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Mission Statement...

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

Water Everywhere — Again!



Cross Brook Road, looking east from Bee Hole Road.



Cross Brook Road, looking up where the road used to be!



Bear Hill Road, at Bee Hole Brook crossing.

By Debbie Kardaseski

Once again, the skies opened up on the area, inundating the state with well over 9" of rain in many areas. After eight days of rain, the rivers and ponds in New Hampshire ran wild, taking out roads, bridges, dams, and homes.

Loudon was not immune from the damage, although in some respects we were luckier than many people.

The road though the Village was closed at the bridge as the Soucook River threatened both the bridge and the dam. Water ran into the street and many people stopped by to take pictures.

In other areas, evacuations were ordered on Staniels Road near the river. The river was well out of its banks and several homes were either in the water or almost in the water.

Chichester Road and Cross Brook Road both remain closed due to the bridges over Bee Hole Brook being destroyed by a surge of water that roared through when a pond overflowed its dam further up the brook.

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Chichester Road Bridge over Bee Hole Brook.



Bee Hole Brook roars across Bear Hill Road.

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen's Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 Mon.-Fri.: 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call the Superintendent's Office for meeting location.

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

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Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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John O. Cate Memorial Van

798-5203 (Mondays only) to schedule a ride.

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30 Chichester Road

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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.

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 Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128.

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A 2-3 line, 1 column ad will cost \$10. A 4-5 line, 2 column ad costs \$15.

"The Loudon Ledger" 2006 Schedule

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August 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/17

September 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/21

Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/18 October 2006

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Join the Loudon Communications Council!

Help spread the word! Would you like to write articles?

Collect stories? Take pictures? Interview interesting
townspeople? Our next meeting is

Monday, June 19, 6:30 p.m.
at the Community Building. Plan to join us!

Where to Worship in Loudon

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Pastor Jeff Owen
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045

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Winter:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group Sunday: 6:30 p.m.

Sept.-June Friends Program: Age 3 through 5th Grade. Wed. 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor 33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 Ph: 603-224-1311

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phyllish@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays:

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Wednesdays:

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Thursday:

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Please call the church office for details: 224-1311.

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55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-4339

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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Rev. Henry Frost

Currently meeting at the Loudon Community Center in Loudon Village until our Church on Clough Hill is repaired following a June 12, 2005 fire.

Mailing address:

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P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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

FISH FOR FREE ON JUNE 3

CONCORD, N.H. - State residents — and nonresidents, too — can fish any inland water in the Granite State without a license on Saturday, June 3, New Hampshire's annual Free Fishing Day. Note that all season dates, limits and other fishing regulations must be observed. Take advantage of the day to get out your fishing gear and head for the river, lake or pond and try your luck. If you're already a licensed fishing fanatic, take advantage of the day to bring along your friends and family and get them hooked on the fun.

Free Fishing Day kicks off National Fishing and Boating Week (June 3–11, 2006) in New Hampshire. "This is a week filled with events nationwide giving families a chance to have fun together on the water," says Mark Beauchesne, New Hampshire Fish and Game's Let's Go Fishing program coordinator. "Most people who hook a fish once can hardly wait for the chance to do it again. Free fishing day is your chance to give it a try!"

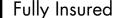
Free Fishing Day is a prime time to introduce children to the sport, especially if you angle for something easy to catch, like sunfish, bluegills or yellow perch. "You can have a great day catching these fish," Beauchesne says. "For just a few dollars, you can buy an inexpensive rod and reel and a few hooks and sinkers to start kids on an activity they can enjoy all their lives."

Season dates, limits and all other fishing regulations still must be followed on Free Fishing Day. Anglers fishing for brood stock Atlantic salmon in the Merrimack and lower Pemigewasset rivers must have a fishing license and a special permit.

Kids under 16 can fish without a license in New Hampshire throughout the year. For details on various fishing rules, including hours, limits and seasons, consult the 2006 New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest, at http://www.wildlife.state. nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm, or wherever fishing licenses are sold.

The Fish and Game website, http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us, also has tips on where to fish, tackle to use, lake depths, information on where fish have been stocked, a free weekly email fishing newsletter — and much more. For ideas on where to fish in south-central New Hampshire, check out the brochure, *Shorebank Fishing Guide to the Manchester/Nashua Region*. If you're heading north, try the new *Great North Woods Fishing Guide*. Both can be downloaded from the Fish and Game website, or call (603) 271-3211 to request copies.

If you get hooked on Saturday and want to fish again on Sunday, take advantage of something new offered this year — one-day fishing licenses are now available to New Hampshire residents for just \$10. If you're a state resident age 16 and older who wants to fish the rest of the year, annual licenses cost just \$35. That's a lot of fresh air, fun and challenge for less than 10 cents a day! Licenses can be purchased online at http://www.nhfishandgame.com or from one of 250 friendly local license agents statewide (also great resources on local fishing spots). ■





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A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse



This month's Mystery Photo



Last month's Mystery Photo



Loudon's Country Store in 1906.

Do you have an interesting photo or item relating to Loudon's history? Please contact Amanda Masse at 783-0227 or jaelmasse@comcast.net. The "Loudon Ledger" is always looking for new stories to fill this column. Help us take "A Look at Loudon History."

Last month's mystery photo was a picture was the Yankee Country Store in the village. In late 1890, the store was also a hotel known as The McClellan House. It is said the hotel was named after George McClellan, who ran unsuccessfully for president against Abraham Lincoln. The desk register from The McClellan House from 1897–1900 is at the Historical Society archive. Call a member of the Historical Society for a tour — the desk register is very amusing with listings of "John Smith and guest for the evening."

The store has had many owners and operators through the years. In 1906, J.E. (Ed) Ross owned the store and it looked as shown in the photo. George Smith owned the store in the 1940's. In early 1940, Joe Cragin had a rifle range out behind the store. A group of men in town had target competitions and would meet regularly and shoot. There was a large wood stove and men would congregate to "shoot the breeze."

The farmer's porch on the front of the store was used for "daily town meetings" according to Shirley Lampron. It was truly a genuine country store. Out back was a wagon shed and rooming house/tavern.

James (Jim) Hackett worked at the Yankee Store for years as the postmaster. He would walk to and from his house to work each day (he lived in the triangle of Lovejoy/N. Village/Oak Hill). He would then walk home for his lunch and then back to work again — he was a very thin man! Mr. Hackett was the postmaster at the post office which was located in the store in the mid 30s to mid 40s. The post office moved over to the Loudon Village Store until that store burned in 1956 or '57 then returned to the Yankee. The post office moved out of The Yankee Country Store in the early 90s and into the Fox Pond Plaza at The Country Cat.

Other known owners of the store are Tom Haskins in the 40's and 50's, The Ingrahams, Jim and Florence Culliton, Frank and Helen Trombley, and for ten years Bill Silver owned the store. Mr. Silver sold the store to Raymond and Eileen Cummings and Phil and Patty Mulkhey. They owned the store when the snow photo below was taken by Ralph Pyne. During their ownership two apartments were added: one small apartment downstairs at the right (which at one time was used as a first-grade classroom) and one upstairs at the back of the building. Bob and Jean Lee owned and ran the store from July 1983 through November of 1986. Duing their ownership, Jean ran an ice cream shoppe in the store. This was not the first time ice cream had been sold: many years earlier, the store had featured an old-fashioned soda fountain, complete with counter and padded stools! The Lees sold the store to Doug and Peg Cadeux. After the Cadeuxs, there were two brothers who owned it for two years but during that time the store was closed. Walter Steele renovated the building and reopened the store, owning it for several years. The current owners are Le and Lan Dung. Stop by the Yankee Country Store in the village and think of the history you now know!

I am shocked that I didn't hear from more of you on this one! If you have more information you would like to share about the Yankee Country Store, please let me know! I will add future updates here in this section.

This month's mystery is also from the village area.... If you think you know where this home WAS or have details you would like to share, just contact me, Amanda by e-mail at jaelmasse@comcast.net or by calling 783-0227. Remember the more information I receive, the more interesting the story behind this photo becomes! I am always looking for more pictures. Your interesting historical photos can be shared here. It doesn't have to be a home, it could be any structure or item that has a great story to go with it that would be fun and interesting to share. Find some photos and give me a call.



Loudon's Country Store around 1950.

Floods — cont. from page 1

The water ran across Oak Hill Road, Old Shaker Road, School Street, Currier Road, and many other roads. In some cases damage is fairly extensive. The town's road repair budget will be strained but the Selectmen are working with Road Agent Dave Rice to determine best how to tackle repairs. All roads will be repaired, but folks need to be patient — it can't all be done at once!

Many thanks to those who sent photographs to supplement those taken by me: Tom McCue, Martha Barnard, Terri Barton, and Amanda Masse. For more photos, see page 18. ■



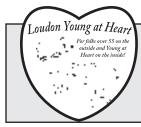
Loudon Fire Department drives in to check on the Earl property, off Staniels Road.



Bear Hill Road after temporary repairs were made.



Oak Hill Road.



Loudon Young at Heart

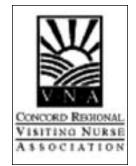
By Joanne Arsnault

Our local accordionist, Arthur Welch, joined us for our May 9th meeting. We all had a great time. He is an excellent entertainer, telling us little tidbits of information about the accordion, singing, but mainly playing his accordion. If you've never heard him play, you are missing out. He has a concert scheduled for June 3rd at his place of business on Route 106, near Rocky Pond. And no, he didn't pay me to say that.

On Wednesday, June 14th, we are taking a bus trip to Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack. We had to forego our usual Tuesday meeting date, because Anheuser's gift shop is closed on Tuesdays. Well, our Planning Committee couldn't tolerate that, hence, the Wednesday trip. We will assemble at 9:00 a.m., leave at 9:15, take the tour, have CAP box lunch, and stop for ice cream on the way home. What a deal!

We have a float committee for Old Home Day. Volunteers are Charlene Morin, Janet Darling, Janet Brown, Sarah Lampron, Walter Howard, Dottie Mulkhey, Eileen Cummings, and Donald Heath. Members and other Loudon residents are encouraged to submit ideas to the committee for the float.

We also have a committee to nominate a new slate of officers for September election. Those members are Barbara Cameron, Shirley Maxfield, and Dottie Mulkhey. Our plans for the July meeting are indefinite at this time, but we always come up with something. We'll keep you posted.



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association News

Senior Health Clinics

Senior Health Clinics will be held on June 27 at the Community Building from 9 a.m. until Noon. All services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. For a ride call 798-5203.

Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

The following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages will be offered in June: Monday, June 5, 2006, 1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M. and Tuesday, June 20, 2006, 2:30 P.M. -4:30 P.M.

Immunization Clinics are held at the Downtown Health Clinic at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call CRVNA Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

A FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Wednesday, June 7 10 a.m.—noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord.

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



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TO YOUR MEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, BS

What's Bugging You?

This is one of a two-part series on bugs.

Ticks

T he grass is growing, the flowers are blooming, the leaves are back, and so are the ticks! Here are the facts about ticks and Lyme disease.

What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria that are spread by tiny infected ticks. Both people and animals can be infected with Lyme disease. In the Northeastern and North Central United States, the deer tick transmits Lyme disease. The disease is most likely to be spread between late May and early autumn, when ticks are most active.

How is Lyme disease spread?

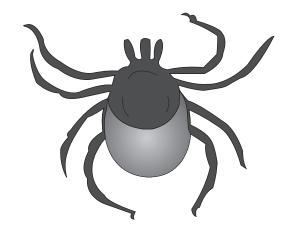
Deer ticks cling to plants near the ground in brushy, wooded, or grassy places. The ticks, which cannot jump or fly, climb onto animals and people who brush against the plants. Very young ticks, called larvae, which are no bigger than the period at the end of a sentence, pick up the bacteria that cause Lyme disease by biting infected animals, such as field mice. Slightly older ticks, called nymphs, which are the size of a poppy seed, are the stage most likely to bite and infect humans.

Ticks live for 2 years and can infect wild and domestic animals as well as people. Not all ticks carry Lyme disease, and even being bitten by a deer tick does not mean that you will always get the disease. The tick must usually be attached for at least 24 hours to pass on the bacteria, so removing the tick promptly will greatly decrease your chances of being infected.

What are the symptoms of Lyme disease?

Early stage (days to weeks): An early symptom of Lyme disease is usually, but not always, a rash where the tick was attached. The rash appears from 3 days to a month after the bite. It often starts as a small red area then spreads, clearing up in the center so it looks like a donut. However, the rash may not always appear like this. Flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache, stiff neck, sore and aching muscles and joints, fatigue and swollen glands, are also common in the early stages of Lyme disease.

These early symptoms often go away by themselves after a few weeks, but the person may remain infected. Without medical treatment, about half the infected people will get the rash again in other places on their bodies, and many will experience more serious problems. Early treatment with antibiotics clears



up the rash within days and usually prevents later problems.

Later stages (months to years): Three major organ systems — the joints, nervous system and heart can be affected. People with Lyme disease can develop late-stage symptoms even if they never had the donut-shaped rash. About 60% of people with untreated Lyme disease get arthritis in their large joints, usually knees, elbows and wrists. The arthritis can move from joint to joint and become chronic. About 10 to 20% of people who don't get treatment develop nervous system problems. The most common problems include meningitis (an inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord), facial weakness (Bell's palsy) or other problems with nerves of the head, and weakness or pain (or both) in the hands, arms, feet and/or legs. These symptoms can last for months, often shifting between mild and

How is Lyme disease diagnosed?

Lyme disease can be fairly easy to diagnose when someone gets the classic rash. It is much harder to diagnose without the rash because its other symptoms resemble other diseases, like flu. To help diagnose these cases, doctors can have patients' blood tested for antibodies to the Lyme disease bacteria.

How is Lyme disease treated?

Prompt treatment of early symptoms with certain antibiotics can prevent later, more serious problems.

How can you prevent Lyme disease?

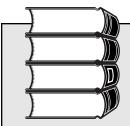
- The only known way to get Lyme disease is from the bite of an infected deer tick. The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to avoid areas where the deer ticks are likely to be found. If you live in or visit a high-risk area, you should follow these precautions:
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants, and tuck your pant legs tightly into your socks. (Light colors will help you spot the ticks on your clothes before they reach your skin.) Stay to the middle of paths.
- Use repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) and choose a product that will provide sufficient protection for the amount of time spent outdoors. Product labels often indicate the length of time that someone can expect protection from a product. DEET is considered safe when used according to the manufacturer's directions. Products containing DEET should not be used on children less than 2 months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or lower for older children and adults. Mosquito netting may be used to cover infant carriers or to protect other areas for children less than 2 months of age.
- Avoid using DEET products that combine the repellent with a sunscreen. Sunscreens may need to be reapplied too often, resulting in an over application of DEET.
- Check for ticks every day. Their favorite places are on the legs, in the groin, in the armpits, along the hairline, and in or behind the ears. The ticks are tiny, so look for new "freckles."
- Remove any ticks promptly using fine point tweezers. The tick should not be squeezed or twisted, grasp it close to the skin and pull straight out with steady pressure.
- Know the symptoms of Lyme disease. If you have been someplace likely to have ticks between May and early autumn and you develop Lyme disease symptoms, especially if you get a rash, see a doctor right away.

Source: www.cdc.gov

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or email Tricia Ingraham: dtingraham@comcast.net.







Maxfield Public Library News

By Dale Gregory

Summer Reading Program

It's been a long process, but the Children's Room is now open and ready for young visitors, just in time for our active Summer Reading Program. This year's theme "Treasure Reading" is packed with fun events relating to treasure, sea life, and, of course, pirates. Sign-ups begin on Saturday, June 17th, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the library, and are ongoing throughout the summer, so don't worry if you can't come that day. Any child from preschool through 5th grade may sign-up to participate in this free yearly event. Children agree to read at least three books over the eight weeks of the program. They keep track of the books they read and turn in their activity booklets by Saturday, August 5th. Everyone who completes the program is invited to attend a party on Thursday, August 10th, to receive prizes and celebrate their accomplishments. As part of the Summer Reading Program, the library has a variety of events for children to attend. Stop by library for a schedule of activities. Come on board the Jolly Reader with us for a seafaring adventure, or you may be forced to walk the plank!

Golf Tournament — Children's Room Fund Benefit

The Fifth Annual Open Golf Tournament will be held at the Loudon Country Club on Sunday, June 25th, starting at 1 p.m. The Maxfield Library's Children's Room Fund is honored to be chosen to benefit from this yearly event. Loudon Country Club members may register for \$50 a player, while the non-member fee is \$75. Memorial and business hole sponsorships are available. There will be prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and a barbeque to cap the day's end. Please call Ron Trott at 228-2407 to register, or stop by the library for a registration packet.

Story Time News

During the month of June, the story time children will learn through nonfiction books about bugs and insects that help our gardens grow. Starting on June 5th and 8th, they will learn what defines insects by listening to Bugs are Insects by Anne Rockwell and they will make ladybugs. On June 12th and 15th, participants will hear Where Butterflies Grow by Joanne Ryder and make butterflies. Bees are the bug of the day, on June 19th and 22nd, as the children listen to *The Honey Makers* by Gail Gibbons and make paper bees. Finally, on June 26th and 29th, the children will explore the world of ants through Ant Cities by Arthur Dorros and make an ant craft. Also, on the 26th and 29th, we will have our year end celebration. Parents are asked to bring a buggy-themed snack and the library will have "bug juice."

Jody Gourlay will be performing Adventure on the Sea at the library on Saturday, June 24th, as part of this year's Summer Reading Program "Treasure Read ing." This musical show will bring children along as we explore the ocean and the adventures that surround it. Encouraging children to participate, Jody will have them sing along and use listening skills to identify ocean creatures. The show will also include an interactive sea adventure including buoy bells, ocean waves, whistling winds, flapping sails, and creaking ships. Come one and all for a funfilled nautical adventure.

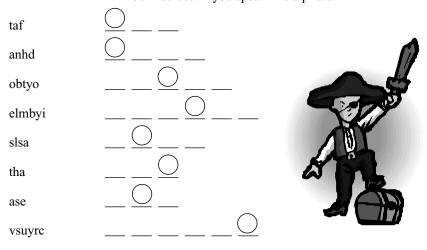
There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.

— WALT DISNEY, 1901-1966



Word Scramble

Unscramble these words to find the missing phrase. You'll do best if you speak like a pirate.



Answer: How does a pirate greet a friend?

Boating Education Class Schedule

The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required, Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

06/03/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Plaistow Library, Plaistow
06/03/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Winnisquam Marina, Winnisquam
06/03/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia
06/06/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Deering Community Center, Deering
06/10/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Rye Depot Honda, Rye
06/10/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Moultonborough Safety Bldg., Moultonborough
06/10/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua
06/17/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall Bldg., Ossipee
06/17/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department, Windham
06/24/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Dept of Safety –33 Hazen Dr., Concord
06/24/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Keene Fish and Game, Keene
06/24/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Emma Ramsey Community Ctr., Milton
07/08/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua
07/08/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Winnisquam Marina, Winnisquam
07/15/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Manchester University of NH, Manchester
07/15/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall Bldg., Ossipee
07/15/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department, Windham
07/22/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Dept of Safety –33 Hazen Dr., Concord

TWO-DAY SESSION	DN (weeknight	s)
06/05/06 and 06/07/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Dover High School, Dover
06/05/06 and 06/07/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack
06/06/06 and 06/08/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Berlin NH Tech. Com. College, Berlin
06/19/06 and 06/21/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Squam Lakes Assoc., Holderness
06/19/06 and 06/21/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Dept., Seabrook
06/20/06 and 06/22/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Bedford Police Dept., Bedford
06/26/06 and 06/28/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Exeter Library, Exeter
06/26/06 and 06/28/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Wolfeboro Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro
07/10/06 and 07/12/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Moultonborough Safety Building, Moultonborough
07/10/06 and 07/12/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Londonderry Police Dept., Londonderry
07/10/06 and 07/12/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack
07/17/06 and 07/19/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Bedford Police Dept., Bedford
07/24/06 and 07/26/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Exeter Library, Exeter ■



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police



On April 22, the Loudon Police Department in conjunction with the Loudon Recreation Department held the annual Bicycle Safety Class. This event included a review of the rules of the road by Chief Fiske (remember – helmets are required by law up to age 16), helmet fittings along with free helmets, basic bicycle maintenance, literature and stickers and of course refreshments! Approximately 80 children attended this event. Hel-

mets are still available if your child needs one. Thanks to all our volunteers who assisted: Brenda Pearl, Marjorie Schoonmaker, Becky Osgood, and Deb McLean.

Eileen Sleeper of Heritage Harley Davidson has graciously provided us with a motorcycle which her father had done for the last twenty plus years. Our many thanks to the Sleeper Family for the continued support of the Loudon Police Department!

As I am sure the residents are aware, School Street is now a one-way street until at least August 1st while construction is occurring at the Loudon Elementary School. Until construction is completed, the children are being dropped off and picked up on



School Street and not the parking lot. For the safety of our children, please be patient while construction continues.

On behalf of the members of the Loudon Police Department, I would like to welcome back to our department Robert Krieger who returns as Lieutenant. Jason Fiske has also been promoted to full-time patrolman. Best wishes to Barrett Moulton who resigned to take a position at Concord Police.

A reminder that race season is once again upon us. Upcoming races are as follows:

June 16–18 July 14–16 September 15–17 83rd Annual Loudon Classic July NASCAR Series September NASCAR Series



The NASCAR Series brings many visitors to Loudon approximately 1 week prior to the race. I urge you to use extra caution in traffic. As we get near the event, road closures will be in local newspapers (for July & Sept. race only).

As always, your comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may e-mail me at rfiske@total
netnh.net
or call weekdays at 798-5521.

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Loudon Health Department News

Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

With the season upon us, I am sure we will be receiving calls regarding West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Through education and prevention we can prevent panic situations.

There are many things you as a resident can do:

- Walk your property and look for any potential breeding grounds. This would include old tires, swimming pools, toys, pet bowls, flower pots and bird baths that collect water. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days.
- Use effective mosquito repellants when outdoors and mosquitoes are biting.
- Wear long sleeves and pants in light colors.

As far as bird testing is concerned, the state will be selective on what is collected. Bird testing will occur between June 1 and October 31. Criteria for wild bird submission include:

- Bird species: Crow, Raven or Bluejay
- Dead less than 24 hours
- Not decomposed or maggot infested
- Not overtly traumatized (no blood, ripped out feathers, etc.)
- Not found close to a building (usually indicates a window crash)

The Department of Health and Human Services require a call at 1-866-273-6453 prior to the collection of any dead bird since they will not test *every* dead bird reported. If you call this number after hours, you will receive a return call within a short period of time. Birds will not be accepted without prior authorization.

When handling a dead bird, use waterproof gloves or insert your hand into a plastic bag, grasp the bird carefully and invert the bag over the bird. The bird should be double-bagged (place in a separate sealed leak-proof plastic bag and then inside a second sealed bag).

Dead birds not eligible for testing may be disposed of by burial, or double bagging in zip-lock type plastic bags and placed in the trash. Ideally, eligible birds should be refrigerated and transported to the Public Health Laboratory in Concord within 24 hours.

Although the Loudon Health Department will attempt to assist with any concerns, we are not available 24/7. Therefore, we must rely on the assistance and cooperation of the residents.

Fact Sheets on West Nile Virus (WNV)and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) are available to the general public at the Police Department or go to the Department of Health and Human Services website at www.dhhs.nh.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us weekdays at 798-5584 or via e-mail at rfiske@totalnetnh.net.

Announcing the Third Annual Angel 5K Run and Fitness Walk

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Angel 5k Run and Fitness Walk being held on Wednesday, June 7th, at 6pm at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook NH. Registration will be at the concession stand in front of the football field at MV from 5–5:45 PM the day of the event.

What better way to gear up for the summer season! Put on your running

or walking shoes and join us for the fun. Complete with giveaways and raffles (including Red Sox tickets!) this year's Angels Run will be better than ever.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and all who participated in the last two years, we were able to give out four \$1,000 scholarships to MV seniors each year, which we hope to repeat this year. Scholarships will be awarded on June 8th, Senior Night.

Special thanks to MV senior Kevin Clark who is organizing this year's event as his senior project.

If interested in becoming a sponsor, volunteer or for further information, please contact any of the following:

Sara Wagner – 798.4476 Kevin Clark – 798.4229 Linda Proctor -753.4311 ■



Top 60 free or low-cost things to do in Loudon this summer...

By Amanda Masse with help from, Alicia Grimaldi, Laurie Cowan, Michele Holbrook, Kris Tripp, Deb Kardaseski, Samantha French, Melanie Kiley, Tamara Chalifour and others

- 1. Enroll your child in The Maxfield Public Library Summer Reading Program
- 2. Ride your bicycle around the track at New Hampshire International Speedway for free on June 7th call Safe Kids NH for more info 1-877-783-0432
- 3. Play some tennis at the tennis courts (located in the village at the Recreation Fields)
- 4. Gather a group of friends for a game of basketball at the basketball courts (located right next to the tennis courts) or shoot some hoops on your own.
- 5. Go for a hike up Oak Hill and tour the fire tower if there is a fire warden present
- 6. Check out other hiking trails in the area. Ask for the open space trail system plan or an existing trail system map at the library or town offices.
- 7. Visit a farm Windswept Maples, Sanborn Farm, Meadow Ledge to name a few
- 8. Go meet a neighbor you haven't met before
- 9. Go fishing at Clough Pond, in the Village, Rocky Pond, or Hot Hole Pond but be sure to get that fishing license online at www.wildlife.state.nh.us
- 10. Go for a swim at Clough Pond
- 11. Sign up for swimming lessons at Clough Pond call Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193 for more information
- 12. Pack a picnic lunch and go to the recreation field or down near a brook or stream.
- 13. Tour the fire station
- 14. Tour the police station
- 15. Attend a Loudon Young At Heart event
- 16. Use the free passes at the library for Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Shaker Village, Squam Lake Science Center, Currier Gallery of Art, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Museum of NH History. Call the library at 798-5153 for more information on this program available to Loudon residents.
- 17. Canoe on the Soucook River
- 18. Call a member of the Historical Society for a free tour Dick Malfait 783-4741 or Bob Ordway 783-9804
- 19. Attend the Recreation Department's Community Fun Nights in July and August! See the schedule in *The Loudon Ledger* or on the website at www.loudonnh.org
- 20. Go to the library and explore all it has to offer!
- 21. Put on some gloves, grab a trash bag and clean up your road
- 22. Stop and say "Hi" to someone out walking
- 23. Take a bike trip around our many ponds or dirt roads be sure to wear your helmet!
- 24. Go camping overnight at one of the campgrounds here in Loudon!
- 25. Have a campfire in your own backyard and do some campfire cooking. BE SURE TO CONTACT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A PERMIT by calling 798-5612. They will inspect your fire pit and give you a permit if all is well.
- 26. Go for a drive! Get a map of Loudon and explore roads you haven't been on before
- 27. Try out the skateboard park remember to wear your helmets and if you don't have one, get one free at the Police Department!
- 28. If you are able to: Volunteer! Do something good for someone in the community, youth sports, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Young at Heart, John O. Cate Memorial Van, Blessed Hope Food Pantry, even the Library. Call these places or go and see if they can use a volunteer.
- 29. Go to a meeting. Check the meeting schedules and attend a meeting of an organization or group in town. If you are curious as to what they do, check it out! Look for a list on the calendar section of www.loudonnh.org
- 30. Ask an "old timer" what Loudon used to be like.
- 31. Go on a bird or wildlife watch remember to be respectful.
- 32. Get together with a group of friends or neighbors and build a float for the Grand Parade for Loudon Old Home Day.
- 33. Jazz up your bicycle or baby carriage for the Old Home Day bike parade see the program schedule for times
- 34. Dig out your favorite old recipe and make it for the baking contest at Old Home Day
- 35. Attend Loudon Old Home Day on Saturday, August 15th don't forget the fantastic fireworks show at 9 p.m. look for a schedule in an upcoming issue of *The Loudon Ledger*.
- 36. Blueberry picking at Lyon Berry Farm
- 37. Ice Cream at Dudley's for a sweet treat
- 38. Enroll in a vacation bible school at a local church
- 39. Attend a youth sports game at a the Recreation field or Landry Ball Fields

- 40. Get a group of friends together and sign up for the LYAA/PTA Golf Tournament on Aug. 5th look for more information in the July issue of *The Loudon Ledger*
- 41. Make a dandelion necklace
- 42. Pick wildflowers and make a bouquet for a friend
- 43. Plan a scavenger hunt for friends in your neighborhood
- 44. Get a book at the library on an animal and research it.
- 45. Play flashlight tag
- 46. Catch fireflies and then let them go!
- 47. Go to the library and get a book on the solar system and the stars
- 48. Gaze at the stars on a crystal clear night see if you can find the Big Dipper, the Little Dipper, Leo the Lion, Virgo the Virgin, Ursa Major (the great bear), Draco the Dragon, Hercules, Serpens the Serpent, Libra the balance and many others present in the July sky.
- 49. Learn to recycle
- 50. Watch the motorcycles leave on Route 106 on June 18th
- 51. Fly a kite at the Recreation Field
- 52. Look through the old town reports at the library and find your children's or your ancestors birth records
- 53. Go to a local cemetery and find the oldest grave stone and make a crayon rubbing of the dates and names. You could even do some research on that person at the library!
- 54. Help to clean up an overgrown gravestone maybe even plant a perennial there, just remember to be respectful
- 55. Get a few families together and play a game of kick ball
- 56. Have a movie night with popcorn either with a DVD from the library or swap one with your neighbor
- 57. Be an entrepreneur and have the kids open up a lemonade stand even sell cookies they made.
- 58. Have a yard sale
- 59. Go to a yard sale and find a neat treasure to keep you busy
- 60. What do you do with your family in Loudon that isn't on this list???

Let us know and we can add to the list and share your idea! Remember there is lots of fun to be had right here in Loudon! ■





Bats in the Belfry!

If you look into the June sky at dusk, you will see them. The little brown bat fluttering around and scaring the likes of me! I know they are eating all of those nasty gnats and mosquitoes, but there is something about a bat that still makes some people cringe. The mystery that surrounds the little brown bat is not so mysterious after all. Here are some very interesting facts about T.L.B.B. (the little brown Bat):

Range and Habitat: Myotis lucifugus (little brown bat) populates most of North America and it is the most abundant bat in the United States. These bats can live up to 30 years! In the summer, the colonies prefer a very hot area with temperatures as high as 131 degrees Fahrenheit. During the summer female little brown bats form maternity colonies. A colony typically consists of a few hundred females, but may include up to several thousand individuals. The high temperature promotes the development of their young (like an incubator or greenhouse). Each female gives birth to a single pup, usually during June. These colonies usually form in attics, but sometimes are found behind siding or under bridges.

During birth, the female reverses her normal roosting position and **hangs by her thumbs** in order to catch the pup in her tail membrane. At birth the pups are relatively large, weighing 25–30% as much as their mothers. When the females leave the roost at night to forage, they leave their pups in the roost. However, if disturbed, the mother may take flight with the young, carrying it crosswise, with the infant's

Loudon Wildlife

By Kris Tripp

mouth grasping one teat and its hind legs tucked under the opposite armpit. Besides **echolocation clicks** (see diet), this species produces warning "honks" when on a collision course with other bats during feeding or near roosts.

Upon her return each female is able to recognize her offspring by its unique vocalizations and odor. Pups develop quickly and are able to fly at three to four weeks of age.

While females gather in maternity colonies, male little brown bats roost separately, either singly or in small bachelor colonies. Males roost in a variety of cooler sites including buildings, caves, mines, bridges, under bark or in rock crevices.

Hibernation: During late summer and autumn, little brown bats accumulate large amounts of body fat, which will be their winter energy supply, and migrate up to 200 miles to a suitable cave or abandoned mine for hibernation. Mating occurs before the bats enter hibernation; however, because of a rare reproductive process called "delayed fertilization," females do not ovulate and become pregnant until the following spring. During hibernation a bat's body temperature drops to about 40deg.F, drastically slowing all of its body functions. Bats remain in hibernation from November until March or April, but occasionally arouse to drink, urinate, or change locations. In the spring they return to their summer quarters, completing the annual cycle.

Diet: The little brown bat eats insects like gnats, flies, moths, wasps and beetles. Hunting at dusk and at night, it uses echolocation to locate prey. It sends out a high-frequency sound. When the sound hits an object, it bounces back to the bat. The bat then can identify what the sound hit and where it is. When it finds its prey, it grabs it with its wings and tucks it into a pouch formed when it brings its wing and tail membranes together. It then grabs the insect with its sharp teeth and eats it! These bats appear to consume whatever prey items are in their path in close proximity and that are of manageable size. One study of the little brown bat showed that it was able to eat 12 fruit flies per minute! Colonies are usually close to bodies of water because

of the types of insects available there. Otherwise bats feed among trees in open areas.

The NH Department of Wildlife recommends that you should avoid any disturbance of bats during hibernation and avoid handling bats and vaccinate dogs and cats for rabies.

The National Wildlife Foundation posts the following — Warning: Bats are susceptible to rabies, a serious viral disease that results in death if untreated. Rabid bats rarely attack humans or other animals, but bats found lying on the ground may be rabid. Never touch or pick up any bat. Stay away from any animal that seems to be acting strangely and report it to animal-control officers. If you are bitten by a possibly rabid animal, you must immediately consult a doctor for a series of injections; there is no cure once symptoms emerge. In North America, only 15 deaths due to rabies transmitted by any species of bat have occurred in the past 40 years. Most bats infected with rabies become paralyzed and fall to the ground, and rabies transmission is usually only a problem if a human picks up a sick bat.

Not only can these bats be a carrier of rabies, they also harbor fleas and mites, and may harbor trematodes (flukes), cestodes (tapeworm), and chiggers.

I appreciate the fact that bats are beneficial in bug control – but I think I will admire them from afar!

For more information about the little brown bat, visit these great websites: www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Wildlife_profiles/profile_LB_bat.htm, http://sevileta.unm.edu/data/species/mammal/socorro/profile/little-brown-myotis.htm, http://www.nhptv.org/natureworks/littlebrownbat.htm, http://enature.com, http://enature.com, http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu, and http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu.

Facts for this article were obtained from the above websites. Picture courtesy of clipart.com.

Do you have a picture you would like us to publish of an animal you have seen in Loudon? We would love to hear from you! Please send ideas or pictures to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or e-mail Kris Tripp: tripp.kris@comcast.net.

Learn to Live With Black Bears

CONCORD, N.H. — The unfortunate recent news from Tennessee of a 6-year-old girl being killed and her mother and two-year old brother mauled by a black bear may have some New Hampshire residents feeling a little nervous about the Granite State's 5,000 bears. Although bears should be treated as unpredictable wild animals, there is no need to be alarmed, says New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Bear



Project Leader Andy Timmins, because bears generally avoid humans. Black bears in New Hampshire rarely show aggressive behavior towards humans; the last time a person died from a bear attack in New Hampshire was more than 200 years ago.

"People don't need to fear bears, but they should keep their distance and treat bears as unpredictable wild animals," said Timmins. "The surest way to prevent property damage and reduce concerns over human safety is to keep your yard — or campsite — free of attractants including food, garbage, birdseed and pet foods. You may need to take additional steps to protect items that can't be removed. For example, dumpsters should have a locking metal top that prevents access by bears, and beehives and livestock should be protected with an electric fence. To avoid bear-related conflicts, prevent bears from visiting and, most of all, from getting in the habit of finding food on your property."

Feeding bears is not only a bad idea, it may be illegal under a rule that went into effect in 2005. The law prohibits the purposeful or inadvertent feeding of black bears following a determination by Fish and

Game that the feeding increases the likelihood of human injury or property damage.

Spring is a critical time when bears are out and about, looking for food. During late March and early April, bears leave their dens and begin feeding heavily on any available food to replenish fat reserves depleted during the long winter denning period. During the denning period, bears typically lose 25% of their body weight, and a lactating female with newborn cubs may lose as much as 40%. The greatest nutritional stress on a bear comes one to two months after they come out of their dens

Homeowners should take action to reduce the chances of a bear visiting their home.

Avoid encounters with bears by taking a few simple precautions:

- Stop all bird feeding by April 1 or as soon as snow melts.
- Clean up any spilled birdseed and dispose of it in the trash.

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Happy Hill 4-H Club

Happy Hill 4-H Club will hold the last business meeting of the year on June 5. The entire family is invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm with a

potluck supper. After everyone is well fed, the members will do a Show and Tell with their projects from the year. This is a time to let everyone see some of the projects that they may not have participated in. We also ask the 4-Hers to discuss what goals they accomplished and what life skills they learned.

Three of our young ladies completed their advanced sewing projects and attended Merrimack County Fashion Revue at Epsom Central School on May 5. Cassidy Boon modeled her dress and jacket and Rachael Howell modeled her skort and top. This was the second year on stage for both girls and they looked great. Heather Gray who has been in the clothing project for many years acted as mistress of ceremonies. Heather also modeled her gown. She won at the county level and will go on to compete in the state competition on June 3 at UNH. All three girls deserve congratulations for a job well done.

The club voted to end the year with a field trip to Steele Hill on June 10 for a swimming and pizza party. The profits from cookie sales will pay for the trip. Each year we try to do an activity that is fun. In the past we have been to Canobie Lake, on an Isle of Shoals cruise, mini golfing and Kellerhaus, and swimming at the Shalimar in Winnisquam.

In August we will be contacting members to send their projects to Hopkinton Fair. It is a good time to showcase the work we have done as well as earn a little money from fair premiums as a reward. Last year many of our families worked at the fair to run the 4-H buildings. Hopefully that experience made them inclined to want to return again this year. It takes over 300 volunteers to run the buildings and food concessions during the five days of the fair.

Happy Hill would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Legion for generously letting us use their hall for our monthly meetings. The hall is just the right size for our group and the central location is convenient for everyone. Thank You!!

Club business meetings will resume in October. The horse project members will continue to meet during the summer at the home of Dawn Boon. If you are interested in joining 4-H , look for us at Loudon Elementary School's open house in the fall. Michelle Drago has been screened as a new 4-H leader and will start a Cloverbuds club in the fall. Cloverbuds are 4-Hers 5-7 years old. More information on that will be available at the open house as well.

See you in the Fall!

Bears — cont. from page 10

- Secure all garbage in airtight containers inside a garage or adequate storage area, and put garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Avoid putting meat or other food scraps in your compost pile.
- Don't leave pet food dishes outside overnight.
- Clean and store outdoor grills after each use.
- Finally, never intentionally feed bears!

These steps will help to ensure that your backyard does not become attractive to bears and other wildlife, which is important for two reasons: it prevents property damage by bears and keeps bears from becoming nuisance animals.

By minimizing bear/human conflicts, we can coexist with these magnificent animals even as New Hampshire becomes more developed. There is some truth to the adage that "a fed bear is a dead bear." Once they get used to relying on human food sources in your backyard, some "nuisance" bears may need to be destroyed.

For more information on preventing conflicts with black bears, visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Some things_Bruin.htm.

If you have questions about bearrelated problems, you can get advice by calling a toll-free number coordinated jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department: 1-888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR).



REAL ESTATE TIPS:

How Long Your Mortgage Runs Determines How Much You Pay

By Jack Prendiville, Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

The first thing most of us think about when the time coes to take out a mortgage on a new home is the interest rate.

That's both perfectly natural and very sensible. The rate of interest we pay can make an immense difference — a difference amounting to tens of thousands of dollars — in what the actual cost of our house ultimately turns out to be.

Still, interest rates are far from he only thing worth thinking about where mortgages are concerned. Other important variables need to be considered too. One is the question of whether to take a fixed interest rate or choose from among the many kinds of variable-rate mortgages that have been created over the years to meet the differing needs of different buyers.

Another — and a very important one — is the basic question of how *long* you want your mortgage to run. Even with fixed-rate mortgages, a broad spectrum of time spans is commonly avaiable. In most cases the extremes are 15 years on the short side, 30 years on the long.

Some years ago, when a famous scientist was asked to name the most powerful force in the universe, he answered "the power of compound interest." This reply suggests hat he was knowledgeable not only about the laws of nature but the principles of finance — about what happens to even a modest sum of money when it continues to accumulate interest year after year after year.

Even at a modest rate of interest, money in a savings account can double within ten years or less. The amount actually paid for a house with a \$100,000 mortgage can turn out to be several hundred thousand dollars if the mortgage runs for 30 years

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Someone's who's willing to make near-term lifestyle sacrifices for the sake of long-term gains probably will prefer a shorter mortgage. If your motto is "eat, drink, and be merry," on the other hand, the idea of squeezing extra money out of your budget for the sake of a bigger house payment won't have much appeal.

If you're attracted by a shorter, faster mortgage and think you might be able to handle one, ask your real estate agent to show you just how much long-term savings such an approach can make possible. Chances are you'll be astonished by the size of the number.

Remember, though, that a 15-year or 20-year mortgage, by increasing your monthly obligations now and for years to come, can sharply reduce your flexibility.

One good approach is to take a 3-year mortgage but try to discipline yourself to make one extra monthly payment each year. If you can stick to such a regimen, ultimately it will yield the benefits of a 15-year mortgage. Meanwhile, you'll be less strapped if changing circumstances reduce your ability to make monthly payments.

What's really important is making yourself aware of how many different options you have and gathering detailed information about the ones that interest you most. A good real estate broker can be your key to all the information you could possibly need.







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Jack Prendiville, Sales Associate

Loudon Recreation Department News

By Kris Tripp

Go To Six Flags This Summer!

The Loudon Recreation Department is pleased to bring you tickets to Six Flags at a reduced cost! Tickets are available for Saturday, July 8th — save \$26 on each ticket! How do you get your ticket? Contact Amanda Masse no later than June 24th: 783-0227. For directions and additional information about Six Flags visit www.sixflags.com.

Swim Lesson Sign Up

The Loudon Recreation Department is offering Red Cross Swim Instruction provided by the Racquet Ball Club of Concord at Clough Pond. There will be two sessions, July 17th -July 28th and August 7—August 18th. Classes will be held M-F for a half hour each. All Loudon children ages 5 and up are eligible for lessons. Lessons will cost \$25 per session per child and the family rate is \$75 maximum. Please note parents/caregiver must be available during the lesson.

Did you miss the sign-ups in May? It's not too late — please contact Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193.

Major League Soccer Camp: July 31st through August 4th

Did you register your child yet for the MLS Soccer Camp? The Loudon Recreation Department has teamed up with L.Y.A.A. to bring your children an outstanding camp opportunity this summer! Brochures have been sent home through the school and we are looking forward to a fantastic program. There are 3 programs available: U-6 (Recreation): 9:00 to 10:30 OR 10:30 to 12:00 — \$70; U-8 & up (Recreation): 9:00 to 12:00 — \$125; U-10 & up (Competitive): 9:00 to 3:00 — \$175. All campers receive a ball, T-shirt, evaluation and a free companion ticket to an MLS game!

If you were not able to register in April and would like to attend one of the camps offered, please mail your check to: LYAA, P.O. Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307

(Make checks payable to LYAA) or register on line at: MLScamps.com. For additional information, please call the Becky Osgood at 798-3361 or MLS Camps at (800) 680-6272.

Community Fun Night Returns in July & August

The Loudon Recreation Department will once again sponsor Community Fun Night in July and August. We have some very exciting events planned!

- **№ July 5th** T-Bone
- July 14th The little Red Wagon
- July 19th The Nevers Band
- July 26th Reptiles on the Move
- August 2nd The Army Band
- ➤ August 9th Ice Cream Social and Family Fun!

All events are free! We hope to see you at our community events!

New Playground Equipment at Landry Field

The Recreation Committee has donated \$1500.00 to the L.Y.A.A. to help furnish the Landry Fields with some very much needed playground equipment.

Want to be in on the action? The Loudon Recreation Committee meets on the first Monday of every month at Charlie's Barn. Our June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5th at 7:00 and our July meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 3rd. (Please note July date may change). We hope to see you there!



is offering discounted tickets for Six Flags New England Saturday, July 8, 2006

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(which is a savings of \$26 pp)

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To purchase tickets, please fill out the order form below and mail it with payment to Amanda Masse, Recreation Committee Member at 82 Lesmerises Road Loudon, NH 03307 no later than June 24th. You will be contacted once tickets come in for ticket pick-up. For Additional information on Six Flags visit their website at www.sixflags.com or contact Amanda Masse at 783-0227

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Chairperson Named for 2006 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Event

 $T^{\rm he}$ American Cancer Society is pleased to announce Tina Smith, RN of Concord NH as the Chair Person for the 2006 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk scheduled for October 15.

Ms. Smith is the Maternal-Child Health Manager at Concord Regional Visiting Nursing Association. She has been a member of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Concord Committee for the past 2 years. She has also been a Team Captain and has walked for several years with her now 12 year old daughter, Shelby. For more information about the event visit www.cancer.org.

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The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

Don't forget In the Memorial Day Parade protocon Monday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m.

starting at the Recreational Field behind the Legion, traveling down Recreational Drive to the new Veteran's Memorial, stopping again at the bridge and then continuing north on North Village road to the north end of Church Street. The parade will end at the Mt. Hope and Moore Cemeteries at The Loudon Congregational Church. We would also like to thank the VFW Post 4405 for their help and participation. The Auxiliary will be offering coffee and donuts following the parade.

Prior to Memorial Day we tend to all of the cemeteries in Loudon that have Veteran's graves. This includes placing new flags and holders, if needed, and disposing of the old flags. We also make sure no graves are forgotten.

The American Legion has a black box right by the front door. If you have any old flags to be disposed of just place them in this box.

If we have missed any graves and you need flags or holders please call Jim Dyment at 435-8892 or Francis Tewksbury at 798-5842.

Don't forget American Legion BINGO every Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion on Village Road. In upcoming issues of *The Loudon Ledger*, look for information about the protocol on the American Flag, hospital equipment available for use and various other services offered though the American Legion.

Don't forget that Flag Day is June 14th the following is the history of Flag Day:

The History Of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as "Flag Birthday." In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as "Flag Birthday" or "Flag Day."

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the fol-

lowing year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J. Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as "Flag Day," and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With B.J. Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day—the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777—was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. ■



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The Girl Scout Troops Are Getting Together

By Michelle Drago

Junior Troop 361

Samantha French

Our troop has enjoyed a tour of a Loudon couple's antique toy and homemade dollhouse collection. We have also been to the pottery studio of clay artist Melissa Zych, where the girls had a demonstration of how to throw a pot on the wheel, how to glaze, and use the kiln. They also were able to make a pinch pot.

We earned a Science and Discovery badge with Junior troop 2641, Brownie Troop 2651, and Brownie Troop 300. We are wrapping up a great year at the end of May with some AWESOME plans for next year!!

Junior Troop 2641

Sue Kowalski & Annette Blake

hanks to the Junior Girl Scouts, Thanks to the Junior Chi. 2 third grade Brownies were able to earn their first Junior badge before they bridge up to Juniors in June. They attended a meeting with Junior Troops 2641 and 361 during which all the girls earned the Science Discovery badge. The Juniors were glad to be able to help the Brownies with this requirement for their Bridging Patch. The Juniors also helped out the Loudon PTA by sorting and pricing donated items for the PTA yard sale in May. They also went on a trip to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium where they attended a special program designed for Junior Girl Scouts and earned their Sky Search badge.

Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse & Michele Paquette

The girls of Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop #300 are rounding up our year with a bang! Thanks to the kitchen staff at Loudon Elementary, we made "water snoopers" for viewing life under water. We will be using those at our meeting on May 16th when we meet with wildlife experts from NH Fish & Game to explore life under water and in the woods right here in Loudon. That activity will complete our Water Everywhere Try-it. We talked about water conservation and made signs to practice these good habits at home.

The final Try-it of the year that we are working on is the Watching Wildlife Try-it. We began by getting dirty and watching earthworms. We discovered how they eat, how they move, what they need for survival and the parts of their bodies. Another requirement that the girls enjoyed was researching various animals and making a "grocery list" for the food that they eat. We all learned

quite a bit about what animals eat — some were surprising.

At our meeting on May 9th the girls met with Troop #45 and completed two of the requirements for the patch program, "Lost!... But Found, Safe and Sound" The girls enjoyed getting together with the other troop and look forward to our hike on Memorial Day after the parade. In addition to our wildlife hike, our troop will meet with the Daisies of Loudon Troop #955 who are bridging into Brownies. We will introduce them to what Brownie Girl Scouts are all about. We have some fun activities planned and look forward to meeting them!

At our meeting on May 23rd the girls enjoyed a special surprise of P&R Reptiles coming to show us and talk about various reptiles and their habitats and diets. Thanks to the Bertheim Family for allowing this special event to happen!

We will wrap up our year with a pizza and pool party at Steele Hill Resort the first weekend in June. We

plan on marching in the Old Home Day parade with the Girl Scouts of Loudon float and look forward to an exciting start to the next year in the fall. Please stop by at the Girl Scouts of Loudon's Bridging and Awards Ceremony to see what we are all about.

Bridging and Awards Ceremony

Michelle Drago

The third annual Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 12th at 6:30pm in the gym at Loudon Elementary. This promises to be an exciting event as we have the largest number of girls ever moving on to different levels this year. The entire Daisy troop will be bridging into Brownies, 27 Brownies will be bridging to Juniors, and Mrs. Kowalski's entire 5th grade Junior troop will be bridging

to Cadettes. On top of all those girls, several leaders will be bridging as well! Due to the extreme heat in recent years, a potluck supper was ruled out in favor of a dessert buffet.

During this "moving up" celebration, each girl who is leaving her current level in Girl Scouts will literally cross the bridge to the next level, where girls in that level welcome them. All girls receive recognitions at this time as well. Adult volunteers and community sponsors will also be recognized. This ceremony is a family event for all Girl Scouts, whether they are bridging or not.

Don't be fooled, though, the year is not over! You will still see us in the Old Home Day Parade — with a float no less — and at various times during the summer. The Girl Scout year officially ends on September 30. And who are we looking for in September? YOU! We are in need of a Daisy troop leader for kindergarten girls, a Brownie leader (grades 1–3), and a Fall Product Sale Delivery Manager. Call Michelle at 783-4685. ■

Lost!... But Found, Safe and Sound

By Amanda Masse and Michele Holbrook



The Girl Scouts of Loudon Brownie Troop #45 and Troop #300 participated in the Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council's new patch program "Lost! But Found, Safe and Sound" on May 9th. The girls watched a 12-minute video designed to show people what to do if they become lost in the woods and how to keep themselves safe until found. The girls participated in discus-

sions on what to do and not to do if they became lost. Following the discussion all of the girls each put together bandanna fanny pack which has the necessary items such as a whistle, a trash bag, a reminder card, and a small first aid kit. Each girl would also put a water bottle and small snack in their pack if going on a hike. The third and final requirement for this patch program is to

complete a hike in the woods. Both troops will meet after the Memorial Day parade and take a hike up Oak Hill.

All of the girls enjoyed meeting together and learned important safety and survival skills.

Amanda Masse and Michele Holbrook hope to bring this program to all the kids in Loudon at some point in the future. ■

Four Happy Campers!

Michele Holbrook, Heather Herter, Michele Paquette and Amanda Masse roughed it on the first weekend in May and became Basic Outdoor Living Skills certified. We braved the rain, cold, black flies, ticks and snakes and completed the Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council's Basic Outdoor Living Skills Training. Our training began with a two hour pre-planning session during the week where the logistics of the weekend including packing, meals, gear and safety skills were discussed. On Saturday, we loaded up and left the comforts of Loudon heading to Camp Kettleford in Bedford. We arrived with the threat of rain and began setting up camp. Tarps 101 was the first lesson of the day and we managed to tarp off quite a large portion of the campsite. After all the tarps, shelters and tents were setup we got down to the nitty gritty. Over the next 18 hours we increased our knowledge in a variety of areas including, weather, water purification, environmentally friendly "leave no trace" camping, wildlife, fire building, knives and tools, knots, compass and orienteering, and outdoor cooking. A variety of foods were made during our trip including apple pie, biscuits, brownies and steak tips using the various outdoor cooking methods we learned about! We learned a ton of games and enjoyed laughing, skits, and singing around the campfire with other Girl Scout leaders while enjoying our ceremonial s'mores. The event was a great opportunity to network with other leaders from the Council. It is certainly exciting to hear of other troops or service units' ideas and activities. The four of us left the event Happy Campers and can't wait to share our increased knowledge with the Girl Scouts of Loudon.

We will be planning a camping and outdoor skills day for all the Girl Scouts of Loudon in the fall of this year. Skill "centers" for things such as knot tying, compass, fire building, knives and tools, planning, tents/tarps, outdoor cooking, etc will be set up and taught to the girls. We will continue to work on these skills throughout the year in our troops and have a townwide camping event in June of 2007. If you are knowledgeable in any of these areas and are interested in volunteering at the training event this fall, please call Michele Holbrook at 798-3669 or emai mdholbrook@tds.net.



The Girl Scouts of Loudon Service Unit will be looking for used camping equipment (in good condition). We will be looking for items such as camp stoves, tents, tarps, pots, pans or other camping supplies. We are hoping to gather equipment for any troop to utilize on their camping events. If you have items that you no longer use and would like to donate, please call Michelle Drago Loudon Service Unit Manager at 783-4685. ■

News From the Old Home Day Committee

May 2nd, 2006

Dearest Loudon Residents:

It is with great honor Susan and I, would like to announce that we have been appointed the position as the new coordinators of the Loudon Old Home Day Parade. Though Jean Lee will be greatly missed and her work will not soon be forgotten, we will strive to do as best we can to continue the success the parade has come to be with her devoted efforts. We welcome any and all suggestions and participation in this event and hope to meet everyone's expectations. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity to work with all of you! If you would like to reach either of us, our contact information is listed below and can be reached whenever needed. Thank you again for the warm welcome!

Just a reminder, LOHD theme this year is "Loudon Goes Hollywood." Parade line up will be at 9:00 a.m. and the start of the parade will be at 10:00 a.m. We ask that all participant entries be submitted on or before August 5th. If you did not receive an entry form, please, contact one of us and we would be happy to get one to you as soon as possible!

Thank You Again,

Susan Gelínas H (603) 783-9272 C (603) 235-6189 llabv23@aol.com

Alicen Twardosky H (603) 783-9046 C (603) 204-7933 alicenntim@comcast.net



Dust off your favorite cookbooks and dig out your favorite recipes and get baking for Loudon Old Home Day's Baking Contest!!!

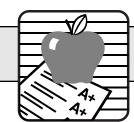
Saturday, August 12th, 2006
Drop off under the blue tarp by 8:00 a.m. Judging begins promptly at 9:00.

CATAGORIES:

Cakes Pies Baked Beans Children's Themed Cakes

All entries are required to be on a disposable plate/pan and have a copy of the recipe attached.

Any questions please call Samantha French 783-4601



Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon **Elementary** School

Kindergarten Registration

Did you miss the Kindergarten Registration at Loudon Elementary? It's not too late! Children must be age 5 on or before September 30th. For additional information please call Mrs. Muzzey at 783-4400.

Groundbreaking Ceremony at LES

On Monday, May 8th at 6:45 PM, Loudon children and Merrimack Valley school officials lined up with shovels in the back of Loudon Elementary School. The elementary school expansion is scheduled to be complete by September of 2007.

Important Dates

June 1 — 5th Grade parents info night at MVMS

June 14 — LES field day
June 16 — Awards day and Last day of school

August 30 — First day of school

To have your Loudon school event listed in future editions of the Loudon Ledger, please contact the Loudon Communications Council at the following email address: Debbie@debbiekgraphics.com or call Kris Tripp at: 783-0448. We look forward to hearing about your event or activity!

MVHS News **Construction Update**

The School district has hired Hutter Construction for the upcoming work at the high school, middle school and Loudon Elementary School. Each newsletter will contain an update on the project as it unfolds. At the HS/MS campus, work will begin during April vacation. Parents and students will note some traffic disruptions after returning from break. Most notable will be the closure of the road around the MS and the loss of parking along the locker room wall of the HS. The immediate projects are the science addition in the back lawn area near the boy's locker room, the foundation work outside of the current cafeteria for the new library, cafeteria, art suite and computer labs. Also, the boy's and girl's locker rooms will be closed for demolition and renovation. We hope to have the locker rooms available for use by our fall sports teams and the science wing available for 2nd semester classes (please understand these are estimated timelines only).

After School Academic Support Center

The school has a new program available to ALL students called the After-School Academic Support Center (ASC). Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45-4:00, our Library turns into a tutoring center. There are 2 teachers (one Eng./S.S. and one Math/Sci.) who are there to help students with their studies. While we believe that the best source of help is the regular classroom teacher, we know that sometimes schedules do not match up. The ASC can help fill the gap and is yet another way to ensure that all students meet academic success.



News about the MVHS News

As promised in our last newsletter, we are providing two forms of the newsletter, the familiar text-only version, which you are viewing, and a more graphic edition. Also, beginning with the Feb. 2006 issue, we began archiving past issues of the newsletter just in case there is information you'd like to revisit.

Community Author

Jesy Howe, who is a home-schooled freshmore, had her poem "why did you go?" published in a work of poetry titled Twilight Musings (2005, International Library of Poetry). Besides writing poetry, Jesy enjoys drawing, baseball, surfing and chatting Online, soccer and reading. We are proud of you Jesy. Keep writing!

Guidance News

- The following students have been accepted to the St. Paul's Summer School Program: Monica Matthews, Lindsay McCoo, Sean Peick, Rachael Pender, Christine Raby, and Danielle Cate. Danielle Cate has also been accepted to the Phillips Exeter Summer Program.
- Scholarships are still coming in—don't miss out on an opportunity to add to your college savings fund. All scholarships have deadlines, so be sure to stop by Guidance on a regular basis and see what's new. Don't wait until the last minute to begin a scholarship appli-

cation — you many need to request a transcript or need a recommendation and you can't get those without asking ahead of time. Parents are reminded that you can view scholarships currently available at the Guidance Webpage on the MVHS Website.

- Seniors are reminded, once again, to let the Guidance Department (Mrs. Black) know when they receive a college acceptance. Students who have made their final college choice can also let Mrs. Black know
- The NH Police Cadet Training Academy and the NH Chiefs of Police along with the Exploring Division of the Daniel Webster Council have held a training academy for the past thirty-three years. Young men and women, ages 15-20, are eligible to attend the academy. This year the academy will take place at Hesser College in Manchester from June 24th to June 30th. Three classes are held during the same week – Basic Class for the first time cadet (limited to 100 applicants), Advanced Academy for cadets returning for the second year (36 applicants accepted), and the Leadership Academy for third year cadets who are seriously interested in a law enforcement career (20 applicants accepted). The training is demanding, topics are fascinating, and the discipline is motivating. For any student who feels law enforcement is in their future, this is an excellent way to experience what is involved. Training for all classes is conducted by the most prestigious people in their fields. If your child is interested in this wonderful opportunity, log on to www.nhchiefsofpolice.com/Cadet_academy.htm.

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

Did you know that more teens start using substances between the spring and summer months than any other time during the year?

With spring break and summer just around the corner your teen may be making plans for this "down time." Although we all need a break from our responsibilities it is important to know what your young person is doing. Unsupervised time, money to spend, and peer pressure to kick back can sometimes lead to high risk behaviors such as substance abuse. Here are some tips from the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign www.theantidrug.com to help your son/daugh-

- **1. Set Rules** Be specific about your expectations around alcohol and drug use. Be sure to mention the consequences of substance use such as legal problems, accidents, overdose, loss of parental trust, sexual assault, sexually transmitted diseases, and damage done to relationships
- 2. Prepare Your Teen Help teens to problemsolve how to protect themselves. Walk them through various situations that might come up. Be willing to serve as the "bad guy" to help your teen avoid dangerous situations but save face at the same time.
- 3. Monitor them Know your teen's plans and where he/she will be staying when not at home. Require that your teen check in regularly and inform you if their plans change. Team up with other parents to confirm plans and agree on ground rules for your

Kim Haley, Student Assistance Program

National Visual Arts Winner

Congratulations to Stephen Oakley (grade 10, age 16) who was one of two grand prize winners in the National History Channel "Decoding da Vinci" Education Contest sponsored by A&E television networks. He illustrated da Vinci's life in a timeline submitted in an outstanding drawing.

Entries were judged on the following criteria: 1) Historical accuracy of Timeline as reflected by its incorporation of facts about da Vinci's life and the broader historical context in which his life can be viewed (25%)

- 2) Creativity of Timeline's concept and design
- 3) Representation of diverse aspects of da Vinci's talents and accomplishments (25%)
 - 4) Originality and quality of presentation (25%)

Stephen will receive a 3 day/2 night trip for two to Washington DC. Trip includes round trip air transportation, hotel accommodations, special guided tour of Renaissance Art at the National Gallery of Art where he and his dad will have the opportunity to view the da Vinci masterpiece Ginevra de' Benci, ground transportation and a \$250 American Express Gift Card (total value of \$2,250.00).

MV Sports

For anyone who is planning events. Below you will find the Home-Coming Athletic Schedule for fall 2006 (September 15th and 16th).

Boys JV Soccer 9/15 4:00 vs Monadnock Girls JV Soccer 9/15 4:00 vs Monadnock Football 9/15 7:00 vs Milford Boys Varsity Soccer 9/16 10:00 vs Monadnock Girls Varsity Soccer 9/16 11:30 vs Monadnock Varsity Field Hockey 9/16 1:30 vs Monadnock JV Field Hockey 9/16 3:00 vs Monadnock

Cross Country will run at the Coe Brown Invite at 10:00 on 9/16

from Kevin O'Brien

Activities and Notices

Senior Project Showcase: The Senior Project Showcase took place on Wednesday, March 29th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. In order to graduate from MVHS, all students must complete a senior project composed of a research paper, a product, a portfolio and a presentation. These projects ensure that all students can effectively read, write, problem-solve and communicate. Many members of the school community attended this event. The classrooms and hallways were filled with many excellent projects, and our students proudly showed off their work.

Thanks to the Concord Monitor which ran a nice piece in their Monday April 3, 2006 issue but also placed a slide show Online featuring a number of great student projects as well as narration and comments. Thanks to Dan Habib for his efforts. www. conmon.com/slideshow/teenlife_motivate/index.html



Announcing the 3rd **Annual Angel 5K Run** and Fitness Walk

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Angel 5k Run and Fitness Walk being held on Wednesday, June 7th, at 6pm at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook NH. Registration will be at the concession stand in front of the football field at MV from 5-5:45 PM the day of the event.

What better way to gear up for the summer season! Put on your running or walking shoes and join us for the fun. Complete with giveaways and raffles (including Red Sox tickets!) this years Angels Run will be

Thank you to our generous sponsors and all who participated in the last two years, we were able to give out four \$1,000 scholarships to MV seniors each year, which we hope to repeat this year. Scholarships will be awarded on June 8th - Senior Night.

Special thanks to MV senior Kevin Clark who is organizing this year's event as his senior project.

If interested in becoming a sponsor, volunteer or for further information, please contact any of the fol-

Sara Wagner – 798-4476, Kevin Clark – 798-4229, Linda Proctor −753-4311 ■

Individualized Wound Care Helps Pair Look Toward The Future

ONCORD, N.H. — Having specialized wound care services close to home has made a difference for many, including two patients who sing the praises of Concord Hospital's Wound Healing Center.

Sandra Anderson, 67, of Hooksett and John Slawski, 50, of Penacook have both benefited from the Center's comprehensive program and are taking steps to regain their normal quality of life.

Anderson has ulcers on both of her legs that began as small lesions from an adverse reaction to rheumatoid arthritis medication in 2001. The ulcers prevented her from walking or driving an automobile. She traveled to a number of New England medical centers for consultations and treatments, but none seemed to work. Eventually, she landed at Concord Hospital's Wound Healing Center.

"Prior to my meeting with Dr. Snow and Dr. Wayne Stadelmann (Stadelmann Plastic Surgery, PC), I was so down and depressed," Anderson said. "I really thought I was going to lose my legs until I met these two doctors. It has been four years since that first consultation and I thank God for the Wound Healing Center, Dr. Snow and Dr. Stadelmann.'

Anderson has had one skin graft procedure completed thus far, along with treatments administered by Snow and the Center's staff. As a result, Anderson has a much brighter outlook on her life.

'Dr. Snow and Dr. Stadelmann have worked together trying to take care of these ulcers," she said. "They worked together to develop a plan that would help me. I am so fortunate that Dr. Stadelmann is at Concord Hospital. He was the answer to my dreams."

Slawski spends the majority of his work day on his feet in his position as a Concord Hospital surgical technologist. He began using services at the Center soon after he discovered an ulceration on his right foot in July 2005.

"I happened to be on-call one particular day which can sometimes mean you could be on your feet for 24hours," he said. "I worked all night and stayed the next day to help out with some of the more extensive cases. By the time I got back home and took my sock off, what once was an abrasion was now an ulceration. Being a long-time diabetic, I spoke with my primary care physician and they referred me to the Wound Healing Center.'

Slawski's wound care has included hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) therapy, which are treatments that help increase the amount of oxygen delivered to body tissues by blood, and debridements which is the surgical removal of damaged or infected tissue in order to expose healthy tissue. He was forced to decrease the number of hours he could work and also wears special footwear to help speed the healing process.

"The Wound Healing Center's staff are extremely caring, very skilled and explained every procedure before it took place — you couldn't be in better hands," Slawski said.

The Wound Healing Center's staff, led by full-time Medical Director Dr. Joseph Snow, are experts at treating chronic or complex wounds that have resisted healing after months of traditional medical care, including diabetic foot ulcers, arterial ulcers, pressure ulcers and for follow-up of burn injuries. Acute nonhealing wounds are also evaluated and treated. The Center's comprehensive program also focuses on early intervention and educating patients on preventing future wounds.

The Wound Healing Center, located on the first floor of Concord Hospital in Suite 1350, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Self-referrals are accepted as well as those from physicians or caregivers. To schedule an appointment, please call (603) 230-1970. Referrals can be faxed to (603) 230-1971.

Next Deadline: June 16 for the July Issue

More Flood Photos





Left: Looking down the Soucook River from Staniels Road Bridge. Right: An upriver view.





Above left: water rushing under the bridge in the Village; right: a closer view of water pouring over the dam in the Village. Below left: the downriver side of the Bridge in the Village; right: looking downriver from the bridge in the Village





Making New Memories for the Old Man of the Mountain

GFWC-NH develops cookbook; helps students raise money and write about the Old Man

oncord, N.H. — For two years, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-New Hampshire (GFWC-NH) put all of their efforts into making certain the memory of the Old Man of the Mountain stays alive throughout New Hampshire. Though their activities as part of a two-year focus project will wrap up on June 1, 2006, the GFWC-NH is still hard at work on several key items in their campaign including a cookbook, a creative writing contest and a canister drive.

The Old Man of the Mountain cookbook, called Once Upon a Time, is a collection of 220 recipes from those who had a connection with or a passion for the Old Man. Eight pages of inserts include full color pictures, poetry and history surrounding the Old Man, and there are recollections and quotes throughout the book. The cookbook sells for \$22 and will be sold at www.gfwcnh.org.

For the second year, the GFWC-NH sponsored and organized a creative writing contest for fourth graders. This year, 222 students participated from 13 schools across the state in the prestigious contest. The goal of the contest is to help students remember the natural beauty, strength of character and independence the Old Man stood for. The winner of the contest will be announced and have the chance to read his or her writing at the Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund Profile Awards ceremony on May 3 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord.

Judges for the contest included authors John Mudge, Marie Harris and Ellen McCormick, Ex-Governor John Sununu, WMUR-TV general manager Jeff Bartlett and Sherry Wood, the night editor of NH Union-Leader, as well as Sally Douglas representing the NH Department of Education and Amy Mitchell with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. The winner of the contest receives a Cross pen and John Mudge's book, The Old Man Reader. The winner's school library also receives the book with a copy of the winner's essay inside.

The GFWC-NH also coordinated a canister drive with fourth grade classes from across the state. Among those participating in the fundraising event are Deborah Detore and Brenda Olsen's classes at Primary Charlestown, Ellen Busel's Estabrook Elementary class in West Lebanon, and Carol Mortenson's class at Sandown Central School. The money will be combined with GFWC-NH monies to be donated to the Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund to help create a memorial sculpture and pathway project where the Old Man once cast his shadow.

"As we near the end of our two-year President's Project to support efforts to create a living legacy for the Old Man of the Mountain, we are thrilled to have written another chapter in our support of the Old Man," says Gail LeShane, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs-New Hampshire. "Our commitment to the Old Man began nearly 80 years ago when we raised \$100,000 by selling paper trees for a dollar apiece and continued with fundraising for the Old Man of the Mountain Museum. Though the project is nearly over, we will continue to do what we can to help the spirit of the Old Man live on in our hearts forever. We believe 'behind every Old Man is a good Women's Club."

"We are grateful to the General Federation of Women's Clubs-New Hampshire for their dedication and support of our efforts to the Old Man," says Maura Weston, president of the board of directors for the Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund. "They have done so much to help raise awareness that we are unwilling to let go of our most famous, inspirational symbol." ■

NH'S Trout And Fly-Fishing-Only Ponds Opened April 22

ICORD, N.H. — Fishing in New Hampshire's designated trout ponds and fly-fishing-only ponds opened this year on Saturday, April 22 (the fourth Saturday in April), offering anglers the chance to experience exciting fishing in some of the Granite State's most scenic surroundings. These ponds are managed specifically for trout, and fishing is allowed from opening day through October 15.

These trout ponds are often the best waters in a given area for a variety of reasons. Excellent habitat, low species competition and the fact that these ponds are closed to ice-fishing allows these waters to be managed for the trout fishing enthusiast," said Don Miller, a Fisheries Biologist for N.H. Fish and Game.

While trout ponds are found throughout New Hampshire, many of the most popular are found in the White Mountain, Monadnock and North Country regions. Ponds managed for trout may be stocked with a variety of different-aged fish. Fish and Game stocks 53 remote trout ponds with fingerling brook trout via helicopter each spring, offering anglers a wilderness experience. Chapin Pond in Newport, Cole Pond in Enfield and Coon Brook Bog in Pittsburg, all fly-fishing-only waters, are just a sampling of these delightful ponds, where fingerling brook trout often grow to 8-10 inches by their second fall in the pond, and it's not unusual to pull in brookies 15 inches or more. Trophy fish in these areas are brook trout that live to three or more years old.

Clough Pond in Loudon, Dublin Lake in Dublin, Saltmarsh Pond in Gilford and Lucas Pond in Northwood are a few good early season hotspots for trout anglers. Ponds further north, like Long Pond in Benton, Echo Lake in Franconia and the Hall Ponds in Sandwich generally "heat up" a week to ten days later because of elevation and harsher climate conditions.

Trout are prized by anglers because they are challenging and elusive to catch and are one of the 'rites of spring,'" Miller said. "Whether your passion is a multicolored brook trout, a leaping rainbow or the determined fight of a brown, there is a New Hampshire trout pond for you.'

For a list of trout ponds and fly-fishing-only ponds in New Hampshire, as well as a description of special rules that apply to certain ponds, consult the 2006 New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest, available online at http://www. wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm or from any Fish and Game license agent.

Annual fishing licenses cost \$35 for New Hampshire residents (age 16 and older) and \$53 for nonresidents. For the first time ever, this year New Hampshire residents can buy a one-day fishing license for just \$10. 1-, 3- and 7-day licenses are also available for nonresidents. Buy your fishing license online anytime at http://www.nhfishandgame.com or pick one up from local Fish and Game license agents statewide (also a good source of information on local hotspots). Kids age 15 and under don't need a license to fish in New Hampshire, so be sure to bring them along for the fun.

Each year, more than 267,000 anglers fish in New Hampshire — taking advantage of 263 lakes and ponds and 1,473 miles of rivers and streams stocked by Fish and Game. This year, get out and catch a memory in New Hampshire. For more information, visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us.

> **Next Deadline:** Friday, June 16, 2006



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"Follow the Leader, Safety Starts With You."

SAFE KIDS New Hampshire, Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD), and the New Hampshire International Speedway invite you to our second annual one-of-a-kind bike ride around the track in Loudon. Imagine...you will get to pedal your bike on the same track that NASCAR drivers race around! All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver and all participants (kids and adults) must wear a bike helmet. Bike safety checks and educational materials will be made available by The Granite State Bicycling Alliance. Healthy snacks available.

Date: Wednesday, June 7th **Registration:** Begins at 5:00 pm 5:30–7:30 pm

Location: NH International Speedway, Loudon, NH

There is no cost for this event although donations to CHaD will be gratefully accepted. For more information and to let us know you are coming contact SAFE KIDS NH at 1-877-783-0432 or e-mail at <a href="https://example.com/level-nc-mail



ATTENTION:

MVHS Grads Class of 1971 35th Class Reunion Saturday, July 15, 2006

If you are a member of the Class of 1971 and have not responded to (or received) your invitation to our 35th Class Reunion, please contact Debbie Kardaseski at 783-9812.

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Loudon Police Officer Rescues Fawn

It's not often we read of res-**⊥**cue missions by the Police Department. However, Jason Fiske, Loudon's newest officer, recently took part in a very important rescue. On Sunday, May 21, he helped save the life of a young fawn who had become exhausted and was lying beside Staniels Road. He was hesitant to touch the young animal as their mothers frequently won't have anything further to do with them once they smell of humans. It was obvious this fawn was in trouble, so Jason made the decision to pick it up and give it comfort while checking with Ed and Julie Robinson for suggestions as to what to do next. Both Ed and Julie are Fish and Game biologists and they



knew of a woman in Ossipee, Cathy Gregg, who specializes in caring for abandoned deer. Jason dropped the fawn off at their home and it's now in the capable hands of Cathy Gregg. Many thanks to Elsie Stevens for sharing these wonderful photos. And thanks, too, to Jason Fiske for saving the fawn's life.





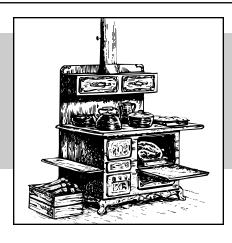
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What's Cookin'! Recipes from Loudon kitchens...

This month: Graduation Party and Cookout Recipes

Following are some delicious summer gathering recipes. Why not add one of these

recipes to your standby summer menu this year? Be adventurous. You might find something your family truly enjoys.

We are pleased to introduce our new Recipe Coordinator! Jennifer Pfeifer has agreed to take on this project. She can be reached at jtpfeifer@comcast.net or 783-8986.

NEXT MONTH: In July we will celebrate our favorite July Fourth Bash Recipes! Dig yours out and send them along. Jennifer has agreed to research any food questions you may have, too. She's also interested in your food stories as well as recipes. Jennifer loves to cook, create, and eat! She can't wait to hear from you and share your ideas!

LIGHT LEMON-DIJON CHICKEN SALAD

Lemon-Dijon Dressing (See Below)

- 4 cups shredded romaine
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup sliced drained sun-dried tomatoes in oil
- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- 2 medium green onions, sliced (2 tablespoons)
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, if desired

Make Lemon-Dijon Dressing. Arrange romaine, chicken, tomatoes, and egg on individual serving plates. Spoon dressing over top. Sprinkle with onions and cheese.

Lemon-Dijon Dressing

- 1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped

Beat all ingredients with wire whisk.

MANDARIN CHICKEN SALAD

Who needs a restaurant when you can have a great homemade Asian-inspired salad on the table in 30 minutes? Try chopsticks tonight.

- 1/2 cup Original Bisquick® mix
- 2 tablespoons sesame seed
- teaspoon ground gingertablespoons teriyaki sauce
- tablespoon vegetable oil
- lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- bag (10 oz) European-style or romaine salad mix
- can (11 oz) mandarin orange segments, drained
- cup fresh snow (Chinese) pea pods, cut in half if necessary
- 1/2 cup Asian-style dressing

Heat oven to 425°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. Place Bisquick mix, sesame seed and ginger in 1-gallon resealable plastic food-storage bag; mix well. In small bowl, mix teriyaki sauce and oil. Coat chicken pieces with oil mixture.

Shake about 6 chicken pieces at a time in bag of Bisquick mixture until coated. Shake off any extra mixture. Place chicken pieces in single layer on cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Cool 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, mix salad mix, orange segments and pea pods. Top with warm chicken pieces and drizzle with dressing; toss to coat.

CREAMY COLESLAW (LIGHTER RECIPE)

Reduced-fat sour cream and fat-free mayo make this low-cal salad recipe a keeper!

- 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 medium head cabbage, finely shredded or chopped (4 cups)
- 1 small carrot, shredded (1/2 cup)
- small onion, chopped (1/4 cup)

Mix all ingredients except cabbage, carrot and onion in large glass or plastic bowl. Add remaining ingredients; toss until evenly coated. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour to blend flavors. Cover and refrigerate any remaining salad.

SEVEN-LAYER SALAD

It's a do-ahead, take-along, crunchy-munchy crowd pleaser. Enjoy!

- bag (10 ounces) ready-to-eat mixed salad greens (6 cups)
- 8 medium radishes, thinly sliced
- 5 medium green onions, thinly sliced (5 tablespoons)
- 2 medium celery stalks, thinly sliced (1 cup)
- slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen green peas, thawed
- 1-1/2 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese or grated Parmesan cheese (2 ounces)

Place salad greens in large salad bowl. Layer radishes, onions, celery, bacon and peas on salad greens. Spread mayonnaise over peas, covering top completely and sealing to edge of bowl. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours to blend flavors but no longer than 12 hours. Just before serving, toss if desired. Store covered in refrigerator.

40-MINUTE POTATO SALAD (Pressure Cooker Recipe)

- 3 lbs. potatoe
- 1 small onion, chopped
- l cup water
- 1/2 cup chopped pepper
- 2 Tbs. vinegar
- l tsp. salt
- 1 Tb. parsley
- 1 tsp. dillseed
- 3/4 cup mayonaise

Cook potatoes in water in a pressure cooker. Cool at once under cold water. While potatoes are cooking, assemble and prepare the rest of the ingredients. Add to warm diced potatoes in order given, mixing carefully with a spatula. Chill until time to eat.

LEMON SPICE BARS

- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1-1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 Tb. lemon juice
- eggs, beaten
- cup quick oatmeal
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- /4 tsp. nutmeg

Cream the shortening, sugar, and vanilla until light. Add eggs and lemon juice. Beat well. Sift the dry ingredients and add. Stir in oatmeal and 1/2 cup of nuts, if desired. Spread in a greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. While warm, glaze with:

- 1-1/2 cups confectioners sugar
- 1 Tb. lemon juice

Milk to make the consistency of glaze



Loudon Youth Athletic Association

By Kris Tripp

Opening Day!

A note from our Baseball Commissioner, David Meeken

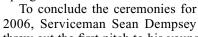
Opening day took place on a perfect blue sky spring morning. All teams were announced and trotted onto the field. The fields were prepared for opening day the night before. Wayne Jackson and Mike Dempsey were there to make sure the fields were ready for Saturday morning. After all teams and coaches were announced Mike O'brien made the announcements for L.Y.A.A., thanking the town for all their help, the entire Landry family and the builders responsible for the new dugouts at the minors field. Mike also noted that all our ball fields are smoke free area's.

After that baseball commissioner Dave Meeken took time to thank the entire baseball board: V.P. Bob Landry, Safety Officer Dennis Proulx, Player Agent Terri Barton, V.P. Softball Hawk Halterman. John Segien was also acknowledged for his work for both L.Y.A.A. and baseball. All those who helped in any way this season were thanked. The importance of volunteers to help keep the concession stand operating as much as possible was expressed as well as Terri Barton's efforts towards the same end. The implementation of a safety plan (provided by Dennis Proulx) was announced. The safety plan is an effort to provide a safer environment for our

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children, and all who attend games, to enjoy the game of baseball.

Pastor Jeff Owen of the Faith Community Bible Church on Currier Road gave a heartfelt invocation and the ceremony was turned over to Mike Dempsey and his son Sean (who was home on leave from Iraq). Mike and Sean sang a stirring Star Spangled Banner.



threw out the first pitch to his younger brother Conner Dempsey — And with that the announcement to "PLAY BALL!"

If you want to see baseball played at a higher level you may want to come down to a Loudon Babe Ruth game at the rec. field. Game schedule will be posted on the Loudon website or contact Dave Meeken 798-5266.

The baseball schedule is now available on the Loudon website! Visit www.loudonnh.org.

Spring Soccer Starts The Weekend of June 3rd

 $T^{\text{he L.Y.A.A. spring soccer flyers have been sent home through the school and kids will start gathering on the weekend of June 3rd! Due to field availability, all games will be held at the Chichester field.}$

Volunteers and donations needed! We are looking for donations to provide jerseys for our Loudon teams as there is no sign up fee this year. We are also looking for any parents to assit in coaching. This program continues to be successful because of our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to seeing some new faces this year!

For additional information about the spring soccer program, contact Soccer Commissioner Al Rattee: 783-4481 or e-mail: <u>ANBFIREPRO@comcast.net</u>.



Major League Soccer Camp – July 31st–August 4th

The Loudon Recreation Department has teamed up with L.Y.A.A. to bring your children an outstanding camp opportunity this summer! Brochures have been sent home through the school and we are looking forward to a fantastic program. There are 3 programs available:

- **U-6 (Recreation):** 9:00 to 10:30 OR 10:30 to 12:00 \$70
- U-8 & up (Recreation): 9:00 to 12:00 \$125
- U-10 & up (Competitive): 9:00 to 3:00 \$175

All campers receive a ball, T-shirt, evaluation and a free companion ticket to an MLS game!

If you were not able to register in April and would like to attend one of the camps offered, please mail your check to: LYAA, P.O. Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307 (Make checks payable to LYAA) or register on line at: MLScamps.com. For additional information, please call the Recreation Committee at 798-3361 or MLS Camps at (800) 680-6272.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Maxfield Public Library. Our June meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00. We hope to see you there! ■

A Special Thank You To

Joe Bohi

and Pete Darget

for doing such a superb job of diverting water from
our basement on Bear Hill Road.

If it weren't for these two brilliant men, we would have had quite a mess in our basement. But last Fall, they decided to re-route our groundwater through perforated pipe, under the driveway, and away from the house.

It has resulted in a dry basement through this awful flood of 2006.

Thank you again,

Joe Bohi and Pete Darget!

We also want to thank our builders: Don Russell and Don Russell, Jr. for a tight and dry home.

George and Lorraine Duprez
Three Bear Hill Road

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, Planning Board Vicechairman Tom Dow, and Planning Board member Bob Ordway.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 4, 2006 as printed. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

Mr. Fiske stated he has a Hawker's and Peddler's Application for Northeast Ice Cream for an Ice Cream truck to operate from April through to September between 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. He said the insurance and paperwork is in order. The Board had no issues with this application.

Mr. Fiske stated he has a Hawker's and Peddler's Application for T-Mobile COW Tower at Sunny Side Maples. He said everything is in order with the exception of a copy of the FCC permit. Mr. Fiske will hold the application until he received the copy of the permit. The Board had no issues with this application.

Ray Cummings was recognized from the audience. He stated he had concerns with regard to the last Zoning Board meeting relative to the Volunteers of America application. He discussed Zoning Ordinance 701 that says no Selectman can sit on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Cummings asked that the ZBA go back and revote on the application heard at last month's meeting so there are no problems with the approvals. Chairman Bowles said he felt the ZBA should readdress the issue. ZBA Chairman David Powelson stated he thought there was a clear understanding that Steve Ives could remain on the ZBA. Chairman Bowles said a Selectman could be Ex-officio on any Board except the ZBA. He stated the ZBA is the last Board of Appeals and no Selectman can sit on that Board. Roy Merrill stated he questioned that at the Zoning meeting but nothing was done about it. Discussion ensued regarding the RSA relative to this issue. Bob Ordway and Roy Merrill discussed the Volunteers of America application request for a variance. Chairman Bowles stated he felt the ZBA should look into getting this issue in order and take whatever actions are deemed necessary to correct any issues with last month's meeting. Selectman Ives stated he was under the impression that it was legal for him to be on the Board for that last meeting. He went on to say he did give his resignation at the end of the meeting and there was nothing underhanded, it was a misunderstanding.

Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob

Mr. Fiske discussed the issues regarding the one-way on School Street during designated hours. He stated there has been some confusion regarding this situation and asked that School Street be deemed on-way until the end of School activities, which might last until August 1, 2006. Discussion ensued regarding signage for this location. Selectman Ives moved to make School Street from

North Village Road to Oak Hill Road a oneway street heading in the South Easterly direction beginning Monday, April 17, 2006 and ending Tuesday, August 1, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend the motion to say School Street from Oak Hill Road to North Village Road. Amendment seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. This will be posted in the newspaper and posted around Town.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Fiske to check the power lines at the intersection of Oak Hill Road and North Village Road at the substation. He stated the lines appear to be low. Mr. Fiske stated the power company has been working diligently on that area and he will check to be sure that it is not a safety issue.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice discussed the purchased of a pickup truck for \$3,500.00. Discussion ensued regarding having the money in the budget as well as the status of the vehicle itself. Mr. Rice stated there has never been a line item in the budget for the Highway Department for pickup truck purchase. Discussion ensued regarding putting in a line item in next year's budget for pickup truck repairs for the Highway Department. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize Road Agent David Rice to purchase a used 1997 Ford F-150 2-wheel drive pickup truck for \$3,500.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles asked about the purchase of the big truck for the Highway Department. Mr. Rice stated he had made some phone calls regarding the truck as well as the trailer.

Discussion ensued regarding the current grading of roads, cleaning of bridges, and status of the new Highway Department employee.

Selectman Ives asked about the street sweeping that is planned for the end of April. He asked if the Highway Crew would be out addressing some of the areas with heavy areas of sand before the street sweeper arrives.

The Board met with Dwight Broadstone regarding a current use issue on his property.

Mr. Broadstone discussed the land use change tax that was assessed due to a property transfer, which did not include the names of both parties on the parcels in question. Chairman Bowles stated he had spoken with Assessor David Wiley regarding this issue and because Mr. Broadstone transferred one of the properties into his and his wife's name, it caused his other property to no longer qualify for current use due to no longer being contiguous. Mr. Broadstone went on to say that, he has filed a new deed to include both names on all the property involved. Chairman Bowles stated the Assessor advised him that if Mr. Broadstone were to place both parcels in question in both his and his wife's names the penalty could be abated. Discussion ensued regarding current use assessing.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a complaint letter regarding the one-way issue on School Street.

The Board received a memo from Engineer Tony Puntin of the Louis Berger Group, regarding the drainage issues on Berry Road and a proposal of services and costs. The plan will include the area from Range Road to the Town line. Selectman Maxfield stated there is a law that says the landowners are responsible for work or costs for repairing their own properties water control issues. Chairman Bowles stated the plan would show if some of the homeowners needed to address their runoff. If they do, then it would be included in his engineering plan. Discussion ensued regarding the current issues on Berry Road. Roy Merrill discussed the need to put in a drainage ditch. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the payment up to \$2,000.00 to the Louis Berger Group for an engineering plan in conjunction with the NHDES for Berry Road drainage issues. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received an inquiry from Amanda Masse about a color spot for the Brownie Troop at the Community Building. The Board agreed the Brownie Troop could have the Community Building as their color spot

The Board received copies of the revised personnel policy changes for review. The Board discussed the issue of the definition of retirement. The Board agreed the definition of retirement is a minimum age of 62 with a minimum of 20 years of service to fill in the blanks of the proposed changes in the personnel policy.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department Special Events pay structure. Discussion ensued and the Board will take this under advisement at this time. The Board received the July 1 renewal forms from Property Liability Trust. The Board reviewed the building figures as well as content figures.

The Board reviewed past due ambulance bills. Selectman Ives moved to forward past due ambulance bills account #31627 in the amount of \$506.44, account #26308 in the amount of \$265.02, and account #31884 in the amount of \$94.87 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the evidence of local community support for Freedom Hill Cooperative a Community Facility application support to USDA Rural Development for water source, water treatment, filtration and wastewater upgrades. Total capital improvements project to be \$1,600,000. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield stated he had met with Jeremy Smith who owns the parking lot at the dam in the Village. Mr. Smith has agreed to give the Town a permanent easement. Town Council will prepare this easement.

Discussion ensued regarding the progress at the Town Hall/Free Will Baptist Church building.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Present: Selectman Maxfield and Ives. Chairman Bowles was not present.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice. Selectman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 11, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

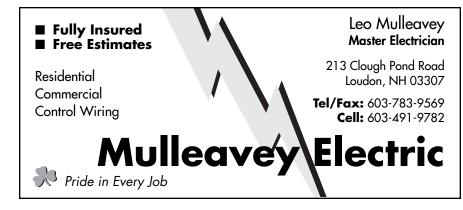
Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew was working on gravel roads. He stated the lawn equipment has been serviced and is ready to mow the ball fields.

Selectman Ives moved to enter into executive session with Engineer Judy Huston of the Louis Berger Group, Darlene and Paul Johnson and Road Agent David Rice relative to the proposed dewatering plant at the Transfer Station at 6:33 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Ives yes. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield stated the purpose of the executive session was discussion regarding the septage-dewatering project.

The Board met with Judith Huston of the Louis Berger Group regarding drainage issues on Berry Road.

Ms. Houston discussed the drainage runoff from Hamilton's property on Berry Road. She said due to Mr. Hamilton building a new garage, putting in a new gravel driveway, and changing the swale, this has cause the surface drainage to go into a catch

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the sediment in the pond is from Mr. Hamilton's property as well as other properties that have undergone construction and property changes. Ms. Houston provided the

Board with her recommendations for this

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basin, go across the road, down Ms. Touzin's right-of-way and deposit into the pond. Ms. Houston said there is a right-of-way in the back of Mr. Hamilton's property, which he shares with Mr. Alosa for access to the pond. Mr. Hamilton redirected the existing vegetative swale when he built his new garage, which used to go through the woods to the culvert on Berry Road. Now it is being redirected to go in front of his garage with substantial amount of flow that has eroded out and goes along his driveway down into the culvert. Ms. Houston said her suggestion along with DES, is that some sort of sedimentation basin or treatment upgrading of Mr. Hamilton's property be done along with reconstructing the swale. This will allow for flow behind the garage to go back into its original path, and will minimize the amount of flow that comes down his driveway. Mr. Rice stated he felt Mr. Hamilton would work with the Town, as he wants to take care of the issues. Ms. Houston stated DES suggested Mr. Hamilton get rid of some of his driveways to minimize the amount of impervious area. She went on to say after the work is done, the sediment would need to be cleaned out of all the swales, the catch basins, pipes and the swale on Ms. Touzin's right-of-way as well as obtain a permit from DES to clean out the pond. Ms. Houston stated she expects a letter to be forwarded to the Town from DES itemizing what they feel needs to be done. Selectman Ives stated he felt that until the work is finished to address the drainage issues, nothing should be done to the pond. All agreed. Ms. Houston said the permitting process could begin at anytime. Selectman Maxfield stated this was a landowner's problem, but the State wants the Town to get involved. Ms. Houston said the State could bring it to the Town because the catch basins and the need to get the water off the roads are the Town's responsibility. Discussion ensued regarding the dredging of approximately 300 square feet of Clough Pond due to the sediment. Ms. Houston stated some of issue. Discussion ensued. Ms. Houston stated that DES was happy the Town was being proactive in dealing with these issues.

Ms. Houston said DES had asked her to review the driveway for Deedee Maratea's property on Berry Road. Ms. Houston said she followed the drainage downhill to see where it went. She explained the path the drainage is following and said the basin is full. Ms. Houston also said this is under the jurisdiction of Wetlands. She stated she would advise DES that the Town has forwarded Ms. Maratea a letter addressing these issues. Ms. Houston said DES has stated they would be forwarding a letter to Ms. Maratea. Selectman Maxfield said the Town is holding their position that until the driveway issues are addressed, no Certificate of Occupancy will be issued for Ms. Maratea's property. Ms. Houston said DES advised her if the lot is within 250 feet of a shoreline protection area then a site specific terrain alteration permit is required if the impact is 50,000 square feet or more. Ms. Houston will contact DES, advise them she had discussed this issue with the Selectmen, and forward a copy of the tax map to Andy at DES so they can send Ms. Maratea a letter with their concerns.

Selectman Maxfield moved to seal the minutes of the executive session with Darlene and Paul Johnson until April 18, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Selectman Maxfield stated the Board had received a new property deed for Dwight Broadstone, which places both of his properties in both his and his wife's names. Selectman Maxfield moved to abate the Land Use Change Tax for Dwight Broadstone in the amount of \$3,828.55. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor.

The Board received a draft easement deed from Town Counsel for the Smith property. Selectman Maxfield will contact Attorney Mayer regarding additional information to be included in the deed.

The Board received a copy of the payment from Property Liability Trust for the Town Hall in the amount of \$20,725.00 for Target New England.

Selectman Ives moved to reduce outstanding ambulance account #29792 by 50% and account #22000 by 50% and to establish a payment plan. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received March draft Planning and Zoning Minutes as well as the April agenda's for both the Planning and Zoning meetings

The Board received an updated list of Zoning Board members.

The Board received an abutter notice for a subdivision on Young's Hill Road.

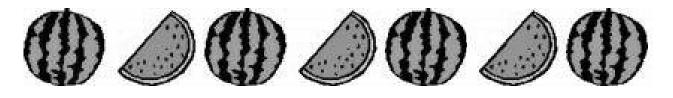
The Board received information from DES regarding household hazardous waste collection.

Selectman Ives moved to appoint Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Sr. as the primary mapping liaison and Road Agent David Rice as secondary mapping liaison to NH 911 and to authorize the Chairman to sign the appointment paper. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve H&W Automotive, LLC 304 Ricker Road, Unit #1, Loudon for an auto permit license renewal and have the Chairman sign the form. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman Steven R. Ives, Selectman



Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles abstained. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob

Chief Fiske presented five pistol permits for signature and approval. Chairman Bowles stated for the record the five pistol permits were signed.

Mr. Fiske stated he had followed up with two letters from Mr. Beaton and provided the Board with the letters as well as a copy of Mr. Beaton's apology.

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with the appointment papers for the June, July, and September Special Event Police Officers for races at NHIS.

Mr. Fiske discussed the issue of people not being aware that School Street is a oneway street from now until August. Discussion ensued regarding the need to increase

Mr. Fiske discussed the issue with accessory structures on lots with no primary residents. He stated the Planning Board approved a subdivision at last week's meeting allowing an accessory structure on a

subdivided lot. Mr. Fiske discussed the zoning ordinances and stated that the only way an accessory structure can be on a lot without the residence is by Special Exception. Selectman Maxfield stated the Planning Board overlooked that issue. Mr. Fiske said he understood that the approval is contingent upon the zoning ordinance. Mr. Fiske stated he was afraid that if this becomes an allowable practice people would begin building barns/garages and turn them into homes. The Board will look into this issue.

Mr. Fiske discussed the chronological building permit waiting relative to permits not being picked up and the next person on the list receiving it. Discussion ensued regarding if the next person in line is a resident or a contractor. Based on the current zoning ordinance, the permit would be issued to the next person in line.

Mr. Fiske discussed Voted Road. Discus-

sion ensued regarding stonewalls.

The Board met with Road Agent David

Mr. Rice stated the septage lagoon would be cleaned out on Wednesday.

Mr. Rice stated Clarke Page would begin working on the grader this week.

Mr. Rice stated that he and Chairman Bowles had discussed looking at purchasing a used road tractor to haul trash to Pena-

Mr. Rice stated a culvert on Mudgett Hill Road collapsed and had to be replaced.

Selectman Maxfield advised Mr. Rice that Kim Bean fertilized the Veteran's

Mr. Rice advised the Board he had spoken with DES/Wetlands Bureau and Rob Hamilton will be getting a letter from them advising him what he has to do regarding

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his property on Berry Road. Mr. Rice stated he felt the cleanup on Ms. Touzin's property should be a joint project with the Town and Mr. Hamilton.

Chairman Bowles asked that Mr. Rice have someone fix the light above Office Manager Jean Lee's desk.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board that the tanker has been ordered.

Chairman Bowles thanked the Police and Recreation Departments for their efforts in providing the bicycle safety program that took place over the weekend.

Chairman Bowles moved to enter into executive session with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske to discuss a personnel issue 6:57 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Bowles yes, Maxfield yes, Ives yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:36 PM and to seal the minutes until April 25, 2011. The results of the executive session were to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Michael E. Crowell, Jr., as part time patrolman for the Town of Loudon. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to appoint Jason S. Fiske as a fulltime patrolman for the Town of Loudon. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. The rate of pay to be \$16.32 for Officer Fiske and also to increase another individuals pay to \$16.32. Officer Fiske shall have a 12-month probationary period. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles moved to authorize the 2-week annual leave for Robert Krieger for his first year of hire. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Discussion ensued regarding that this agreement was discussed previously, and is due to the fact that Officer Krieger worked for the Town of Loudon previously for 8 years. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board discussed a wetlands letter from Engineer Judy Houston relative to Berry Road issues. Selectman Ives stated he was at a site walk and Mr. Hamilton agreed to work with DES to address the drainage with his property. Selectman Maxfield stated DES is asking for the Board's input with this situation. Selectman Ives said he felt the issue would be addressed in stages and that until all issues are addressed at the top, nothing should begin on the lower portion.

The Board received a request from Gary Minery to purchase a right-of-way between Route 106 and South Village Road, Map 20, Lot 70. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

The Board received a letter from Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson regarding a proposed regional dumpsite on the Merrimack River. Mrs. Robinson is asking for the Boards input prior to the May 9, 2006 meeting. The Selectmen will con-

tact Mrs. Robinson with their views on this matter.

The Board received an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston regarding the septage lagoon permit. The Board agreed to go with the first option in Ms. Houston's e-mail, which is to go forward with the renewal of the existing permit.

The Board received a copy of the contract with Town of Pittsfield from Septic Disposal Solutions LLC for their review.

The Board received an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston regarding Berry Road issues

The Board received copies of the signed easement deed with Jeremy and Patricia

The Board received an application for discretionary preservation easement from Earl Tuson. Discussion ensued regarding discretionary preservation easements. The Board agreed to hold the public hearing on this application on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

The Board discussed the need to proceed on bid requests for cemetery maintenance.

The Board reviewed contents values for town buildings, in preparation for the July 1 renewal with LGC Property Liability Trust.

Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Robert Butler and Colin Cabot to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission Regional Resource Conservation Committee. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adopt the Personnel Policies Manual for the Town of Loudon as revised this 25th day of April 2006. This policy supersedes all personnel policies previously established or approved by the Town of Loudon. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield acknowledged Jean Lee and Bonnie Theriault for their efforts put forth in revising the policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Raymond Cummings presented the Board with a copy of the Right to Know Law and questioned where the executive session held on April 18 would fit in. He said the public has a right to know what was discussed. Chairman Bowles said he was not in attendance but does not feel any commitment was made. The Board will take this request under advisement at this time.

Barbara Cameron addressed the Board with questions regarding the proposed construction of the garage to house the Cate van. She asked what steps would be taken to prepare a plan and solicit bids or contact for the construction. She also asked if some of the preparation could begin prior to the availability of the funds on July 1. Chairman Bowles said that some of the lumber is being prepared now and the site work will begin soon.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 9:01 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman Steven R. Ives, Selectman

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, May 2, 2006

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

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 25, 2006 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the highway crew has been cleaning. culverts, replacing culverts, and grading. He said Clark Page was working on the grader and the problems are with the transmission. Selectman Maxfield asked about funds remaining in the grader appropriation. Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Rice that work would be needed at the corner of Clough Pond Road and Flagg Road. Mr. Rice said there are two or three places where the culverts will need to be replaced along Clough Pond Road. Selectman Maxfield asked if any further work would be done at the Lesmerises Road intersection with

Clough Pond Road. Mr. Rice said further culvert work would be done on the Old Shaker Road intersection. Mr. Rice said he has obtained all of the necessary permits from Department of Transportation for the work being completed this summer.

Selectman Ives moved to appoint Stanley Prescott as a representative to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield also moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the appointment on behalf of the town. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding items that are still pending. The Board discussed continuing further litigation regarding the 2005 tax map preparation. It was decided not to proceed further with litigation.

The Board was advised that the Property Liability Trust has approved coverage,

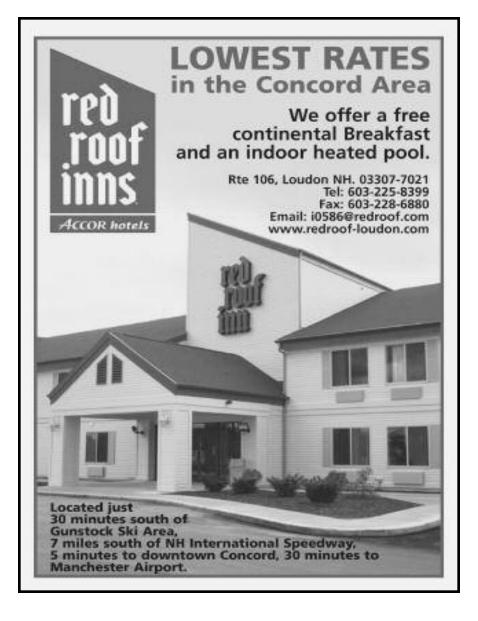
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under the contents of the Town Hall, to replace the wooden voting booths. The Town's deductible of \$1,000 will be assessed against this payment.

The Board was advised that Mr. William Bald of Melcher Prescott Insurance would be meeting with Office Manager Jean Lee to review the proposals for the July 1 renewal of the Town's health insurance carrier. Selectman Maxfield will also attend this meeting.

The Board reviewed RSA 91-A: 3 (non-public sessions). Selectman Maxfield reviewed the criteria for holding non-public sessions and expressed concerns that the Board may have inadvertently entered into a non-public session without the proper prerequisites.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a \$3,000 bond from Dee Dee Maratea for the installation of the catch basin and culvert. Chairman Bowles noted that the Board has not yet received an engineered plan to correct the drainage problem and that he does not know the status of the construction in

relationship to a certificate of occupancy. Selectman Ives questioned where the \$3,000 figure came from. Chairman Bowles said he had advised Ms. Maratea it would probably be between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The Board also discussed a completion date to correct the drainage issues. A letter will be drafted to Ms. Maratea regarding these issues.

Selectman Ives addressed the deputy fire chief and officer in charge pay rates for special events duty at the racetrack. Selectman Ives explained that the two full time personnel are being paid time and a half for any hours they work during race weekends. This puts their hourly rate higher than the deputy chief and officer in charge, who are their supervisors. Selectman Ives proposed a \$3.00 per hour increase for the deputy chief and officer in charge. He stated he has also taken into account the 4% cost of living allowance the full time personnel will receive beginning July 1. Chairman Bowles said he has concerns about this. Selectman Ives said this increase would not cost the town additional monies. He also said that because the Town has fewer than five full time employees in this department the Town is exempt from Fair Labor Standards Act via the Garcia ruling. Selectman Ives moved to increase the special event duty pay at NHIS for the deputy fire chief and officer in charge by \$3.00 per hour effective immediately. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles said these monies would come from the Special Events Fire Department line. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Bill Forst, at his request, regarding a compliance issue. Chairman Bowles said this issue was in the courts and he feels the Board is not in a position to comment. Selectman Maxfield said he feels this is between the prosecutors. Mr. Forst said he has tried speaking with Mr. Fiske but has not been able to obtain any direction. Mr. Forst said he was advised by the court to try to reach a settlement with the Town.

The Board returned to their review of correspondence.

The Board reviewed information regarding a request to purchase a small piece of land on South Village Road. This is tax-deeded property and the Board has the authority to dispose of this land as justice may require. The Board has requested the

assessor establish the fair market value for this parcel before a final decision is reached.

The Board was presented with a proposal from Cross Country Appraisal to provide utility assessments for tax year 2006. The Board will review prior year's costs.

The Board acknowledged correspondence from Michael Harris regarding road-side clean up.

Greg Wells, Assistant Director of Emergency Management presented the Board with copies of the community services grant the Town has received. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

The Board recognized Raymond Cummings from the audience. Mr. Cummings asked if the minutes of the executive session would be released. Selectman Maxfield said the Board would contact town counsel regarding release of the minutes.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Next Deadline: June 16, 2006

Planning Board Minutes — April 20, 2006 (DRAFT)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Gary Tasker, Chairman; Tom Dow, Vice Chairman; Stanley Prescott, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Bob Ordway and alternates Clem Lyon and Jason Masse were present. Dustin Bowles, Ex-Officio was not present.

Conservation Commission representative Julie Robinson was present.

Selectmen representative Roger Max-field was present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Stanley Prescott made a motion to nominate Tom Dow as Chairman. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. Bob Ordway made a motion to nominate Stanley Prescott as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. Gary Tasker thanked the board for 15 great years.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

March 16, 2006 Public Hearing. Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Gary Tasker. Stanley Prescott stated under application #06-08 he made a motion stating they need a waiver to allow the wetlands to be shown and Mr. Stout wrote as shown per the licensed land surveyor. Mr. Prescott stated this is against our zoning and was not his intent. Mr.

Prescott stated his intent was that they not be shown or be required to be shown. Mr. Prescott stated the land surveyor aspect needs to be stricken from the minutes. The line should read, "Stanley Prescott stated they need a waiver to allow the wetlands not to be shown." Gary Tasker seconded the minutes as amended. All were in favor.

DISCUSSIONS:

Russell Lee — Tom Dow stated Mr. Lee from NH Picket Fences is here for a one year site review. Mr. Lee stated they have had a much better start this year than last year. Mr. Dow stated the site looks good and clean and asked if the board had any comments. Gary Tasker stated he thinks it looks good too. Mr. Dow stated the board is satisfied and Mr. Lee does not need to come back to the board again.

Marcia Flynn — Ms. Flynn stated she is representing Mr. Bob Hibbard. Ms. Flynn stated Mr. Hibbard would like to do a minor subdivision on Kenney Road and would like to know if anything is required since it is a class VI road and not a class V. Ms. Flynn stated this lot has 400' of frontage and 5 acres in the AFP district. Gary Tasker stated he knows the selectman require a sign off because it is a class VI road. Ms. Flynn asked if that is the building write off on the waiver of liability. Mr. Tasker stated that is correct and stated there is an RSA that gov-

erns private roads but does not know if that includes class VI roads; Ms. Flynn can look that up. Ms. Flynn stated there is a maintenance agreement on the class VI road already and there are other lots on the road that have been built on. Stanley Prescott stated he did not think the planning board was allowing subdivisions without bringing the road up to standards.

Selectman Roger Maxfield joined the board as the alternate ex-officio.

Roger Maxfield stated the town requires on a class VI road that every resident that builds needs a class VI waiver stating they will upgrade the road to town gravel standards. Ms. Flynn stated she understands this regulation but Mr. Hibbard is not proposing construction he is proposing a minor subdivision. Mr. Tasker asked the board when was the last time they subdivided on a class VI road without having them upgrade. The board could not recall. Tom Dow stated the board will need a week to research this, can they give Mr. Hibbard an answer next month. Alvin Davis stated he brought something in on a class VI road, he was not using the class VI for access, and the board turned him down two years ago. Mr. Dow stated they want to make sure they point Mr. Hibbard in the right direction. Ms. Flynn stated Mr. Hibbard will be here next month for a discussion

Bob Bahre — Mr. Bahre stated he would like to build a helicopter pad towards the Laconia side in a parking lot. Mr. Bahre stated the reason for this is the FAA would shut everything down completely if there was ever an accident on the current pad. Mr. Bahre stated they would like to pave a portion of the parking lot and have the helicopters come in here; on Sunday night the helicopters would still leave from the infield. Mr. Bahre stated they have been told when they pave parking lots they do not have to come in. Roger Maxfield asked if the area will be fenced off. Mr. Bahre stated the area has to get FAA approval; they wanted to be sure the planning board was aware of what is going on in case someone asks them about it. Tom Dow stated as long as the FAA approves that is the board's biggest concern. Bob Ordway stated the board should have a site plan that shows this. Mr. Bahre stated they need some fill to level the area off but would like to get going on the project. Stanley Prescott reviewed site plan review requirements. Mark Sargent stated the area is 100' x 100' and all they are doing is putting down pavement and a little grading to meet FAA requirements. Mr. Prescott stated the regulations say expansion of aggregate parking, driveway, and

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loading and unloading areas of a site by more than 25% and Mr. Bahre is not doing that but it would be nice to have a site plan on file. Mr. Tasker stated this is less than 25%. Mr. Bahre stated they will start and he will have Mark bring down some plans.

CONCEPTUAL CONSULTATION: Application #06-14, DRED, Major Site Development, Located on Tower Road, in the RR District. Map 37, Lot 1. Tom Dow stated abutters have not been notified. Tammy Davis stated this is a government project. Jim Kowalik from the NH State Police Communications Maintenance at the Department of Safety presented the application. Mr. Kowalik stated this project is to expand the state wide communications system for the state police and other state and local law enforcement entities. Mr. Kowalik stated they are creating a shared command center in Concord and therefore need to make some changes to existing locations; one of these being the Oak Hill communications site in Loudon. Mr. Kowalik stated they have submitted an application and information related to that project. Mr. Kowalik stated they are ready to follow through with the application and provide any information the board needs; they would like to proceed with the installation of the three legged self-supporting communication tower at the site, and provide the board with any documentation required for this review. Mr. Kowalik stated there is an existing fire tower which supports the communications up there now; the expansion project is to get a better support structure for the communications that are going to be changed. Mr. Kowalik stated the tower is 21' across at the base and they will utilize the existing communications shelter; they will add equipment in the building but will not make any changes to the building. Mr. Kowalik stated they will move as much as possible onto the new structure. Mr. Kowalik stated they have received authorization for a certain height from the FAA and this project will not require a blinking light; the contractors will be working with a stamped drawing. Gary Tasker inquired to the height of the tower. Mr. Kowalik stated 160', the fire tower is 65'. Mr. Tasker asked if there has been balloon tests done. Mr. Kowalik stated no, he has driven around and took some pictures drawing in the proposed tower. Mr. Kowalik stated the tower will be a twin to the one up there now with the exception that their tower will not have cellular panels. Mr. Tasker asked if they will be leasing space on the tower. Mr. Kowalik stated they lease the land from the Department of Resources and Economical Development, DRED, and the state police retain ownership of the tower. Mr. Kowalik stated they provide space as available to other public safety agencies and any space that they do not use, DRED has the right to use. Mr. Tasker asked if DRED would lease space to a cellular company. Paul Leary from DRED stated only if it was the will of the town; their policy is they would notify the town and the company would have to come before the town for a site plan review. Mr. Leary stated at this point in time there has been no interest shown on the Oak Hill site. Bob Ordway asked if this will create an obstruction to the visibility from the fire tower. Mr. Kowalik stated they have worked with DRED and the fire watchman to place the tower in such a location, that as they gaze out, at least one side has a clear view; they have tried to make the face of the tower as clear as possible to the fire watchman. Julie Robinson stated Tower Road is in bad shape and asked if they will be fixing the road after all the equipment that will travel up there to build the tower. Mr. Kowalik stated they have the opportunity to work with other agencies like DOT and can repair damage that is done. Henry Huntington asked if there is room on the existing 180' tower for any of this equipment. Mr. Kowalik stated that structure would not support the additional weight to accommodate all their equipment. Stanley Prescott asked if this has a regional impact. Mr. Leary stated he notified the Town of Loudon Selectmen and Planning Board, placed an ad in the local paper, and notified the regional planning commission. Mr. Kowalik stated they still have to undergo a 106 review for historical areas. Mr. Tasker stated RSA 674:54 Governmental Land Uses covers this project. Tom Dow stated they will be back in when they have their 106 information and stated they should send out abutter letters and regional impact notifications. Abutter Barbara Cameron stated she would like her lease people to know what is going on. Mr. Kowalik stated one requirement for the DRED permit is to study the radio waves and their effect on the surrounding area. Ms. Cameron asked if the DOT is going to move on to this tower. Ms. Cameron stated she offered space to the DOT as a courtesy but if they can move to this new tower she would be able to lease their space out to someone else. Mr. Kowalik stated he will be in contact with them. Tom Moore asked how much mass is going to be at the top of this new tower. Mr. Kowalik stated the microwave dishes will be moved off the fire tower and some other antenna, about 13 of them; the fire watchman does have a radio system and a weather station antenna that will remain on the fire tower. Mr. Kowalik stated these will be staggered and the parabolic bowls will have to remain at the same height they are now. Henry Huntington asked how they determined the 160' tower height. Mr. Kowalik stated the weight of the dishes, the existing path of the microwaves, and the strength of the loading criteria determine the height of the tower. Mr. Kowalik stated as engineered this tower will produce less movement of the dishes and increases the reliability of the dishes. Tom Dow stated he hopes they are not setting themselves up for a large tower with a lot of equipment. Mr. Kowalik stated they separate the transmit antenna's from the receiving antenna's to determine the height as well. Stanley Prescott asked what the highest antenna is and what the separation is. Mr. Kowalik stated the parabolic is

at 70', the combiner system has a 20' separation minimum, the top antenna is 12'-15' tall and 20' below that is the transmit antenna. Mr. Kowalik stated there are three legs on the tower, at each height a leg holds one antenna; there are three receivers and three transmit antennas. Mr. Dow stated next month the board would like to see the 106 study, a drawing of the tower showing what it will look like, and send out regional notifications to surrounding towns and abutters. This application will be heard on May 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application #05-11, Wildwood Sanctuary Association, Inc. — Major Subdivision, Located on Youngs Hill Road, in the AFP District. Map 34, Lot 2. No abutters were present. Tom Dow read a continuance request from the applicant. Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor. This application will be heard on May 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

Application #06-05, H. Wayne Thistle, Lot Line Adjustment & Major Subdivision, Located on Young's Hill Road, in the RR District. Map 25, Lots 11 & 23. Abutters Earl Tuson and David Trow were present. Web Stout from FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Stout stated the board has a copy of Tony Puntin's comments; everything has been addressed and is all in order. Mr. Thistle met with the road agent and the board has a letter from Dave Rice. Mr. Stout stated eight borings were done to Young's Hill Road; one had organic matter three feet down. Mr. Stout stated Young's Hill Road will be lifted a little and then paved; maybe widened a foot to create ditches. Mr. Stout stated the engineering firm had a concern about a culvert at the

intersection of the new road; this has been taken care of and the road is pitched and runs onto the property. Tom Dow asked if this has been reviewed by Tony Puntin. Mr. Stout stated Mr. Puntin has not reviewed Young's Hill Road only the new road. Stanley Prescott asked where the additional storm water is going. Mr. Stout stated it drains into the wetland on Mr. Thistle's property. Tom Dow asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. David Trow asked what the boring in front of the farm house depicted. Wayne Thistle stated one hit ledge at 30" and one hit organic matter at about 2-1/2 feet; that was the only spot that showed organic matter. Roy Merrill asked if there will be engineered drawings for Young's Hill Road. Mr. Thistle stated he is planning on keeping the road as it is; if it is widened out to town standards it will take everything out on the other side of the road. Mr. Merrill stated this is a major road and it should be widened to town specifications. Mr. Thistle stated if the planning board wants him to widen the road he will. Mr. Dow stated there are some issues here and it is very narrow in this area. Bob Ordway stated when they first talked about this, the abutters they did not want the road on their doorstep. Gary Tasker stated he would like to see where the road will be in relation to these houses. Mr. Stout stated the existing road is approximately 18' wide, widening would add 10'; the road has been pushed to one side of the right-of-way; most of the widening will take place on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Thistle stated if the road is widened past the right-of-way on his side, the wall and trees will have to come down. Mr. Dow stated the board has discussed this before and the people who live on this road have brought forth their feelings on this and did not want to see that hap-

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pen. Mr. Thistle stated he is improving 740' of Young's Hill Road. Mr. Tasker stated he would like to see the town engineer review the upgrades to Young's Hill Road. Stanley Prescott stated there are requirements for travel width; everything may not be able to be done but at least we could make it a decent road. Mr. Prescott stated he agrees the town engineer should look at it. Mr. Tasker suggested a maintenance easement should be granted on Mr. Thistle's side if needed for the future. Mr. Stout stated an easement would be better than losing all the trees. Mr. Prescott stated the town engineer should look at the road to see what can be done to upgrade it without putting it on people's doorsteps. Julie Robinson inquired if the conservation easement is noted on the back lot. Mr. Thistle stated it will be in the deed. Mr. Dow asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Mr. Thistle asked if the only concerns were Young's Hill Road because he would like to ask for final approval subject to discussing the road with Tony Puntin. Mr. Tasker stated the road is a big part of the approval; does the road have to be completed before any of the houses are sold. Mr. Stout stated the standard note has been put on the plan that no lot may be sold until the upgrades are completed and they will add Young's Hill Road to that note. Mr. Dow stated they would like the town engineer to review Young's Hill Road, Mr. Thistle stated he would like to subdivide the front lot off now. Mr. Dow stated the board does not want to set a precedent. Gary Tasker made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. This application will be heard on May 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm,

at this facility. This is the only notice.

Application #06-07, William Taranovich, Minor Subdivision, Located on Bee Hole Road, in the RR District, Map 21, Lot 23. Abutters Kendall and Kary Gay were present. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept this application as complete and move directly to a public hearing. Seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. Dave Dolan from David. M. Dolan Associates, PC represented the applicant Dan Aversa. Mr. Dolan stated this lot has 600' of frontage on Bee Hole Road and frontage on Wiggins Road; they are not utilizing any of the frontage on Wiggins Road for access. Mr. Dolan stated the wetlands have been delineated by Peter Schauer. Mr. Dolan stated lot 1 is 3.46 acres and lot 2 is 7.5 acres; access to lot 2 is a deeded 50' wide easement through lot 1. Mr. Dolan stated the 180' x 240' block is on both lots. Tom Dow stated last month the board felt the property didn't look accessible given the wetlands and steep slopes. Mr. Dolan stated they found the elevations were not as restrictive as they thought after doing spot elevations on the lot; they did have to weave the driveway through the steep slope area. Mr. Dolan stated the easement does go into the slope but the driveway itself should not affect the slopes. Tom Dow stated the conservation commission has a 75' setback from the wetlands with a 50% allowance to cut the basal area. Mr. Dolan stated driveways are excluded from the Shoreland Protection Act. Julie Robinson stated that is not the conservation commission's intent; to have a driveway go within 25' of a wetland compromises the wetland. Ms. Robinson stated she will have to review the regulations to see if he can put a driveway in. Bob Ordway asked if the construction of the driveway will create a lot of surface disturbance in that area. Mr. Dolan stated he has not generated a profile; they are not designing the driveway. Mr. Dow asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Tom Dow stated the driveway is a big concern. Mr. Dolan stated he would like to suggest a site walk. Ms. Robinson stated the more trees removed the more disruptive to the wetland and she does not feel this is a reasonable request. Ms. Robinson stated the conservation commission will meet and discuss this; their next meeting is May 9, 2006 in the library. Bob Ordway discussed driveways and wetland crossings. Stanley Prescott stated the board could have a site walk. Mr. Dolan stated there is an existing driveway cut. Tom Dow stated the site walk is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 4:00 pm. Henry Huntington asked if the fire department should review the driveway due to the length. Mr. Dolan stated he has spoken to the fire department and has not heard any comments back on the length. Mr. Dow stated Chief Burr should be contacted to see if he wants to come on the site walk. Gary Tasker made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. This application will be heard on May 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application #06-10, Volunteers of America, Major Site Plan, Located on South Village Road, in the Village District. Map 20, Lot 9. Abutter Roy Merrill was present. Tony Marcotte from Bedford Design Consultants represented the applicant. Mr. Marcotte stated they have received variances from the zoning board for 33 units on a lot less than 10 acres. Mr. Marcotte stated they have received site specific and preapproval on the well. Mr. Marcotte stated they have added the sidewalk to the plan and

modified the landscaping slightly. Mr. Marcotte stated they can't get final approval on the well until they get site plan approval. Tom Dow asked if the issues with the cistern have been resolved with the fire department. Mr. Marcotte stated yes there is going to be a 5,000 gallon water storage tank and a transformer pad added for power. Mr. Marcotte stated the tank provides for two days back up water and the septic system is for a 36 unit building. Mr. Marcotte stated the town voted not to utilize the garage at their town meeting so the building will be half the size shown now with some minor grading changes; this is the only change to the site plan. Mr. Marcotte stated the plan is to send the project out to bid on May 1 and final HUD approval for construction in September. Mr. Marcotte stated if they get conditional approval this evening the whole process can move along. Roy Merrill stated there should be a legal zoning meeting before they get final approval. Stanley Prescott asked what that means; don't they have approval. Mr. Merrill stated as far as he is concerned they do not. Mr. Dow asked if that is because of what was discussed at board of permit. Mr. Merrill stated yes. Roy Maxfield stated Mr. Merrill has done several things to delay or slow the process of this development, including appealing a determination that a selectman could sit on the board; we went through our final approval on those guidelines. Roy Maxfield stated the zoning board has ordinances specifically saying a selectman cannot serve and so on the advice of our attorney, if it is challenged on appeal, as was done today, we should rehear the case with that person withdrawn from the board. Roy Maxfield stated the vote was five to nothing and now the vote would be four to nothing; they would welcome the opportunity to rehear and redefine the articles of the variance and proceed. Roy Maxfield stated he does not see any need to delay and do a final approval subject to zoning board action. Roy Maxfield stated he is sure the case will be appealed to superior court and he is sure Mr. Merrill will do everything he needs to do to block the development; he would not let that slow down the concept of the plans at this juncture. Mr. Merrill stated all he can say is review the tape of the January zoning meeting and you will understand; not the minutes the tape. Tom Dow stated new selectman Steve Ives is a member of the zoning board and he sat on the ZBA meeting the night the VOA was approved; the selectmen are not allowed to do that. Roger Maxfield stated Mr. Ives was voted in on Tuesday and sat on the ZBA on Thursday the following week unknowing that he should not have. Bob Ordway asked if he had been sworn in by the time he sat on the ZBA. Roger Maxfield stated yes. Bob Ordway stated Mr. Merrill

has a right to do anything he wants to but he has not seen or heard anything so far that should effect our actions tonight; as far as he is concerned the variance should stand approved and when we are satisfied with the site plan we should vote on approval. Mr. Ordway stated he is not aware of subsurface requirements for site plans by this board. Mr. Tasker stated he thinks the landscaping is sufficient since he is the one who asked for it. Mr. Prescott asked if the original cistern that was going to be out back is the same size as the new one. Mr. Marcotte stated the fire department is requesting 5,000 gallons per day, which is less than initially mentioned. Mr. Prescott asked if there is a letter from the fire department stating they concur with that. Mr. Marcotte stated no, he can provide that prior to signature. Mr. Prescott stated since there is a difference the board should have a letter from the fire department. Mr. Marcotte stated the architect has been working with the fire department and as part of the building permit process the fire department would have the last say. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept this application as complete and move directly to a public hearing. Seconded by Bob Ordway. Roger Maxfield abstained from voting. Majority were in favor. Motion carries. Mr. Dow asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Mr. Prescott stated the big issue with the cistern closer to the street for use does not seem part of the package now. Mr. Marcotte stated the fire department wanted the cistern closer to the water systems. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. Roger Maxfield abstained. Majority were in favor. Motion carries. Application #06-11, David & Annette

Case, Minor Subdivision, Located on Clough Pond & Old Shaker Roads, in the RR District. Map 58, Lot 99. Abutter Denyse Merullo was represented by Anthony Merullo. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept this application as complete and move directly to a public hearing. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. Chris Bofinger from P.C. Bofinger Land Surveying, PLLC represented the applicants. Mr. Bofinger stated this 8 acre lot is between Old Shaker Road and Clough Pond Road with a duplex fronting Clough Pond Road. Mr. Bofinger stated the lots will almost be equal in size and the duplex lot will have 300' of frontage. Mr. Bofinger stated there are substantial wetlands and they have received state subdivision approval. Tom Dow asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Mr. Merullo

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stated their concern is Cross Road that they share a common easement with; the only access to his sister's property is up Cross Road and they have a driveway permit for that. Mr. Merullo stated if that were to be used as a driveway for the new lot it would create a shared driveway situation and diminish the value of that driveway and existing house; there is access for the new lot on Old Shaker Road, and if they use Cross Road they would need to get a special exception first. Mr. Merullo stated he would like the board to consider requiring the driveway come off Old Shaker Road. Mr. Bofinger stated since they have ample frontage and they are not asking for a special exception this is not an issue. Roger Maxfield asked if Ms. Merullo's driveway is the Old Range Road. Mr. Merullo stated yes, it is called Cross Road. Mr. Merullo stated he agrees it is a zoning issue but we could avoid a step by conditioning the driveway come off Old Shaker Road. Annette Case stated Cross Road is supposed to be divided equally; they get half and she gets half. Tom Dow stated he recalls this discussion during a previous subdivision and would rather not bring this issue into this. Stanley Prescott stated he thinks the decision was they both use the road. Mr. Bofinger stated this is a civil matter and not something that should be decided tonight. Mr. Merullo stated it is truly a zoning issue and this was just a suggestion to avoid further discussions down the line. Mr. Prescott questioned where the buildable contiguous area for the duplex lot is. Mr. Bofinger showed the board and stated he is not counting the area where the duplex is into his acre and a half. Mr. Dow asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Mr. Bofinger stated lot 99 is not good by today's standards but he is not making this lot any worse. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Henry Huntington. Stanley Prescott stated he does not think it meets the spirit of the ordinance. Majority were in favor. Motion carries.

Application #06-12, Debra Rattee, Lot Line Adjustment, Located on School Street & Rainbow Drive, in the RR District. Map 46, Lot 39 & Map 47, Lot 44. Abutters Sherry Brooks and Warren and Paula Wells were present. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept this application as complete and move directly to a public hearing. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. Mark Sargent from Richard D. Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant. Mr. Sargent stated this lot line adjustment is to annex 166 acres from lot 39 to lot 44; this leaves 2.29 acres on lot 39 and 197 acres on lot 44. Mr. Sargent stated the proposed lot line bisects an existing barn and they propose to demolish it if this is approved. Mr. Sargent stated they are asking for a couple of waivers due to the size of the property and have received state subdivision approval today. Mr. Sargent stated lot 44 was before the board a little over a year ago and the barn in back of lot 39 will become part of lot 44. Stanley Prescott stated he believes there is an ordinance that says there can't be out buildings without a residence. Bob Ordway stated there has been some flexibility and have allowed the compliance officer to strike a deal with the property owner contingent that they are on the list for a building permit. Mr. Ordway stated to Mr. Sargent that the ordinance does not permit the creation of a lot with an accessory building without a primary residence. Mark Chamberlain stated Ms. Rattee owns property next door that she is on the waiting list for and would do another lot line adjustment to include the area with the barn and the permit. Mr. Ordway stated there is a mechanism to navigate around this problem and the board has left it in the hands of the compliance officer. Mr. Sargent inquired if Ms. Rattee applies for a building permit for lot 44 the issue will go away. Mr. Ordway stated yes. Gary Tasker stated he cannot find the accessory structure regulation and thinks it is not in the new regulation but he could be wrong. Stanley Prescott asked what has happened with the case on Lower Ridge Road. Roy Merrill stated the one on Lower Ridge Road was intended to be a garage and he had to apply for a 2006 building permit; whether he puts a building there we will have to wait and see. Mr. Dow asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Sherry Brooks stated there is a lot of surveying going on and the properties on Rainbow Drive, which is a private road, has an informal cooperative to maintain the road; what is going to happen to that road. Mr. Dow stated at this point the most that is going to happen is Ms. Rattee will build one house by the barn. Mr. Chamberlain stated the land for Rainbow Drive is owned by Ms. Rattee. Ms. Brooks stated the road is changing and more full time residents are moving in. Mr. Dow stated abutters will be notified if there are any subdivisions. Mr. Dow asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Tom Dow stated if accessory structures are not in the regulation it is not an issue. Bob Ordway stated if it is an issue, the compliance officer contracts a promise from the land owner. Tom Dow stated the first waiver is for natural and man-made features; the features in and around the existing home are shown, as well as a sufficient por-

tion of Lot 1 to depict an area suitable to sustain a home and septic system. Garv Tasker made a motion to approve the waiver for natural and man-made features. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. Mr. Dow stated the second waiver is for the survey of the entire parcel; a boundary survey of the front portion of each lot is shown. Mr. Sargent stated this is redundant of the first waiver. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the waiver for the survey of the entire parcel. Seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. Mr. Dow stated the third waiver is for sufficient data to determine the location, bearing and length of all line; the survey depicts only the front portion of each lot. Mr. Sargent stated this is redundant again. Gary Tasker made a motion to approve the waiver for sufficient data. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor. Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Application #06-13, Sceptre Custom Homes, LTD., Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Shaker Road, in the RR District. Map 58, Lots 6 & 140. No abutters were present. Anthony Merullo represented the applicant. Mr. Merullo stated the existing lot 6 will receive an additional 48' of road frontage on Shaker Road and gain 1/500 of an acre. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept this application as complete and move directly to a public hearing. Seconded by Roger Maxfield. All were in favor. Tom Dow inquired if the reason for this is the future development of the property. Mr. Merullo stated yes they are about to transfer the property and it seems the preliminary survey did not expose a wet spot that the new road will turn away from. Mr. Merullo stated in a couple of months they will be in with what will happen with the large lot. Mr. Dow asked if this will affect any driveways. Mr. Merullo stated no. Stanley Prescott stated the building setbacks should be shown on the plan. Tom Moore made a motion to approve the plan with the condition building setbacks be shown on the plan. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

Gary Tasker stated Tammy Davis is moving on to a new position and thanked her for her work here. Tom Dow thanked Gary for his service as Chairman.

Report of the ZBA — Tammy Davis stated there are two applications: one for Jeremy Minery on Rt. 129 and the other is for David and Claire Drake on Clough Pond Road. Ms. Davis stated both are for reduced setbacks. Ms. Davis stated there is an appeal that came in today and the ZBA will have to decide whether to hear the appeal or not.

Report of the Board of Permit — Tom Dow stated a hawkers and peddlers application for an ice cream truck from April to September was approved. Mr. Dow stated another COW tower at Sunnyside Maples was approved for the summer months. Mr. Dow stated the ZBA decision for the VOA was discussed.

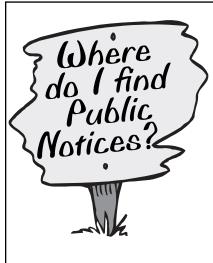
Clem Lyon stated he feels he needs to retire from the Loudon Planning Board; 12 years ago in November he came on the board and has enjoyed it thoroughly. Mr. Lyon stated he has labored over this decision for quite some time and spoke with Gary Tasker; Mr. Tasker suggested he wait to resign until a new chairman took over. Mr. Lyon stated effective tonight he would like to resign and along with that is his association with the regional planning commission. Mr. Lyon stated Stanley Prescott attended the last meeting with Bob Ordway. The board applauded Mr. Lyon. Bob Ordway made a motion to nominate Stanley Prescott as the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission Representative. Seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in

Tom Dow stated the board needs to continue with changing the Land Development Regulations to comply with zoning. Stanley Prescott stated at the CNHRPC meeting they talked about impact fees for police and fire and Lucy St. John suggested implementing our CIP's instead, to see they get accomplished. Bob Ordway stated implementing is pretty simple; get an article in the warrant and get the people to raise the money. Mr. Prescott stated she felt we were not diligently fulfilling that. Mr. Prescott stated at the OEP conference they talked about school impact fees and mentioned Bruce Mayberry has worked on several regional school impact fees and could put together an impact fee for us. Henry Huntington stated it seems the school is what we should be going after. Roger Maxfield stated the CIP is a function of the planning board; a planning board member should be the chairman and a selectman should just be a representative. Bob Ordway stated he agrees. Mr. Dow asked if the board should contact Bruce Mayberry. Mr. Prescott stated he will go back to Lucy and have her look into that. Tom Dow stated the workshop for the Land Development Regulations will be Monday, May 1, 2006 at 6:30 pm in the Community Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Henry Huntington at 10:14 pm. Seconded by Roger Maxfield. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Davis Secretary



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Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — April 27, 2006 (DRAFT)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Roy Maxfield called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on April 27, 2006 to order at 7:30 PM at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Roy Maxfield, Vice Chairman; Ned Lizotte, and alternate Jon Huntington. Dave Powelson, Chairman; Roy Merrill and alternate George Saunderson were not present.

Roy Maxfield will act as Chairman and Jon Huntington will be a voting member.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 23, 2006 MINUTES:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Jon Huntington. All were in favor.

APPEAL

Roy Merrill — Roy Maxfield stated the first order of business is an appeal by Roy Merrill which the board members have a copy of. Mr. Maxfield stated the town attorney has advised us, based on a selectperson sitting, to accept the appeal and set an alternate in place of Steve Ives. Mr. Maxfield stated he recommends alternate Jon Huntington in that capacity and recommends Mr. Huntington review the minutes and look at the tape in January to be prepared to participate and vote next month. Mr. Maxfield stated the board will accept the appeal and asked for all in favor. None were opposed. Appeal accepted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #06-05 — Jeremy Minery — Special Exception for a reduced setback. 252 Route 129, Map 21, Lot 5. Abutters have been notified. Mr. Minery stated he has a letter from the direct abutters Arlene and Michael Souther. Roy Maxfield stated the Souther's do not object to the reduced setback, Mr. Minery stated he has only 66 feet of road frontage and 1/2 of an acre; the lot is non-conforming. Mr. Minery stated the existing house is 8-1/2 feet with the overhang to the property line and the addition will be 4-1/2 feet to the property line. Mr. Maxfield stated Mr. Minery has the option of accepting the decision of a three person board and proceeding with the hearing. Mr. Minery stated he accepts. Mr. Maxfield read the application. Mr. Maxfield asked how this will not diminish light, air and space and asked how far the neighbor's house is from this house. Mr. Minery stated you cannot see their house from his house, Mr. Souther built on the back of his lot. Mr. Maxfield inquired about fire access. Mr. Minery stated both doors are on the other side by the driveway. Mr. Maxfield asked if there were any questions from the board. Jon Huntington stated Mr. Minery has done a good job improving the property. Ned Lizotte stated he is familiar with the place and what he is doing looks really good for what he has to work with. Mr. Maxfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the application. There were none. Mr. Maxfield closed this hearing and it will be taken up under unfinished business.

Case #06-06 — David & Claire Drake Special Exception for a reduced setback. 260 Clough Pond Road, Map 58, Lot 96. Roy Maxfield asked what the aqua flags represent at the site. Anthony Merullo stated they are the corners of the proposed house; they have moved a bit from when they were originally put there. Mr. Merullo stated the existing building is non-conforming and sits 10 feet from the front and 15 feet from the back property lines. Mr. Maxfield asked what is happening at the lot next door. Mr. Merullo stated it is a vacant lot. Mr. Maxfield stated this is to reduce the side setbacks from 30 to 25 feet on both sides and to allow the driveway to encroach on the right side setback. Mr. Maxfield read the application. Mr. Maxfield stated this will turn into a permanent residence. Mr. Merullo stated they are aware there are problems in this area with driveway and house runoff and they have spoken to the road agent about what is happening with DES and containment. Mr. Merullo stated at the end of the driveway turn around there is a retention area. Ned Lizotte stated he is familiar with the property and it slopes up. Mr. Merullo stated it slopes up and then it shelves: there is flat area near the road and water does not run directly onto the road. Mr. Merullo stated he is catching the water on the first shelf and holding it there. Mr. Maxfield read the additional requirements for a reduced setback and stated any representations made at a hearing become part of the deal. Mr. Merullo stated they believe they have taken all the trees they are going to need to take. Mr. Maxfield stated they have done a good job putting the house back in the middle of the lot. Mr. Maxfield asked if there were any questions from the board. Abutters have been notified. Mr. Maxfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the application. There were none. Mr. Maxfield stated he did not cover the driveway and they require setbacks too. Mr. Merullo stated the driveway is not in the setback but the turnaround area encroaches the setback to about 15 feet. Mr. Merullo stated the driveway runs straight into the bottom of the house. Mr. Lizotte stated the turnaround is about a 25–30 foot swath. Mr. Merullo stated yes and it will have a retention area behind the turnaround to catch water. Mr. Maxfield stated the turn around does not bother him; he feels the intent is to keep from driving up someone's property line. Mr. Maxfield closed this hearing and it will be taken up under unfinished business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case #06-05 — Jeremy Minery — Special Exception for a reduced setback. 252 Route 129, Map 21, Lot 5. Roy Maxfield stated he will take a motion to reduce the side setback from 30 feet to 4-1/2 feet. Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the application as presented. Seconded by Jon Huntington. Roll call vote: Jon Huntington — yes, Ned Lizotte — yes, Roy Maxfield — yes. All in favor: application approved.

favor, application approved.

Case #06-06 — David & Claire Drake

Special Exception for a reduced setback. 260 Clough Pond Road, Map 58, Lot
96. Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the
application as presented. Seconded by Jon
Huntington. Ned Lizotte stated the understanding is the T turnaround does not go
closer than 15 feet to the side setback. Roll
call vote: Jon Huntington – yes, Ned Lizotte

yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor, application approved. Roy Maxfield asked the
applicant if he accepts the decision of a
three member board. Mr. Drake stated yes.

DISCUSSIONS

Joanne Sanborn - Steve Jackson represented Ms. Sanborn. Mr. Jackson stated he has brought in some plans and deeds concerning property located on Map 44, Lot 8 on Kenney Road. Mr. Jackson stated Ms. Sanborn currently resides in a residence on Map 53, Lot 2; which has a 30 foot easement through Mr. Epps property for her driveway. Mr. Jackson stated they are trying to get a building permit for lot 8; Ms. Sanborn would like to downsize and build a smaller home. Roy Maxfield asked where the road frontage is for lot 8. Mr. Jackson stated that is the discussion for tonight; there is a 50' wide piece of land that runs down to Kenney Road. Mr. Jackson stated he thought a couple of planning board members had come out to the property and based on what they saw, there wouldn't be the ability to get a permit. Mr. Maxfield asked how Map 44, Lot 5 is accessed. Mr. Jackson stated he believes they have their own right-of-way somewhere. Mr. Maxfield asked how lot 2 got a building permit in 1990. Ms. Sanborn

stated Mr. Hibbard had a permit when she bought the land and two years ago Mr. Epp gave them the right-of-way: the 50 foot wide area use to be the access to the lot. Mr. Lizotte asked why the 50 foot strip was not pursued as the access way. Mr. Jackson stated a survey from Mr. Bartlett in 1994 describes a lot owned by Mr. Little as cutting Ms. Sanborn off from her access; Ms. Sanborn does not have the resources at this time to challenge this. Mr. Maxfield stated she has access but does not have frontage so his answer is no. Mr. Jackson stated in June 2005 former selectman Debbie Kardaseski stated, "if the driveway across Mr. Epp's property was 50 feet wide, then the access could be worked out with a shared driveway, as has been done on other occasions." Mr. Maxfield stated he does not see where you can have a building permit without frontage and you would have to create frontage somehow. Mr. Maxfield stated they had a situation where someone had frontage on Route 106 but used a 50 foot access to get into the lot, but he had frontage. Mr. Jackson stated a lot of record with a 50 foot access can be built on. Dustin Bowles stated the only way you are going to proceed is to prove they have the 50 foot strip; then they can build. Stanley Prescott stated they mentioned earlier someone from the planning board looked at it; he was the one who looked at it as a surveyor and went out with a selectman. Mr. Prescott stated he looked at the record as it was presented to him and the problem is the survey of the little piece and the surveying of the abutting piece overlap; so it negates the 50 feet. Mr. Prescott stated the two lots on either side were conveyed first and they are going to get what they need for their lot and what ever is left over, the third party will get theirs. Mr. Prescott stated he suggested she needs to go to Mr. Hibbard and say she didn't get what she bought. Mr. Prescott stated she indicated at that point she did not have money to do that; so subsequently she went to Mr. Epp and got her right-of-way. Mr. Prescott stated the regulations now say you have to have 50 of property, not a right-of-way. Mr. Prescott stated this is a civil issue. Mr. Jackson stated he believes she still has 50 feet on the road; it appears it was challenged further into the lot. Mr. Prescott stated she may have a 50 foot triangle out by the road but it doesn't go anywhere. Mr. Bowles stated there is noting the town can do until she has a deeded 50 foot wide piece of land.

Scott Leppard — Mr. Leppard stated he is on 85 Berry Road and thought he was

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measuring from the right pin but found out he is actually 13' from the side setback. Mr. Leppard stated abutter Scott Jackson has no problem with that. Mr. Leppard stated the pin was moved by someone in the past, not by him. Mr. Leppard stated he has spoken to Chief Fiske, who gave him the original go ahead to start digging, and asked him to stop what he was doing. Mr. Leppard stated on Tuesday evening Mr. Jackson brought it to his attention he was not within his setbacks; he would like to ask the board for a reduced setback on the northeast corner. Mr. Leppard stated Mr. Prescott, Mr. Jackson and Chief Fiske came out and ran the measurements. Mr. Leppard stated Mr. Jackson's .71 acre lot is vacant; a part of his driveway and a rock garden are actually on Mr. Jackson's property; Mr. Jackson is allowing a 12 foot easement for this. Mr. Leppard stated he would like preliminary approval tonight so he can finish the footings. The board reviewed the regulations. Mr. Maxfield stated the planning board regulations allow for preliminary approval, not the zoning board. Mr. Maxfield stated Mr. Leppard can proceed at his own risk; the board has public notice requirements. Mr. Maxfield stated he will notify Chief Fiske of this.

Roy Maxfield stated on behalf of the zoning board he would like to take this opportunity to thank our secretary Tammy for her excellent performance and wish her every success in her new position. All were in favor.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to appoint Howard Pearl as alternate member. Seconded by Roy Maxfield. All were in favor. Mr. Maxfield stated the board understands the absent members also support Mr. Pearl's appointment. Mr. Maxfield stated Mr. Pearl should also acquaint himself with the Volunteers of America's case before next

ADJOURNMENT:

Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Davis Secretary

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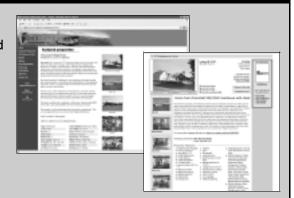
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