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Christmas Tree Lighting Great Fun!

By Michele York, Loudon Historical Society

The Historical Society held its very first Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 11th from 3:00–4:00. About 50 people came to enjoy some hot chocolate with marshmallows, candy canes, and lots of cookies and fudge. Jace Simonds and Braxton LeBlanc read *'Twas the Night before Christmas* to the children. This was followed by a rousing game of musical chairs.

We sang Christmas carols and then celebrated the lighting at the tree at 4:00 p.m. A big “thank you” to Ernie Roberts for donating the tree; to the Stinson girls, Emma and Tailor, for helping to make the popcorn/cranberry string for the tree; and Aurora York, for directing the singing of the carols. We also thank all those who brought goodies to share. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy New Year! ■



More photos of tree lighting on page 3.

A Beautiful Frosty Morning in Loudon



Clough Pond, 7 a.m., Dec. 15, 2016.
An interesting pattern appears as ice forms on the pond.
Photo by Bill Gordon.

Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542 • townclerk@loudonnh.org
Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–8:45 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

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PO Box 7032 • 798-5584 • 8 Cooper St., Fire Dept.
codeoffice@loudonfire.com • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Loudon Elementary School

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

Transfer Station

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

Highway Department

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

Maxfield Public Library

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon
Intake Hours: Tuesday–Thursday by appointment only. Office hours and donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Closed Fridays.
For more information or to see if you qualify for services, call Sue at 724-9731 or email info@loudonfoodpantry.org

Loudon Representatives

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U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. Shaheen.senate.gov
U.S. Representative Frank C. Guinta. (603) 641-9536. Guinta.house.gov
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john.reagan111@gmail.com

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Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us
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REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

State Representative Jason R. Parent. (603)387-4626.
Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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March 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/20

April 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/20

May 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/17

June 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/22

July 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/19

August 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/21 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/24

September 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/21

October 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/18

November 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/20 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/23

December 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/20

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Joshua Owens, Senior Pastor • Pat Testerman, Associate Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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



Family Bible Church

“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”

Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

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

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

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

Fellowship time provided following the morning service.

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

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

Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group

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

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



Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

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

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

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Shirley Marcoft, Interim Minister

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

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

For information on upcoming events, please contact Gayle Doyle, Clerk at 603-435-0496 or email: gad022948@gmail.com. For other information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 603-435-6510 (please leave a message if no answer).



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier

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

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

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



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Joshua T. Johnson, Lead Pastor

Rev. Dallas Tharp, Intergenerational Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Mike Matthews, Visitation Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays:

Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–3-year-olds.)

Jr. Kids Church (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.) Children’s Church (Grades 1–5)

Discipleship Hour: 11:00 a.m. for all ages.

Second Tuesdays: OASIS Potluck Luncheon (for folks 50+): 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Wednesdays: Teen Bible Quizzing Practice: 5:30 p.m. (for monthly Quiz Meets)

Games, Food & Fellowship for Everyone: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

Youth Groups (Grades 6–8 and 9–12): 7–8 p.m.

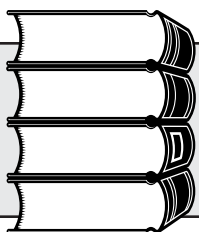
Adult Bible Studies and Kids Time (PreK–Grade 5): 7–8 p.m.



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

More Photos of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony





Maxfield Public Library News

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Congratulations to Nolan and Ella Moore for reading 1,000 books before Kindergarten! These two worked very hard to accomplish this goal — Great Job!

The single most important thing you can do to prepare your child to read is to read to them every single day. If you would like to participate in this at-home program, come in to the library to sign up and we will help you get started.

Yoga

Start the New Year off with a peaceful mind.

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

Meditation

After a long day and a busy holiday season, join Fran Nash for some gentle stretching, which will transition into a guided meditation. Turn your attention away from distracting thoughts and take a peaceful journey, focusing on the present moment. The hour-long meditation class will be held on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:00 p.m. The cost per session is \$5.00.

NEW — Winter Bingo

Winter cold getting you blue? The Maxfield Library has the cure! Starting January 9, come in and get a BINGO card along with your next book and participate in our winter reading incentive game! When you get Bingo, bring in your card and earn tickets toward a raffle prize!

This contest is for all ages.

NEW — Parenting Section

The library has moved its parenting books to the Children's Room, allowing parents to peruse them at



Nolan and Ella more have read 1,000 books before kindergarten! Wow!! What an amazing accomplishment. Congratulations!

their own leisure. Come in and check out the new titles added to this section while your children color, play with puzzles, or look for their own books.

NEW — Story Time Days

Starting January 3, join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for singing, stories, and craft time.

On January 3 and 5, the children will hear *If It's Snowy and You Know it Clap Your Paws* by Kim Nor-

man and Liza Woodruff and *Snow Dance* by Lezlie Evans. After stories, the children will make snow globes to bring a little snow into their homes, without the mess.

On January 10 and 12, story time will listen to *Midnight Snowman* by Caroline Feller Bauer and Alice Schertle's *All You Need for a Snowman*. We'll be making snowmen without our mittens in the craft time to follow.

On January 17 and 19, the children will learn about penguins in *Polar Opposites* by Erik Brooks and Wendell and Florence Minor's *If You Were a Penguin*. Each child will leave with a pint-sized penguin to care for.

On January 24 and 26, the stories will be *Annie and Snowball and the Wintry Freeze* by Cynthia Rylant and *Water Can Be...* by Laura Purdie Salas. The children will use water to create a wintry scene.

On January 31 and February 2, story time takes a look at winter time transportation. After listening to *Sledding* by Elizabeth Winthrop and *Sled Dogs* by Joyce Markovics, the children will make their own sled and team. Mush!

Snow Policy

Story time will follow the Merrimack Valley School District with closings and delays. If school is cancelled for the day, there will be NO story time that day. If school has a delayed opening on Tuesday or Thursday, story time will start at 11:00 a.m.

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

LEGO Club

Looking for something to do during these cold winter months? Join us in the children's room for LEGO Club every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., starting January 5. This is a parent-supervised event; per our safe child policy, children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Movie Matinee for Adults

On Tuesday, January 10 at 2:30 p.m., the library will be showing the next adult matinee. Based on true events, can a NY heiress with a bad singing voice become an opera singer?! Join us to find out.

Spiritual Living Discussion Group

The next meeting for this group will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 6 p.m. Newcomers are welcome!

Tai Chi

Marcia Wyman will begin a new 6-week session of Tai Chi classes, starting on Thursday, January 12 at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$39 per session. Please sign up at the circulation desk.

Frozen

Is the January cold getting to you? Do you know who Elsa and Anna are? Come in to the library for a FROZEN party! Join us Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. for a craft and some frozen games and maybe we can melt away some of the cold. As Olaf says, "Some people are worth melting for."

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Join us at the Library for lots of fun at any time!



Looking For That Special Someone...

The Loudon Communications Council is looking for an energetic, outgoing, community-spirited individual to connect with local businesses by selling ads and maintaining advertising accounts on behalf of the Communications Council. While the work of the Council is funded in part by taxpayer dollars, we rely on advertising revenues to cover more than half of our operating expenses. Although the Council pays a small percentage (20%) for ads sold and accounts collected, this is more than a part-time job. It really is an opportunity for the right person to become a more active, vital part of the community, to support the growth of local businesses by soliciting and improving quality advertising, and to assist the Com-

munications Council in meeting its mission — *to provide information about and for local government, organizations, and businesses.* You will be working closely with a seasoned, professional graphic designer, an experienced ad salesperson, and a group of dedicated volunteers who are committed to ensuring that the *Loudon Ledger* and its companion web site continue to serve as a unique and valuable resource for our town and its residents.

Are you ready for the challenge? Please contact Mary Ann Steele at thelonghouse@comcast.net, Kathy Pitman at Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net or Katie Ambrose at ambrosewedding16@gmail.com. ■

First Display Car Rolls Onto Floor at North East Motor Sports Museum

After decades of dreaming and planning, those visions and designs became a reality recently as the North East Motor Sports Museum welcomed its first display car. And it was fitting that it was the No. 1 modified, driven to more than 50 victories by Geoff Bodine in 1978, that was the first car to roll onto the floor.

"If you have ever seen a modified race here at NH Motor Speedway then you certainly understand why this is the first car to enter this building," said Dick Berggren, president of the museum. "This is such a great day for automobile racing in this region."

The car was purchased from Bodine racing fan Carl Oberg (Sutton, MA), who directed its restoration, which was done by Ronnie St. Germain and Mark Alden. It is as authentic as possible with great attention having been paid to incorporating as many of the original pieces on the car as could be found. Restoration took three years, following Oberg's purchase of the car.

The winter will be spent outfitting the 10,000 square foot museum building. Display cases will be filled with trophies, helmets, photographs, and racing memorabilia. A library is also being set up. The museum will be opening to the public in the spring of 2017. ■

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Stay inside a bit longer and join us for the movie at 10:45 a.m. (snacks provided). You must sign up for this event.

Curb Your Cravings

Do you find that you can't eat just six chips or just one chocolate? You are not alone... and it's not just willpower. The food industry takes advantage of the biology of the brain coupled with food marketing strategies that entice our taste buds. Find out what makes food desirable, identify your triggers, and develop techniques to end cravings and stop impulsive overeating.

Michelle Smith, MS, RDN, LD who is an instructor from the Concord Hospital Center for Health Promotion, will be here on Wednesday, January 18 at 6 p.m. to answer your questions. Reserve your spot today — register at the circulation desk or call (603) 798-5153.

Tea Potpourri

January is National Tea Month, so we have invited Lynda Simmons, consultant from Teas for You & Etiquette Too of Bedford, NH, for a Tea Potpourri. On Saturday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m., Lynda will teach us the history of tea, how to cook with tea, how tea goes hand in hand with health, tea etiquette, and how to brew the perfect cup. Please sign up for this program.

NEW — Book Club Mash-Up

This new book club begins Wednesday, January 25 at 6 p.m. We will mix and match titles, themes and topics. Get-togethers may include movies, food, and sometimes a field trip! We will start off with a PBS Masterpiece movie showing Andrea Levy's book, *Small Island*. Please let us know if you are interested in joining this group.

Book Group

Book group will meet Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m. Please call the library for more information.

Holiday Closing

The library will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Library Hours

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



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- #1 and #2 Plastics
- Cardboard
- Mixed paper
- Glass
- Aluminum cans
- Follow the Loudon Recycling Committee on Facebook

facebook.com/Loudonrecyclingcommittee



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4.50. Children under age 1 free.

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

McAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

SEE SCIENCE CENTER

Free admission for a family.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

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

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

Free admission for a family.

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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

New Town Office Building Project Update

By Bobby Fiske, Selectman



If you've had the opportunity to drive by the new Town Office building site, you will see that it is moving right along.

The update is as follows:

- **Roof trusses are complete**
- **The first floor has been framed**
- **Second floor will be framed (probably done by the time this edition of the *Ledger* arrives in your mailbox!)**
- **Plumbing and electric will start as soon as the roof is complete.**



LOUDON RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

Linda Trefethen At NHMS 44 Years!



As the speedway readies to turn the calendar toward another race season in 2017, Linda Trefethen is in the midst of celebrating her 41st year at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. A resident of Loudon, N.H. for more than 44 years, Trefethen has made the daily commute to speedway for nearly all of them. Starting out as a cook at the Bryar Motorsports Park's infield restaurant, she has worked her way up to the corporate ladder and currently manages the accounts payable division.

"This job means the world to me, and in spite of all the changes over the years, it still feels like home," said Trefethen, who manages the speedway's

accounts payable department. "Plus, you can't beat the commute."

Trefethen can be seen zipping through the hallways trying to catch up with co-workers who didn't fill out their paperwork correctly or to simply share a story about her husband of 44 years, her two children or her four grandchildren. ■

Loudon Lions Club Donates to Toys For Tots

Mike Moffett (a member of Loudon's American Legion Post #88) brought two bags of toys to the Military Reserve Center in Londonderry to support the Marine Corps Reserve's Annual "Toys For Tots" drive — courtesy of the Loudon Lions Club. Moffett is pictured here with Toys or Tots Warehouse Manager Leann LaBossiere. ■

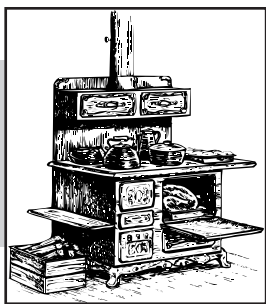


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NASCAR NEW ENGLAND STYLE RETURNS

603-783-4931 JULY 16 & SEPT. 24, 2017 www.NHMS.com



What's Cookin'?

Warming Adult Beverages for Cold Winter Nights!

By Jenn Pfeifer

Cheers to a happy 2017 Loudon! Here are some adult beverages to keep you warm until the tulips bloom again.

BACON, BOURBON, AND HAZELNUT HOT CHOCOLATE

By J. Kenji Lopez-Alt

Forget wussy crumbled bacon on top. For this one, we emulsify bacon fat right into the drink. If you like Nutella and you like bacon, this spiked hot chocolate is the one for you.

- 4 thick-cut slices of bacon
- 1/2 teaspoon corn starch
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- pinch kosher salt
- 3 cups whole milk
- 4 ounces milk chocolate chips
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate chips
- 4 ounces Frangelico
- 4 ounces Bourbon

Whipped cream and chopped toasted hazelnuts for garnish

Cook bacon in a large, heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-low heat until crisp and rendered. Transfer bacon to a paper towel-lined plate. Pour fat into a small bowl and stir in cornstarch with a fork. In medium saucepan, stir cocoa with sugar and salt. Stir in reserved bacon fat/corn starch mixture, milk, milk chocolate, and bittersweet chocolate. Heat over medium heat until, stirring constantly, until chocolate is melted and mixture is hot. Gently whisk to completely homogenize mixture. Add Frangelico and bourbon. Pour into individual serving cups. Top with whipped cream, chopped toasted hazelnuts, and a strip of bacon. Serve immediately

SPIKED CINNAMON ORANGE HOT COCOA

By Sarah Woolworth

- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon chili powder (optional)
- pinch of salt
- 2 cups milk, preferably whole milk
- 2 ounces Grand Marnier

Whipped cream, orange peel, and a sprinkle of cinnamon for serving

Mix together the cocoa powder, sugar, cinnamon, chili (if using), and salt. Heat milk in a small saucepan on the stove until steaming. Remove from heat and whisk in the cocoa mixture until a smooth consistency is achieved. Allow cocoa to cool for about 2–3 minutes. Stir in the Grand Marnier, and divide cocoa between two mugs. Top with whipped cream, and garnish with a twist of orange peel and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

TEQUILA MINT HOT CHOCOLATE

By J. Kenji López-Alt

- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- pinch kosher salt
- 3 cups whole milk
- 4 ounces milk chocolate chips
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate chips
- 4 ounces tequila
- 2 ounces peppermint schnapps

Whipped cream and mint leaf garnish

In medium saucepan, stir cocoa with sugar and salt. Stir in milk, milk chocolate, and bittersweet chocolate. Heat over medium heat until, stirring constantly, until chocolate is melted and mixture is hot. Gently whisk to completely homogenize mixture. Add tequila and peppermint schnapps. Divide into serving cups and top with whipped cream and mint.

HOT PUMPKIN BUTTERED RUM COCKTAIL

By Kristen Doyle

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar

- 1/2 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 cup dark spiced rum
- 3 cups boiling water

Beat butter, brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice, and pumpkin puree in a blender on medium speed until combined, about 1 minute. Whisk together 2 tablespoons spiced pumpkin butter with 2 ounces dark rum in each of 4 heatproof glasses. Pour 3/4 cup boiling water over each, and stir. Serve warm and enjoy!

MILKY SALTED CARAMEL

By joythebaker.com

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 4 tablespoons water
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt, plus more for topping
- 3 cups whole milk
- 1/4 cup caramel vodka
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

To make the caramel, add sugar and water to a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, swirling the pan instead of stirring it. Bring to a boil and allow sugar and water to brown. Once sugar has browned to a medium amber color, remove from heat and immediately stir in heavy cream and butter. Mixture will boil and foam. Stir well. Add salt and stir well to incorporate. Caramel may seem thin... that's ok. In a medium saucepan, warm the milk and vodka (do not boil). While the milk and vodka warms, whip the heavy cream with powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Whip to soft peaks. Add 3 to 4 tablespoons of warm caramel to each tall glass. Stir in warm milk mixture. Top with whipped cream and drizzle with more caramel. Serve immediately.

HOT AND SOUR GREEN APPLE MARGARITA

By Heather Christo

Jalapeno Simple Syrup

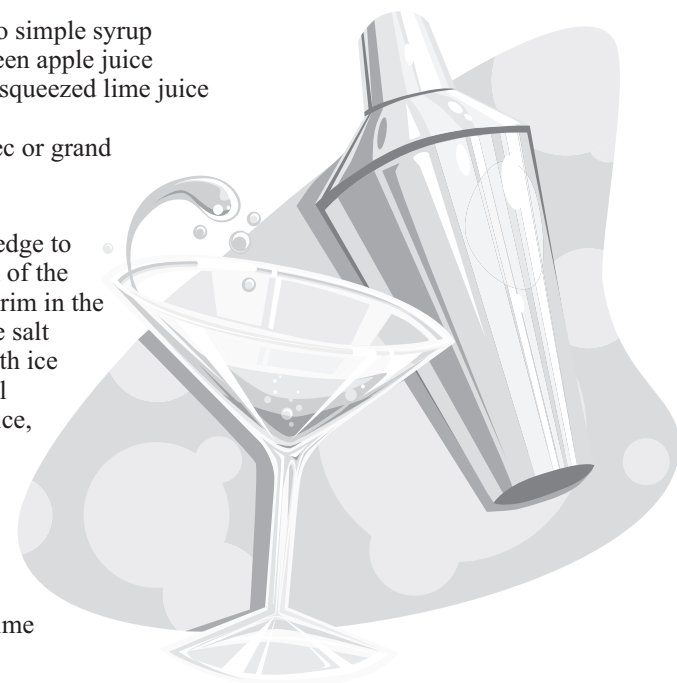
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 jalapeno, thinly sliced
- lime wedges for garnish

Simple syrup: In a small pan, combine the sugar, water and jalapeno and bring to a simmer for a few minutes. Add the contents to the jar of a blender and puree on high until smooth. Put the syrup in the fridge to chill.

- 1 lime wedge
- kosher salt
- 1/2 cup jalapeno simple syrup
- 1 cup sour green apple juice
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
- 3/4 cup tequila
- 1/4 cup triple sec or grand marnier

ice

Use the lime wedge to rub around the rim of the glass, then dip the rim in the kosher salt. Fill the salt rimmed glasses with ice cubes. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, simple syrup, sour green apple juice, lime juice, tequila and grand marnier. Shake vigorously and pour over the ice- garnish with lime wedges. ■





Good News From Loudon Elementary School



Happenings

- Fifth graders walked to the Richard Brown House in November (photo above) to join the residents in some fun and games. Both students and seniors enjoyed the experience!
- Last spring a 5th grade exhibition group created a garden on campus with the purpose of growing vegetables for those in need. Mr. Raymond harvested 30 pounds of produce from this garden and donated this to the Friendly Kitchen.
- The LES Student Council made our Thanksgiving hot lunch meal festive by creating center pieces, providing table cloths, and candlelight (battery powered). This extra effort was appreciated, as was the delicious meal!
- On December 3rd, the LES PTA held Santa's Breakfast. This important fundraiser is a community favorite. The highlight of the event was a performance by the LES chorus!
- Thank you to Officer Strout, who has been joining 5th grade students weekly at recess time as part of an effort to build positive connections!



Loudon Night at Basketball Game!

On January 12th, LES will celebrate Loudon night at the MVHS Girl's Varsity Basketball game. All students will receive a ticket for free admission! Please join us and show your Loudon pride!

Hour of Code

Computer Science Education Week fell during the month of December. LES students participated in the international event, Hour of Code, in recognition of this week. During their time in the

Media Center (shown in photo above, right), students explored coding activities that introduced students to the field of computer science in engaging ways. Younger students had the opportunity to work in collaboration with older students. Thank you to Mrs. Herrmann for organizing this annual event.

LES Visits

If you have an MV Middle School or MV High School student who is looking to visit LES, please be sure to write them a note for a bus pass from the MS/HS if necessary and ask if they have made arrangements with a teacher in advance. Students who arrive without advance plans will be asked to wait in the lobby area until dismissal to minimize classroom disruptions. Students who have made arrangements

with staff will need to sign in and get a visitor's pass. Middle School and High School students are not able to ride the bus with elementary students, so alternative transportation will be necessary. We appreciate your help with this!

Upcoming Events

- 1/12 Loudon Night at MVHS Girls Basketball Game at 6:30 p.m.
- 1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ■



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10 Brook Circle	\$24,900	\$21,000	26	2/1	13 Violet Way	\$262,950	\$280,000	204	2/2
3 Grant Terrace	\$47,900	\$43,000	135	2/1	721 Loudon Ridge Rd.	\$350,000	\$299,900	231	4/4
77 Chestnut Circle	\$85,000	\$65,000	185	3/2	46 Iris Lane	\$309,900	\$315,100	6	2/2
141 Batchelder Rd.	\$192,900	\$183,174	9	3/2	167 Greenview Dr.	\$394,000	\$350,000	111	4/4
174 Bumlagan Rd.	\$195,000	\$195,000	235	3/2	7687 Currier Rd.	\$409,500	\$355,000	98	3/3
64 Plateau Ridge Rd.	\$209,900	\$204,000	25	2/1	3 Lilac Drive	\$259,900	\$367,124	1	2/2
7232 Oak Hill Rd.	\$223,900	\$215,000	25	2/1	655 Old Shaker Rd.	\$380,000	\$377,500	8	4/3
153 Bee Hole Rd.	\$224,900	\$224,900	186	3/2	188 Greenview Dr.	\$399,900	\$397,000	7	3/3
51 Hardy Rd.	\$228,900	\$225,000	8	3/2	74 Daffodil Dr.	\$304,000	\$448,000	3	2/3
358 Lower Ridge Rd.	\$239,900	\$232,000	126	4/3	36 Best Lane	\$449,500	\$449,500	9	4/3
357 Pittsfield Rd.	\$279,000	\$250,000	93	4/3					
127 Lovejoy Rd.	\$289,900	\$265,000	71	3/2					
					AVERAGE:	\$254,681	\$261,918	22	

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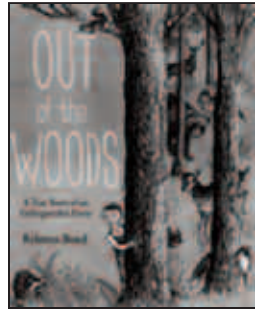




Between the Covers: Lady Bug Picture Book Award Nominees

By Kate Dockham

Every year, I like to share the titles found on the Ladybug Picture Book Award nominee list. This year, the list has ten winning titles and it will be interesting to see which book takes away the award. The Ladybug Picture Book Award is designed to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books. A committee of children's librarians from around the state selects ten picture book titles each spring. Then, during November, New Hampshire children from preschoolers to those in third grade choose the award winner.

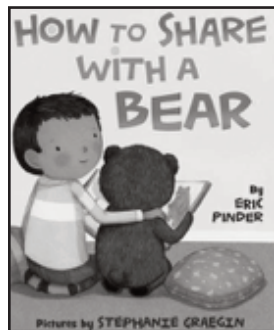


The 2016 list includes two nonfiction books. *Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event* by Rebecca Bond, tells the story of Antonio Giroux and his mother. While running a hotel on the edge of a lake in the early 1900s, a forest fire threatens the hotel and its guests. The staff, visitors, and the animals of the forest all wade out into the lake to stay safe from the fire. The watercolor illustrations lend credibility to this courageous story of unity.

Water is Water by Miranda Paul is a simple text that follows a group of children through the seasons and the phases of the water cycle. Watercolor illustrations by Jason Chin show the play between water and light in realistic pictures.



Two other books with simple language to delight younger readers are also included on the list. In *How to Share With a Bear* written by Eric Pinder and illustrated by Stephanie Graegin, Thomas spends the day trying to



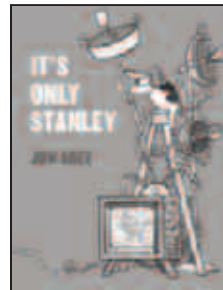
oust a bear from the comfy blanket cave he has made in his bedroom. Thomas distracts the bear with blueberries and honey, among other things, but the bear always follows — or beats — Thomas back to the cave. Since the reader only sees the bear from behind, it is not until the bear is shut out of the cave and crying that we discover the bear is actually Thomas's little brother! The two decide to make a new bigger fort and read books together.

Author Jessica Young looks at books about colors a little differently in *My Blue Is Happy*. The young girl in the story tells us how people around her experience colors and how it is often different for her. Her sister feels blue is a sad color, while our narrator thinks it is happy, like her favorite pair of jeans or blueberry pie. Young and illustrator Catia Chen take us through different colors and how we all might experience them showing them that no one's experience is wrong.



The next five books on the 2016 Ladybug Picture Book Award are good laugh- out-loud books. While they might be enjoyed under the sheets with a flashlight, I think they are best when shared out loud with a group. *Nerdy Birdy*, written by Aaron Reynolds and illustrated by Matt Davies, is fun to look at and fun to read. Nerdy Birdy isn't like the cool birds. He likes reading and video games, not hunting and eating worms. Then one day, Nerdy Birdy finds that there are a lot of birds more like him than the cool birds. He enjoys belonging to a group — until the group ostracizes someone else. Then Nerdy Birdy has some decisions to make. This book is a lot of fun with Reynolds's ironic sense of humor and Davies' cartoonish drawings. It can also show children how to navigate the ins and outs of friendship challenges.

We Forgot Brock! is a riotous look at imaginary friends. Phillip and Brock are best friends. Brock is Phillip's swashbuckling, chopper-riding imaginary friend. Phillip's parent are concerned, yet not believers. After an evening at the big fair, a tired Phillip heads home forgetting Brock! Phillip misses Brock and searches for him. Brock misses Phillip, but has no idea how to get home. The two are reunited by an unlikely



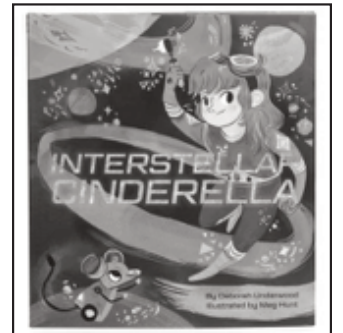
pair, a young girl Phillip's age and her tiara-wearing, wand-waving imaginary friend.

The next two books, *It's Only Stanley* and *Mother Bruce*, are about family. Stanley is the pet dog of the Wimbledon family. Throughout one night each member of the family hears a different strange noise. Mr. Wimbledon investigates each time, coming back and telling everyone "it's only Stanley." Howling at the moon, cleaning the bathtub drain, fixing the oil heater; unbeknownst to the family, all of these little tasks add up to a bigger one that will take the Wimbledon family on the adventure of a lifetime! Bruce is a bear that likes to be left alone and likes to eat eggs. One day his hard-boiled goose eggs hatch, so Bruce decides to try and return them. But Mother Goose has gone south for the winter and the goslings take a liking to Bruce. As hard as Bruce tries to get rid of the goslings, Bruce is becoming family to them and must learn how to cope with his new lifestyle. Even your grumpiest toddler will have trouble not to laugh!



Anne Vittur Kennedy's *Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook* is great fun. Ragweed claims to be the best farm dog around and is willing to share his secrets with the reader. Although Ragweed breaks every rule, he tells us to follow. Somehow he ends up getting biscuits all day, and maybe that is his true secret! Ragweed has googly eyes and a lolling tongue in almost every picture as he chases and flies through the pages. His expressions alone will keep you laughing.

Last on the list is *Interstellar Cinderella* by Deborah Underwood and illustrated by Meg Hunt. Being a Cinderella story, this book has all the characters you would expect: a mean stepmother and stepsisters, a prince, a fairy godrobot, and Cinderella. In this version Cinderella fixes things for the family instead of cleaning things. But her real dream is to be a spaceship mechanic. Cinderella fixes the prince's spaceship, goes to the royal ball, and in the end gets her dream job after all. This is a great version of the story that goes beyond normal stereotypes and reaches both young boys and young girls.



Children preschool through grade 3 throughout the state of New Hampshire voted for their favorite book during the month of November. The statewide winner should be announced after this issue of *The Loudon Ledger* goes to print. Look for the announcement in February. Until next time...keep turning those pages! ■

Where
do I find
Public
Notices?

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

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

Trails for Loudon

By Sandy Blanchard

Are you a hiker, biker, cross country skier or just need an enjoyable place to walk the dog? The Loudon Conservation Commission is looking for places in Loudon to either make new trails or re-establish old trails. We would appreciate your help in locating trails that you know of that already exist or recommendations of areas you would like to see trail access to. We are also looking for more people who would be interested in making this all a reality. Loudon is a beautiful place with wonderful forests and rivers in a great rural setting. Other communities near us already have trail systems and it is our hope we can connect to some of these and also make our own that will be a way to explore our unique town. Please contact Sandy Blanchard at sandyblanchard3@gmail.com or call 267-6202 with your ideas. ■

Include Your Family Tree In The Loudon Town History!



The Loudon Historical Society is looking to have a Loudon Town History written. We will be asking for help in different areas and one of those areas will be a genealogy of each family in town and sending us your family tree. Write your genealogy in Word using Times New Roman 12 point font and send it to The Loudon Historical Society's e-mail address: loudonhistory@gmail.com.

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

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Remember When: Stories from Loudon in Yesteryears

By Letty Barton

As I gaze out the window at the falling snow, I realize this month's topic of winter fun is right on target. Hopefully, this column will help bring back some favorite memories for you.

Joining us to share their stories of winter fun in Loudon in yesteryears are natives Mike Labonte and sister Kathy LaBonte, along with Al (Sandy) Hardy and Mary Ann and David Steele (who moved to Loudon in 1973).

Al said it was a different world back when they were growing up and it began with the weather. The weather was all snow — none of this freezing rain mixture. His favorite time of year was after the time changed in the fall. It was a cozy-feeling time when you hunkered down with family after a day of hard play outside.

Kathy and Mike both recalled sliding fast down Bowles' hill on Flagg Road with many kids piled on top of each other on the same double runner sled. They put a red lantern and a sign at the foot of the hill to warn the few vehicles that might be approaching.

Mary Ann told of the day her toddler son went outside and was reminded to stay where the adults had packed down the snow with snowshoes. He decided to try a different path and soon was buried in snow so that only his mittens showed.

Clothing for outside play was much different than the Gortex® and polyester of today. Mike said the wool snow pants were "nasty and itchy" (and they took forever to dry). He and Kathy looked forward to the new knitted mittens and wool socks their grandmother made them every Christmas. There were black buckle boots for the feet and bread bags to help keep the feet dry. A wool or fur muff was Mary Ann's favorite accessory. Stocking hats were popular but there were no parkas or goggles for skiing.

Church Hill was a popular place for village kids to slide and the big hill behind the former Herm Annis house (corner of North Village Road and Lesmerises Road) was mentioned. A green travis (long wooden slab on double runners) would accommodate a lot of riders but inevitably you had to bail off before you got to the bottom. Other ways down the hill included a metal flying saucer (Kathy's favorite) or a piece of cardboard. Kathy's dog, Rex, pulled her sled for her as did Al's German Shepherd, Tarzan.

Mike told of the day he took a Volkswagen car down the road in the snow and did circles all the way to the bottom. Little did he know that his mother was watching out the window!

Skating took place at a number of places in town and seemed to be a favorite activity, bringing together friends and family. With families of four, there were always hand-me-down skates. Al enjoyed afternoon skating parties on Weymouth Pond, which was near the sand and gravel pit across from Rattee's. He also recalls skating in a flooded area behind Cole's house (his family's homestead) where they had a fire in a tractor tire for light and warmth. Al's mom, Jean Hardy, would make "thumps" to fuel the youngsters. Thumps were chunks of deep fried bread dough eaten with plenty of butter and maple syrup.

For the brother and sister duo, it was shushing across the small pond on Flagg Road where they played Fox and Hound. The older teens ventured to Hoyt Road Marsh to play ice hockey. They played teams from other towns with no uniforms and no helmets. Al recalls Ray Cummings loaning them baseball catcher's gear for the goalies.

Today's popular sport of snowmobiling was not a part of these folks' winter activities until they were in their late teens. Al, at age 19, first rode his brother's machine and thought it was the greatest thing since peanut butter. Kathy was in her 20s before she rode one and was not particularly keen on it. Mike remembers his first machine was a 1991 Motoski with a 340 engine that would cruise at 50 mph. (Go Mike!!)

Why not make winter fun memories with your children or grandchildren this winter. Get them out there, try out the snow, and see how much fun you can have.

Remember: I am always looking for willing contributors for this column. Give me a call at 783-4341 or email me at lbarton@myfairpoint.net. I look forward to hearing from you. ■



Antique children's wooden sleds.



Loudon Police Department News

16th Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

On November 22, 2016, the Loudon Police Department held its 16th Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 39 people showed up to donate blood. The final result was 34 units of lifesaving blood! Although our overall numbers were down this year, these donations have the potential to save close to 90 patients! Many thanks to the donors and volunteers who assisted with their time or provided a soup, chili, stew or dessert. Special thanks to Brookside Pizza for providing \$5 Brookside Bucks coupons for our donors and Loudon Mart for supplying the paper products!

Christmas Generosity

This past Christmas we had two generous, confidential donors who came forth to brighten Christmas for two local families. We wish to thank them for their generosity and appreciate all they do for our community!

Winter Parking Ban

We remind residents that the Town of Loudon has adopted a Winter Parking Ban Ordinance which is in effect from November 1st through April 30th. Please help our plow operators by not parking your vehicle on the roadways that are plowed by the Town.

**The members of the
Loudon Police Department
wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year!**



Richard Brown House News and Events

By Lois Scribner

Richard Brown House hosted the NH Food Bank Cooking Matters program on December 14. Several residents attended and learned a great deal from what is called the Pop-Up Store. The program was presented by Alexis Dwyer, NH Food Bank Cooking Matters, during a very informative and engaging two hours. Residents discussed how to best shop in the supermarkets, how to assess the pros and cons of fresh versus frozen or canned goods, how to read the unit prices versus the price paid, and how to read food labels carefully. At the end, participants were given a Hannafords gift certificate and shopping tote bag! Given the success of the presentation it is hoped to have the NH Food Bank Cooking Matters return to offer their 6-week cooking program. The 6-week program will be offered if 11 people sign up and attend each session. If any senior in the community is interested, please contact Lois Scribner, Resident Service Coordinator, on 798 3190 for more details.

The weather sadly intervened to cause the cancellation of two musical events that had been offered by the Faith Community Bible church. Neither the bells choir nor the adult and youth caroling group were able to come due to snowfall. Residents were, however, treated to carols from the McKenna Dance Studio, and it is hoped their members may return to perform dance routines in the future. If there are any residents of Loudon who know someone who could come to Richard Brown House to offer some craft activity, please be in touch on 798 3190. ■



McKenna dance troupe at
Richard Brown House.



News From the Loudon Agricultural Commission

Loudon Agriculture Commission looks to update Farm List for 2017

Do you own a farm in Loudon? Would you like to advertise on our farm list in the *Loudon Ledger*? It's free and easy to do.

The Farm List in the *Ledger* is free to Loudon residents who participate in agriculture. Please email Cindy Shea at purelywholesome@gmail.com if you are interested in adding your information to our list. We will need the name of your farm, contact information, and a brief description of what you sell.

As we like to keep our list current, we are asking those who are already on the list to let us know they want to remain on the list for 2017. Please contact Cindy Shea and let her know you want to stay on the list. This is also a good time to update any information, such as contact information.

We would love to make the Agriculture Commission a diverse and exciting committee to help educate residents on farms and farming practices. Please join us at any of our meetings, the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the community building behind the town office.

Winter Things to Do

While for many January is a great time to relax and rejuvenate for the coming year, for some of us there are still chores to do, frozen water buckets to contend with, and (in some cases) birthing of animals. If you have some free time on your hands, here are some things you can do this winter.

Check Out Local Farm Groups to See What Interests You

There are many farm organizations right here in New Hampshire and there is always something going on. If you have a computer and access to the internet, just Google "farm organizations in New Hampshire." If you like to volunteer, many of these groups would love a helping hand. Or consider joining the Loudon Agriculture Commission. We'd love to have you!



NH Farm and Forestry Expo

New Hampshire Farm and Forest Expo is in February this year. Check out their website at <http://www.nhfarmandforest-expo.org/> for dates, times and workshops.

Indoor Farmers Markets

Check out one of the many local indoor farmers markets. Yes, even in the winter you can find a local farmer's market. Check out NHFMA.net to find a list of markets available for 2017.

Practice Hygge

Hygge (pronounced hoogah) is the Danish ideal of embracing simplicity and enjoying life, especially during winter. Picture being curled up with a warm afghan in front of a cozy fire with a good book, or enjoying the company of good friends over a pot of pasta and good wine. The idea is to embrace the slower pace of winter to help rejuvenate and refresh you for the coming year.

Take Control of Your Finances

Homesteading is in part about living within your means. Paying off debt is a big goal for those of us trying to live a more simple life. Start tracking your expenses, collect those receipts and look for ways to cut spending. You can also look for ways to pay off debt. There are many strategies, including "stacking," focusing on higher interest loans and transferring debt from high interest credit cards to lower interest cards.

Plan Your Spring Garden

Seed catalogs should be out by now. What is more exciting than scouring those catalogs for items you would like to try this year? Sketch out your garden and plan what you want to grow. Don't forget to plan an extra row for friends and family or to donate to the local food pantry.

Start Working on Those Resolutions

Sure it's great to make a list of those resolutions as the New Year approaches, but once we flip that page on the calendar we tend to get too busy with life. Pull out that list and see what resolution you can focus on now.

The holidays are over and spring will be here before you know it. In the meantime, relax, enjoy and stay safe. ■



What a great day it was for a party! The weather was perfect, with a touch of snow on the ground to set the mood. It was merry and bright for sure at Charlie's Barn when Loudon Young at Heart met for their December 6, 2016 meeting. Twenty-seven members, dressed in their holiday attire, joined in a sing-a-long with Bill Parker for the season's Christmas carols. What a fun time it was!!

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

There were several door prizes, four of which were beautiful poinsettias donated by Ledgeview Greenhouses. The recipients of this year's door prizes were: Stan Prescott, Pat Shibles, Letty Barton, Connie Raney, Carol O'Brien, Roger Dow, Maureen Prescott, Shari Blanchard, Sissy Pickering, and Janet Rashdoff.

With a dusting of snow on the ground the members of the Young at Heart were reminded of the snow policy. If there is no school, the meeting is cancelled.

The next meeting of the Young at Heart will be on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. At this meeting there will be a speaker on N.H. Wildlife History. All are invited.

Many thanks to all the members who donated to the Loudon Food Pantry. All donations are appreciated, especially at this time of year. Thank you also to all the members who participated in making the Young at Heart Christmas party another great success.

See you all next month!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Thanksgiving Boxes

We prepared and handed out 58 Thanksgiving Boxes this year. We would like to thank Louie from Meadow Ledge Farms for providing the apples again this year. The boxes included a turkey, turkey gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, fresh apples, carrots, and all the other fixings for a nice dinner. Thanks to all the donations received we were able to give out the boxes and full allotments of food.

December Updates

50-50 Raffle Holiday Fundraiser

We sold \$229 in Raffle tickets. The winner is James T. who donated his winnings of \$114.50 back to the pantry. Thank you everyone for joining in!

Gift of Lights (NHMS Winter Wonderland)

We have started to receive food from the Gift of Lights. In 2015 we received a total of 10,599.65 pounds of food. So far in 2016 we have received 4,788 pounds of food. We need 5,811.75 more pounds of food to match last year. The food received from Gift of Lights helps us to replenish the food given out at the pantry and is very much appreciated.

Inventory

We will be closed from January 2, 2016–January 13, 2016 for inventory and will reopen on Monday January 16, 2016. ■



January Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics on January 24 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need a ride in Loudon, please call 783-9502. 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. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-40123 or (800) 1224-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. This month's clinic will be held Monday, Jan. 2 from 1–4 p.m. 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 Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, Jan. 6, from 9:30–11 a.m. at the Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Rd. 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. ■

Time to Buy or Renew Voluntary Hike Safe Cards

Hikers, climbers, back country skiers, kayakers, and other outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to purchase their voluntary annual Hike Safe Card for 2017. Card sales help ensure that NH Fish and Game Law Enforcement Conservation Officers, trained in wilderness rescue, are there to come to your aid if the unexpected occurs in a remote location. The card also makes the holder exempt from liability for repaying search and rescue costs, unless due to negligence reckless or intentional behavior.

For an individual, 2017 Hike Safe Cards cost \$25, or \$35 for a family, and are good for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017. The price is the same for in-state and non-residents. You can purchase the card for someone else — they make a great gift for any backcountry adventurer on your list. Cards can be purchased online or by mail at www.wildnh.com/safe; they are also sold at the N.H. Fish and Game Department in Concord.

The card has proved popular among outdoor enthusiasts. As of December 1, 2016, a total of 4,175 cards had been sold this year, bringing in nearly \$120,000 for the Fish and Game Search and Rescue Fund. Cards must be renewed annually.

“People seem to appreciate having a way to contribute to our Search and Rescue readiness; at the same time they get the peace of mind that if an incident occurs, reimbursement costs are covered,” said Col. Kevin Jordan. “The Hike Safe Card is making a difference for us.”

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

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

Visit www.wildnh.com/safe today and buy or renew your Hike Safe Card for 2017! ■





News From American Legion Post 88

By Commander Shawn Jones



Dear Comrades,

On December 7th on the 75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, we lost one of our WWII Marine Corp veterans, Fred Osgood. He served in the South Pacific during World War II. Fred served as our post Chaplain for many years before retiring to the NH Veteran's Home. Fred's picture has graced many newspapers and he attended a number of noteworthy veteran events over the years. I've been told there will be services held for Fred sometime 2017. He will be missed by many of us. Semper Fi, Fred.

Thanks to those post members who came out on December 3rd to our first Christmas Craft Fair. Some members stopped by for the first time to tour the post. I want to thank the public who stopped in to see the new post and who shopped around for a unique holiday gift. Your comments were very positive on how well the post renovations turned out. Your Commander sold a hot dog lunch and popcorn to raise money for the post.

We continue to make small improvements to the post, such as installing hand-made window curtains. They were hung up last month and, recently, Kenneth Ward attached the military branch patches. Stan Prescott and Alfred Page installed an outside LED light on the back side of the building. Ken has offered to install a solar LED exterior light that I donated. The additional light will illuminate the area outside the front door after the outside lights are turned off. I added a POW/MIA flag to the flagpole just below the American flag.

As I write this, we only need one more member to make 100% for 2017. If we can reach this goal by the end of December, we might be the first post in District Five to achieve this goal for 2017. Thanks to all the post members who renewed before January and those new members or transfers to our post for helping us to get very close to 100 percent. I hope to be able to share with you in my next post news article that we did make 100 percent or more before December 21st.

I came across this article that may be of interest to some of our readers.

NGAUS Applauds Congressional Action On Guard and Reserve Veteran Status

WASHINGTON (Dec. 12, 2016) — All retired National Guardsmen and Reservists are now only a presidential signature away from finally being recognized as veterans.

Congress approved legislation late last week that expands the legal definition of a veteran to include Guardsmen and Reservists that honorably serve 20 years. It will now go to the White House as part of a package of veterans bills.

The current definition requires a Guardsman or Reservist to have spent more than 179 days on federal active duty for other than training to be considered a veteran, regardless of how many years they served.

"The current definition has long been out of date," said retired Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, the NGAUS president. "It fails to recognize the deterrent value of training and readiness to our national security. Many of those affected underwent arduous, even dangerous, training. They helped win the Cold War. Others worked in direct support of those who did deploy. Yet our nation tells them that they aren't veterans."

"That's wrong," he added, "but we're on the cusp of righting that wrong."

NGAUS has been pushing the change for six years. It easily passed in the House in every session only to be halted in the Senate by fears that an expansion of the definition would raise the cost of veteran entitlement programs.

"This has never been about money for us," Hargett said. "It took a while, but we finally convinced everyone in the Senate that Guard retirees weren't looking for more benefits. They just wanted the honor of their nation calling them veterans."

The House and Senate actually approved the change last year, but the language was not identical. This forced the two chambers to come up with a compromise provision, which they did last week.

Hargett credited Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and Rep. Timothy J. Walz, D-Minn., for the final push in their respective chambers to bring the matter to a vote before Congress adjourned for the year Friday.

See more at: <http://www.ngaus.org/newsroom/news/ngaus-applauds-congressional-action-guard-and-reserve-veteran-status#sthash.hZIOBOSZ.dpuf>

In my civilian job this past year I've had the opportunity to be involved with a couple of veteran-related service committees. The first one is with the NH Division of Child Support Services and our new outreach program we are standing up. We will be able to offer some assistance to members of the military and their families, as well as veterans, with their child support order needs. The second committee is the Justice Involved Veteran's Task Force. This is a work group that brings state, county, and nonprofit partners together to find ways on how veterans can be reached out to and be assisted by many agencies including the NH State Police, NH Judicial Court system, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Easter Seals, NH DCSS, and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), among many other non for profit agencies.



Loudon American Legion Post #88 historian Mike Moffett was a featured speaker at a special veterans event in Marco Island, FL, on Dec. 19 where he spoke of his experiences in the Persian Gulf as well as Afghanistan, in addition to talking about life in the Granite State. Left to right: American Legion Commander Lee Rubenstein, LtCol Mike Moffett, Marco Island activist Steve Stefanides, and VFW Commander Tom Meeker.

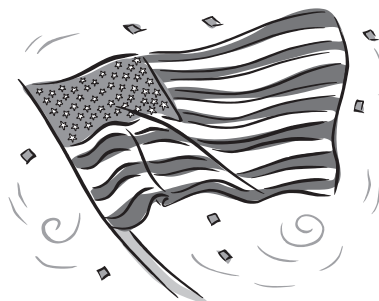
As I close I think of how truly blessed I am to have served as your commander over the past year. We have accomplished much over the past year with moving into our new post, the Memorial Day Parade, sponsoring the State High School Oratorical Winner, the donations we made to community nonprofits, supporting one another and listening to each other's views on post matters. We continue to come together and serve our members and the town of Loudon. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the coming year.

I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

In Comradeship,

Shawn

Many Christmas gifts or tasty treats could be found in the newly-completed Legion Post



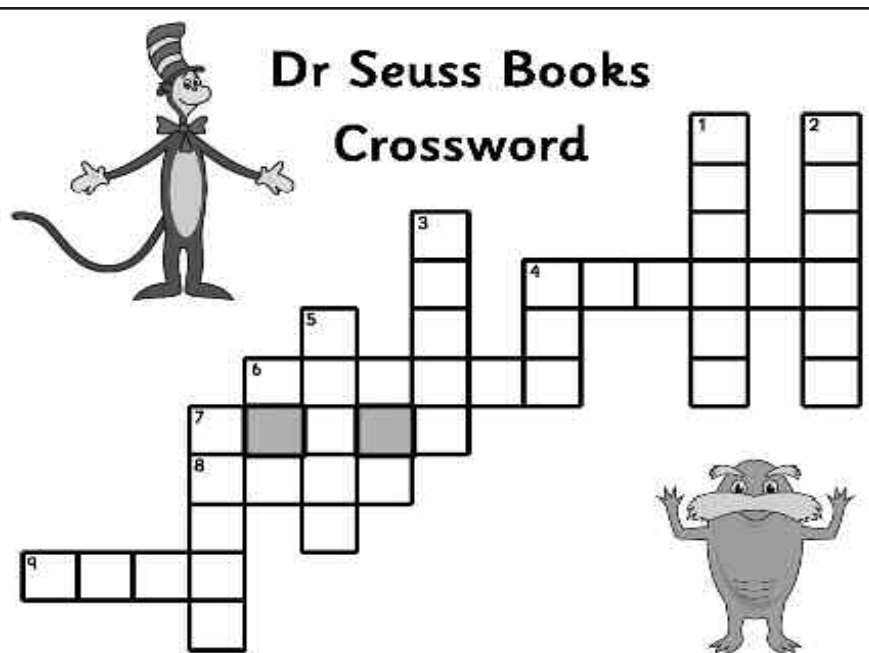
Post 88 has a flag collection box outside their new headquarters, 45 South Village Road. Unserviceable flags will be removed and given final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop-off box in the main office.

Kids' Corner



Color in the New Year!

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Dr Seuss Books Crossword

Across

4. _____ Hears a Who
6. There's a Wocket in my _____
8. I Can _____ With My Eyes Shut!
9. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, _____ Fish

Down

1. Yurtle the _____
2. How The _____ Stole Christmas
3. Fox in _____
4. The Cat in the _____
5. The _____
7. _____ Eggs and Ham

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Cities Alphabet Challenge

Can you come up with city (or town) whose name begins with A, then one for B, and so on, right through to the letter Z?



A _____	N _____
B _____	O _____
C _____	P _____
D _____	Q _____
E _____	R _____
F _____	S _____
G _____	T _____
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M _____	Z _____

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Home Improvements: DIY or Hire a Pro?

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Everything feels new and exciting when you buy a home, but unless you're buying a newly built house, repairs and improvements are likely in the near future. You can tackle some projects yourself, but others need professional work. Here are some questions to ask yourself when deciding to DIY or hire a pro.

What can you afford?

Buying a home upfront can require a lot of money up front, and you may not have much left for major improvements. Do it yourself repairs can be more cost effective, but not always. Depending on the project, purchasing materials and tools can cost the same as hiring a professional. Get quotes from multiple places and compare them to the cost of doing the project yourself before making a decision.

What skills are needed?

Before going the DIY route on any home repairs, you should ask yourself if you have the proper skills for the project. Many projects like plumbing and electrical work need certain knowledge and experience to be done well. If the job isn't done right you could end up hiring a professional to redo the work anyway.

Is the project dangerous?

You should also consider whether or not you can do a project safely. If there's a chance of hurting yourself, it's better to call the professionals. Additionally, you should consider hiring someone for projects that might jeopardize the safety or your home. For example, electrical work that's done incorrectly could be a fire hazard in the future. Whatever project you're considering, the work should be carefully thought out. Look into the costs, skill set and safety hazards involved before choosing to do it yourself or hire a professional. ■

What's The Story On Plastic Bags?

Most of us probably use plastic bags every day. It's become a habit that a lot of us probably don't even think about anymore. Even if you are the person who brings his/her own reusable, fabric bags, we don't always remember to bring them into the store and we end up using the store's plastic bags.

The amount of plastic bags that are used annually in the United States alone is staggering. The average family accumulates 60 plastic bags in only four trips to the grocery store. Information from the Worldwatch Institute and *Wall Street Journal* reports that Americans throw away 100 billion plastic grocery bags every year. And as a side note, it is estimated that 12 million barrels of oil are used to make that number of plastic bags.

What is the high cost to the environment and negative effects to life from the use of plastic bags?

Plastic bags pollute our land and water. Plastic bags litter our landscapes, and because they are so lightweight, the wind can blow them through the air where they land in our rivers and lakes. All too often, the bags eventually end up in our oceans.

Plastic bags are made from non-renewable resources. Plastic bags are made of polypropylene, a material that is made from petroleum and natural gas, which are non-renewable fossil fuel-based resources. They create greenhouse gases, which contribute to global climate change.

Plastic bags never break down. Plastic bags break up into tiny pieces that end up in the ocean and are consumed by wildlife. It is estimated that 46,000 to 1,000,000 plastic fragments are floating within every square mile of our world's oceans.

Plastic bags are harmful to wildlife and marine life. Plastic bags and pieces are often mistaken for food by animals, birds, and marine life like fish and sea turtles. The consumed plastic gets into the digestive tracts of these animals, and can lead to health issues such as infections and even death by suffocation. Additionally, animals often die as a result of becoming entangled in plastic.

Plastic bags are harmful to human health. Plastic fragments absorb pollutants like PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyl) and PAHs (Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), which are known to be hormone-disrupting chemicals. When marine organisms consume plastics in our oceans, these chemicals make their way through the ocean's food web and then into humans who eat fish and other marine life.

Like brushing your teeth, once you get in the habit of bringing your fabric, reusable shopping bags, it is not too much of an inconvenience. Just remember to toss your bags into the laundry to keep them fresh and clean.

If you like what you have read, please join us on our Loudon Recycling Committee Facebook page, facebook.com/Loudonrecyclingcommittee. ■

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Tax Collector, Building/Code Enforcement, Transfer
Station, Highway Department, Fire Department:
loudonnh.org

Loudon Elementary School/MVHS/School District:
[https://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpdpride.org/
district/home](https://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpdpride.org/district/home)

Maxfield Public Library: www.maxfieldlibrary.com

Loudon Food Pantry: www.loudonfoodpantry.org



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OBITUARIES

JESSE H. PAGE

Jesse H. Page 53, died of cancer November 16, 2016 at Pleasant View in Concord. He was born March 7, 1963 in Providence, RI, the son of Alfred and Jean (Gray) Page.

As his father was in the US Navy, he was raised in various parts of the country including, RI, FL, MS, CA, CT, KY, and NH. Jesse was employed at various jobs in central NH. He lived several years in Barnstead, Concord, and Loudon.

He is survived by his father and wife, Alfred and Rachel Page of Loudon; brother, Eric Page, of Manchester; brother Glen and wife, Robin Page, of Haverhill, NH; sister, Alaura and husband Jeffrey Sminkey of Lisbon, CT; his son, Jeremiah, and wife, Madison Page of Weare; daughter, Cassi Page of Pittsfield; son, Dustin Remillard of Atlanta, GA; son, Blake Page of FL; and grandson, Preston, of Pittsfield.

He was predeceased by his mother, Jean Page, in September, 1985. He was a member of Hillside Baptist Church in Pembroke. He enjoyed the New Hampshire woods and lakes, fishing as often as possible. ■

CRAIG W. CREECH

Craig W. Creech, 45, of Loudon, passed away Dec. 1, 2016. On this day the world lost a truly great man and soldier.

Craig was the very best of everything good, always caring and gracious to all those who were fortunate enough to have shared in his life. Nonetheless, he was willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, even a stranger. Craig was such a care free, fun guy, with a sense of humor and heart like no other. He served his family, friends and country with all his heart and ability, but it's his unconditional love that will forever place him apart from the rest. A truly dedicated family man, who loved being a father as much as he loved being a soldier. Spending time with them meant the world to him, throwing the ball around in the yard, hunting for squirrels, or having tea parties with his children were a few of his favorite pastimes.

Craig graduated from Pembroke Academy in 1990 and shortly after enlisted into the military. SSG Creech was an active drilling member in the New Hampshire National Guard and also a full-time employee for more than 20 years; retiring honorably as staff sergeant in December 2015. SSG Creech was a proud combat veteran who deployed to Iraq with 744th Transportation Company in 2004. We thank him and are forever grateful for his 20 years of service to his country and for defending our freedom.

Craig was predeceased by his adoring mother Joan Creech.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving father, Crawford Creech; his brothers, Law Creech and Crawford Creech; his uncle "Skip" James Creech; his aunts, Terry Creech, Donna Greenhalgh and Patricia DiFazia; nieces Jessie and Jenny Creech. Craig's love and mother of his children, Amanda Creech; son and best friend John Creech and his best girl Shannon Creech. We are comforted knowing that "while he is absent from body, he is present with the lord." ■

FRED N. OSGOOD

Fred N. Osgood, 91, World War II Veteran, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, surrounded by family and staff at the NH Veteran's Home in Tilton.

Born July 22, 1925, to Frederick and Ruth Osgood, Concord, Osgood lived in East Concord and Loudon prior to moving to the Veteran's home in 2012. Osgood was predeceased by his parents, his eldest child, Susan Osgood Malloy, his beloved wife, Jean Crosby Osgood, his daughter-in-law, Kat Walsh Osgood of Canterbury, and many life-long friends. Osgood had seven children, 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren with two more on the way, and one great-great-grandchild.

Osgood was in the NH Military State Guard while in high school and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp while in his senior year. He served in the Pacific and the Mariana Islands during World War II from July 1943 until May 1945 when he was discharged as a Corporal from the 5th Amphibious Unit. Osgood returned to Concord High School after his service in World War II and graduated in the class of 1946. He remained in the Reserve until 1950.

Osgood was a Foreman with Johns & Johns Construction for many years until he became a Realtor and with his wife founded Appletown Reality in the 1970's. During that time he also founded Pro 79, an advertising cooperative of several area Realtors, and was a long-time member of the Board of Realtors and of the Concord Kiwanis Club.

Osgood was an avid reader, collector, outdoorsman, and hunter and was very active in many clubs and organizations throughout his life, including the Gary S. Dillon Marine Corps League, The Loudon American Legion, VFW of Loudon and Concord, the Trout Unlimited, the Pioneer Sportsman's Club, the NRA, and the NHRA. Osgood also developed his own photographs, built several homes, hand-crafted many pieces of furniture, and loved to buy and sell the treasures he found along his way.

Survived by Mark and Julie Osgood of Bow, Kathleen and Bill Bloom of Seminole, Fla., Martha and David Morrill of Dorchester, Nancy Edwards of Las Vegas, John Osgood of Canterbury, Judy Osgood Carlson of Seminole, Fla. and his long-time friend, Elizabeth (Teenie) Terrill of Concord, as well all his grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Donations may be made to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301 and the NH Veteran's Home, 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH 03276. ■

Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — November 7, 2016

Molly Ashland called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

In attendance:

Trustees Molly Ashland, Alice Tuson; Alternate Herb Huckins, Diane Miller; Library Director Deborah Gadwah-Lambert

The Trustees welcomed Diane Miller as a newly appointed Alternate. Diane was appointed a voting member in the absence of Carrie James. Alice will serve as Secretary in the absence of Carrie James.

Acceptance of minutes:

The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the October 3rd meeting. *Molly moved to accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Alice. All were in favor.*

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

- Debbi will apply for the Family Place Libraries Grant. Family Place Libraries promotes a national model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for very young children, their parents, and caregivers. The model aims to ensure that all children enter school ready and able to learn and makes libraries a key early childhood and family support organization.

- The NH Retirement Audit went well. One minor modification would be that the Library would need to enter data as a weekly number.

- The new flooring in front of the circulation desk has been completed. The project was several hundred dollars under budget!

- Ghosthunter Dustin Pari's program was a full house and was very timely for Halloween.

- The new water cooler has been delivered and water to the drinking fountains have been turned off.

- Debbi volunteered to decorate her car and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters at the Trunk or Treat.

- Upcoming programs include Creative Feast (creating a delicious Thanksgiving menu), a visit from local author Mark Okrant, and *Polar Express*.

There was discussion regarding advertising of upcoming programs and types of programs in the future. It was agreed that the Library should try a wide variety of programs to see what interests Loudon residents. The Library is always open to suggestions on programming and may send out another survey to gather information from Loudon residents on programs that may be of interest to them.

The Trustees reviewed the proposed 2017-18 budget. This will be sent to the Selectmen and a meeting time will be set up to discuss the budget for next year.

The next Trustees' meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment:

Alice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.; seconded by Molly. All were in favor.

*Submitted by:
Molly Ashland
Alice Tuson
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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 15, 2016

Present:

Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

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

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 1, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that they had a 42-acre 4-alarm brush fire on Bear Hill Road yesterday along the power lines on the backside of Crooked Pond. He said about 45 firefighters from 14 surrounding towns responded to the fire.

Chief Wright said the aerial truck is back from Greenwood's after having some work done. Chief Wright said that Saturday a certified rep will be at the station doing training all day. He explained that they did this when they first got the truck but it needs to be done again.

Chief Wright said he has been talking to two certified paramedic trainers. He explained that they need to hire one for continuous monthly training. He said he has money in his training budget to cover this.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess explained that OME will be taking down the camera at 106/129 because it keeps giving them problems. He asked for permission from the Selectmen and Chief Wright to utilize the ladder truck to take the camera down. He said it will save the town a substantial amount of money if they can use the truck. Chief Wright and the Selectmen agreed to the use.

Chief Burgess explained that they had a very minor accident with the SUV. He explained that the brush guard fell off the fog light and it's going to require a new bumper. He said no insurance will be involved and no other vehicles were involved.

Chief Burgess said he received a call from Lily from the Timberman; he is under the impression that they won't be back next year.

Chief Burgess said he met with the school principal today to discuss incorporating some policies and procedures. He said will be in place very shortly. Chairman Krieger asked that once those policies are in place Chief Burgess come back in for a non-public session to discuss them.

Chief Burgess said Officer Nye will be attending a Taser Instructor Training course next week.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Krieger explained that the town removed three trees from the property beside the new office. The lady that lives at that property would like the stumps removed. Chairman Krieger suggested that the town have someone grind those stumps. The Board agreed that they should be removed.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District November invoice in the amount of \$712,499.64.

The Board received an invitation from the Merrimack Valley School District to attend a joint meeting of the school board, town selectmen and city councilors of the district.

The Board received an email from J. Goddard, President of The Villages at Loudon regarding OHRV's on Old Concord Road. Selectman Ives recalled that when the development was approved the road was to remain open. Chairman Krieger said it appears they are not looking to shut it down, just assistance in controlling it. Chairman Krieger said the information will be forwarded to Chief Burgess so he can work with Fish and Game.

The Board received notification that the Town Attorney's hourly rate will increase in January.

The Board received a draft budget review schedule for their review.

The Board received the Maxfield Library Trustee's Meeting Minutes for Oct. 3, 2016.

The Board received the Loudon Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes for Oct. 6, 2016.

The Board received Capital Improvements Program information from the Planning Board.

The Board received an abutters notice regarding Map 50, Lots 26 & 1 and Map 49, Lots 71 & 72 for a Lot Line Adjustment.

The Board received an abutters notice regarding Map 40, Lots 10, 11 & 16 for a Lot Line Adjustment.

The Board received an abutters notice regarding Map 43, Lot 5 for a Special Exception for a 1,000-gallon propane tank.

The Board received information from the University of NH regarding a Forest Law Workshop to be held on December 14, 2016.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn 6:36 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 22, 2016

Present:

Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 15, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that he took care of a driveway on Wales Bridge Road. The homeowner is happy with the fix.

Mr. Houle said he is looking into prices for fertilizer and care of the ballfields.

Mr. Houle said they have been cleaning leaves out of ditches.

Mr. Houle explained that sand washed into a culvert on Loudon Ridge Road, they cleaned that out.

Mr. Houle said he has two older trucks sitting at the transfer station that have been replaced. He said he'd like to get rid of them before they sit another winter. Selectman Fiske asked if one should be kept and maintained in case they have a breakdown. Mr. Houle said they have a spare. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Houle to get them pictures and specs and they can advertise them for sale like they did his other equipment.

Mr. Houle said the new Mack is at Donovan's. He explained that since they don't have it yet he is going to put a plow on the grader.

Chairman Krieger suggested that Mr. Houle start thinking about which roads he'll

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be working on next year. Mr. Houle said he's starting looking at the drainage issues on North Village Road at the end of school street and Lovejoy Road. He said he's also looking at the end of Terry Drive where there has always been an issue with water. Mr. Houle said there isn't really any drainage there.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a check from ESMI for the third quarter 2016 Host Community Fee in the amount of \$26,388.44.

The Board received information about four overdue ambulance bills being sent to collection by the Fire Department.

The Board received information from HealthTrust regarding amendments to the HealthTrust Bylaws.

The Board received a thank you from Concord Regional Crimeline for the towns support.

The Board received a letter from NHDOT regarding a meeting scheduled for November 30th at 7 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building to discuss improvements to Route 106.

The Board received a letter from the town attorney regarding an easement on Clough Pond Road. Chairman Krieger asked Selectman Fiske to call the town attorney tomorrow to get questions answered regarding the road.

Chairman Krieger said that he spoke to David McGrath from New Hampshire Motor Speedway, he would like to come in and speak to the Board. Mr. McGrath said they would like to move forward with a country music festival. Chairman Krieger explained that a letter of intent will be submitted and then Mr. McGrath will come in to talk about it. Mr. McGrath indicated that if the town attorney needs to get involved the track will pay the bill. Selectman Fiske asked if the Country Music Festival is a concert. Chairman Krieger said it is. Selectman Fiske asked if Mr. McGrath mentioned the covenants. Chairman Krieger said he is aware and is under the impression with their legal staff that it can be allowed but not in the grandstands. Chairman Krieger said Mr. McGrath wants to keep this all above board. Chairman Krieger said the promotor has mentioned donating some proceeds to the town. Chairman Krieger suggested that the recreation department has wanted to improve the playground at the rec field for a long time and that might be something to think about.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 6:21 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 29, 2016

Present:

Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle, Fire Chief Rick Wright and Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 22, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said he received two prices for removal of the stumps on the property beside the new town office. He said Top-notch gave him a price of \$3 per inch which would equal about \$552 to take out the four stumps. Brian Magoon said he would remove them for \$400. Chairman Krieger asked if the chips and mess will all be cleaned up. Mr. Houle said it will be. Selectman Ives asked when Mr. Magoon can do it. Mr. Houle said possibly as soon as tomorrow. The Board agreed that Mr. Magoon should be hired as soon as possible.

Mr. Houle said he received a call from Mr. Aversa about Bert Lane. He explained that Nobis Engineering inspected the road and had a few issues that needed to be addressed. Mr. Houle said Mr. Aversa has competed them all. Mr. Houle said that a hearing can be set. He said the only issue he sees is that as far as he can see the access road to the back property will become town property. Selectman Fiske said after studying this he is not for it. He said he doesn't want to make that a class 6 road. Selectman Fiske said it's about 600' long; he assumes that the Planning Board meant that to be a driveway for the two lots that are at the end of it. He asked why the town would want to own that road. Mr. Houle explained that it was accepted by the Planning Board and it states that it will become town property. Selectman Fiske asked where it states that specifically. Mr. Houle read from a document that said "Bob Ordway asked about the classification of the new access road. Mr. Holden said it would be a Right of Way owned by the town and would give Mr. Ordway access across the property and the property would be deeded to the town." Dustin Bowles explained that when that subdivision was approved it cut off the original access to Mr. Ordway's backland. He said that the Planning Board gave Mr. Ordway access in case his backland was ever developed. He said the town owns the property that the ROW is on. Selectman Fiske asked why they town wouldn't give it to the property owners of the backland. Mr. Houle said that when the town accepts Bert Lane they are also accepting that ROW and it needs to be classified as a class 6 road. Selectman Ives said he doesn't see why it

needs to be classified at all right now; it's just town property. Selectman Ives asked if Bert Lane is all built out. Mr. Houle said it is. Selectman Ives said a public hearing date will be set.

The Board met with Police Chief Burgess.

Chief Burgess said he received a letter from the Department of Transportation. He explained that it is for a meeting that is scheduled tomorrow night regarding the improvements to Route 106. Chairman Krieger read the following: The Intent of this meeting is to review and discuss proposed improvements on NH Route 106 from Soucook Road in Loudon to Ames Road in Canterbury. This project may have an effect on historic properties. Owners of properties determined eligible for the national Register of Historic Places that about the project alternatives may have an opportunity to become consulting Parties. Additional information will be provided at the public informational meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building, 29 South Village Road in Loudon, NH. Chief Wright said he heard a lot of people are coming so he checked the capacity of the building and it's 82. He said they can move it over to the safety complex if they want to. Selectman Ives said he hesitates because they are not running the meeting the state is so it's up to them. Chairman Krieger suggested that a hundred people could show up. Selectman Ives said that it's been posted that it will be at the community building so maybe they should start there and move if there are too many people. Chief Wright said he will be ready if it needs to be moved.

Chief Burgess said he received another letter from Department of Transportation. He said this one is in response to a letter he had written back in the summer to reduce the speed limit because of the construction on 106. Chief Burgess said the first line indicates that there was a mishap on them for not responding. He explained that basically it says that because the pipeline is a private not a state project they don't have the authority to reduce the speed limit. Chief Burgess said the head of the project would have to request it. Chairman Krieger said the message boards have helped; traffic has slowed down in the mornings.

The Board met with Fire Chief Wright.

Chief Wright said he received a letter from State Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles asking for approval of Access Auto Sales Retail Auto Dealer. Chief Wright said the Planning Board approved it back in June.

Chief Wright said they have the surplus bullet-proof vests from the police department. He explained that Chief Burgess did an instructional session at their monthly meeting. Chief Wright said they are work-

ing on the SOP for that as suggested by Primex. Chairman Krieger said they would like to review the SOP when it's done.

Chief Wright said the highway garage alarm system was tested recently and it was fine.

Chief Wright said they are in the process of receiving DES permits for two new dry hydrants. He said one is on Currier Road at Coaster Road and the other is on Upper City Road. Chairman Krieger asked if the ponds are filling up again. Chief Wright said they are.

Selectman Ives said he had a chat with Rich Maltais and he wanted to publicly thank Rich for the work he is doing on the trucks; doing it in town is saving the town money. Selectman Ives said he appreciates any work employees do like that. Chairman Krieger and Chief Wright agreed.

The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles.

Mr. Bowles explained that he and Mickey Mulkhey took the first load of glass to New London. He explained that the bill will be for \$39.07 per ton. Mr. Bowles showed the Board a sample of the glass grindings that he picked up while he was there. Selectman Ives said they were told it would be about \$45 per ton so \$39.07 is good.

The Board recognized Mike Tardiff from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Tardiff explained that they have been working the Planning Board on the Master Plan, most recently on the Economic Development chapter.

Mr. Tardiff said he wanted to talk about an Economic Revitalization Zone. He explained that if the town has an Economic Revitalization Zone a business could locate there and may apply to the state for a break on their business profit tax. Mr. Tardiff said the trick is that there is 187 Economic Revitalization Zones in the state and only \$825,000 worth of business profit tax breaks right now. He said there is discussion in this legislative session to increase that number. Mr. Tardiff said there is an application to DRED to establish the zone. He explained that his staff can help with that process.

Mr. Tardiff explained that another tool is out of Statute 79E the Community Revitalization Credit which is for downtown or village development. He explained that if this was approved at town meeting it would give the Selectmen the ability to give a discount on the difference in the new taxable value on a rehabilitation within the village for a period of 3-5 years. Selectman Ives asked if they would be locked into giving everyone in the village this discount. Mr. Tardiff explained that there would be an application to be reviewed by the Selectmen and there has to be significant rehabilitation. He said it isn't for interiors it is for exterior changes. Selectman Ives confirmed with Mr. Tardiff

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that the Economic Revitalization Zone would have no effect on taxes for the town.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Tardiff to go over Accessory Dwelling Units. Mr. Tardiff said it was a bit of a surprise that the legislature was that proactive about accessory dwelling units. He explained that in districts where single family dwellings are allowed accessory dwelling units must be allowed. Mr. Tardiff said that law will be in place June 30, 2017. He said they can help the Planning Board with getting something ready for town meeting. Selectman Ives said the Planning Board has been working on it with the town attorney.

Mr. Tardiff mentioned the meeting tomorrow evening with NHDOT. He said one of the interesting things about the 106 project is that the Chichester Road/Village Road intersection is out until 2024. Selectman Fiske said they have been talking about that intersection for years and unfortunately studies show that the speed should be increased.

The Board recognized Breanne Mullen and Brad Gray both representatives of LYAA.

Selectman Ives explained that he instigated this meeting. He said they have started work on the budgets and he would like to discuss the \$5,000 that is given to LYAA. Selectman Ives said that it is their prerogative to go into a non-public session if they want to. Ms. Mullen said she would like to. *Selectman Ives moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:41 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-public session at 7:09 PM; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes;*

Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske made a motion to seal the minutes for five years. seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the John O. Cate Van September report.

The Board recognized Bill Palmer from the Bee Hole Beavers snowmobile club. Mr. Palmer said he wanted to update the Board on the Wiggins Road Bridge. He explained that the funding is available until November of 2017. Mr. Palmer said they have concerns about the decking that is on the bridge now; it won't allow the snow to go through it. Mr. Palmer said the runners that keep the snowmobiles from going off it have been removed so he's concerned about safety. Selectman Fiske asked if this was the decking put on by the bicyclists. Mr. Palmer said it was put on by the Merrimack Valley Trailriders for their enduro run. Chairman Krieger said part of the deal was that they would remove it. Mr. Palmer said he would like to propose a temporary bridge beside that one for this winter. He explained that it could be done with a culvert and pallets. Selectman Fiske asked if the sheathing could just be taken off the bridge that is there. Mr. Palmer said the beam is cracked that is underneath it. Chairman Krieger asked how they would keep people off the current bridge. Mr. Palmer said it could either be removed or blocked off. Mr. Palmer said if it's removed the new one won't be started until June or July and the Trail Riders Ride is Father's Day weekend. Selectman Fiske said they could give them a head's up. He said Fish and Game said there was another route they could take. Mr. Palmer said the Merrimack Valley Trailriders were supposed to do three things; deck the bridge, put the town

and the snowmobile club as additional insured on their insurance and post monitors to be sure people didn't go through the water. He said they did one out of the three, the deck. Selectman Ives said he thinks they did add the additional insured, he will check with the office. Selectman Fiske asked if he knows for sure they went through the water. Mr. Palmer said he wasn't there. Mr. Palmer said it's an old utility pole that needs to be replaced on the bridge. He asked if anyone knows where there is a pole. Mr. Palmer said that would be a quick solution. Selectman Ives said this would be temporary fix anyways. Chairman Krieger asked if it could be shored up with a piece of steel. Mr. Palmer said once they touch it they own the liability so he would like to keep everyone off it. Selectman Ives asked when the culvert bridge would be put in. Mr. Palmer said when things start to freeze and then taken out before everything melts. Selectman Fiske said the reason he mentioned removing the sheathing is because people in the area use the bridge, by removing the sheathing it reduces the snow load. Chairman Krieger suggested removing the sheathing and putting some planks on the cracked part. Mr. Palmer said he would rather not use it at all because of liability for the club. Selectman Fiske asked when he wants to demo the existing bridge. Mr. Palmer said he could block it off with concrete blocks. Selectman Ives suggested blocking the existing bridge and installing the temporary bridge for the winter and opening the old bridge in the spring because there won't be a snow load. Selectman Fiske asked if four-wheelers will be able to go across the pallet bridge. Mr. Palmer said he doesn't know. Selectman Ives said he hates to see it closed down for four-wheelers. Mr. Palmer said once it snows they don't want ATV's on their trails. Selectman Fiske said that's been a fight right along because it's a class 6 road they try to

make everyone happy, it's been open to horses, four-wheelers, and snowmobiles. Selectman Fiske suggested putting a bridge closed sign on it. Chairman Krieger said it has been voiced that the bridge is unsafe so putting a sign up but not blocking it off might not be a good idea. Selectman Fiske said he is going to go take a look at the bridge. Chairman Krieger asked Selectman Fiske to take pictures.

Janice Morin said last week the Loudon Police held the 16th annual blood drive. She explained that she and prior Police Chief Fiske started this when her kids were in a serious crash. Ms. Morin said it was a low turnout; there were 39 people and 34 pints of blood. She found some areas of concern number one being that they did the school one a lot closer than they should have. Ms. Morin said she'd like to thank Chief Wright, he was awesome getting the vehicles out and cleaning up. Selectman Fiske thanked Ms. Morin for her hard work. Chairman Krieger said 34 pints isn't bad. Ms. Morin said they normally have close to 60 people.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 6, 2016**Present:**

Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives, and Selectman Fiske.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 29, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of the Certificate of Insurance from Merrimack Valley Trailriders, from June 2016. Chairman Krieger explained that there was a question last week as to whether the town had received it.

The Board received Body Armor Wear Guidelines from Chief Wright.

The Board received the proposed Merrimack County Budget for 2017 calendar year.

The Board received a check from Volunteers of America for the payment in lieu of taxes agreement in the amount of \$12,577.68.

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

The Board received the Loudon Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2016.

The Board received an information letter from Liberty Utilities regarding lowering costs.

Chairman Krieger explained that Mr. Magoon from Clough Pond Road asked that a paragraph be removed from the easement deed. The town attorney suggested that the paragraph be left. The Board agreed that the

deed will remain as written by the town attorney and they will sign it when they receive the \$4,000 bond.

The Board recognized Karen Minery from the audience. Ms. Minery explained that last week her daughter went off the road due to black ice. She said someone saw the whole thing happen; they dialed 911 and no one showed up. Ms. Minery said the police chief showed up the next day wanting to see the car. She said her daughter got hurt; they waited a half hour. Ms. Minery said the police officer came down Oak Hill and went the other direction and never came back. She explained that her daughter is sixteen and just got her license over the summer; she hasn't driven in snow or ice like that. Ms. Minery said her husband called the Loudon Police Department and got dispatch he left his name and number. She said there

were at least five or six officers on duty on 106 for the pipeline; she doesn't understand why one couldn't leave his post. Ms. Minery explained that she understands that the police officer took N. Village Road to Oak Hill and turned left to go by the school. Her daughter turned right onto School Street. She explained that her husband could see her daughter's car from the intersection. Ms. Minery said she knows you're not supposed to leave the scene of an accident but they had to get her to urgent care. She said she wants something done so this never happens again. She explained that she has other resources such as the *Concord Monitor* and her attorney. Chairman Krieger said that they will have a conversation with both Chief's to see how this happened. He said they don't want anyone in Loudon getting

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hurt regardless of their age. He explained that it is her first amendment right to contact the paper and her right to talk to an attorney. Chairman Krieger said they listened to her and they will talk with the Police and Fire Chief as soon as they can get them together. Selectman Fiske assured Ms. Minery that they will address it. Ms. Minery said she'll be waiting to see what the consequences will be for this action.

The Board recognized Alicen Twardosky. Ms. Twardosky explained that she is representing the Faith Community Baptist Church and is present to update the Board on the Clough Pond project. She said they have met with the State. Chairman Krieger asked her to give a brief explanation of what she is doing for those that weren't present

before. Ms. Twardosky explained that they are working on a teen project to redo the town beach. She said after speaking with the Selectmen she spoke to the Clough Pond Association and the State. Ms. Twardosky said they received the paperwork to fill out and Stan Prescott is going to do the survey. She said they haven't raised much money yet; they are waiting to get an estimate so they know how much they will need. Ms. Twardosky explained that until Mr. Prescott does the survey they don't know if they will be doing a single or double tiered beach. She said Greg Fillmore has agreed to supply them with sand. Mr. Prescott explained that although it is very steep he thinks it is doable. Selectman Ives asked if this should be brought to the public through the Planning Board so abutters are aware of what is going on. Mr. Prescott agreed. Ms. Twardosky explained that they have to send a let-

ter to the neighbors explaining what is going on. Chairman Krieger asked if they will come back once the survey is complete. Ms. Twardosky said they will call and get on the agenda again. He expressed his appreciation for all the work that they are doing.

The Board reviewed Selectman Fiske's pictures of the Wiggins Road Bridge. Selectman Fiske said he jumped up and down on it; there is a little bounce. He said he thinks they expect the town to pay for the barriers on each side of it. Chairman Krieger asked if an engineer can look at it to determine if it is safe. The Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club will be contacted to come in and talk to the Board.

Chairman Krieger said he's worked on the amount of time that employees earn according to how many years they have put in. He got information from surrounding

towns. Chairman Krieger gave the information to the other Board members to review. Selectman Ives said he would like to review it before making any decision. Chairman Krieger explained that right now the most an employee can earn is three weeks regardless of how long they have been employed. Selectman Fiske said he thinks they should give employees what they have worked for; some of them most of their life. Selectman Ives said the town has a good benefit program for employees. The Board will review the information.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn 6:53 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Robert P. Krieger, Chairman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman*

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — November 17, 2016

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Steve Ives, Tom Moore, Bob Cole, George Sauderson, Alice Tuson and Dustin Bowles.

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 20, 2016 Regular Meeting — Mr. Ives made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Cole. All were in favor.

New Business:

Application 16-12, Dale Kilmister and Lance Kilmister & Madeline Kenneally Map 21 L34 & M 12 L 8, LLA — Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move forward with a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Cole; all were in favor. Peter Holden presented the application to the Board and no abutters were present. Mr. Holden explained to the board that the lot line of parcel 2 is being moved back 150 ft. to create a larger lot. Parcel 2 was 5.250 acres and will now become 6.690 acres. Parcel 1 is 12.676 acres and will become 11.236 acres after lot line adjustment. *Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Ives; all in favor.*

Application #13-13, Fillmore Industries Map 40 Lots 10/16/11, LLA, CI District — Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move forward with a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Bowles; all in favor. Jeff Green presented the application on behalf of Fillmore Industries. The purpose of this lot line adjustment is to add more land to Map 40 Lots 10 & 16 from lot 11. Vice Chairman Prescott questioned the zoning of the different parcels and if the new lot would be commercial or residential. Mr. Green explained that the zoning would have to stay as it cur-

rently shows on the map. Vice Chairman Prescott asked if he could show on the map that the existing boundary line of the lot should show that it remains residential zoning. Vice Chairman Prescott also asked about the distance along the river and tie course and asked for it to be marked on map. Chairman Dow read a waiver that was requested by Mr. Green. *Motion made to accept the waiver by Mr. Cole; seconded by Mr. Sauderson; all were in favor.* Pauline Touzin is on the Conservation Commission and was present in the audience. She questioned if they are creating new access roads and if this will affect the wetlands in any way. Mr. Green said there will be no new access roads and no interfering with wetlands. *Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the application under the conditions Mr. Green must show the distance of tie course and show the zoning of lot 10. Seconded by Mr. Sauderson; all in favor.*

Application #14, Fillmore Industries Map 49 Lots 71&72, Map 50 Lots 26 & 1, LLA, CI District — Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move forward with a public hearing; seconded by Mr. Bowles; all were in favor. There were several abutters present, Rand & Carol Poirier and Jill Power. Mr. Green presented the application to the Board. Mr. Green explained that Mr. Fillmore is looking for a lot line adjustment to make map 49 lot 71 3.088 acres when it was previously 0.917 acres. Chairman Dow questioned who owned Tote Road. Mr. Green explained that currently it is part of the combined Fillmore property and will become part of map 49 lot 71. The houses that are on Tote road will still have a right of way. Map 50 Lot 26 was previously 5.870 acres and will become 8.19 acres. Acreage will be taken from map 50 Lot 1 and Map 49 Lot 72. Chairman Dow read a waiver requested by Mr. Green; *Mr. Bowles made a*

motion to accept the waiver; seconded by Mr. Cole; all were in favor. Mr. Moore questioned a boundary line that was seen going through a shed. Mr. Green said yes that was correct and the property owner has been asked to move the shed that is on Fillmore's property. *Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the application under the condition Mr. Green add the abutters, add setback lines on Map 49 lot 71, dash line between dry hydrants; Mr. Sauderson Seconded Motion; all were in favor.*

Report of the ZBA:

There is one application for a special exception for a 1,000 gallon propane tank.

Report of the Board of Permit:

None

Board Discussion:

Chairman Dow spoke about zoning amendments and stated that there were two that the Board would have to hold public hearings on. The proposed zoning amendment to ADU's was sent to the town attorney and Mr. Sauderson and Mr. Prescott made the recommended changes. Mrs. Tuson questioned the wording of the size of the dwelling. Chairman Dow said that it should be revised to say "the accessory dwelling unit cannot be greater than 40% of the principal dwelling unit. Mrs. Tuson asked if a duplex was able to have an accessory dwelling. Mr. Prescott said it states only a single family home can have an accessory dwelling unit. Another zoning amendment was brought up regarding 1,000 gallon storage tanks. Workshops need to be scheduled.

Mr. Sauderson brought up a question that was presented to him by a zoning board member regarding storage tanks not being allowed to hold septic waste by special exception. The board did not believe that they would be able to grant a special exception. Roy Merrill was in the audience to dis-

cuss this. Mr. Ives doesn't believe that this needs to be added to the zoning ordinance. Mr. Merrill said the board was concerned that the special exception was for a fueling station and needs to now be for septic storage. Chairman Dow said he spoke with Darlene Johnson from Best Septic and she was under the impression that they were to come in for a change of use and he didn't agree with that. Mr. Merrill said at the last planning board meeting several abutters were unhappy at the thought that there would be septic storage near them and they should be notified of the special exception. Mr. Prescott asked if they know what they should be doing for an application. Mrs. Bosco said she did email Best Septic to notify them they need a special exception for the storage tank.

Mr. Prescott brought up the new greenhouses on 106. Several residents have approached him concerned about the amount of light they give off. Mrs. Bosco brought in the minutes from the Selectmen meeting regarding them. Mr. Ives said that they are in process of putting up another greenhouse that will have blackout curtains and once that is functioning they will work on the blackout curtains for the other greenhouse. They blackout curtains come at a large cost and they need up to 2 years to get some profit coming in on the property.

Mr. Prescott spoke about the upcoming CIP meeting December 13th at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Bosco will email Board members to notify everyone.

Adjournment:

Mr. Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Sauderson. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
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Administrative Assistant*

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Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — November 28, 2016

Present:

Chairman Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Earl Tuson, Charlie Aznive and alternate George Saunderson

Minutes:

Mr. Tuson made a correction to the minutes regarding the present line, at the beginning of the meeting Mr. Lizotte was still Vice Chairman and Mr. Aznive was an alternate. Before public hearings took place Mr. Lizotte appointed Mr. Aznive a voting member that was not indicated. When voting on Mr. Pearl to be Vice Chairman the minutes indicated all were in favor but Mr. Pearl abstained. *Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes; seconded by Mr. Pearl; all were in favor.*

Discussions:

Mark Plantier & Joe Bowie — Mr. Plantier and Mr. Bowie approached the Board to discuss property they own on Bumfagon road Map 52 Lot 5-1. The property is a total of 239.09 acres and they are looking to subdivide the parcel. Beth Kingsley is the buyer who approached the Board in the October meeting. Once subdivided into 2 parcels, one will have the required road frontage and 1 will have only 69 feet of road frontage. They came into the meeting with a plan for a road to create road frontage. Mr. Merrill explained to them that they need to present this to the planning board not zoning board. Chairman Lizotte asked if this road is only being created for a single house then instead make this a driveway and pointed out a house lot they did not require road frontage for. Mr. Pearl said those conditions were different as the lot was already existing and in this case the lot is being subdivided to form the nonconforming lot.

Public Hearings:

Application #Z-16-19, John & Carolyn Carr — *Special Exception for installation of 1000 gallon propane tank, AFP District, Map 43, Lot 5.* John & Carolyn Carr approached the board to discuss allowing a 1,000 gallon propane tank on the property, abutters Joe Bowie and Mark Plantier were present. Mr. Tuson pointed out they were missing the article number 205.6 on the front of the application as well as for ques-

tion 1. Chairman Lizotte read the application questions and Mr. Carr answered. Mr. Carr stated they were unaware of the need for a special exception until Code Enforcement informed them. Code Enforcement inspected and approved the tank. *Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Tuson seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive—yes, Earl Tuson—yes Ned Lizotte—yes, Roy Merrill—yes, Howard Pearl—yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.*

Board Discussion:

Mr. Lizotte spoke to the Board about elections for Board members. Mr. Aznive last month was voted to fill in Mr. Powellson's term and that will be up in March. Mr. Lizotte asked Mr. Aznive if he would plan on running to be a member. Mr. Aznive is planning on running to be a full time member. Mr. Aznive said the board should have an additional alternate.

Mr. Tuson spoke about last month's meeting and the board's rules and procedures. Currently in the Zoning Board's rules there is nothing stating that an alternate can make any motions or participate in discussions. Mr. Tuson feels that there should be something added stating that an alternate can participate in discussions. The Board agrees that an alternate should stay a non-voting member. Mr. Tuson also brought up that there aren't any rules regarding if a member can no longer serve their term. Mr. Tuson said there should be an amendment added to cover this. Last month's meeting members were voted into positions; Chairman, Vice Chairman and Member, in the rules it doesn't state that the Board members can vote on this matter. An amendment needs to be presented to the Board and discussed in two meetings then voted on in the third meeting. Mr. Tuson will write up a proposed amendment to present to the Board.

Adjournment:

Mr. Merrill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm; seconded by Mr. Pearl. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Danielle Bosco
Administrative Assistant*

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2nd Sunday of the month

2–4pm•Loudon Historical Society Museum Open

1st Monday of the month

5pm•Library Trustees Meeting
6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg.
6pm•Yoga @ Library

1st Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
7pm•Lions Club @ Library

1st Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library
7pm•Historical Society @ Museum

1st Thursday of the month

10:30am•Story Time @ Library
10:30am•Meditation @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
3:30pm•LEGO Club @ Library
6pm•Yoga@Library
6:30pm•PTA @ LES
7pm•Agriculture Commission @ Com. Bldg.

2nd Monday of the month

6pm•Yoga @ Library
7:15pm•MVSD School Board

2nd Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen, Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.

2nd Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library

2nd Saturday of the month

4:30–6:00pm•Family Bible Church Community Dinner

3rd Monday of the month

6pm•Yoga @ Library

3rd Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
7pm•Lions Club @ Library

3rd Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88

3rd Thursday of the month

10:30am•Story Time @ Library
10:30am•Meditation @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
3:30pm•LEGO Club @ Library
6pm•Yoga@Library
7pm•Planning Board @ CB

3rd Saturday of the month

5:30pm•Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Fellowship Supper

4th Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
7pm•LYAA @ Library

4th Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library

4th Thursday of the month

10:30am•Story Time @ Library
10:30am•Meditation @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
3:30pm•LEGO Club @ Library
6pm•Yoga@Library
7pm•Zoning Board @ CB

EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES

Jan. 1•NEW YEAR'S DAY

Jan. 10•9am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg.
2:30pm•Movie Matinee for Adults @ Library
6pm•Spiritual Living Discussion @ Library

Jan. 12•2:30pm•Tai Chi @ Library (12 weeks)
6:30pm•Loudon Night at MVHS Girls B-Ball Game

Jan. 14•10:45am•Frozen Party @ Library

**Jan. 16•MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
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Jan. 17•6:30pm•FIRST BUDGET HEARING @ Com. Bldg.

Jan. 18•6pm•Cravings vs. Willpower @ Library

**Jan. 20•INAUGURATION DAY
LEDGER DEADLINE**

Jan. 21•10:30am•Tea Time @ Library

Jan. 25•6pm•Book Club Mash-Up @ Library

Jan. 26•7pm•Book Group @ Library

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Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

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