects starting with portrait drawing and clay and sculpting techniques. They completed the term with a printing challenge that involved creating an original design for a cause they are passionate about. We have learned about the role of printmaking in history and its power to educate and influence large numbers of people. Some students are carving and printing their images using linoleum and water based inks while others are experimenting with silk screening, monotype, and embossing methods.

Library

The MVMS Library is thrilled with our busy first trimester! All grade levels have been in working hard on assignments and visiting often to get books, both as classes and individually! We especially see the 6th graders who have had Library Orientation, selected free reading and project books, as well as having had computer orientations to learn how to log-in, create bookmarks for often-used sites and become familiar with the Library Home & Project page. All students are encouraged to use the Library Homepage which is the doorway to our online Card Catalog, links for classroom projects, online textbooks, Google Docs, research resources like the Grolier Online Encyclopedia and online books to which we subscribe. We encourage students to bookmark this site at home and use it often! (<http://fc.mv.k12.nh.us/~jsprague>)

Merrimack Valley High School News

The Peter J. Murphy chapter of the National Honor Society sends congratulations to November's Knowledgeable Learners!

Grade 9: Becca Partridge

Sophomore: Jerrod Smith

Junior: Lee Branscombe

Senior: Josh Goodnow

In November, we recognized students who are KNOWLEDGEABLE as defined by the International Baccalaureate Programme. *They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.*

Dress Code Reminder

Reminder regarding the Dress Code at MVHS: All students must wear clothing that is adequate to ensure a decent appearance and to maintain a professional and educational climate in the school.

Leggings and tights are considered undergarments and must be accompanied by dress code compliant outerwear that extends to the mid-thigh in the sitting and standing position.

Spandex worn under skirts or shorts must also extend to mid-thigh in the standing and sitting positions.

Please refer to the complete "Philosophy of Dress" on pg. 31 of the Student Handbook for all expectations.

Remember, Merrimack Valley High School is a public place of business and it is important to dress in a manner that brings respect to oneself and others.

Greeting from Guidance!

We wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

Juniors. Any juniors who haven't met with Ms. Mercier to do the junior year academic summary and begin the college/career planning process, please go to guidance to make an appointment to do so. Also, any junior planning on attending a four-year college should plan to take the SAT in the spring. Testing dates are January 26th, March 9th, May 4th, and June 1st. Students need to sign up through College Board (www.collegeboard.org). Please see Ms. Mercier with any questions.

Seniors. A few reminders: A Financial Aid Info Session recently held to help students and parents with the process of applying for financial aid for college. A follow up session was held for students during the school day in which students engaged in a fun, "game show" format, answering questions on financial aid. A representative from NHHEAF will be here in February to help any seniors or their families that need help filing the FAFSA. Space is limited so make a reservation in advance!

Remember to check the scholarship page on the school website for opportunities.

Seniors must inform Guidance of any college applications that are sent. Please remember to fill out

the Transcript Request form, even for colleges that use the Common App! Mrs. Renauld needs time to prepare Transcripts for each application.

NAEP Testing. The National Assessment of Education Progress is a test conducted by the Federal Government to assess student progress in multiple subject areas. This year, Merrimack Valley has been selected once again to participate in this nationwide assessment. Roughly 140 seniors from this year's graduating class will have the distinction of being selected to take this test. The test will take place in February- details will follow after the Holiday break on who is testing and when. The test has no bearing on student records, transcripts, or GPA and results are not shared. It is purely used as a measure of academic progress for the nation compared to other nations.

News from the Wellness Center, A letter from Mr. Leonard Smith:

In the time that I have worked at MVHS, I'm amazed every winter to see students wearing shorts, t-shirts, and sometimes flip-flops to school when the temperature is at/below freezing. Students run the very serious risk of frostbite or exposure when they don't dress appropriately. Prolonged exposure to cold temperatures causes the human body's blood vessels to constrict in order to maintain adequate core temperature. Exposed skin and extremities (feet, hands, and face) are affected first and will be damaged to lesser/greater degrees depending on the time exposed.

To avoid this condition, dress for the weather. Layers are best being sure to wear gloves, water/wind proof shoes, and a hat that covers your ears. If you don't have adequate clothing for the winter months, please speak with school personnel who will assist you in locating what you need to stay warm.

Enjoying the Holidays:

Editor's Note: We know this column is appearing after the holidays but these tips apply to any time of year.

During this stressful time of the year, it's very easy to lose sight of the "joy" that we hear so much about. Given the pressure of finding that perfect gift for someone, multiple social functions, spending time with relatives, and the constant message that "its the

most wonderful time of the year," its not difficult to understand why people become overwhelmed. Here are a few tips that may help you navigate the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

• Get plenty of rest.

Good sleep hygiene is essential to overall health. Don't try to do everything that comes your way. You will thank yourself for keeping on a schedule and not becoming overtired.

• Try not to eat to excess.

During the holidays this can be extremely difficult. Do your best not to overindulge and throw your usual diet out of whack. Your body will alert you by intestinal discomfort, feeling overtired, and being prone to illness. Since many of us experience a reduction in physical activity during the winter months, weight gain can be problematic. Save your New Year's resolution for something other than losing the 5-10 lbs you've gained since Thanksgiving.

• Family stress.

Let's face it, home may be where the heart is, but it's also where the stress is. Try not to set unrealistic expectations for others or yourself. The idea of "perfection" is a set up which often times leads to disappointment. Try to enjoy the time you spend with friends and family and stay in the moment. If you have the option, avoid spending time with those in your life that create stress. If you can't avoid this, limit the time and pick your battles wisely. You don't have control of others, but you do have control over your own reactions.

• Maintain a schedule.

It's important to keep to your daily routine. When we get out of our usual routine, our anxiety/stress levels increase, and we find it difficult to function. During the holidays, carve out time to exercise, tend to hobbies/interests, and take care of yourself. Definitely try new things, but maintain some semblance of your daily routine to minimize becoming overwhelmed.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Mr. Smith, LICSW

MVHS Wellness Center Director

Upcoming Events:

1/21/13 Martin Luther King Day. No School. ■

Cold Weather And Cardiovascular Disease

(NAPS)—The cooler temperatures of winter can present health challenges for those with heart disease—and those who love them. To help, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association offer some tips.

- People who are outdoors in cold weather should avoid sudden exertion, such as lifting a heavy shovelful of snow. Even walking through heavy, wet snow or snowdrifts can strain a person's heart.

Many people aren't conditioned to the physical stress of outdoor activities and don't know the dangers of being outdoors in cold weather. Winter sports enthusiasts who don't take certain precautions can suffer accidental hypothermia.

Hypothermia means the body temperature has fallen below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. It occurs when your body can't produce enough energy to keep the internal body temperature warm enough. It can kill you. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. Symptoms include lack of coordination, mental confusion, slowed reactions, shivering and sleepiness.

Here are some additional tips:

- To keep warm, wear layers of clothing. This traps air between layers, forming a protective insulation. Also, wear a hat or head scarf. Heat can be lost through your head. And ears are espe-

cially prone to frostbite. Keep your hands and feet warm, too, as they tend to lose heat rapidly.

- Don't drink alcoholic beverages before going outdoors or when outside.
- Flu and pneumonia pose greater dangers for people who have heart failure, or any heart condition, than for healthy people. Ask a health care professional about getting a yearly influenza vaccine and a one-time pneumococcal vaccine (to guard against the most common form of bacterial pneumonia). Both vaccines are generally safe and seldom cause any severe reactions.
- As much as possible, avoid anyone who has a cold or the flu.
- Stay out of crowds during the height of flu season—usually October through March.
- Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly and frequently, especially after using the bathroom and before eating. Keep your hands away from your face and insist that all caregivers wash their hands thoroughly before approaching you.
- Always read the labels on all over-the-counter (OTC) medications, especially if you have blood pressure of 120/80 mm Hg or higher. Look for warnings to those with high blood pressure and to those who take blood pressure medications. Consult your doctor before taking any over-the-counter medications or supplements.

- Be aware that the use of decongestants may raise blood pressure or interfere with the effectiveness of some prescribed blood pressure medications.
- Check the sodium content of any OTCs. Some are high in sodium, which can raise blood pressure. People with high blood pressure should have under 1,500 mg of sodium a day from all sources.

Learn more online at www.heart.org/coldweather and www.heart.org/hbp. Merck Consumer Care, maker of Coricidin® HBP, is a sponsor of the American Heart Association's High Blood Pressure website. ■

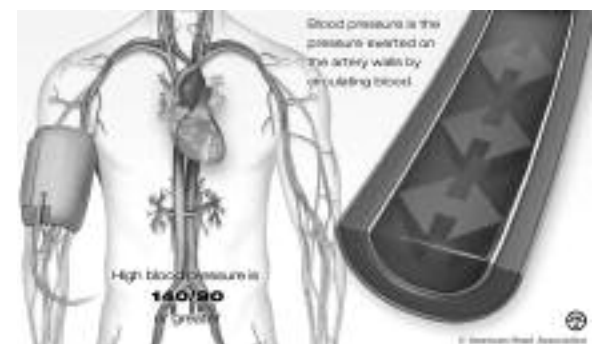


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Reflections on Loudon’s First 100 Years

Editor’s note: This is another installment of an ongoing column taken from information transcribed by Dorothea Blount Battersby of Lexington, MA, descendant of early settler Ephriam Blunt, from notes thought to have been penned by Ira Osgood.

Carriages

The introduction of carriages was of a more recent date. It is said that the first one seen was on the Old Canterbury Road. It was made of two long poles fastened to the saddle of the horse, while the other end dragged upon the ground. A brace was inserted between them behind the horse to hold them together, and a set built with an auger and pins upon which was a board.

Sleighs were used before wheels came into use. It is said the name sleigh was given to this vehicle from the fact that it was thought to be a good thing to slay or kill horses.

The first chaise used in town was bought in Newburyport by Mr. Enoch Wood. It is related in regard to this chaise that on its first appearance upon the Sabbath as Mr. Wood rode to Meeting the people came out of the Meeting House and stood in wonder and astonishment as it was drive up to the door. Carriages with four wheels were introduced after chaises and within the recollection of many now living. Before the introduction of carriages journeys were made on horseback, with the Mother sitting behind upon a Pillion and carrying a child in her arms, maintaining her position by holding to the person riding in front upon a saddle.

Horse Blocks were placed at public places upon which the person stepped or stood in order to mount with ease and grace. The Block used at the Meeting House was a large hewn log with steps or notches cut in one end, which were used as stairs to ascend to the top of the Block. A large square high rock was placed at the corner of the White School House where it stood until recently and was known as the Horse Block.

Going on foot was extensively practiced from necessity. Whole families of children then walked from the village and from the other extreme parts of the town to the Meeting House upon the Sabbath, a distance of five or six miles.

Visit N.H. Fish And Game At Upcoming Outdoor Events

Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to stop by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department booth at several upcoming events:

ROCKINGHAM HUNTING & FISHING EXPO:

Saturday and Sunday, January 5–6, 2013, at Rockingham Park in Salem, N.H. (Visit www.rockinghamexpo.com). Stop by the New Hampshire Fish and Game booth to buy your 2013 New Hampshire hunting and fishing licenses and the 2013 New Hampshire Fish & Wildlife calendar. You can also pick up maps, law books and the 2013 summer brochure for Barry Conservation Camp. The expo features many local and national outdoor products and services, as well as hunting and fishing seminars. Young outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy trying their luck at the trout pond or hitting the bull’s eye at the archery range. Half the proceeds from the kids' attractions at the Rockingham Expo will be donated to Barry Conservation Camp, the overnight summer camp for youth operated by Fish and Game in partnership with 4-H through UNH Cooperative Extension; Barry Camp programs focus on the shooting sports, hunting, fishing and other outdoor skills.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM & FOREST EXPOSITION:

Friday and Saturday, February 8–9, 2013, at the Radisson Hotel/Center of New Hampshire (700 Elm Street) in Manchester, NH. Since 1984, “New Hampshire’s Greatest Winter Fair” has offered commercial exhibits, educational sessions, student and exhibitor demonstrations, animals, an auction and activities for all ages! Stop by the N.H. Fish and Game booth to enjoy our wildlife exhibit and learn how to make connections with wildlife in your own backyard. For information and directions, visit: www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org.

GREAT MEREDITH ROTARY ICE FISHING DERBY:

Saturday and Sunday, February 9–10, 2013. The derby brings anglers to New Hampshire from all over the country in hopes of snagging the heaviest tagged rainbow trout and claiming the grand prize. The Meredith Rotary Club, in consultation with the N.H. Fish and Game Department as part of an ongoing fisheries management plan, stocks tagged fish in several New Hampshire lakes for this event. Waters stocked have included Little Squam, Mascoma, Ossipee, Waukeewan, Wentworth, Winnepesaukee, and Winnisquam. During the derby, N.H. Fish and Game fisheries biologists Don Miller and John Viar will collect valuable fish data at the derby weigh-in. As part of the event, Fish and Game’s “Let’s Go Fishing” Program presents free hands-on sessions for children and their parents on the basics of ice fishing. For tickets and information, go to www.meredithrotary.com. ■



The first person buried in Loudon was a traveller who was taken sick and died and was buried in the highway opposite the old Dr. Tenney House. The office of the late Dr. R.P.Z. Tenney now covers the spot.

No record or knowledge can be obtained of the first person born in town, at this time.



In 1772 [Lined through in the original the following 9 words] Timothy French came from Salisbury, Mass. At that time there was no road from Daniel Ladds Corner to Mathias Weeks in Gilmanton and the first boards used were hauled from Crams Mill, Pittsfield to Loudon Ridge in July on a sled by Mr. French. He also sowed the first grain raised in that part of the town. The road from John G. Buswells to Howarth’s Mills was laid by the Selectmen under peculiar circumstances. The laying out was opposed by some of the citizens who gave the Selectmen a gallon of Rum to lay it in the worst place on the route proposed and it was so laid out. The crooked causeway between Samuel Prescotts and E.H. Robinsons coal kiln was caused when laid out in the following manner. This land being covered with a thick growth of heavy wood and timber. One person went across first to see if the road were possible while two others followed and spotted trees by the sound of his voice as he stood upon the further side.

Highways were usually laid by the Surveyor with compass and chain. The Records of town containing the layout out of the highways were as carefully kept and made as were the laying out of lots. So far as is known every highway ever laid out is entered upon Record. Settlements were first made upon the hills and as no carriages were in use roads were made over the hills without regard to ease or comfort.



The Office of Constable in town was considered as an important and responsible position. The town of Canterbury purchased a cane for one dollar called the Constable Cane. The pointing or shaking of this cane to disorderly and quarrelsome persons was practiced and usually it had the effect of restoring order and quietness at once.

The Tythingman whose duties were more particularly to maintain order in religious Meetings was a terror to boys and girls who attempted to laugh or whisper in Meeting upon the Sabbath. People who travelled upon the Sabbath, also, were liable to be stopped in their journey and required to pay a fine for desecrating the Lords Day.



Stoves

About the year 1825 a stove was purchased for and placed in the Meeting House. Previous to this no means were provided for the warming of the House if we can except a little box about 8 x 10 inches of strong tin or sheet iron, made with a door on one side inside of which was placed a small basin of live coals and over the whole was fixed a bail or handle, and was called a foot stove.

Cook stoves were not introduced until ten or fifteen years afterward. The kind first used was called Moores Cooking Stove and did not differ materially in form from some used at the present time. Much persuasion was necessary to induce a person to buy a family cook stove. Advertisements in the newspapers were of the following style of which we copy these verses:

*One Johnny Moore of Yankee blod
A cute and cunning fellow
He made himself a cooking stove
By George it was a whaler*

*Four holes upon the top it had
And rims both big and little
So he could cook his dinner in
Most any kind of kettle*

*A nice great oven too it had
As large as Mothers apron
In which he baked his Johnny Cake
While Molly friend his bacon*



Food and the Manner of Cooking

Corn bread was one of the chief articles of good. Wheat was raised but occasionally. Potatos were hardly known and seldome ate when first introduced. Hence rye and corn were used largely as food. During the fall and winter months those who had large families of children depended largely upon the Pot of Bean Porridge which was kept in the corner of the old kitchen fireplace. This dish has nearly gone

out of use at the present time. Perhaps the old people now living and some present today will know the meaning and form of these lines as formerly repeated

*Bean Porridge hot
Bean Porridge cold
Bean Porridge best
When nine days old*

Cooking in early times was done by main strength. The fireplace and the large brick oven furnishing the means by which all cooking was done. The utensils consisted mainly of large heavy iron pots and the long handled frying pan which was used for frying meat, rye pan cakes and flap jacks, known in this day by the more genteel name of fritters. Much skill and practice was necessary and used in frying the flap jacks consumed in a large family. Rye meal, bolted, and was made into a thin paste or batter and poured from the dish into the frying pan until the bottom was covered, when it was placed over the fire and shook to prevent burning. When ready to turn, a smart shake and a toss did the business without taking the pan from the fire. In some instances it is said that they were tossed over the crane while being turned.

A large, manly, and robust form with a strong constitution was developed more by the manner of living than by any other means.



Clothing

This is immediately connected with the subject of food, and in this history will be spoken of, as such. All cloth and clothing was manufactured without the use of machinery other than that run by hand power. Flax took the place of cotton and was raised in considerable quantities. The preparation of this for family use was an item of importance and required a large amount of labor.

Having been raised, broken, swingled, and combed by the husbandman, it then passed into the care and management of the wife who spun and wove it into the variety of cloth needed for family purposes. The fine linnen was spun upon the small or linnen wheel driven by foot power. Afternoon parties were often made by the ladies in the neighborhood where each one carried her own wheel and spent the time spinning.

But little attention was paid to fashion in the making of clothing, but when once cut and made, it was worn out without cutting or altering over.

Boots and shoes were made by the shoemaker from leather which required a full year to tan the same, and two days at least to make a pair of boots or one day for a pair of shoes. Hence a pair of boots or shoes would last a year or more.



Respect for Titles and Titled Men

All through the records of the town for at least fifty years one cannot fail to notice the respect shown to businessmen and those who were officers in the militia by the writing of the title before the name of the person invariably. Instances like the following are noticed, such as Esq. Ephraim Blunt, Capt. John Sanborn, Ensign Samuel Piper, Quartermaster Smith, Lieut. Ladd, and Col. Jonathan Rollins. This feeling of respect for superiors having been so commonly practised among those who had arrived at manhood. Naturally, children would follow in the same practice. Hence, children were held longer under the parental government than at the present day, and yielded through respect. Respect for the Ministry may with propriety be mentioned. Among the grown population and in families, whenever the minister called, the family were gathered in to hear words of advice which he might speak.



Changes in Population

It is particularly noticable in examining the history of fifty or a hundred years that the decendants of prominent and influential citiens are very few and in many cases the race and the name has ceased to exist except in history at the present time — the close of the Centennial year 1876. Of the large families of French who once lived in town but two only remain of the male decendants, David J. and son Isaac S. The family of Woods, the Rollins, Martins, Tuckers, Mathers — none are left, of the Sargents three remains and of the Morrills, one, of the Furnalds one, and of the Pipers two, of the Cliffords none, of the Sleepers none, of the Moultons none, of the Hutching none, of the Proctors none, of the Lowells none, of the Gleasons none, of the Buswells one.

While the Cloughs, the Sanborns, the Browns, the Bachelders, the Tiltens, the Moores, the Ladds, the Ordways are still among the residents and with prospects that are more hopeful.

It is well for us, perhaps to look back at the close of this Centennial year and review the lives of those who have lived during the Century just past. Certain great principles crop out and are distinguishable almost each year of their lives. As public men, in all their business transactions faithfulness and honesty of purpose and dealing stand high among their acts.

In examining the records of cash accounts for the first fifth years, every item of cash paid out is entered carefully upon the debit side of account, while the

same is made to balance to a farthing, examined and fully signed. As an industrious people I need hardly speak. Coming to this town without money and with large families to support it necessarily follows that above everything else they must rigidly practice industry and economy. As a noble and high minded race we need only refer to our system of government and all its' benevolent institutions which we are today enjoying.

We who are today just commencing the second century of our township and of our country are the only means by which the principles and efforts for which they so earnestly and faithfully continued, can be perpetuated and handed down to centuries yet in the future. It becomes us then that we make their lives a matter of History and of study that we may act well our part in lifes great drama and impart to our children examples and words of wisdom concerning matters which belong not only to our government as a nation but to the best interests and prosperity of the township of Loudon. ■

We would like to thank Bob Ordway for sharing this glimpse back in Loudon's history. If someone were to write a synopsis of the second centennial of Loudon and this country, we would see major changes. However, many of the names would remain the same as the descendants of these families continue to live and be involved in the town of Loudon.

Safe Driving Starts With Clear Vision

Properly functioning wiper blades are essential for clear vision on the road, helping you to avoid accidents and enjoy safer driving.

(NAPS)—It's an accident waiting to happen: Coming up to one stop sign, one driver can hardly see out the windshield through streaks of rain, a result of damaged windshield wiper blades. Approaching on the other road is another driver whose worn-out wiper blades succeed in only smearing water and dirt across the windshield. Will these drivers be able to see the stop sign or each other in time to react safely?

It doesn't have to be this way. There is a simple and cost-effective way for ensuring the best visibility possible: Make sure your car has properly functioning windshield wipers. Despite the simplicity of checking and, if necessary, changing wiper blades, most people put this task off well past the blade's useful life. Experts recommend checking blades for wear at least every six months and replacing if damaged or worn.

Advances in wiper blade technology include wiper blades "smart" enough to adapt to the curve of your windshield, and designed to minimize clogging with ice, snow or debris and to provide consistent, clean wipes time after time.

A driver's vision is the single biggest factor in vehicle safety, according to Dr. Philip Hessburg, founder of the internationally recognized "The Eye and the Auto" symposium and of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

Nationally recognized automotive expert in car care, "Car Coach" Lauren Fix, knows that an estimated 90 percent of a motorist's driving decisions are based on how well he or she can see the road. Fix and her daughter, Teen Car Coach Shelby Fix, agree that checking wiper blades is one of the easiest ways to improve your family's road safety.

As Shelby writes, "A dirty windshield could cause big problems. If you can't see where you are going, it's dangerous to everyone. Get a new set of wiper blades...they are worth it."



Properly maintained wiper blades can be a simple, low-cost way to ensure the clearest sight line and improve driving safety in bad weather.

Better Blades

Worn, torn or inefficient blades cause streaks, a film and an inconsistent view of the road that can impair vision or delay driver judgment.

Because Michelin understands the importance of a clear view, it created the Stealth Hybrid Technology wiper blade that offers all-

weather visibility and has an innovative Smart Flex design that lets the blade react to the shape of your windshield for superior contact across the entire blade and streak-free, quiet wipes time after time.

Learn More

For more information, visit www.michelinwipers.com. More advice from Lauren and Shelby Fix can be found at www.laurenfix.com. ■

Loudon Communications Council Continues to Seek Additional Members and Public Input

As the *Loudon Ledger* begins its fifteenth year (yes!!!! 15 years!!!) of publication, it continues to need additional citizen input. Through the years, the Council has shrunk until only a small core of volunteers remains to keep the publication moving forward.

We are truly grateful for the organizations, advertisers, and town government's ongoing support. The *Ledger* has become the "go to" source for what's happening in Loudon and continues to fulfill its educational mission of providing a comprehensive source of information and education as well as facilitating informed citizen participation.

There is so much going on in Loudon that our readers aren't even aware of. The town is full of businesses no one knows about and it would be great to read about — and be able to utilize — these local resources. But articles don't write themselves and the Council members can't be everywhere all the time to cover events. We rely on our readers to send in information about their events, "attaboys," fundraisers, etc.

The deadlines are published on page 2. Please mark your calendar and plan on sending us your announcements (births, deaths, marriages, milestones, awards, etc.) so we can include them in your own hometown paper.

If your business is doing something interesting or producing something unusual, please send a press release with photos if you have them. As long as your article isn't a blatant commercial, it will be run as sent. If it too closely resembles "free advertising," the Council will edit appropriately.

Our Mission is: *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.* If you have a position you feel strongly about, write an article — but remember you must present all sides of the issue so people can make an informed decision. Extreme bias, defamation of character or innuendo will not be tolerated and your item will not be published. Editorials, letters to the editor, political advertisements, and the like are not accepted and will not be printed. The *Ledger* is funded in part by tax payer money and is rigorous in sticking to its educational mission. We would be doing the readers a disservice to print articles that aren't well researched or present a biased point of view.

The Council meets Monday evening after the Friday deadline. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., usually at the Loudon Elementary School. If school is not open due to vacation, storms or a holiday, the Council meets at the Community Building. Join us — you'll be glad you did! ■

Reduce Heating Bills

(NAPSI)—A clever way to save energy can help you keep your home heating money from going out the window. That's because windows provide the biggest openings between indoor air and the elements outside and the biggest opportunity for valuable energy to escape, accounting for approximately 25 to 50 percent of energy loss in a home.

Inefficient, single-pane windows are the biggest culprit for energy loss. Replacing old windows with double- or triple-pane insulating glass is the one way to reduce energy costs-but no longer the only choice.

Storm windows have been around for generations, offering extra protection against wind, rain, snow and ice. Until now, however, they did little to protect against energy loss and were often difficult to install, with metal pins holding them in place. Today's storm windows are designed to dramatically reduce drafts, and energy-saving storm panels are typically installed in place of window screens as an added layer of insulation for existing windows. These days, they can also be installed in seconds from inside the house with a unique press-in-place style that's quick, easy and safe, even on upper-level windows. They're handy for renters, too.

The panels from ScreenIt Again.com are built to order and available in a variety of colors and sizes, so they fit the opening and the style of the house. They also come with a heavy-duty cardboard sleeve for simple season storage year after year.

Learn More

For further facts and to calculate your savings, go to www.screenitagain.com/winter. ■

**February Deadline for
The Loudon Ledger
Friday, Jan. 18, 2013**

OBITUARY

HAROLD FRANCIS RICKER, JR.

Harold Francis Ricker, Jr., 89, passed away peacefully Saturday, December 15, 2012 at the Concord Hospice House.

He was born July 20, 1923 to Harold F. Ricker, Sr. and Ethelyn (Kempton) Ricker. He grew up in Loudon on Ricker Road, along with his brother Kempton and his sisters Betty, Pauline, Marion, Lois, and foster sister Brenda.

He graduated from Concord High School in 1941 and married Gloria May Coulombe of Concord in 1943. They were joyfully married for 52 years. After Gloria's death, he cherished a brief marriage to high school sweetheart Floretta (Tinny) Drew in 1996 who predeceased him.

During his life he served in the U.S. Navy, managed his own poultry farm, drove for Concord Dairy and proudly served as a lieutenant for the Concord Fire Department for 20 years.

Laughter and good times were priority with family and friends. He enjoyed camping, golfing, bowling, woodworking, and gardening. He was a member of the Good Sam Camping Club, the Beehole Beavers Snowmobile Club, and the NH Firefighters' Association.

Harold is survived by his companion of 15 years, Irene Landry of Penacook; his children Larry E. Ricker (Maureen) of Chichester; Harold Ricker, III (Tammy) of Concord; Sandra (Pat) Patsfield of Grand Junction, CO; Patricia (Butch) Craigie of Crawford, CO; Teresa Ricker of Grand Junction, CO; and Janice (Bruce) Farenwald of Hopkinton; his sister Lois McLoud of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. All benefited from his love and commitment to family.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.

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



Thank A Landowner Today

If you're a hunter, angler or wildlife watcher, the holiday season is an important time to extend thanks to landowners who share access to their land, says Lindsay Webb, who heads up the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Landowner Relations Program.

"Access to private land is a privilege provided to us through the generosity of the landowner," says Webb. "And with more than 70% of New Hampshire in private ownership, we need to make sure that these landowners really know how much you appreciate them allowing you access to hunt, fish or watch wildlife on their property."

A few ways to say thanks to landowners:

- Visit the landowner to express your appreciation, and, if possible, share some of your harvest or a favorite wildlife photograph from your time on their property.
- Send a personal note or holiday card to the landowner, thanking them for sharing their land.
- Send a gift basket, N.H. Fish & Wildlife Calendar, or gift certificate to a local restaurant.
- Help them protect their property by documenting and reporting suspicious activities.
- Offer to help with outdoor tasks, or to clean up and properly dispose of illegally dumped materials left on their property.

If you are mentoring a young hunter or angler or mentoring someone through the new apprenticeship license, be sure to include them in thanking the landowner — it's a great lesson for them to learn!

Remember — the tradition of hunting in New Hampshire will only continue if we all follow the basic principle of landowner relations: Treat the landowner as you would like to be treated and treat their land as you would like yours to be treated.

Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program works in partnership with landowners, hunters and anglers to identify problems landowners experience in providing access, and work proactively to address them. As the foundation of the Landowner Relations Program's efforts to work with landowners who provide access for hunting, Operation Land Share provides direct assistance to landowners to resolve issues resulting from sharing their land. Landowner Relations Program efforts are funded through generous donations, sponsorships and grants. If you'd like to help, or to learn more about the program, visit www.wildnh.com/landshare. Your support will help to provide access for present and future generations of hunters and anglers. ■



Loudon Food Pantry News

50/50 Holiday Raffle

The 50/50 Holiday Raffle winner is Karen S. She won \$83.25. Congratulations Karen.

Closings

We will be closed the first two weeks in January for inventory. We will reopen the pantry on Monday, January 14, 2013.

The Gift of Lights

We are the proud recipients of food from The Gift of Lights this year. So far, we have received 6,653.11 pounds of food. Check out The Gift of Lights. They have expanded the amount of light they have. While you're there, donate three nonperishable items and receive \$2 off your ticket. Thank you Gift of Lights and thank you to everyone that makes it happen. ■

Time To Sign Up For Snowmobile Safety Classes

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

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

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

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

Many of the trained volunteer instructors teaching the safety classes are affiliated with one of the more than 100 snowmobile clubs in New Hampshire. "Joining a snowmobile club is a great way to learn about safe riding, help support local landowners and help maintain trails for your own and others' enjoyment," Wimsatt said, noting that club membership also gives riders a \$30 discount on snowmobile registration fees.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and its member clubs have actively promoted safe and responsible riding since 1969. NHSA members work with Bureau of Trails staff and Fish and Game to manage over 7,000 miles of trails in New Hampshire and provide safety education to more than 2,500 riders each year. For more information on how to become involved with a snowmobile club, visit www.nhsa.com.

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

Winter Farmers' Market At Cole Gardens Offers Unique Shopping Experience

Shoppers interested in supporting local while at the same time finding healthy seating options and unique gifts during the festive holiday season and winter months will want to visit the Winter Farmers' Market at Cole Gardens open Saturdays now through April 13th.

The Winter Farmers' Market features 33 different vendors that rotate each week into 19 booth spaces. From grass fed beef to cheese and vegetables, the Market provides the perfect opportunity for patrons to explore healthy living with the assistance of New Hampshire farmers and other homegrown businesses.

"What better way to ring in the holiday season than with delicious, locally made food as well as a variety of other products that are uniquely New Hampshire?" said Cole Gardens Owner Charlie Cole. "Not only can you prepare your holiday table, you can also find the perfect gift for anyone on your shopping list all in one place."

In addition to purchasing delicious offerings including vegetables, jellies and jams, dairy, maple products, baked goods, meats, seafood, coffee, cheese, wine, honey and more, patrons are able to enjoy some great music while they shop. Cow Hampshire Folk, Meg Devlin and Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki are amongst the performers who will be gracing the Winter Farmers' Market stage this year.

"It's all about creating the perfect experience for our visitors," Cole said. "We're satisfying the ears with great music, the palate with amazing food and the soul with so many options to support local farmers and build the New Hampshire economy. This Market is a true community resource."

The Winter Farmers' Market is open each Saturday through April 13th from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at Cole Gardens, 430 Loudon Road. For more information, visit www.colegardens.com or call (603) 229-0655. ■

And the Survey Says...

The Master Plan Survey ran in the October issue of *The Loudon Ledger*.

The results are in and may be read

on the Loudon web site at:

<http://www.loudonnh.org/>

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Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

MARY JANE (MULLIGAN) SARABIA

Mary Jane (Mulligan) Sarabia, 65, of Loudon, died Thursday, November 4, 2012 at Pleasant View Retirement Center after a long illness. Jane was born in Concord, the daughter of Robert and Margaret (McLoy) Mulligan. She was a graduate from Concord High School and the NH Hospital School of Nursing. After a long career of loving care at Maine Medical Center and in Florida, she retired from the NH State Prison as a psychiatric nurse.

Jane is survived by two sons, Thomas Sarabia and Brian Sarabia of Concord; and a daughter, Stephanie Sarabia of Pittsfield. She is also survived by two brothers, Thomas Mulligan of Strafford and Robert Mulligan of Concord; a sister, Margaret Paveglio of Concord; six grandchildren, Mason, Kayla, Alex, Madalynn, Emily, and Thomas; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen Sarabia of Loudon. ■

JOSEPH A. GRANDY

Joseph A. Grandy, 39, died November 28, 2012, at Concord Hospital. He was born in Concord, the son of Alan and Mary (McAllister) Grandy. He attended Rundlett Middle School and Concord High School.

Joe was a member of the American Legion Post 21 Auxilliary, enjoyed video games and spending time with his friends.

He is survived by an aunt and cousins. ■

KENNETH J. CONTE

Sunday, December 9, 2012, Kenneth J. Conte, 54, of Loudon, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side.

Born in Lawrence, MA, he was the son of the late Michael Conte and Theresa Graham Conte. He was also predeceased by a brother Steven Conte.

Ken was in the automobile business his whole life. He loved the water and driving his boats, and was most proud of his family and home.

In 2010, Ken was the recipient of a lung transplant in Cleveland.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Darlene Conte; his son Tyler Conte; his daughter Rylee Conte all of Loudon; his sister Gloria Barnes and her husband Richard of Haverhill, MA; a brother Michael Conte of Haverhill, MA; his in-laws, James and Susan Desrosier of Pittsfield; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association, 460 Totten Pond Road, Suite 400, Waltham, MA 02451 or The American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, Suite 2700, New York, NY 10006. Ken would have wanted to remind everyone to become an organ donor. ■

NH Wild Turkey Winter Flock Survey Starts In January; Summer Brood Survey Report Available

If you see a flock of wild turkeys in New Hampshire this winter, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department wants you to report it via the online NH Wild Turkey Winter Flock Survey. Report any turkey flocks seen from January 1 through March 31, 2013, by filling out a simple electronic survey form posted on the Fish and Game website at www.wildnh.com/turkeysurvey. You can also find the survey anytime during the survey period by going to the Fish and Game website www.wildnh.com and clicking on "Turkey Survey." Please do not report multiple sightings of the same flock.

Turkeys are easy to see during the winter because they gather in large, highly visible flocks. The winter flock survey bolsters Fish and Game's understanding of the abundance and distribution of turkeys during New Hampshire's challenging winter months. Participants are asked to report the number of turkeys in the flock; where they were seen; the type of habitat the birds were observed in; and what the turkeys were feeding on (acorns, beechnuts, seed at birdfeeders, corn silage, etc.).

The survey is designed to fill gaps in Fish and Game's existing winter flock data collection efforts. "This reporting system allows the public to contribute important information to our understanding of winter turkey status in an inexpensive, efficient and, hopefully, enjoyable way," said Ted Walski, Turkey Project Leader at Fish and Game. "For parts of the state, especially western and northern New Hampshire, we could benefit by additional reports of sightings."

"We are particularly interested in observations from WMU's A, B, C1, C2, E, F, I2, H1 and H2 — all of which had less than 25 flocks reported last winter," said Walski. These WMUs represent towns in the North Country, along the Connecticut River, and throughout Cheshire County.

Knowledge of the status of wintering turkeys is particularly important in New

Hampshire, because severe winter weather and limited natural food supplies can present serious challenges for wild turkeys.

Last winter, people responding to the survey reported 1,180 flocks totaling 20,295 turkeys from every corner of the state. Survey results are summarized at www.wildnh.com/turkeysurvey/reports_pdfs/Winter_2012_Turkey_Survey_Report.pdf.

Earlier this year, the NH Fish and Game conducted the second annual online Wild Turkey Summer Brood Survey to monitor hens and poults. The number of broods observed increased by about 38% from 811 broods in 2011 to 1,119 broods reported in 2012. The number of hens increased from 1,476 in 2011 to 2,430 in 2012, and the number of poults observed also increased from 7,076 in 2011 to 9,874 in 2012. However, the overall productivity dropped slightly from an estimated 4.8 poults per hen in 2011 to 4.1 poults per hen in 2012. The complete summary of the 2012 Summer Turkey Brood Survey can be found on the Fish and Game website at www.wildnh.com/turkeybroodsurvey/report_pdfs/2012_BROOD_SURVEY.pdf.

New Hampshire now has an estimated 45,000 wild turkeys. Their presence here is a true wildlife restoration success story. Wild turkeys had disappeared from New Hampshire by the mid-1800s because of overhunting and habitat loss from extensive land clearing. Their successful recovery in the state began with a reintroduction of 25 turkeys by N.H. Fish and Game in 1975.

Turkey research in New Hampshire is funded by the federal Wildlife Restoration Program, supported by the purchase of firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fishing supplies and motorboat fuel. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, in partnership with the public, works to conserve and manage the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit www.wildnh.com. ■



Key Areas to Focus On When Viewing A Home

By Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

The necessity of a home inspection cannot be stressed enough. Even in new homes, an inspection is essential to protect the buyer and make them aware of any issues with the home. After the inspection the buyer has the opportunity to negotiate with the seller and reach an agreement to either repair the property or to lower the sales price to compensate the buyer for the cost of repairs. Alternatively, the seller can decide to sell the home as-is, in which case he or she is declining to make repairs or lower the sales price, and the buyer must decide whether or not to buy the home at the original agreed upon sales price.

Essentially, the inspection evaluates and discloses the condition of the structure to the buyers. Three major areas to pay particular attention to in your inspection report are the property's foundation, plumbing and attic.

1. **Solid foundation.** Significant cracks, shifting or sinking of the foundation are serious and often quite costly to repair. Consider the hiring a structural engineer to perform a second inspection if you have serious concerns about the inspector or condition of the foundation.
2. **It's all in the pipes.** Leaks, even previous leaks that have been fixed can be problematic. Inspectors will look for signs of mold, mildew or fungus that are the result of water damage.
3. **Hit the roof.** An attic will alert the inspector to rodent damage, inadequate insulation, previous fire damage, leaks and water damage or structure faults.

2013 New Hampshire Fishing And Hunting Licenses Now Available

New Hampshire fishing and hunting licenses for 2013 are now available for purchase. Get yours early and be set for a WILD year of outdoor adventure, from ice fishing this winter to bagging your deer next fall. Licenses are good for the calendar year, from January 1 through December 31, 2013. Purchase online at www.wildnh.com, at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord, or from one of more than 250 Fish and Game license agents statewide.

Your hunting or fishing license — or, best of all, your “combo” license — is your year-round ticket to New Hampshire's great outdoors. For state residents, an annual freshwater fishing license is \$35; the basic hunting license is \$24.50; and a combination (hunting and freshwater fishing) license is \$48.50. For nonresidents, annual freshwater fishing licenses are \$53; hunting licenses, \$105.50; and the combo license is \$143.50. Residents can buy a one-day freshwater fishing license for \$10. Nonresidents can opt for one-, three- or seven-day freshwater fishing licenses.

Coastal anglers should note that a N.H. Saltwater Recreational Fishing License is required for all persons age 16 and older recreationally fishing in coastal and estuarine waters of the state. This license costs \$11 for residents and nonresidents (includes \$1 agent fee).

Please note that current year (2012) licenses are no longer available through the online purchasing site or at Wal-Mart; however, they may still be bought at license agents or Fish and Game in Concord.

When you get your license, pick up a copy of the new 2013 New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing or Saltwater Fishing digests, both hot off the press. The digests are also available online at www.wildnh.com/pubs/fishing.html in searchable web format. These handy publications summarize fishing rules and include color photos for identifying fish and much more.

For hunters and anglers concerned about maintaining access to pursue their sports, the \$10 Wildlife Legacy donation (a check-off on the multiform license) provides an opportunity to support Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program, which works in partnership with hunters, anglers and landowners to maintain hunting and fishing access to private lands. Learn more at www.wildnh.com/land-share/Wildlife_Legacy_Initiative.htm.

Fishing and hunting license revenue directly supports wildlife and fisheries management, law enforcement and conservation education in New Hampshire. Visit www.wildnh.com.

Pay Your Property Taxes Online

Loudon Property Owners:

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

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

Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes — November 5, 2012

5:07 P.M.

Present: Steve Del Deo, Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Director Nancy Hendy

Steve called the meeting to order. The minutes were reviewed. *Steve Del Deo moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ken K. seconded. All were in favor.*

The review of the financial statements was done and accepted by the Trustees.

The Library Director's report:

- The Loudon Village Arts Fine Arts Show and Sale took place on Nov. 2-4. Martha Butterfield's pastel painting, *Northwest Light*, was voted Best of Show. Helen Roth won the raffle prize of the painting, *Wayside Pond* by Martha Butterfield. Door prize winners were Rejean Blanchette and Lorretta Shugrue. The LVA is planning their next show for late spring.

- With a collection box in the library's entryway, the Lions Club is collecting new or gently used warm clothing to distribute.

- Twice weekly yoga classes with Fran Nash are in session through the end of the year.

- Dallas Langevin donated several dozen leather-bound classic works of fiction

and nonfiction in memory of his wife, Candace Partrick.

- Story time continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

- The next book sale will be held on November 17.

The Trustees reviewed completed building maintenance projects and prioritized upcoming needed interior and exterior work.

Herb Huckins has agreed to be an alternate to the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees and Director Hendy continued working on the 2013-14 budget in preparation for their meeting with the Selectmen.

The next budget work meeting will be November 26th, at 5:00 p.m. This will be in place of the December Trustee meeting.

The meeting was moved adjourned at 7:25 by Molly A. Seconded by Ken K. All were in favor.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 13, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice and Fire Chief Dick Wright.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 6, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that normally this would be Board of Permit but it was canceled because there was nothing on the agenda.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that they need to get a new truck. He explained that they need to replace one where not only is the body bad but the cab is literally falling apart. Mr. Rice said it has been three years since they got a new truck. Selectman Ives asked how much money is in the capital reserve fund. Mr. Rice said about \$150,000.00 which is about what a truck will cost. Selectman Krieger asked if this would be a warrant article. Chairman Bowles said yes, they would use what they have in the CRF and ask for the rest. Mr. Rice said they would use the sander they have, they would purchase a truck, body, plow and wing. Mr. Rice will get prices for the truck, body (stainless steel and regular) and the plow kit.

Mr. Rice said they also need to get a new roadside mower. Chairman Bowles suggested getting prices and they will review it during the budget process.

Mr. Rice said that he and Steve Bennett have finished their budgets and both are level funded except for fuel.

Mr. Rice said that tomorrow they are going to concrete the step where your throw bags in, at the transfer station.

Mr. Rice said they are all done with the screener.

Chairman Bowles said there are a few culvert ends that are filled with leaves and need to be cleaned out.

The Board met with Fire Chief Dick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that the City of Concord has updated their paramedic intercept agreement. He said that the last one was signed about this time last year, it expired June 30. Chief Wright explained that this new one is a three-year contract, all the conditions, criteria and costs are the same as the last one. *Selectman Ives made a motion to approve the contract between the Loudon Fire Department and the City of Concord Fire Department for a paramedic intercept agreement for the period of July 1 2012 to June 30, 2015 with the cost to be \$549.00 per intercept and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.* Chief Wright will get a copy to the Town Office.

Chief Wright said that they received 28 applications for the Chief's position. He said that he spent hours going through the applications. Chief Wright said he is waiting to hear from one more member but the search committee is planning to meet on Tuesday, November 20 3:30–5:30; he invited the Selectmen to attend.

Chief Wright said that he submitted the Fire Department compensation list. He explained that they used the same criteria and the same committee members as last year. Chief Wright said that in his opinion

the compensation program that he wrote has been ripped apart so much that it doesn't really meet the intent; it was meant to be an incentive program to encourage people to make more calls, attend more meetings and reward them with compensation for their efforts. He said that last year the requirements were changed for the minimum number of responses. Chief Wright said that when he wrote it was written with a minimum of 35 calls in order to meet the basic amount that they were going to pay. Last year it was changed so that anyone that made even one call got paid and that is the same this year. Selectman Ives said that the department was going through trying times and the morale was down last year so they were trying to do what they could to keep the people that were there.

Selectman Ives thanked Chief Wright for everything he has done and is doing for the Town by stepping in and doing the job.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received an email and attachments from Town Council regarding the purchase of the American Legion property. The Selectmen had a couple of changes to the agreement and will get those changes forwarded to Town Council.

The Board received information regarding State of NH Surplus Property Auction.

The Board received an email regarding a Pharmacy Discount Program.

The Board received a flyer regarding a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Family Bible Church; to be held at the church on Thursday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence to review.

The Board received a request from Mr. LaPadula for revocation of his subdivision. The Selectman will have the request forwarded to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for their review and comments.

The Board received a request from Dan Aversa for the town to take over Bert Lane. The Board said that because the subdivision has not been substantially completed; only two houses have been built they will not take over the road at this time. They will also review the conditions of the subdivision regarding the Ordway right of way.

The Board discussed an overdue ambulance bill — account #52073. Selectman Ives said he spoke to the person and she is willing to make payments so that it doesn't go to collection at this time. The Board will have the office get a letter to the person directing her how and to whom to make payments.

The Board received an estimate detail from Kit Thorstensen for the safety building gutter repairs.

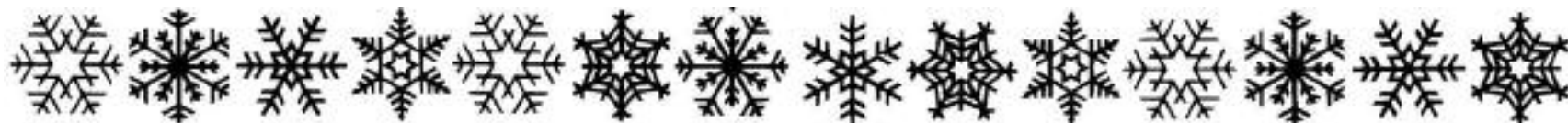
The Board received computer technology proposals for the town office. The Board agreed to go with Mainstay Technologies.

The Board received a letter of complaint from a resident of Foster Road regarding a neighbor. Chairman Bowles will speak to Code Enforcement Officer Fiske about it.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

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

The Board received a past due ambulance bill for review. *Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bill to collection: account #52073 in the amount of \$309.00, seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received an email from Nobis Engineering regarding the November 2012 post-closure inspection.

The Board received a letter from the Loudon Planning Board regarding the LaPadula subdivision. The Planning Board agrees with revoking the subdivision. Chair-

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man Bowles stated that they need a letter from the Conservation Commission and then they will move forward with public hearings.

The Board received a memo from Bob Fiske and a bill from Kit Thorstensen regarding the gutter repair at the safety building. The gutters have been repaired and a recommendation made that the roof be power washed to exterminate growth and the boots on the penetrations through the roof need replacing.

The Board received a copy of a check received from ESMI for the 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee in the amount of \$21,262.72.

The Board received a letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding rate increases for their office.

The Board received an email from First Stage Divers, LLC regarding using Clough Pond for a dive, offering a free try SCUBA next summer and an offer to do an underwater beach clean-up. The Board agreed that using the beach would require a resident sticker which they would not give to a non-resident. The divers wouldn't need a sticker to access the pond off the boat ramp. This request will be forwarded to the Clough Pond Association. Selectman Ives stated that they would need to be sure that this person carries liability insurance.

The Board received a copy of the Planning Board meeting minutes of November 15, 2012.

The Board received a copy of the Planning Board Zoning Workshop meeting minutes of November 15, 2012.

The Board received a copy of the John O. Cate Memorial Van Association meeting minutes of August 30, 2012.

The Board received an email from NRRRA regarding backyard composting. Chairman Bowles said that Steve Bennett usually puts something in the *Loudon Ledger* about this in the spring. Selectman Ives commented that Mr. Bennett does a good job.

The Board received a thank you from the Young at Heart for the refrigerator that was bought for the Community Building.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board met with Bryan Christensen from Comcast.

Mr. Christensen explained that Comcast and the Town are coming off a 20-year franchise agreement that the Town entered into with Comcast predecessor Continental Cablevision in 1992. Mr. Christensen explained that the first step to entering into a new franchise agreement would be to figure out what the community is interested in. Selectman Ives asked what percentage of the town is covered now. Mr. Christensen said that he is getting a town assessment done; this would tell them how many miles are unserved and how many houses are on those miles. Mr. Christensen said this is a lengthy process but something they are used to doing. Selectman Ives asked what the criteria is used for determining where to stop it. Mr. Christensen said that they use the franchise agreement which is 20 homes per aerial mile or 25 homes per underground mile. Mr. Christensen said that it is a business decision when looking at extending coverage; it costs about \$30,000.00 per mile. Selectman Krieger asked what options the town has other than Comcast. Mr. Christensen explained that Comcast owns the

infrastructure in Loudon, anyone can come into the town and offer cable service but they would have to build their own infrastructure. He said there are satellite providers DirectTV and Dish in the state and there is Fairpoint. Chairman Bowles said that most people that speak to him are more interested in the internet than the cable. Mr. Christensen stated that the franchise agreement is strictly a video franchise; phone, internet and home security are not subject to the franchise. Selectman Krieger asked what can be done about the monthly cost. Mr. Christensen said that pricing and programming are not subject to local control, they are a free market thing. Internet and telephone are regulated at the state PUC and the FCC. Selectman Krieger asked what would happen if they said they want 100% of the town covered or they weren't going to do a contract. Mr. Christensen stated that they would examine it and if they don't agree they would end up fighting. Chairman Bowles asked what happens when there aren't enough houses in a mile. Mr. Christensen said that if it meets the density requirements Comcast pays, if it doesn't meet the density Comcast contributes \$1,400.00 per home and then they have to be creative and figure out who is paying for the rest. Mr. Christensen asked if he could come back to the Board the first of the year with the assessment. The Board agreed. Mr. Christensen stated that there are Comcast trucks around town working on the assessment.

Mr. Christensen stated that he wanted to talk to the Board about the Comcast Cares Day. Mr. Christensen stated that the Town received the check with a letter that said the funds must be used for field maintenance only. Mr. Christensen stated that Comcast is getting calls from someone in the soccer

program in Town and it's making Comcast a little nervous. Comcast has to sure that the Selectmen are acting as fiscal agents and are not just passing the money on to the soccer or other program. He has a letter stating exactly that and asked the Board to sign it. Chairman Bowles agreed stating that the money is in the general fund and nothing will be paid with that money unless it is approved by the Board.

The Board discussed pending items.

Chairman Bowles said he looked into a complaint by a resident of Foster Road. Chairman Bowles will draft a response to the complainant.

Assessor Dave Wiley would like to meet with the Board and the property owner of 474 Lower Ridge Road to discuss the property. The office will contact Mr. Wiley and Mr. Harris to set up that meeting on a late Thursday afternoon.

Selectman Krieger wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives agreed.

Selectmen Ives stated that they observed the Fire Chief Search committee meeting earlier today. He said that they have a very good committee that has put in a lot of effort and he thanks them for that. Chairman Bowles and Selectman Krieger agreed and said that Chief Wright has also put in a lot of work.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 27, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 20, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

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

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice said the crew is working on ditching Bumfagon Road.

Mr. Rice said the new grader is working out good.

Mr. Rice said he is looking at options for repairing the guard rail on the Chichester Road Bridge. One end has been hit and two of the posts are broken. Selectman Ives said

that Mr. Rice needs to also look at the posts on the Wales Bridge Road Bridge.

Mr. Rice said they got the truck back from Liberty, electrical issues were fixed.

Chairman Bowles said that the garage door at the transfer station needs to be adjusted. Mr. Rice will contact the garage door company to get that taken care of.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received copies of the current expenditure report.

The Board received a copy of the 2012 Draft Equalization Ratio report for their review and comment. The Board will review them and get their comments back to the office.

The Board received two past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #50487 in the amount of \$124.59 and account #42112*

in the amount of \$663.20 seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board discussed pending items.

Chairman Bowles stated that the Board will meet with Assessor Dave Wiley and Mike Harris on Thursday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

The Board is waiting for a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding the LaPadula property before setting public hearing dates.

Chairman Bowles will call Mr. Farwell regarding issues on Foster Road.

The Board will meet with Jean and Brenda to begin the budget review process on Tuesday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.

The Board recognized the following people from Salisbury; Ken Ross-Raymond, Board of Selectmen Chairman, Karen Sheldon, Selectwomen and David Merwin, Chairman of the Education Committee.

Selectman Ives gave Mr. Ross-Raymond a copy of the pay information for the employees of the Merrimack Valley School District.

Mr. Ross-Raymond explained that the question is how to get the school district to present a level funded budget.

Ms. Sheldon asked how much the rate for the school portion of the tax rate increased for Loudon. Chairman Bowles stated around 67 cents per thousand. Ms. Sheldon stated that it went up significantly in Salisbury. Ms. Sheldon said they have less than 200 students in the school district and now pay over 2 million per year. Chairman Bowles stated that Loudon pays over one million per month.

Selectman Ives said that he doesn't think the school district has the incentive to cut costs like the Selectmen do because they don't have to face the taxpayers.

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Mr. Ross-Raymond asked what the options are. Selectman Ives stated that it's a stacked deck every time they go to a meeting. All the teachers and their spouses that live in the district are there and they have a voting block. Mr. Ross-Raymond said we need to do a better job getting people there to vote and that is what they are committed to doing.

Mr. Ross-Raymond asked the Board if they received the invitation to the December 6, 2012 meeting at 7 p.m. in Salisbury. The Board did receive that invitation.

Chairman Bowles said that when he first became a Selectman every fall the School Board would invite the Selectmen to a meeting; they don't do that anymore.

Mr. Ross-Raymond said that they have asked the School Board to look at their budget. They've asked them to get bids on the transportation; their responses are things like we want to be loyal to our employees or once we lose control we'll never get it back.

Ms. Sheldon said we've got to get numbers, get people out to vote.

Mr. Ross-Raymond stated that last year the vote for the budget was 184 people from 5 towns.

Ms. Sheldon asked how much longer this can go on; their town is down to bare budgets. She stated that their employees are not getting raises but all the school employees are getting raises.

Mr. Ross-Raymond stated that they don't want to see teachers lose jobs they want the district to work with the budget they have instead of increasing it.

Chairman Bowles said that when the tax bills go out and people complain to him he tells them to look at the breakdown on their tax bill to see where the money is going. They would see that the town is pretty much the same, the county and school is where the increases are. They can do something about the school by getting out and voting.

Mr. Ross-Raymond said that they are going to ask for a warrant article this year to change the process of electing School Board members. Each town would vote their own representatives in. He said there is also discussion about term limits. Chairman Bowles said that the School Board representatives should be on the same ballot as the one for Selectmen, Planning Board members etc. Mr. Ross-Raymond stated that a lot of people don't realize that School Board members can be voted on by absentee ballot.

Selectman Ives stated that he wants the tax rate for this year and last year with the breakdowns published in the *Loudon Ledger* and suggested that if Salisbury has a local paper they do the same.

Mr. Ross-Raymond said that the student population hasn't increased in ten years, if anything it has decreased.

Chairman Bowles said that he will have the office get a letter to the School Board asking the School Board to invite the Selectmen from the towns in the district to a meeting.

The Board recognized Barbara Cameron from the John O. Cate Memorial Van Association

Ms. Cameron explained that they are going through a bit of a hard time. There is an electrical problem with the van that they can't find. She explained that since they got it there has been a problem with the electrical. Ms. Cameron said they take good care of the van; it is 7 years old, mileage is low, no rust, it has been kept in the heated garage. She'd hate to get rid of the van and would fight to keep it. They are going to continue to try and find the problem but she doesn't want to lose clientele and she doesn't want to lose even one volunteer. Chairman Bowles said they are an asset to the Town and they appreciate everything

they do. Selectman Ives asked if the problem is with the van or with a component that was added to the van. Ms. Cameron explained that it draws down as it sits, they go to pick someone up, drop the lift, get them into the van and go to start it and it won't start. Ms. Cameron said that the van will be laid up for awhile so they can get it fixed. She said that some of her volunteers are taking people in their cars; they are telling the people that they are riding as guests not as part of the John O. Cate Van. Selectman Krieger asked how many are doing this with their own cars. Ms. Cameron said herself and two others. Ms. Cameron said there is talk about taking the van to the Ford garage. Ms. Cameron said they have a good group of people. Due to her health she would be stepping down soon, she will still be involved in the background. She thanked the Board for their support.

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

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 4, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Fire Chief Dick Wright.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 27, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

The Board met with Fire Chief Dick Wright.

Chief Wright said the Fire Chief job search committee has whittled the applicants down to 7-8, they made a few phone calls last week and got more information from a few. They are going to schedule oral interviews, probably not until after Christmas. Selectman Ives asked if the phone calls were made by conference call. Chief Wright said they were there were 3-4 committee members there. He explained that one of the things they discussed was the salary range to be sure the people were still interested. Chief Wright said they also discussed residency, the department does not have a requirement that the Chief live in Loudon but explained that they would want the Chief to live in Loudon or close by so that their response time would be short in a serious incident. He also explained that the Chief would be reporting to the Board of Selectmen. Chief said that after explaining all of that the four that they spoke to were still interested in the job.

Chief Wright stated that he is working on the budget; most of it is done. The Board said that they will meet with Chief Wright on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. to review his budget.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a copy of the Merrimack County Proposed Budget for 2013.

The Board received an invoice from MRI for their review and approval for payment. Chairman Bowles will talk to town council before authorizing the office to pay the invoice.

The Board received a letter and copy of a refund check from LGC regarding the Prop-

erty Liability insurance for the Town Garage.

The Board received an invoice from the State of NH regarding the Route 106 study. Selectman Krieger will look into this.

The Board received two past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Ives made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #12427 in the amount of \$571.50 and account #51853 in the amount of \$656.00 seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received information that Bonnie gathered regarding FEMA and Hurricane Sandy. Chairman Bowles stated that he got a call last Friday from Bonnie, he asked her to get a copy of the requirements. It appears that the town might qualify for reimbursement regarding fire, police and the highway department. The Board agreed the town should move forward with the application for reimbursement.

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

The Board received copies of the John O. Cate Memorial Van Association Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2012.

The Board received copies of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2012.

The Board received a copy of the 2012 NH Public Service Economic Review.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received a couple of reminders.

The meeting in Salisbury with Ken Ross-Raymond and others regarding the education committee and the MVSD budget is Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

The Board will meet with Mr. Harris and Mr. Wiley at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012.

The Board recognized Joe Piroso, spokesperson and Shawn Jones, Post Commander from the American Legion.

Mr. Piroso said they reviewed the agreement they received and have a couple of questions.

Mr. Piroso met with the Boy Scouts; they have made plans and won't need a

place to meet. In light of that Mr. Piroso asked to renegotiate the rent. Mr. Piroso said they only meet once a month for about an hour with 10-12 people, in April they would have about 20 people. Selectman Ives said that the normal rent for the community building is \$50.00. The Board suggested \$35.00 per month, Mr. Piroso agreed. Mr. Piroso asked if there would be a problem paying the rent for a year at a time, so that they don't have to write a small check every month. The Board agreed that they could pay \$420.00 at the beginning of the year. Selectman Ives stated that they would be put on the Community Building Schedule for every 3rd Wednesday of the month so that nobody else could get it.

Mr. Piroso said there was supposed to be an option to extend the agreement for an additional 5 years but that was not written into the agreement. Chairman Bowles said that was an oversight and they will add it.

Mr. Piroso asked if it would be possible to put a storage container next to the storage container on the town office property for their use. They need to store tables, chairs, filing cabinets etc. until they have a permanent place. The Board agreed that they might be able to find a location for a container but not at the town office. Chairman Bowles said that there are some at the transfer station and they could possibly put another one up there.

Mr. Piroso wanted to clarify what was meant in the agreement in terms of leaving "fixtures." He wanted to know if that meant refrigerators etc. The Board said it meant lights, doors, toilets, windows those kinds of things, not furnishings or appliances.

Mr. Jones asked if they could leave a secure cabinet in the community building for their monthly meetings. The Board agreed they could leave one. Selectman Ives said they need to be sure it is locked up.

Mr. Piroso said he located the original deed to the building.

Mr. Piroso said that the agreement states that they need to have proof they have authorization to sell the property. Selectman Ives stated that he spoke to the Adjutant General who told him that the Legion has the right to sell the building it is theirs. He

was also told that the Legion members cannot take the money and split it between the members, it has to be held for the purpose it was intended.

Mr. Piroso asked for a copy of the community building rules. Selectman Krieger said that they will get them a copy.

Mr. Piroso said that they need two signatures blocks on the agreements. There must be two Legion members signing.

Mr. Piroso asked about the closing date. The Board said that they would like to close as soon as possible. Mr. Piroso said they have given their permanent tenants notice that they need to be out by the end of December but they need time to get their stuff out. Mr. Piroso and the Board agreed that they would like to close the first week in January.

Mr. Piroso said that according to the agreement they have with the federal government the tank has to remain in front of an American Legion Post. He said there are a couple of options. If the Legion has an office in the new building technically it is a post or they could sign the tank over to the town. Chairman Bowles said that they wouldn't accept the tank without going to the town's people at town meeting and voting. Selectman Krieger said that an office in the new building wouldn't work. Mr. Piroso also suggested that when the new town office is built, if the historical society moved into the old town office maybe the space that the historical society has could become the "permanent" home with a long term lease for the Legion. Selectman Krieger said that if those are the choices the tank might have to go. Mr. Jones will check out all their options regarding the tank.

Selectman Ives asked if they have septic plans or anything like that for the Legion property. Mr. Piroso said he'll look.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes — November 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

Attendance:

Steve Jackson, Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Alternate Jeff Green, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles

Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Tom Moore, Henry Huntington, and Bob Ordway.

Bill Gabler represented the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 18, 2012 Regular Meeting — Jeff Green moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

October 18, 2012 Zoning Workshop — Stan Prescott made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.

New Business:

#12-16, Debra Rattee — Minor Subdivision in the RR District, Map 38, Lot 27. There were no abutters present. Jeff Green stepped down from the Board to present the application. He stated that they do not yet have State subdivision approval.

Mr. Green pointed out the location of this lot on Batchelder Road. He explained that they were in for a one-lot subdivision which is now owned by Mike Milligan and then they came in and did a three-lot subdivision. He said this proposed lot of 2.143 acres is in between two of the last lots that were subdivided. This lot would have 205' of frontage and there would be 27.4 acres remaining on the large lot. Mr. Green noted the 100' power line easement that runs through this property. He has divided the easement in the middle on each lot. Stan Prescott asked how much buildable area there is outside of the PSNH right-of-way. Mr. Green said there are 1.62 acres. Dustin Bowles asked if more frontage is available on Batchelder Road. Mr. Green said the only remaining frontage is on School Street. There was brief discussion on a concern raised by the fire department with regard to lots being divided from large parcels one at a time therefore falling below the number to require a cistern. Mr. Green said the cistern on School Street is within the required distance from this lot and the others previously subdivided from the large parcel.

Stan Prescott asked about the intent for the remainder of the parcel. Mr. Green said

he showed this before. He said there could be three or four more lots on the frontage and they could do a couple more with a road into the remainder of the parcel. Tom Dow asked if there is a recreational trail that crosses this lot. Mr. Green explained that they opened up an area of the stone wall with the last subdivision. He said the trail now crosses directly across Batchelder Road, continuing down the power lines, instead of down the power line, down the road, and onto Lot 27-3. Tom Dow asked about the note referencing the flood plain. Mr. Green said that Lot 27-3 is partially in the zone and part of the remaining land is also. He said the zone does not affect this lot. Mr. Dow suggested that the note might need to be changed. Mr. Green said he would change the note to read that a portion of the remaining property is in Flood Zone A. Steve Jackson asked if Ms. Rattee finished upgrading Batchelder Road from the previous approval. Mr. Green said the upgrade was done.

Bob Cole moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. Stan Prescott asked Mr. Green to check the amount of buildable area and show this on the plan. Mr. Green said he would show the calculations.

Chairman Dow read a request for a waiver of Section 12.4.9. There was discussion about the request being made for this specific lot instead of all of the lots that were on a previous subdivision plan. Mr. Green amended the request to be specific to proposed Lot 27-4. There was also discussion about the amount of remaining acreage. Mr. Green will amend the letter to read 27+ acres. Bob Cole made a motion to grant the waiver with the changes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. Mr. Green will submit a revised letter. Stan Prescott stated that the front of the application and the waiver request should be consistent with regard to acreage and frontage.

Chairman Dow read a request for a waiver of Section 12.4.11. It was agreed that the lot should be specified in the letter. A new letter will be submitted. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Chairman Dow read a request for a waiver of Section 12.4.10. No changes were made to the request. Dustin Bowles moved to approve the waiver; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Mr. Green was asked to make the following changes to the plan: 1) change note #9; 2) show recreational trail; 3) show area minus ROW easement. Bob Cole made a motion to approve the application based on receiving State subdivision approval and the changes made to the plan as noted; seconded by Stan Prescott. Mr. Prescott said he wants to see a total build-out if this parcel comes in for any further subdivision. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

Master Plan update — Copies of the survey results were handed out to Board members. Because he had previously mentioned the need for sidewalks in the Village, Stan Prescott noted that the response about sidewalks was high. Bob Cole said that he recently attended a transportation meeting at CNHRPC and learned that there is grant money available through the Safe Routes to School program. He said this is 100% funding. Mike Tardiff will attend the December Planning Board meeting to discuss the survey results and the next step in the Master Plan update.

Len LaPadula — Mr. LaPadula has submitted a request to the Town for the return of 45.2 acres and the reversal of his subdivision approval. The Selectmen have agreed to consider the request and will hold the

required public hearings for such land transactions. The Selectmen have asked for a letter of recommendation from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. There was brief discussion on the process. Steve Jackson made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that the Planning Board is in agreement with returning the 45.2 acres to Len LaPadula; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Capital Improvement Program — The final draft of the CIP update was handed out for the Board's review. A public hearing for the acceptance of the update was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on December 20, 2012.

Report of the ZBA:

There is the continuation of a variance application for a woman under the age of 55 who is interested in living at the Villages.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — Nov. 29, 2012

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes of October 25, 2012; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.


DISCUSSION

Michael Harris — Map 53, Lot 29, 474 Lower Ridge Road. Mr. Harris explained that this is a 2.29 acre house lot and he is proposing an irregular situation. He said he is aware of the AFP regulations but knows that the ZBA has the ability to make adjustments. Mr. Harris spoke about the condition of the house that is on this property and the

history of ownership. He said there is a provision in the deed that the lot is bifurcated so that one part is for the house and the other part is never to have anything built upon it. He explained that he had an agreement with the federal government for an easement so that section is protected for wildlife. He said that section has to be managed in a certain way to meet the program's guidelines. Mr. Harris said there is a small stipend for the management, enough to maybe cover property taxes on that portion. He said he is asking to waive the condition of normal size lots in the AFP District on the condition that nothing will ever be built on the divided property. He said it would not be posted and is already locked in the deed but would do further documentation if the Board needed it. He would sell the residential property. There was discussion on how the conservation piece got in the deed originally. Mr. Harris said he specified it in the

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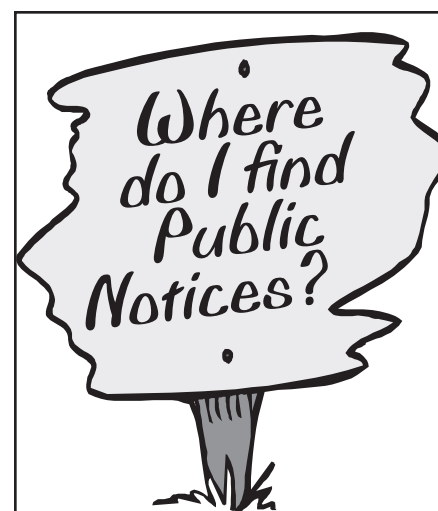
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deed when he was selling it. He has since reacquired the property. Roy Merrill asked how subdividing the property would help Mr. Harris's situation. Mr. Harris said the house was not taken care of by the people who were buying it and he feels he could better sell the house with a smaller acreage. Discussion ensued about options available to Mr. Harris. It was agreed that he has the right to apply for a variance and a hearing would be held but there was nothing the Board could do at this meeting.

Marc Aubrey/ESMI — Map 50, Lot 1-1, Industrial Drive. Mr. Aubrey explained that ESMI recently purchased a piece of property from Fillmore Industries. This piece is adjacent to the ESMI property and 11.5 acres was added with a lot line adjustment. He said they are looking at using ESMI material to keep stockpiling and leveling the lot. Mr. Aubrey said he was wondering if they can continue from their original approval on this lot or if a new approval is needed. There was brief discussion about the expanded lot and how to address the situation. It was agreed that ESMI should go through the process with a special exception and Planning Board site review.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application #Z12-17, Ruth Krochmal — Variance, RR District, Map 29, Lot 7-93 on Azalea Court. Abutters Gary & Kathy Garland, Ned Lizotte, and Roy Merrill were present. The applicant was present. Ned Lizotte and Roy Merrill stepped down from the Board. Jim Venne and Earl Tuson were appointed as voting members for this case.

Tony Marcotte spoke on behalf of Ruth Krochmal. Chairman Powelson stated that the applicant submitted a revised statement of facts to match the outline of the variance application. He said the last Board meeting ended with questions for the town attorney, mainly if a variance could apply to a person or only to a lot. Mr. Powelson noted that the Ordinance addresses special conditions of a property. He reported that Bart Mayer was fairly clear about the special conditions of the property and that the hardship has to apply to the land. Mr. Marcotte asked if the attorney addressed the question that the property could be owned by someone under 55 but they cannot live there. Mr. Powelson

explained that this was addressed and that someone under 55 could purchase a home for someone else to live in.

Mrs. Krochmal explained that there will only be seven Pioneer style homes built; two have been sold and one is in the process. She said this is what she can afford and wants to get before they are all sold; she asked if that might be part of the hardship. The chairman explained that the hardship has to be specific to the property, noting that this variance is for one lot out of one hundred. Mr. Marcotte stated that the land and lot will not change. He said there would only be a limited number of these small, lowest-prices homes and that is the uniqueness of the Pioneers. He said they are looking at the uniqueness of 55+ developments, the Villages being the only one in the area. Mr. Marcotte explained that if Mrs. Krochmal had to wait a couple of years she would not be able to get the smaller home because they would be gone. He spoke about the two-year old model home that she is trying to buy.

Howard Pearl stated that zoning applies to land, not people. Earl Tuson said those lots will be there, maybe just not for sale. Mrs. Krochmal asked for clarification on a variance and how to get into the Villages. Mr. Pearl said she would need to take it to the voters to change zoning. Mr. Marcotte spoke about the State's RSA regarding 62/55 age limits for senior housing. Mr. Pearl stated that the Town is more stringent than the State. He explained to the applicant that she has the hardship, not the lot. He added that the Board has the right to grant a variance for the lot only. Mr. Marcotte spoke about the Board's authority to grant a variance. He pointed out that the age restriction is a condition of the Zoning Ordinance on the lot. There was discussion about petition articles and zoning changes. Abutters Gary and Kathy Garland submitted a petition from residents against the granting of this variance. Mrs. Krochmal submitted a list of signatures of all but two residents of the Villages; the two are in Florida.

A woman from the audience asked for an example of lot hardship. Chairman Powelson explained that it could be that a lot was substandard, for a sign, or a variety of uses. Mr. Marcotte pointed out that age restriction is for people and it would seem that the hardship is the age restriction. He said the applicant is a widow who does not meet the

age but her cousin who would live with her is over 55. He said the variance would run with this lot and the only hurdle is the age of a person. Roy Merrill said he felt the Board would stand the risk of lawsuit and probably would not see any support of the court if they approved this application. Chairman Powelson closed the public hearing to take up the application as a Board for a decision.

He went through the application point by point. 1) Earl Tuson said the Town approved 55+. Howard Pearl said it would not be contrary to public interest. Dave Powelson said he would agree with Mr. Pearl. 2) Howard Pearl said no. All other Board members agreed. 3) Howard Pearl said he cannot see any difference between this lot and the other ninety-nine. Dave Powelson said he would agree. 4) Dave Powelson said he does not see anything that would damage other properties if this was approved. All others agreed. 5) Howard Pearl said no. Jim Venne said the whole area is 55+. Earl Tuson said he feels there is a fair and substantial relationship. Dave Powelson said it is not distinguished as a special property. Jim Venne said he feels the proposed use is reasonable but feels so many other points do not meet the criteria. George Saunderson said there

are reservations on the other points so it almost does not matter. Howard Pearl said it is not an unreasonable use but there are other concerns. Earl Tuson spoke about it being a reasonable use but not meeting other sections of the criteria. Tony Marcotte spoke about enforcement. He said it is in the condo documents that the Town has enforcement rights.

Howard Pearl made a motion to deny the application based on the Board's findings that it does not meet points 2, 3, and 5; seconded by George Saunderson. A roll vote was taken: Jim Venne — reluctantly Yes; Howard Pearl — reluctantly Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Earl Tuson — Yes. Unanimous — DENIED

ADJOURNMENT

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
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