The Loudon Led guestianuary 2024

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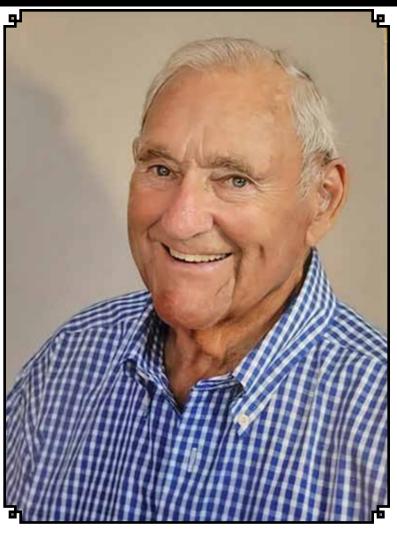
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Loudon bids a fond farewell to our dear friend Jonathan Huntington



Jonathan Huntington died joyfully, in his home on December 8, 2023. He died the way he lived, with determination, hard work, and knowing his family was cared for. Jonathan loved his family, helping others, the land, and God.See more on page 14





(L) Many Thanks to Fred Schaefer for dedicating years of rising early and flipping pancakes for Santa's Breakfast!



Loudon Lions (and Santa helpers) Lynda Caine and Stephen Caine showed their holiday spirit at the Annual Loudon Elementary School PTA Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 2.

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen's Office 55 S. Village Rd., Ste.1 * 603-798-4541 * selec ectmensoffice@loudonnh.org Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 6PM at the Town Offices Mon-Thurs: 8AM–4PM * Tues. evenings: 5–9PM Roger Maxfield (term expires 2025) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org

Jeffery Miller (term expires 2023) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org John Storrs (term expires 2024) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org

Town Clerk 55 S. Village Rd., Ste.2 * 603-798-4542 * <u>townclerk@loudonnh.org</u> Monday 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m, Tuesday 8:00 a.m - 8:45 p.m Wednesday 8:00 a.m- 4:00 p.m, Thursday 8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board 55 S. Village Rd., Ste.4 *603-798-4540 * planning lanning-zoning@loudonnh.org The Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices Mon.-Thurs.: 8AM-4PM Tues. evenings 5PM-9PM

Tax Collector 55 S. Village Rd., Ste.3 * 603-798-4543 * taxcollector@loudonnh.org Tues.: 3-9PM * Wed./Thurs.: 9AM-4PM

Police Department – Emergencies: 911 55 S. Village Rd. Ste.6 * 603-798-5521 (administrative only) 24-hour Dispatch: 603-228-1631 Mon.-Thur.:8AM-4PM

Building/Code Enforcement 55 S. Village Rd., Ste.5 * 603-798-5584 * 8 Cooper St. Fire Dept. codeoffice@loudonnh.org * Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-4PM

Fire Department – Emergencies: 911

55 S. Village Rd. Ste.5 * 603-798-5612 * chief@loudonfire.com To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire station at the Safety Complex on Cooper St. Permits are available between the hours of 6AM-6PM, 7 days a week unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the town's website <u>www.loudonnh.org</u> Departments ~ Fire Permit Information

Loudon Elementary School 7039 School St * 603-783-4400 The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15PM Call the Superintendent's Office for meeting location

Transfer Station 55 S. Village Rd. Ste.7 * 603-783-0170 * <u>roadagent@loudonnh.org</u> YEAR-ROUND HOURS Tues:8AM-5PM ~ Thurs: 8AM-6PM, ~ Sat: 8AM-5PM Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$5.00. See the attendant

Highway Department 55 S. Village Rd. Ste.7 * 603-783-4568 * roadagent@loudonnh.org Mon.-Fri.: 7AM-3:30PM

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Director: Emily Fay * 603-798-5153 * efay@maxfieldlibrary.org Sun./Mon.: Closed * Tues.: 10AM-7PM * Wed.: 10AM-5PM Thurs.: 10AM-7PM * Fri.: 10AM-5PM * Sat.: 10AM-2PM The Library Trustees meet at 5PM on the first Monday of the month

John O. Cate Memorial Van

Call 603-783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride. The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of each month at 2PM in their facility at the transfer station

Loudon Food Pantry 30 Chichester Rd. Unit D, Loudon

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Rep. Alvin See: Alvin See@leg.state.nh.us 603-271-3565

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 educate not advocate.

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to ledgerarticles@gmail.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, 603-267-6509

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April 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 03/15	Council Meeting	Mon 03/18
May 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 04/12	Council Meeting	Mon 4/15
June 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 05/17	Council Meeting	Mon 05/20
July 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 06/14	Council Meeting	Mon 06/17
August 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 07/12	Council Meeting	Mon 07/15
September 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 08/16	Council Meeting	Mon 08/19
October 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 09/13	Council Meeting	Mon 09/16
November 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 10/18	Council Meeting	Mon 10/21
December 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 11/15	Council Meeting	Mon 11/18
January 2025 Ad Copy & Deadline	Fri 12/13	Council Meeting	Mon 12/16

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Patrick Testerman, Associate Pastor Michael Foose, Family Pastor 334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • (603) 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org Office Hours: Please check the website or call the office for hours. Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. (Sept. - May) Junior Church and Nursery are provided for both. Youth Group for Grades 6–12. (Please visit our website to view our Youth Group schedule) FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, Children and Seniors.

Family Bible Church

"Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope" Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor
676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 603-267-7577 www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org •
Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs. Fellowship time provided following the morning service. Tuesday Morning: Ladies' Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

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Landmark Baptist Church Independent, Biblical, Caring *Pastor Paul J. Clow* 103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 603-798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m. (Nursery provided on Sunday morning.) Please visit our website for more information!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Pastor Jeff Owen 433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7008, Loudon, NH 03307 Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Pastor Jeff Owen at (603) 731-4118 or Cindy Merrill, Deacon, at (603) 848-8690.

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Loudon Congregational Church *Rev. Moe Cormier* 7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 603-783-9478 info@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m. Loudon Congregational is a member church of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.ccccusa.org).

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene *Rev. Eddie Kish* Rev. Brian Bollinger, Youth Pastor Rev. Isabel Gillespie, Missional Outreach Pastor 33 Staniels Rd., Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri. office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org Sunday 9:30 a.m. — Worship "Kids Korner" (K–4th Grade) is available from 10-11 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. -- Discipleship Hour for Ages 3 and up

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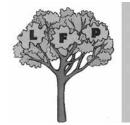
Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Distributes \$131,750 to New England Children in Need Grants to 40 charities will support 499,644 children across New England.

The holiday spirit filled The Palace Theatre in Manchester, N.H. as Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig joined the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities (SCCNH), the official charity of New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS), at its 14 th annual Grant Distribution Ceremony. Grants were handed out to 40 local nonprofits totaling \$131,750 in front of the festive backdrop from "A Christmas Carol."

"The list of recipients today are among the wonderful organizations that make New Hampshire and New England special," said Craig as she addressed the grant recipients during the ceremony. "I'd like to offer a special thanks to those who donated time and money to the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities, and thank you all for your dedication and service to children."

Since its inception in 2009, SCCNH has distributed more than \$2.25 million, supporting more than 1.4 million children throughout the region.





Loudon Food Pantry

Our Numbers

In November 2023 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 282 individuals for them to prepare 10,626 meals. Of these people, 147 were age 60 and older (52%), 59 were age 18 or under (21%), and 76 were between those ages (27%).

Thanksgiving Boxes

We handed out 65 Thanksgiving Boxes this year. This year we received \$25 gift cards from the New Hampshire Food Bank in place of turkeys (our choice). This enabled everyone to get the meat of their choice for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Closed and Unavailable – December 22nd – January 8th

Loudon Food Pantry will be closed and unavailable for the holiday and then inventory from December 22nd until January 8th. We will reopen on Tuesday January 9th.

Do you need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!



Moderator Musings

Presidential Primary

Voting will begin on Tuesday morning January 23 at 7am at the Safety Complex. Votes can be cast anytime between 7am and 7pm.

The primary will run the same as the town elections this past March.

Parking for electioneers... all electioneers (candidates and those electioneering for candidates) are asked to park down at the Recreation Field parking lot

Parking for poll workers... all poll workers are asked to park down at the old town office (Charlie's Barn)

Traffic pattern... traffic on Recreation Drive will be one-way throughout the day. Please enter onto Recreation Drive from South Village Road and, after voting, exit through the old town office parking lot. Plenty of signage will help direct drivers.

Handicap parking... pull right up to the 4 large overhead doors of the Safety Complex

Counting... as usual, the results from the AccuVote tape will not be released. Once all write-in and hand count ballots have been tabulated we will release the results including getting them onto social media as quickly as possible. Just as a reminder, to enable our counters to concentrate and complete their work as accurately and as quickly as possible, talking by observers is not permitted by observers. If you need to have a conversation, please leave the room.

Contact me at any time by email at Moderator@LoudonNH.org

Rodney Phillips Loudon Moderator





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Loudon Elementary School PTA

Happy New Year from the LES PTA!

On December 2nd, Santa's Breakfast and Holiday Craft Fair was held. Thank you to all our volunteers, including Loudon Lions Club. This event would not have been successful without all your help. Everyone enjoyed the horse drawn sleigh rides, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, pancakes with family and friends, holiday shopping, and the raffle items. Thank you to the Hardy Family for their wonderful donation to help support the event. Another special thanks to our sponsors Leonard's Plumbing & Heating, JM Carr Landscaping, K&M Drywall, J&J Yolk & Co, and Penguin Fuels.

On December 15th, the snack cart special guests were Colonel Jordan and Lieutenant Cheney from New Hampshire Fish and Game. Who will be next month's snack cart special guest?

Come jump with your family and friends and support the PTA at the Altitude Trampoline Park Fundraiser on Thursday, January 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Each jump ticket will provide a two-hour jump time, socks, water, and pizza. Keep an eye out for additional information on our Facebook page. All Loudon community members are welcome. Pre-registration is suggested.

Upcoming Happenings

Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.-Altitude Fundraiser



Friday Evening in February TBD – Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – Easter Egg Hunt

Like us on Facebook (Loudon Elementary PTA) and stay tuned for additional information in the weekly Smore's newsletter sent home with students weekly.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on January 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School media room for anyone interested in joining us.

LES PTA Members:

Jacquey Blanchette – President Collette Flanders – Vice President Emily Fiske – Secretary Suzy Bean – Treasurer Carolyn Carr – Deputy Treasurer Janice Morin – Member Melissa Lagasse – Member Sarena Quintanilla – Member Stacey Sprague – Member Stacey Sprague – Member Amanda Duquette – Member Chrissy Croto – Member Sarah Roberts – Membe Ashley Gamble – Member

News From The Town Clerk's Office Ashley Simonds

Just a few reminders for our Loudon residents from the Town Clerk's Office. Please remember that you may now renew and inspect vehicles for the months of January-April. Snowmobile registrations are in full swing so please come in and see us if you are planning on enjoying the snow this winter as it does help the town. Transfer Station stickers for 2024 can be purchased online for the first time along with many other services available to you @Loudonnh.org. We do have 2024 boat decals in the office for anyone who is looking to update boat registrations which expire for all boat owners on December 31, 2023.

We would like to remind everyone about a couple of elections this year. All elections are held at the Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex entering at the Recreation Drive entrance.

January 23, 2024-State Primary Election from 7:00am-7:00pm

March 12, 2024-Town Election from 7:00am-7:00pm

Please note the following list of positions are open to residents of Loudon to file for declaration of candidacy in the upcoming March election. The filing period begins January 24, 2024 and ends February 2, 2024 (Office open from 3:00pm-5:00pm for election candidacy sign up ONLY on this Friday).

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that you have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Best Regards,

Ashley Simonds-Town Clerk / Theresa Chudoba-Deputy Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TIME LIMIT 2024 TOWN OF LOUDON



THE UNDERSIGNED CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOUDON HERE-BY GIVES NOTICE OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTITIONS:

SELECTMAN	1 THREE YEAR TERM
TOWN CLERK	1 THREE YEAR TERM
MODERATOR	1 TWO YEAR TERM
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST	1 SIX YEAR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	2 THREE YEAR TERMS
ZONING BOARD	1 THREE YEAR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	1 THREE YEAR TERM
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS	1 THREE YEAR TERM

WRITTEN DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY MUST BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK NOT BEFORE JANUARY 24[™], 2024 OR AFTER FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2024.

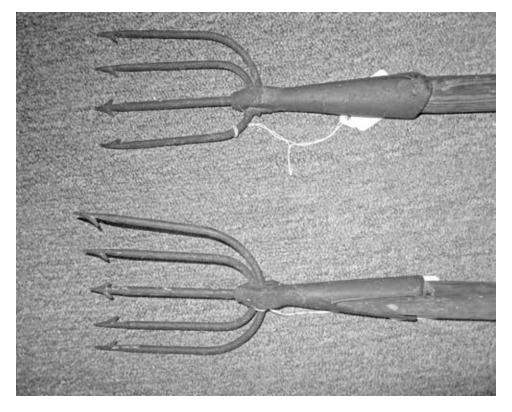
> ASHLEY E. SIMONDS- TOWN CLERK 55 SOUTH VILLAGE ROAD HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 8:00 A.M-4:00 P.M TUESDAY 8:00 A.M-8:45 P.M

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND 3:00 P.M-5:00 P.M (OPEN FOR ELECTION CANDIDACY SIGN UP ONLY)

Loudon Historical Society

Two young boys meet at dusk and head out for hunting. They are not after deer, bear, moose or game birds. They will be hunting bullfrogs. There is evidence frogs were hunted as early as 100 AD and Vietnam, Korea, Italy and France commonly serve frog legs in their restaurants today. How does this relate to the Historical Society Museum? We have two frog gigs from Albert Bachelder which are important froghunting tools. One frog gig is five barbed prongs mounted on a 44 inch handle. The second one is also on a 44 inch handle but it is four barbed prongs. Frog gigs are still commonly made today in three, four and five pronged versions with five to eight foot handles (sometimes telescoping). Frog gigging is more successful with a headlamp or flashlight to use along with your gig. The light temporarily blinds the frog so the hunter can take aim. Bullfrogs are mostly hunted in the South and Midwest. Bullfrogs can weigh up to 1.8 pounds and can take up to three years of growth to reach a suitable size. Frogs should be hunted for consumption only because frogs do not have a good survival rate if they are caught, handled and released. Bullfrogs are found mostly in spring and summer when their croaking gives their location away. Gigging is not easy. It takes skill and patience because frogs can feel your vibration and swim for safety as you get close. If you are successful in putting a meal of frog legs on the table, think of your pride when your dinner guests say, "This is good! What is it? Tastes like chicken."

The Made in Loudon Expo had mixed results for our vendors. The weather was not our friend but we want to thank everyone who came out to support us. Our 2024 calendars featuring the houses of Pleasant Street: Then and Now are still available for \$10 from any Historical Society member or at the Loudon Post Office.





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Loudon Fire Department members were recognized at the Department's annual awards ceremony on December 11th. The ceremony included service recognition, member promotions and the addition of four new department members. Those honored included: Brady Leonard – 2023 Firefighter of the Year, Peter Godbout – 2023 EMT of the Year and Paris Chartrand – 2023 Chief's Excellence Award. Those recognized for Years of Service included: Ben Carter – 20 Years, Kelly Clark – 10 Years and Brady Leonard , Kelsie Leonard, Tim Baldassare each recognized for 5 Years. Also recognized for Big 5 Club service points were Alex Foster – 304 points, Brady Leonard – 265 points, Sean Marden – 242 points, Eric Tucker – 236 points and Mathew LaDuke – 223 points.

Additionally, Lieutenant Greg Treat was promoted to Captain, Firefighter Ben Carter was promoted to Lieutenant of Battalion 4, Firefighter Sara Frenette was promoted to Lieutenant of Battalion 2, and Firefighter Rick Bilodeau was promoted to Lieutenant/Safety Officer of Battalion 1.

New members of the fire department taking the official oath were Rachel Lake, Patrick Starkey, Shawn Grover and Gavin Martin. Compliments of the Loudon Firefighters Association, a catered meal was provided to over 80 in attendance, with coffee and desserts provided by Deb Foss.

And, congratulations to Gavin Martin Eric Tucker and Chris Warren, recent graduates of the NH Fire Academy.

A generous donation from the Loudon Firefighters Association, along with a grant from the NH Charitable Trust allowed the Department to purchase a second Nitrox unit for the second ambulance. These units provide patients with pain control assistance.

2023 continues to be a busy year for your local Fire Department, with over 900 emergency calls from January 1st through mid-December. 15% of the time we had multiple calls requiring multiple assets and personnel. On average, our response time from dispatch to arrival on scene has been seven minutes and fifty-six seconds. Full year response data will be provided in February.

With winter upon us, slip and fall accidents are most common. Please be sure to keep walkways free of snow and ice, wear proper footwear, use handrails and turn lights on during dark hours. Clean walkways assure that emergency personnel have safe passage.



A MESSAGE FROM THE LOUDON COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOUDON

In the February 2016 edition of the Loudon Ledger, the Loudon Communications Council put out an urgent call for volunteers. We were fortunate to find a sufficient number of dedicated volunteers willing to step up and do the work for the benefit of the community. Once again, we are asking residents to consider joining us as a member of the Council.

The Council, which is responsible for publication of the Ledger and management of the town's website at www.loudonnh.org, is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization established for educational purposes. Our approved 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."

With the exception of advertising sales, graphic design, printing and mailing, all work is performed by volunteers. Members of the Council and those elected to serve on the Board of Directors must be willing to understand, honor, and uphold the Council's mission and by-laws to ensure that the Ledger continues to provide an unbiased source of information about our town. We do not publish "opinion pieces" or "letters to the editor." We do not support or advocate on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office. We also will not endorse any plan or proposition that does not clearly facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation. We publish unedited copies of minutes from all our local boards and commissions, and insist on giving our readers a chance to understand both sides of an issue. We continue to believe that the Loudon Ledger fills an important function for our community. For some, it's a nice way of staying caught up with what's going on in town. For others, it can be a lifeline, particularly for the elderly and the disabled.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, we meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., either in person at the Community Building (29 S. Village Road) or on-line via Zoom. Members communicate regularly by text, telephone and email regarding Ledger content, advertising, and policy issues. We also need a volunteer to pick up copies of the Ledger from the printer for delivery to the bulk mailer in Concord, and to distribute extra copies to Loudon businesses and town buildings. For more information, you can contact us by mail at PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307, or by email at ledgerarticles@gmail.com.





This month's recipes are meant to warm both the body and the soul. Some have cheese. You may want to change to your favorite cheese.

Macaroni and Sausage Bake

1 lb. sausage
½ cup chopped onion
½ of 7 oz. package elbow macaroni
1 10 1/2 oz. can cream of celery soup
2/3 cup milk
3 slightly beaten eggs
4 oz. sharp American cheese, shredded
¾ cup corn flakes
1 T. melted butter

Cook sausage and onion till lightly browned. Drain off excess fat. Cook macaroni according to package directions, drain. Combine sausage mixture, macaroni, soup, milk, eggs, and cheese. Place in a 8x8 baking dish, Mix cornflakes and butter and arrange over top of casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 min. Serves 6

Swiss Rice Souffle

³⁄₄ cup uncooked rice
2 cups milk
6 T. butter
3 T. flour
1 ½ tsp. salt
2 cups milk
8 oz. Swiss cheese shredded

Cook rice uncovered in 2 cups milk over low heat until tender, stirring frequently with a fork; (about 15 min.) When all milk is absorbed, remove from heat. Melt butter; blend in flour and salt. Add 2 cups milk. Cook, stirring constantly, till smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat. Add cheese and stir until melted. Add rice. Beat egg yolks till thick and lemon colored. Fold cheese mixture into yolks; cool slightly. Beat egg whites to stiff peak; fold yolk mixture into whites. Pour into an ungreased 1 ½ quart casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 65 min. or until knife inserted into the middle comes out clean. Serve immediately.

Chicken Macaroni Casserole

- 1 cup elbow macaroni
- 2 cups diced chicken
- 1 cup shredded American cheese
- 1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup milk
- 1 3 oz. can mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped pimento

Cook macaroni by pkg. directions, drain. Combine macaroni with all other ingredients. Pour into a greased casserole and bake in 350 degree oven for 50-60 min. Top with an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded cheese. Return to oven until cheese melts.

Cheese Stuffed Pork Chops

4 1" pork chops
1 3oz. can mushrooms, chopped
4 oz. Swiss cheese, diced
¼ cup snipped parsley
½ cup fine dry breadcrumbs
¼ tsp. salt - dash pepper
1 beaten egg

Trim excess fat from chops. Cut a pocket in fat side of each chop. Drain mushrooms, reserving liquid. Combine mushrooms, cheese, parsley, and ½ tsp. salt. Stuff into pocket; toothpick shut. Mix crumbs, salt and pepper. Dip chops in egg, then crumbs. Slowly brown chops in hot fat. Add reserved mushroom liquid; cover and simmer 1 hour or until chops are done.

Steak Soup

3 cups water 2 small onions, chopped 3 stalks celery, chopped 2 carrots, sliced 1 (14 oz.) can tomatoes ½ tsp. pepper 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen mixed vegetables 1 lb. ground beef 2 to 4 T. beef bouillon granules ½ cup butter, melted ½ cup flour

Put all ingredients except butter and flour in a crock pot. Cover and cook on low 8-12 hours. One hour before serving, turn to high. Make a paste of $\frac{1}{2}$ cup melted butter and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour. Stir until smooth. Pour into crock pot and stir until thickened. Cook on high until thickened.

Quick Golden Stew

- 4 carrots, cut into 1" pieces 1 ½ cups peeled and diced potatoes 2 medium onions, chunked water enough to cover vegetables 10 oz. pkg. frozen peas 1 cup cubed ham 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 (8 oz.) jar of processed cheese spread

Cook vegetables until tender, covered for 10 min. Add peas and ham. Continue to cook 5 more minutes. (For thicker stew you may want to drain off some liquid at this point.) Stir in soup and cheese. Heat through. Serves 4-6.

Young At Heart

The day was merry and bright at the December 12th Loudon Young at Heart 2023 meeting and holiday luncheon. With the holiday season in full swing thirty-nine members dressed in holiday attire and joined in a sing-along with Bill Parker enjoying seasonal Christmas Carols.

The potluck lunch again brought out the best chefs in Loudon with delicious casseroles, salads, and side dishes. The Young at Heart ended the meal with wonderful cupcakes and delicious desserts. Everyone was in the holiday spirit and enjoyed the luncheon and conversation with their friends. There was a festive spirit in the air, and no one went away hungry. A special thank you to everyone involved in setting up this festive room for the luncheon.

We will start the first meeting of the New Year on January 9th featuring bingo, pizza, and prizes. The February 13th meeting will be a presentation by Melissa Moore, local resident, and author of LAND OF LOW HILLS: LOUDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE: THE FIRST 250 YEARS, 1773-2023.

Just a reminder: Now with the winter months upon us there is no Young at Heart meeting if the Merrimack Valley School District is closed. Also, your 2024 membership dues in the amount of \$15.00 per person will be collected at the next meeting.

In closing a big thank you to all who participated in making the Young at Heart Christmas party a huge success and a special thank you to Bill Parker for providing the entertainment.

The Young at Heart began in 1997 and is open to Loudon residents 55 and older who enjoy getting together to socialize, travel and learn. We are always happy to welcome new members. Young at Heart meets the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August) beginning at 10:00am at the Faith Community Bible Church.

See you all next month and until then stay warm and safe and remember we always take donations for the Loudon Food Pantry!!

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OBITUARIES

Bonita A. Cressy



Bonita A. Cressy passed away on November 23, 2023, at the Granite VNA Hospice House in Concord, New Hampshire, after courageously fighting cancer for 20 months. Bonnie was married to Lester Cressy, and they enjoyed over 58 years of marriage. Bonnie was born on March 26, 1945, to Clayton Loomis and Dorothy Loomis O'Shea. She went to Concord public schools graduating in 1963 from Concord High School. Bonnie spent most of her working years in the banking industry, as Manager of the Contoocook office of New Hampshire

Savings Bank, and later as the Manager of the former Bank of New Hampshire, also in Contoocook. Bonnie is fondly remembered as helping many local families secure their first mortgage. Outside of work and raising her two sons, Bonnie was active in her community, volunteering for the town of Hopkinton in many capacities, including serving as Treasurer for nearly 20 years, as a member of the Budget Committee, a Trustee of Trust Funds, along with being a Ballot Clerk for over 50 years. Bonnie also cooked meals at the Slusser Senior Center and volunteered at the Hospice House with baking and cooking. In addition to cooking, Bonnie enjoyed working in her gardens, camping, and traveling with her husband and grandchildren. Bonnie is survived by her husband Lester, son Brian (Libby) Cressy, four grandchildren Karissa (Jay) Carr, Zackery Cressy, Chandler Cressy, and Olivia Cressy, and one great-grandson, Hayden Carr, all of Contoocook. Bonnie is also survived by two sisters, Marion (Sam) Foss of Concord, and Penny (Wayne) Carbone of Loudon, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Bonnie was predeceased by her sister Colleen and her son Douglas.

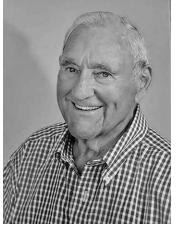
Lorraine A. Greenwood



Lorraine A. Greenwood, 85, of Loudon, NH, passed away surrounded by her immediate family on December 1, 2023. Lorraine was born on December 7, 1937 to Zena Marie and Martin Peary in West New Portland, Maine. In 1951, Lorraine met the love of her life, Dale Greenwood, Sr. They wed in 1954 going on to have four children, Cindy, Dale Jr., William and Scott. When they started a family, Lorraine dedicated her life to being a fantastic, wonderful wife and mother. Excelling at motherhood, she was the foundation of our family. She also enjoyed Ballroom Dancing with her husband and friends. As a Mom, she was very supportive

in providing opportunities for music, theatre, sports and racing. She enjoyed traveling and watching her children and grandchildren perform or compete in many concerts, plays, sports & motorcycle racing events. Lorraine was predeceased by her parents, Zena Marie and Martin Perry, and her younger brother, David. She is survived by her husband Dale Greenwood, Sr of Loudon, NH and her children, Cindy Greenwood-Young of Dunbarton, NH, Dale Greenwood Jr., and his wife Carol of Manchester, NH, William Greenwood, and his wife Melanie of Voluntown, CT, Scott Greenwood, and his wife Heidi of Dunbarton, NH. As well as ten grandchildren, Marshall Young, Hannah Greenwood, Kelsie Dube, Gavin McFarland, Connor Greenwood, Samuel Greenwood, Owen Greenwood, Emma Rose Greenwood, and Greyson Greenwood. She also leaves behind three great grandchildren, Olivia Young, Watson Dube, and Carter Rose Dube. Lorraine is also survived by her ten siblings Coleen Ricker, Gene Manzer, Rena Clark, Lois Page, Ernest Peary, Esma Cole, Jolene Pinkham, Everett Peary, Erwin Peary, Richard Peary, as well as, many nieces and nephews who all reside in New Hampshire and Maine.

Jonathan Huntington



Jonathan Huntington died joyfully, in his home on December 8, 2023. He died the way he lived, with determination, hard work, and knowing his family was cared for. Jonathan loved his family, helping others, the land, and God. Jonathan was born September 12, 1928 to Catherine A. (Bawden) and David H.S. Huntington in Southport Ct. He graduated from Roger Ludlowe HS and earned his degree in dairy science at UNH. He was drafted for the Korean War but served as a mess sergeant during the German occupation. He married

Eleanor J. Rippe September 25, 1954, at Green's Farms Church, her family's heritage church in Westport Ct. Jonathan and Eleanor settled in Southport, CT where they raised their three children. A devout husband and dad, Jonathan served his community in many capacities: president of the PTA at Mill Hill School and was active with his sons in the YMCA Indian Guides. Jonathan was very devoted to God and his church. He was a member of Green's Farms Church where he served as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. He and Eleanor were famous for running many church suppers each year and were both involved in guiding decisions in the preservation and growth of the church. From an early age, working hard came naturally to Jonathan. He started with a paper route as a young boy, Mercurio's supermarket in high school, and Nyala Farm through his college and army years. After he married, he started a successful career as a bread man for Pepperidge Farm. Farming was always in his blood so he often found himself working at Eleanor's dad's family farm stand, Rippe Farms in Westport CT. He eventually took over and ran the farm until 1976 when they decided to dig up their deep Connecticut roots and move to Loudon, NH. Here they purchased Pleasant View Gardens and with the help of their two sons, grew it into a multinational, third generation business recognized for its excellence in growing and its establishment as a founding partner in Proven Winners. To his last day, he often recalled how fortunate he was and how his success would not be what it was without the

hundreds of past and present employees he considered family. Following their move to NH, Jonathan continued his commitment to community and church life. He and Eleanor became members of the First Congregational church in Concord, NH where he served as a trustee and member on several committees. In the town of Loudon where he served two decades on the planning board and zoning board. Later in life, he took great pleasure in beautifying the town by planting flowers around the municipal buildings including planting a "happy face" garden and lighting a Christmas tree at the main intersection in town. While post-retirement brought them all over the country and world, they cherished the time with their family the most. Gatherings at the lake in Weare, on Anna Marie Island, FL in the winter, or just at home with everyone in Loudon, the treasured comings and goings never ended. Jonathan was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor, his infant son, Jonathan Sherwood, his parents, sister and husband Ann and Robert Grose, brother-in-laws; Robert Vannerson, Robert Rippe and wife Skip, and sister-in-law Joan Huntington. He is survived by his three children: Jeffrey R. and wife Erlyan of Loudon, Anne G. and partner Lorna of Holliston, MA, and Henry L. and wife Daphne of Loudon. He is also survived by his five grandsons: Andy and wife Amanda, Benjamin and wife Sarah, Jonathan S and wife Doni, Henry and wife Alisa, Eric R., five step-grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Also survived by his brother, David, Sisters Alice Vannerson, and Catherine Russell and husband Robb, as well as his former daughter in laws, Carol L. Huntington and Sharon R. Huntington, and many nieces and nephews. His family would like to send their thanks for the care, devotion, and friendship of Jonathan's caretaker, Billie Blodgett.

Rhonda D. King



Rhonda D. King, 67, a longtime resident of Boscawen, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 23, 2023 at Concord Hospital after a long illness. Rhonda was born on August 15, 1956 the daughter of Elmer and Marguerite "Peggy" (Verrill) Martell. Rhonda was a graduate of Merrimack Valley High School, class of 1974. She was employed as a Laborer for Freudenberg NOK in Bristol. She loved animals and her flowers. Her family includes

her husband of 39 years, Brian King of Boscawen and her three brothers, Michael Martell of Newport, Rodney Martell of Loudon and Bruce Martell of Newport.

Donna L. Love



Donna L. Love, 72, of Franklin, died unexpectedly at her home on Nov. 24, 2023. She was born in Concord on Sept. 2, 1951 the daughter of Fred and Dorothy (Gullage) Love. Donna was raised in Concord and attended both the Concord and Bishop Brady School Districts. Donna worked for various companies throughout her life, most notably Sprague Electric, The Country Living Center, Vernitron, Aavid Engineering, and also did private armed security and professional house cleaning. Donna was a former longtime resident of Northfield and at one point ran for road agent there. She was an avid hunter, motorcycle enthusiast, Jill of

all trades, a wonderful homemaker, and a great artist who used her energy to create something beautiful and meaningful to others. She had a green thumb like no other and could bring any plant back to life it you let her. Her sense of humor and sarcasm, her selflessness and devotion to her family and loved ones are unmatched. Family was most important to her and she thoroughly enjoyed every moment she could with them. Donna was the strongest woman I've ever known. Mum, I love you. Her family includes her daughter, Donna E. Lorden of Belmont, her son, David Veinote, Sr., her grandchildren, Aidan Lorden-Nault, Cali Malo, Kristina Veinote, Rebecca Day, David Veinote, Jr., Corey, Bethany and Ellora, her siblings: Jerry Love of Wentworth, Fred Love, Jr. of Tilton, And Marie Ballam of Loudon, and many nieces and nephews, her longtime and best friend, Jane Nault of Laconia. She was predeceased by her parents, her late husband, William D. Lorden, and brothers Brian and David Love.

Patricia J. Podogrodzki



Patricia J. Podogrodzki 85, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 16 in her Atkinson, NH home with her beloved husband by her side. She was born to Morgan and Julia (Costello) Connolly on March 11, 1938, in Galway, Ireland. She immigrated to the United States when she was 18 years old. Patricia is survived by her husband Ronald Podogrodzki, who

was the love of her life. They married in 1975 and have spent the past 48 years devoted to one another. She is also survived by her three children; Earl S Lincoln and his wife Deborah from Loudon, NH, Morgan M Lincoln from Springfield, VT, and Patricia C Lincoln from Atkinson, NH; her grandchildren Amanda M Lincoln, Miq Meserve, and Katie D Lincoln as well as many cherished Nieces and Nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Patrick (Padharic) Connolly, Maureen Mulkerrin, James (Jimmy) Connolly; and her granddaughter, Kristi Allison Lincoln. Patricia was a quiet woman, but her love for those she cherished was fierce. She was strong and resilient. She made her way on her own and worked hard to provide for her family. She spent many years working at Kenoza Hillcrest Nursing Home and Haverhill Manor Nursing Home before retiring in 2000. She knew what it was to struggle and knew what it was to overcome. She enjoyed her time with her husband taking long rides, visiting the casino, eating out, and listening to country music. She enjoyed shopping on QVC and rooting for any team playing against Tom Brady. She loved the home she shared with her husband and daughter Patricia. She spent summer days sitting outdoors and enjoying her roses.



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Linda Ann Drew

Linda Ann Drew, age 72, of Loudon, passed away on November 14, 2023 at her home, of natural causes. Born January 21, 1951 in Chelsea, Massachusetts, daughter of Marlyn (Skip) Fearing and Elizabeth (Sargent) Fearing. She resided in Loudon, New Hampshire for forty plus years. Survived by her two children, Adam Fleury and his wife Carol, and Jason Drew; four grandchildren, Kendra Burrows, Jordan Drew, Jacob Fleury, and Camryn Drew; her sister Kathy (Fearing) Lantry, and her brother David Fearing and his wife Pam.

Elsie Currier Stevens



Elsie Currier Stevens age 85 of Loudon, NH passed away Nov, 14 peacefully with family by her side. Elsie was born July 6, 1939 in Pittsfield, NH, daughter of the late Alice and Cecil Baum. Elsie was one of 11 children, Elsie was predeceased by her late husband Rodney Currier and her son Steven Currier. Elsie remarried Ivan Stevans and had spent the last 26 years together. Elsie enjoyed life with many activities; loved family gatherings, loved to sew, loved playing her youngest great grand daughter Mallory Sapier, enjoyed riding motor cycles and sitting on the porch with friends and family. Elsie worked many years at McKerley's nursing home with her daughter Karen by her side

in Penacook. Elsie is survived by daughter; Karen Currier of Loudon, sons; Robert Currier Jr. and his wife Cathy of Franklin, William Currier Sr. and his wife Terri of Florida, Bruce Currier Sr. and his wife Kathy of Florida, Rodney Currier and his wife Jackie of Pittsfield, Brian Currier and his wife Laura of Loudon, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Elsie always met you with a smile on her face. She is going to be missed immensely.



James W. Varrill



James W. Varrill 94, a long time resident of Concord, passed away on December 6, 2023 at his home where he lived for almost 60 years. He was born in Barre, Vermont on March 4, 1929, and the only child of Roy and Esther (Niles) Varrill. He attended Barre Public Schools, graduating from Spaulding High School in 1947. He went on to further his education at the University of Vermont and Burdett Business College in Boston. He enlisted for 3 years in the Army in 1950 and served in the Korean War, receiving the Korean Service Medal with 4 Bronze

stars and the United Nations Service Medal. After being honorably discharged, he married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Fielder on December 18, 1953. Jim and Marilyn lived in West Hartford, CT and several Pittsburgh, PA suburbs from 1954-1964. He worked for the Hartford Insurance Company during that time. After moving with their 5 children to Concord in April 1964, he started working for the Vermont Mutual Insurance Company, retiring as Resident Vice President of New Hampshire in 1994 after 30 years. Jim and Marilyn enjoyed many happy years together after his retirement until her passing in February 2013. Jim enjoyed spending time with family, especially at the family camp on Partridge Lake in Littleton, NH, just sitting around the campfire, watching all the kids, sipping on a glass of Chardonnay, brought him much joy. After Marilyn's passing, he went on to live independently in his home up until 2 months of his passing. You could find him in his favorite spot during the warm months, sitting on the front screened-in porch, keeping an eye on the neighborhood and on Sundays, after church, he would have his favorite lunch, a Bloody Mary and a bowl of popcorn. He also enjoyed his daily walks around the neighborhood and was always happy to stop and socialize. Jim was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord for over 55 years.

He is survived by his four children; sons John and Dan (Judy) Varrill of Concord, daughters Susan (Brad) Mar-latt of Buena Vista, VA, Cindy (Ron) Dubuc of Loudon, six grandchildren; Brian (Brandy) Marlatt, Tim (Casey) Marlatt, Rebecca (Blake) Owen, all of Virginia, Ryan Dubuc of Webster, Holly (Kevin) Crowley of Concord, and Danielle (Jeff) Mock of Bradford. He was "Papa Jim" to his nine great grandchildren; Chloe, Thea, Charlotte, and Sophie Marlatt, Olivia Owen, Hannah and Sa¬die Dubuc, Adelyn and Jack Crowley, and Jacob Mock. He is also survived by step-grandchildren Beth (Jim) Krause, and her children Chloe and Jonah, Stephanie (Lee) Beaton and their children Emmery and Donavan, numerous nieces and nephews from Vermont and several cousins. He was predeceased by his loving wife of almost 60 years and his son David who died on April 6, 1978.



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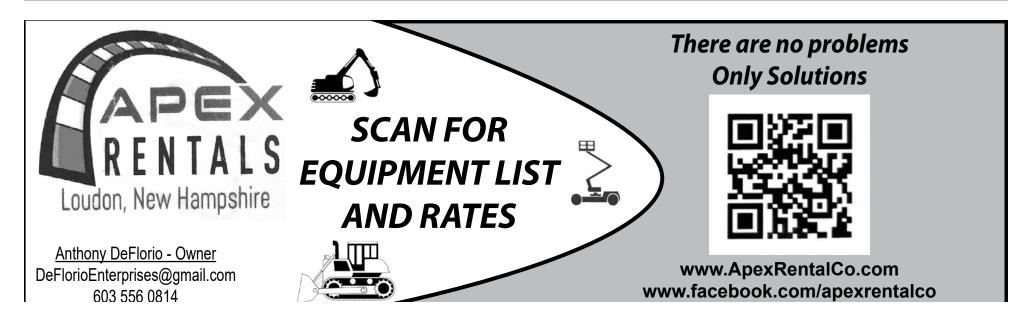
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Thanks again and wait to hear back from you. Jim





Loudon Lions Gerri Lange, Esther Boriss, and Rose Giambalvo helped serve breakfast to around 150 attendees at the LES Breakfast with Santa. The breakfast included delicious pancakes, sausages, fixings, and more. The Lions also helped out with the Holiday Craft Show, raffles, horse-drawn wagon rides, and pictures with Santa before he had to return to the North Pole. Lots of Loudon fun!



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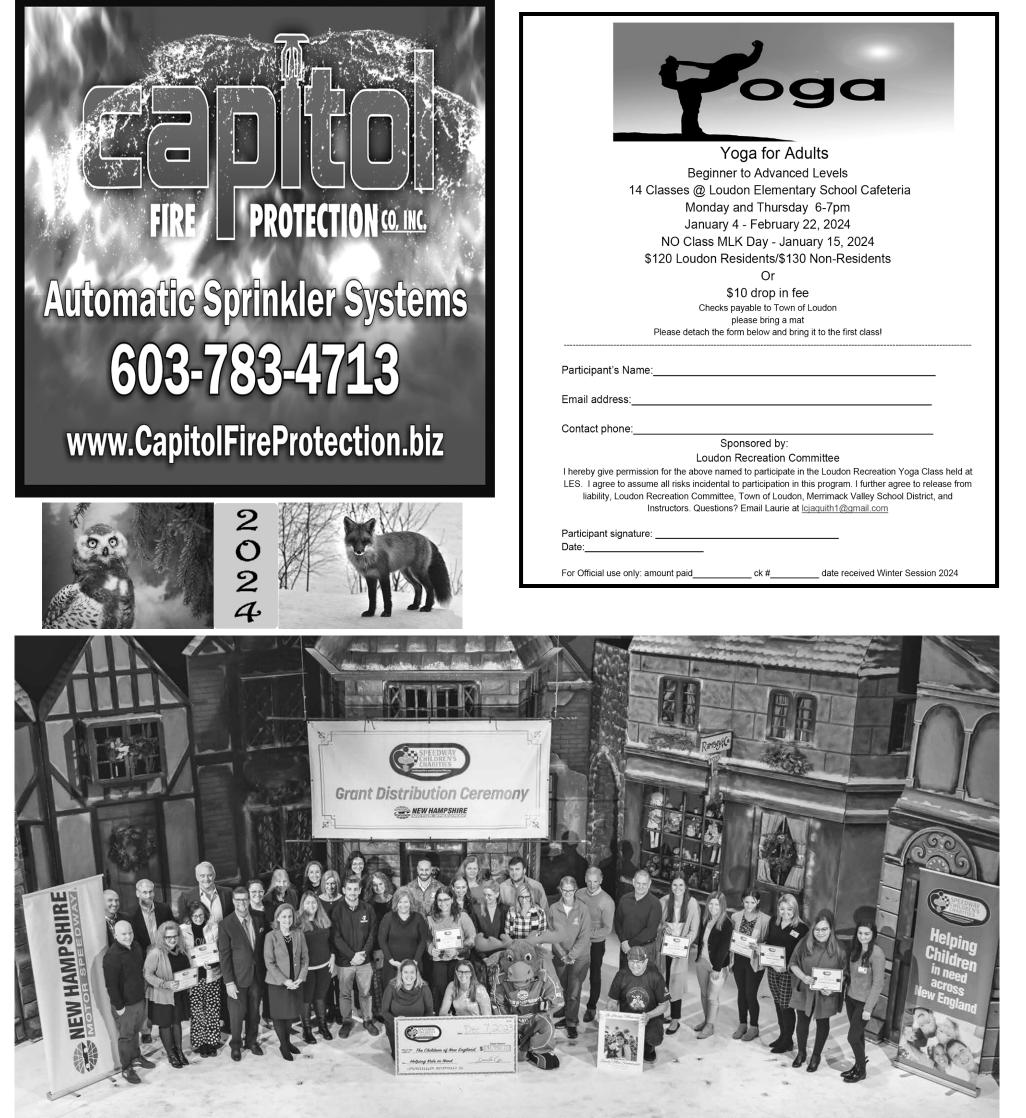


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The New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities distributed \$131,750 in grants to 40 New England organizations during its 14th annual Grant Distribution Ceremony.

Loudon Selectmen's Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Tuesday November 21, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Lieutenant Dana Flanders, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Maxfield.

III. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Selectmen Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the town of Loudon the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration 2023 form MS-LTR. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette requested to sell out of use town equipment on Municibid. The Fire Dept. has 16 100' length of hose and 2 older chainsaws that don't run. The Board of Selectmen agreed that was

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fine for Chief Blanchette to do so.

b. Chief Blanchette said they found a new trailer they would like to purchase. They will take the current trailer they have from last year and turn it back into the state at no cost. They will pick up the new trailer and it will be FEPP property of the Feds for one year then Loudon will own it. They plan on leaving Monday November 27, 2023, and will be back Tuesday November 28, 2023.

c. Chief Blanchette said he sent a letter of intent to Emergency Management applying for funds to address a couple issues in town mitigation hazardous plan, which was adopted in April. The two projects that the funds would aid would be the dam monitoring system and alert for the Sanborn Farm Mill dam. The cost of the monitoring system would be \$38,750. This is an older dam that needs monitoring. The second project would be the Lightening Warning Project. The cost of that would be \$10,500. The Lightening Project would give citizens enough time to get into a safe area before the storm would arrive.

d. Chief Blanchette stated that he sent a letter to NH Congressional Delegation regarding the radio project. Chief Blanchette presented a slideshow pertaining to this matter. The goal of this project is to replace radio equipment that is no longer supported by the manufacturers and increase the overall coverage and performance. There would be a stable platform and 24/7 service for the next 15 years. The total cost of this project would be \$5,920,842.50.

VI. The Board met with Police Lieutenant Dana Flanders.

a. Lieutenant Flanders said car #4 went down. They are waiting to hear what is wrong with it.

b. Lieutenant Flanders said they are maintaining with 4 full time employees. They have one scheduled for the Police Academy in January.

c. Lieutenant Flanders said they are pricing out firearms for new ones they carry on their hip. They are looking to get funds through the ARPA Committee if possible.

d. Lieutenant Flanders stated that this time of year they receive a lot of fraud calls. Lieutenant Flanders said if something seems to good to be true, it probably is. He said to contact the Police Department and they can help citizens figure it out.

e. Lieutenant Flanders said there is a lot of deaths this time of year. He stated it would be best to check on your loved ones if you have not heard from them in a while.

VII. The Board met with Rodney Phillips to discuss 2024 voting and elections. Rodney Phillips stated that on November 8th VotingWorks was in and did a demonstration. Town Election officials voted and would like to go with their device. It will help the process run quicker and smoother. The new machines should last 15 years at least. The Board of Selectmen received the contracts, and they will have the town attorney review it. Rodney Phillips also said he put in a request in the budget for E-Pole books money. It will help the check in process go faster. They will have the capability to scan resident's IDs. Rodney Phillips and a few others went to Rochester, NH Ward 5 and watched the way they worked. He is requesting 6 e-pole books. The total cost for the books and printers is \$10,800. The E-Books will

be voted on this coming town meeting.

VIII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. A letter was received from the Department of Transportation receiving a onetime highway payment for \$50,192.38. This was in addition to the Block grant. When the money is received, they will have a public hearing to accept it.

b. The Leonard's winterized the outside community bathroom at the town office. They gave a good guy discount for their services.

c. Girl Scout 60180 is asking to use Charlie's Barn one day a week. The Board of Selectmen stated they would be willing to waive the fee. They are waiting for a response from the troop leader, Sheena to see if another day works other than Monday. The option of using the old town hall will also be offered.

IX. Important Dates:

a. Thursday, 11/23/23-Town Office Closed- Happy Thanksgiving

b. Thursday, 11/16/23-7pm-ZBA meeting

X. Chairman Maxfield recognized Ned Lizotte of Hardy Road; Ned Lizotte was wondering what caliber of guns the Police Dept. was looking to retire. Lieutenant Flanders stated they want to retire the 40 caliber and replace it with the 9mm. Ned Lizotte asked what the cost would be and if it would be different than what the public pays. Lieutenant Flanders stated it would be different than what the public would pay. Ned Lizotte also asked about the money for the Compact Project. Chief Blanchette explained that there are 24 towns involved and they are hoping to get outside funding. Mr. Lizotte was also concerned about the E-Books and how everything is turning electronic. He stated his opinion that he believes the voting process should remain as it.

XI. Chairman Maxfield recognized Donna LaClair of 135 Lovejoy Road; Donna LaClair was wondering if the E-Books were part of the checkin process at voting. Donna was also wondering if the new voting machines were going to be voted on at the town meeting. Selectmen Miller explained the VotingWorks machines were previously voted on at the last town meeting and they are already in the budget. The E-Books are what will be voted

on at this coming town meeting. Donna LaClair asked that if she did not want her ID scanned what could she do. Rodney Phillips informed her she would not have to do it and she could check it the manual paper way.

XII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Marc Griffin of 7193 Shaker Road; Mark Griffin asked what model Glock the police are looking to get. Lieutenant Flanders said the 45Gen 5.

XIII. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Chief Tom Blanchette at 7:13 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:28 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIV. Selectmen Miller made a motion to increase detail rates for the Fire Department. The Chief's rates will go from 65 to 75, the captain's 45 to 60, Lieutenant's 40 to 55, certified FF and EMTs will go from 35 to 50, and non-certified from 25 to 40. Seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XV. Selectmen Storrs made a motion at 7:34 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Tuesday December 5, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Road Agent Russ Pearl, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marc Griffin.

III. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Chairman Maxfield amended the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2023. In paragraph 2 line 1 after the words original tax add the word rate. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Miller. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to accept the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

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a. Chief Blanchette said last week was maintenance repair week on the tower. It needed all new batteries. It required 6 new batteries, which was about \$1,100. It developed a coolant leak. A new siren was installed, and the traffic light preemptive equipment also needed repair. Chief Blanchette said Ambulance 1 has been having a lot of stretcher issues. Sugar Loaf Ambulance had to come down and diagnosis the issues. They are waiting for a maintenance company to come address the stretcher issues.

b. Chief Blanchette said they replaced some weather stripping on the overhead doors at Station 1 and 2.

c. Chief Blanchette said Sunday morning they responded to Gilmanton mutual aid for a barn fire. That kept crews busy for about 4 hours. Then the crew came back and participated in Santa's parade and the craft fair.

d. Chief Blanchette stated that Fire Fighter Gavin Martin completed and passed his Level 1 Firefighting class. Now he is moving on to his Level 2 class. He is now allowed to go out of town on fire calls.

e. Chief Blanchette said last week they began the application for the 2024 Homeland Security local competitive grant process. They will be trying to address communication needs with the grant. They apply every year but haven't been successful yet.

f. Chief Blanchette stated Thursday he will be attending the Firefighters Grant workshop at the fire academy.

g. Chief Blanchette said they do have a problem with the hydraulic extraction tool that is used for motor vehicle accidents that is on engine 2. They are trying to source the parts for it.

h. Chief Blanchette would like to thank Russ Pearl for bringing down a load of sand for they could conduct their fire fighter 1 training.

i. Chief Blanchette just reminded everyone Monday night they will have their annual awards and promotions / Christmas party at the station.

j. Chief Blanchette said they made \$84 for the two older chainsaws and the hose sold for \$325 on Municibid. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept the bids on Municibid for the Nakita chainsaw for \$43, a John Deere chainsaw for \$41, and 4" diameter hose stores connection for \$325. Selectmen Storrs seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. The Board met with Road Agent Russ pearl.

a. Road Agent Russ Pearl said Joe Brown is going to cut some timber on a lot he has on Currier Rd. They are going to come close to the road and take some of those trees down.

b. Road Agent Russ Pearl said the state is going to send someone to inspect the bridge on Currier Rd. They are going to do a more indepth inspection to see if the weight limit posting is necessary.

c. Road Agent Russ Pearl stated that he talked to Eversource, and they are willing to move a pole to the other side so the power lines don't cross over the bridge if they clear out some trees. They are going to do that this winter. Then when the bridge is replaced there will be no poles or wires interfering. d. Road Agent Russ Pearl said Pike came in today and they went to Clough Hill Rd., and they made the decision to fix the road for the winter with patches and in the spring, they will discuss what their game plan is in the spring.

VII. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

a. Police Chief Kris Burgess said are employees in the department are well and all cruisers are up and running.

b. Police Chief Kris Burgess stated on Thursday November 30th all cruisers radars were certified.

c. Police Chief Kris Burgess said on December 2nd employees participated in Santa's Breakfast and they had a great turnout. They would like to thank Irish, who is a student at LES, for donating her winnings at Santa's Breakfast to the Loudon Police Association.

d. Police Chief Kris Burgess said Officer Howes is doing well during his FTO. He is slated to attend the physical fitness test on December 18, 2023.

e. Police Chief Kris Burgess said that the Police and Fire Department had a meeting with the fire marshal and found it very beneficial.

f. Police Chief Kris Burgess stated that he owed the Selectmen a memo of an over expenditure of the OT line. He will have that by the end of the week.

VIII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Selectmen Miller made a motion to write off ambulance non collectable items. The write offs are for the following accounts: 190000005 for \$114.75, 190000245 for \$120.25, 190000377 for \$94.17, 220000146 for \$95.54, 220000223 for \$104.7, 220000451 for \$116.63, 220000529 for \$89.66, 220000555 for \$102.10, 220000580 for \$101.13, 220000694 for \$90, 220000731 for \$116.68, 22000754 for \$98.16, 220000796 for \$29, 220000881 for \$134.61, 220000902 for \$82.67, 220000917 for \$124.16, 220000926 for \$130.48, 220001018 for \$121.49, 220001061 for \$105.50, 220001195 for \$121.54, 230000035 for \$94.81, 230000196 for \$126.61, 230000201

for \$133.48, 230000248 for \$45.38, and 230000266 for \$118.77. The total amount is \$2,608.33. Motion seconded Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Selectmen Miller made a motion to appoint as a full-time patrolman for the town of Loudon Alexander R. Berry. He will be under a oneyear probation period. His start will be December 18, 2023. This was read on December 5, 2023. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. The Board of Selectmen signed a cemetery deed for Moore Cemetery for Row 15 Lot 17.

d. Selectmen Miller made a motion to release a driveway bond for Map 60 lot 31 on Hollow Route Rd in the sum of \$1,000. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Melissa Moore was inquiring about selling books to other bookstores other than Gibsons at a discount. The Selectmen want to investigate how many books they have sold and how much money they have made so far. They would like more information from Melissa Moore Г

before deciding.

IX. The Board reviewed Old Business:

a. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Tasker Landscaping for doing the landscaping at the Veteran's Memorial. They did that for the community for free and did a really great job.

X. Important Dates:

a. Thursday, 12/21/23-7pm-Planning Board meeting

b. Thursday, 12/28/23-7pm-ZBA meeting

XI. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard of 157 Kenney Road; Jeff Leonard read from page 30 of Loudon's town employee policy. Jeff Leonard is submitting a formal compliant against a town employee. He would like an investigation done by an outside agency. He stated there are many issues that need to be addressed. Jeff Leonard also inquired if body cameras were purchased yet. Police Chief Kris Burgess stated they are applying for a grant to purchase them. Jeff Leonard also asked if the new cruiser was stickered yet. Police Chief Kris Burgess stated they are down officers right now and they need to address that issue first.

XII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Dwane Gilman of 19 Kenney Road; Dwane Gilman stated his concern of the amount of money they paid to have the roads paved and thinks its better to have something in place now rather than in spring.

XIII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Eric Fogel of 7350 Oak Hill Road; Eric Fogel he stated he has a junk removal business and is was wondering if he could coordinate with the dump so he can drop off the junk and the dump not being too full for him. Russ Pearl stated that he met with Dustin so they can coordinate a time for Eric Fogel to dispose of the trash. Road Agent Russ Pearl also stated that he needs to know where the trash is coming from. If they are going to accept it, then it would need to come from Loudon, and he would need proof of receipt to show the dump.

XIV. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Road Agent Russ Pearl at 6:57 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely

affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:37 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XV. Selectmen Storrs made a motion at 7:42 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

January 2024 in Loudon

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1st Monday of the Month 6pm: Conservation Commission @ the Community Building

1st Tuesday of the Month 6pm: Selectmen @ the Town Offices 7:00pm: Loudon Lions / American Legion Post #86, South Village St.

1st Wednesday of the Month 1-3pm: Loudon Historical Society / Open

6:30pm: Historical Society @ the Museum (Museum is Open)

2nd Wednesday of the Month 5:30pm: P.T.A. @ Loudon Elementary

2nd Monday of the Month 7:15pm: M.V.S.D School Board

2nd Tuesday of the Month 10am: Young at Heart @ Faith Community Bible Church

6:30pm Chess Club @ the Community Building

2nd Thursday of the Month

2nd Saturday of the Month 4:30-6pm: Family Bible Church Community Dinner

3rd Monday of the Month 6pm: Communications Council via Zoom

 3rd Tuesday of the Month 6pm: Selectmen @ the Town Offices
 6:30pm: Loudon Lions / American Legion Post #86, South Village St. **3rd Wednesday of the Month** 1-3pm: Loudon Historical Society / Open

4:30pm Alternative Energy Committee meeting Charlie's Barn 6:30pm: Gardener's Club @ Community Building (subject to change / 396-4950)

6:30 - 7:30pm: Boy Scouts @ LES 7pm: Legion & Auxiliary @ Post 88

3rd Thursday of the Month 7pm: Planning Board @ Town Offices

3rd Sunday of the Month 9:30am: Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time

4th Monday of the Month 4pm: Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building 5pm: Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices

4th Tuesday of the Month

6:30pm Chess Club @ the Community Building

4th Wednesday of the Month

4th Thursday of the Month 7pm: Zoning Board @ the Town Offices

Every Tuesday 6:30pm Prayer Meeting @ the Congregational Church

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Meetings are at the Town Office and are open to the public.

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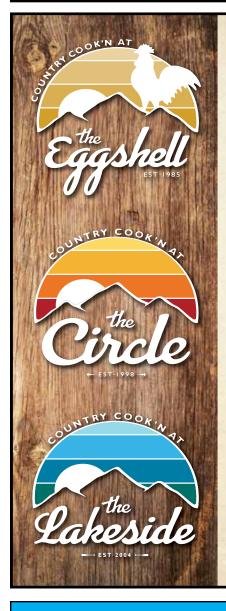
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