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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.

2007 Warrant

**State of New Hampshire
THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN
FROM 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY,
MARCH 13, 2007**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Loudon in the [S.S.] County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road in said Loudon, N.H. on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Articles 1–2 will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the polls at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

Articles 3–9 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loudon Safety Building on Cooper Street. On site, parking will be allowed only on the westerly side of the building.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2:

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-1

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 700.2 by deleting "The Selectmen" and replacing with "The Zoning Board of Adjustment".

Reason: Housekeeping. In 2005 the ZBA became an elected board. The provisions of RSA 673:6, II-a require an elected Board of Adjustment to appoint its own alternate members.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-2

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Delete Sections 700.3.1 through 700.3.7 from the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Loudon.

Reason: Housekeeping. These are rules of procedure adopted by the Board of Adjustment in accordance with RSA 676:1. They do not belong in the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Loudon, but rather will be placed in an attachment Rules of Procedure of the Board of Adjustment.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-3

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-3 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 703.2 by deleting "and 2 stores".

Reason: Housekeeping. This section needed to be updated due to changes in town since this ordinance was passed in 1987.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-4

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-4 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 700.1 by deleting "appointed" and replacing

with "elected" AND by deleting "appointments occur annually" and replacing with "members are elected annually".

Reason: Housekeeping. In 2005 the ZBA became an elected board by way of Zoning Amendment 2005-5. Consistent wording was not carried through the entire ordinance.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-5

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-5 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 206.2 add to the list of permitted uses "M. Contractor/Construction Services".

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Meet the Candidates Night — March 7

You are invited to the annual "Meet the Candidates" night on Wednesday, March 7 and 7 p.m. at the Community Building. This is your opportunity to chat with this year's candidates and ask them questions.

The following individuals have filed to run for office:

Moderator — 2-year term

Philip Nadeau

Selectman — 3-year term

Dustin Bowles
Roy Maxfield

Trustee of Trust Funds — 3-year term

Diane Bullock

Library Trustee — 3-year term

Greg Silva

Library Trustee — 1-year term

Philip Nadeau

Planning Board — 3-year term (vote for two)

Stephen T. Jackson
Tom Moore

Zoning Board — 3-year term (vote for two)

Roy Merrill
George Sanderson

Zoning Board — 1-year term

Howard Pearl

School Board — 3-year term

Caroletta Alicea (Boscawen)
Tom Godfrey (Webster)
Mark Hutchins (Salisbury)

March 13

**First Session of Town Meeting
Loudon Town Hall**

Polls open from 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

**Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Planning/Zoning Offices
Closed on March 13 due to first session of Town Meeting.**

**The Selectmen's Office will close at 3 p.m. Selectmen's
Meeting is cancelled and the Board of Permit is postponed
to March 20.**

March 17

**Second Session of Town Meeting
9 a.m. • at Loudon Safety Building**

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.–4 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.

Transfer Station

Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: 1–7 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

For more information or on other days, call Barbara Cameron: 783-4534

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

Open most Wednesdays from 2–3 p.m. or for emergencies.

For more information, call Rev. Henry or Betty Frost: 783-4540

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley: NEED ADDRESS

Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303-2411

Priscilla P. Lockwood: 435 Northwest Rd., PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001

Joy K. Tilton: 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276-1611

Frank A. Tupper: PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224-0092

Deborah H. Wheeler: NEED ADDRESS

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway:

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the Loudon Ledger. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128. ■

Classified Ads are available. Please mail your ad copy, along with a check payable to LCC, to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. A 1–3 line, 1-column ad will cost \$10. A 4–5 line, 1-column ad costs \$15.

“The Loudon Ledger” 2007 Schedule

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| January 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/15 | Council Meeting: Mon. 12/17 |
| February 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/19 | Council Meeting: Mon. 1/22 |
| March 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/16 | Council Meeting: Mon. 2/19 |
| April 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/16 | Council Meeting: Mon. 3/19 |
| May 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/13 | Council Meeting: Mon. 4/16 |
| June 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/18 | Council Meeting: Mon. 5/21 |
| July 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/15 | Council Meeting: Mon. 6/18 |
| August 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/13 | Council Meeting: Mon. 7/16 |
| September 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/17 | Council Meeting: Mon. 8/20 |
| October 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/14 | Council Meeting: Mon. 9/17 |
| November 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/19 | Council Meeting: Mon. 10/22 |
| December 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/16 | Council Meeting: Mon. 11/19 |

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

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Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs. Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church

Pastor Jeff Owen

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

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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

Youth Group Friday: 6:30–8 p.m. for grades 6–12

Sept.–June Faith Weaver Friends: Age 3 through 5th Grade. Fri. 6:30–8 p.m.



First Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Tues.–Fri.

phyllish@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays: Sunday School, All Ages: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided for Infants and Toddlers. Kinder-Church (Preschoolers and Kindergarteners). Children’s Church (Grades 1–6)

Wednesdays: Youth Group w/Youth Pastor: 6:30 p.m. [Doug Milne (224-1311 x12)]

Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m. • *Kid’s Time:* 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Grades 1–4)

Pre-Teen Youth Group (Grades 5–6)

Thursday: Teen Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. at Youth Pastor’s Home

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

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



Landmark Baptist Church

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Pastor Eric Davis

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) • *Sunday Morning Worship:* 8 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children’s Church Provided)

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. (**Hero’s & Zero’s of the Bible series**) and (**New Beginnings Class:** for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road

Mailing address: 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.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Staffed nursery for infants–pre-K)

Sunday School (all ages): 11:15 a.m. (Sept.–June)

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

Monthly at 5:30 p.m. Please call for details.

Women In Christ Study and Fellowship: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

LCC Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High teens): Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.

Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons



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

Church of the Nazarene Holding Auction

What: Scottish Auction
When: Saturday, March 17th
Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Where: Church of the Nazarene, Staniels Road, Loudon

The Adult Fellowship and O.A.S.I.S. (50+) Groups, of the Loudon Church of the Nazarene, are sponsoring a very special event. There will be a dessert time along with a **Scottish Auction** (a fund raiser for Loudon Old Home Days in August.)

What is a Scottish Auction? This auction is for the “frugal” (or cheap, as some might say.) Those who attend should bring one or more items for the auction. They can be old, new, serious, funny, gift certificate, an IOU for cookies-yard work-lunch out, a “re-gift”...the sky is the limit. The items brought to the auction can be presented “as is” or put in a brown paper bag for those who are frugal or would like their item auctioned as a grab bag or mystery item.

There will also be special entertainment. **Ted Graham** will be there around 6:30 p.m. in full regalia and bless us with his **bag pipe music**. And our Auctioneer and assistant will keep us on the edge of our seats. There will be tasty desserts in keeping of the Scottish/Irish tradition. You are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship.

Bring a friend, something for the auction and your pocketbook.

Questions? Call Debbie at 783-4196 or Jewel at 435-6845. ■

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Returns to Its “Home on the Hill”

The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church is finally able to move back into its Town Sanctuary on Clough Hill Road. As you know, the Church was damaged by fire in June of 2005. Since that time, the Congregation has continued to gather at the Community Building in the Village.

Repairs to the building have been ongoing and are finally finished. The Congregation has been able to meet in its “home” for several weeks now. However, the “official” return will be Sunday, March 4.

If you would like more information, please contact Rev. Henry Frost, Pastor of the Church, at 783-4540. ■

First Congregational Church of Concord Thanks Loudon for Its Generosity

Loudon’s Girl Scouts have been accepting donations of toiletries, socks, mittens, hats, etc. from Loudon residents through the past month in order to donate the items to the homeless shelter at the First Congregational Church of Concord. Thanks to the generosity of everyone, almost twice as many donations were dropped off at the Church this year as last.

The cold weather shelter at First Congregational Church has been open for four years. The first two years the shelter only opened on nights when the temperature went below 10 degrees. However, due to outstanding community support, the shelter has been able to open every night beginning in mid-December until mid-March during years two and three. Staffed by a large group of volunteers, the shelter is unique in Concord. It is the shelter of last resort and shelter guests are not charged to stay. The doors open at 6 p.m., with everyone out by 8 a.m., when they can go to the Friendly Kitchen for breakfast.

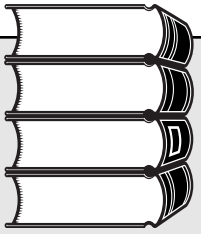
In addition to offering a warm place to sleep, the shelter offers a judgement-free zone where everyone is treated with respect. Last year, the shelter was home to a 20-month-old for the entire winter. This year, there are two families in the shelter, both with small children.

Staff and volunteers at the shelter come from all walks of life and all religions. Those who cannot directly volunteer have been most generous with financial support. The church recently hired a part-time Associate Pastor of Community Outreach who, among other duties, helps shelter guests find housing, jobs, and other assistance.

Your donations have made a difference in these people’s lives and they are most appreciated. ■

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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

STORY TIME

Do you have a pet? Would you like to have a pet? This March the children at story time will hear an assortment of tales about different types of pets and how many pets are “just right.”

On the 6th and 8th, the children will listen to a pair of stories about man’s best friend. *The Best Pet of All* by David LaRochelle and Keiko Kasza’s *The Dog Who Cried Wolf*, will be read followed by a craft time where the children will create their very own dog disguise.

On the 13th and 15th of March, they will hear *Pet Show* by Ezra Jack Keats, about a feline with a mind of its own. In anticipation of St. Patrick’s Day, they’ll also hear a story about a leprechaun, and will make off with a pot of gold.

If you don’t have a pet at home but are thinking about getting one, join us March 20th and 22nd to hear Lauren Childs’ *I Want a Pet* and Bob Barner’s *Fish Wish*, to help you decide which one might be best. The children will make a fishing game to keep them entertained as the March winds blow. Stories on the 27th and 29th will remind us that sometimes one pet is just enough as we find

out in Harland Williams’ book, *The Kid with Too Many Pets* and Cathryn Falwell’s *Turtle Splash*. The craft to follow will be a 3D turtle that requires very little care.

AUDIO BOOKS

Thanks to a grant from the NH State Library, Maxfield Library borrowers may now access and download audio books from their home computers. Discover the growing collection of audio books available for transfer to an MP3 player or burning to a CD and listen while you’re on the go. The website address and your password are available at the library for registered library borrowers. Stop by to pick up a card that will help you get started. This will make the library available to you — 24/7!

MEDITATION WORKSHOPS

Want to slow down a little and relax? If a trip to Hawaii isn’t on your agenda, you may need to find your way to the calm within yourself. Certified hypotherapist, Fran Nash, will offer a series

of workshops covering meditation techniques beginning Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m. Please bring a pillow and small blanket and wear comfortable clothes. You may sign up any time at the Circulation Desk or call 798-5153.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction:

Emily Giffin — *Something Borrowed*

Jane Green — *Swapping Lives*

John Lescroart — *The Suspect*

Richard North Patterson — *Exile*

Nonfiction:

Art Buchwald — *Too Soon to Say Goodbye*

Sidney Poitier — *The Measure of a Man*

Tosca Reno — *The Eat-Clean Diet*

Daniel Tammet — *Born on a Blue Day*

ART CLASS NEWS

Let your artistic talents flourish with classes in watercolor techniques. The second session offered by Kim Roth is for intermediate learners and will run

for six weeks on Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. The cost is \$90 for the session. For more details, please call the library.

BOOK GROUP

The color red is big this spring, but what you may not know is the rich history behind the quest for the source of the vibrant dye used to produce the color. Combining mystery, adventure, and empire building, *A Perfect Red* by Amy Butler Greenfield explores the search through time for the much-desired color. The book group will meet on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. to discuss this intriguing nonfiction title.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Monday 1–7 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesday 1–9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

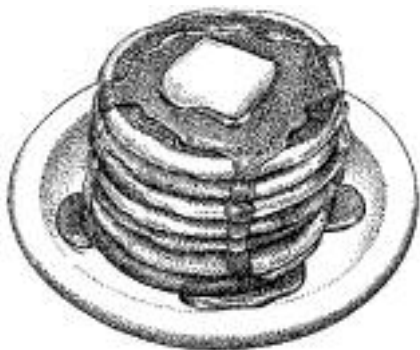
CLOSED FOR THE TOWN MEETING

The Library will be closed for Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17. See you there! ■

LOUDON LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FREE BREAKFAST

*Asking for donations for our
Scholarship Fund*



50/50 RAFFLE

7:00–10:00 a.m.
American Legion
MARCH 31, 2007

Recreation Committee Looking for Members!

The Loudon Recreation Committee is looking for people who want to have more fun and try new things right here in the town of Loudon. Traditionally, the committee has been made up of members who have young children. We are looking for people (young, old, and in between) with ideas, a hobby or interest you would like to share with others, and people who would like to volunteer to assist at an event or two, or as many as you like. Over the last couple of years the Recreation Committee has provided Karate Lessons, Swim Lessons, Soccer Camp, and Loudon Summer Fun Nights! There is so much the recreation department can offer right here in town, but we need volunteers! Please call and share your ideas with Alicia Grimaldi, 435-5193 or attend our monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library. ■

Events Calendar Listings: Discover Wild N.H. Day, All Fishing Expo Planned

Exciting events are coming up this spring at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Be sure to mark your calendars for these free events:

DISCOVER WILD NEW HAMPSHIRE DAY — If you love New Hampshire’s wildlife and wild places, plan to spend an enjoyable day at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department’s biggest family event of the year, Discover WILD New Hampshire Day, set for Saturday, April 21, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord. Admission is free. The day features hands-on activities for all ages, including archery, casting, and kids crafts. Enjoy seeing big trout, retriever dogs and exhibits by outdoor and conservation groups from across the state. Nature walks and presentations throughout the day. Visit www.WildNH.com.

NEW! ALL-FISHING EXPO — Find out how to, where to and what to use while fishing in New Hampshire at the first-ever All-Fishing Expo at New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters in Concord on Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out boats, rods, reels, lures, baits and fishing electronics. Seminars on fly-casting, kayak fishing and rigging your boat for fishing. Free admission. For more information, call Mark Beauchesne at (603) 271-3211. Visit www.FishNH.com. ■

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at Fox Pond Plaza

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Proprietor

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A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse

Hi, everyone! This month we have a DOUBLE MYSTERY!!!! The first mystery is a home that is still standing, though there may have been a few changes made. This one is tricky because the photo isn't taken from the main road. See if you can guess where it is? The second mystery is a photo of a cemetery. Does anyone know where this one is??? If you have answers, guesses or details on either photo, please contact me to share your details. You can email me, Amanda at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227.

I can never have too many photos to use for this column! It doesn't have to be a home and it doesn't even have to be old! It could be any structure or item that has a great story to go with it that would be fun and interesting to share. I can't wait to hear from you, email me, Amanda at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227! ■



Have You Seen This Man?!

Chances are you have, if you're a parent who's child plays basketball in grades 1 through 8 in either Boscawen, Penacook, Loudon, Webster or Salisbury. Many of you may wonder who coordinates all of the different teams, schedules and activities in our community's basketball program. **Pictured above is Kevin Crutchfield the president of the ICB league.** Kevin spends countless hours coaching, refereeing and organizing our league, but he's not alone.

The Independent Community Basketball League is made up of approximately 30+ teams consisting of over 350 local children. There is a governing board consisting of 9 board members. Each town has a representative and there are 4 elected officers. There's also another dozen or so dedicated volunteers from our community that are actively involved in the organization of this league. The teams are coached by volunteers. We currently have close to 50 volunteer coaches. We have another 12 or so volunteer referees involved in the league. The league is 100% funded through donations from area business and our local fund raising campaigns. So as you can see, there are many dedicated people behind the scenes working hard to provide a well run basketball program for our area children.

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This year's season is coming to an end. The ICB board wants to thank all of the local businesses that sponsor our individual teams. We couldn't do it without you!

Special thanks go to:

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I apologize if I've left out anyone! There are a lot of people and local businesses to thank, and you all deserve it.

THANKS FOR THE GREAT YEAR!

Respectfully Submitted by,
Scott Filion

Mystery Photo Number 1



Mystery Photo Number 2



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

February 13th was a cold winter day as we went to "Food for Thought" in Belmont for lunch. There were 30 of us to enjoy the buffet and those desserts were scrumptious!

We have no program scheduled for our March 13th meeting. We will, however, have coffee and Dunkin' Donuts, conversation, and maybe a card game or two. We will also have some pictures of our past trips and activities to check out. The Community Action Program will serve lunch as usual. So who needs an organized program? We'll make our own. So there!

At our April meeting we will play Bingo and have pizza. A new member, Joyce Brewster, has joined our group. We welcome anyone 55 or older to join us on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Planning Committee members are looking for suggestions for trips that our group can take. You can call members Ruth Lyon, Irene Dow, Joanne Arsneault, Pauline Haines or Eileen Cummings with any ideas that you may have. Keep in mind that limited walking is a factor to be considered. Thanks in advance for any suggestions that you may have for bus trips. ■

Don't Forget to Vote on Tuesday, March 13. Polls are open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voting takes place at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

Plan to attend Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the Safety Building.

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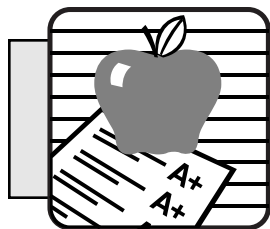
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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon School News

Kindergarten registration in April!

April 12 & 13th — Loudon Elementary School will have an incoming Kindergarten registration. Students must be age 5 on or before September 30th. For additional information please call Mrs. Muzzey at 783-4400.

Important Dates

February 26–March 2: School Closed for February Vacation

March 6: Kindergarten “Cat in the Hat” Breakfast

March 8: MVSD Annual Meeting – High School, 7:00 p.m.

March 14: Ski Club meets at Gunstock — last day

March 16: Mid-terms issued

March 19: DARE Pizza Night

March 21–28: Spring book sale

March 21: Family Night for book sale, 4–8 p.m.

March 31: PTA Easter Egg Hunt, recreation field.

Construction Update

Construction continues to quickly move forward. Walking through the new section, although unfinished, the layout of the building is clear. As with most construction, it is impossible to give the students, teachers, and community a date when we will be able to utilize the new rooms.

The gym floor has been installed. The workers will apply a few coats of sealer, then paint the lines, and complete the process with applications of polyurethane. All rooms and hallways have at least one coat of paint and soon the ceilings will be hung. The outside still needs pavement and overall site work, which is anticipated to be completed in the spring.

As the staff plans to move into the new section, a lot of energy and thought has already gone into making this move best for children. The staff who will be changing rooms will have to go through the process of packing and unpacking their belongings and materials. Stu-

dents will also have to make the physical change to new classroom locations, new hallways, and new flow patterns within the building. All of this new construction has led us to make changes to the arrival and departure procedures, as well as, our emergency exit protocol. The school will notify parents of these changes when we near that date.

A major change the public will notice is the new main entrance. As promised when the bond was being presented to the public, there is increased security. Visitors will be ‘buzzed’ in from the foyer and receive a visitors pass at the same time. The entrance has been moved off the School Street side of the building and will now be located on the east side adjacent to the new parking area.

Once we have a better idea of the completion date of construction, Mr. Laliberte, LES Principal, will offer community members tours of the new addition. The major additions include new: main entrance; secretary, principal, conference, and nurse offices; gymnasium; art room; music room; and two classrooms.

Loudon Elementary School PTA Mildred Lampron Memorial Book Award Available

The Loudon Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a book award to a Loudon student for \$750 in honor of Mildred P. Lampron. Mrs. Lampron was a full time teacher for over 30 years, 25 of them in Loudon at the Elementary School. Educating children was such an important part of her life that even after her retirement she spent a majority of her days at schools substituting and tutoring which she continued to do for another 10–15 years. She was an active community member and believed that the education of children was one of the greatest rewards in life. The Loudon Elementary School PTA honors Mrs. Lampron each year with this award.

To be eligible for this award, a student must be a graduating senior from the Merrimack Valley School District, a Loudon resident, and entering any 2- or 4-year college in the field of Education. The scholarship will be awarded based on community service, academic

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Sub-flooring being installed in the new gym.



Looking down the hallway toward the new entrance.



A new classroom on the second floor.



The new art classroom looks out over the playground.



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Third, fourth, and fifth graders rock the house at the Sock Hop sponsored by the Loudon PTA



"Cool Socks" Sock Hop Sponsored by the PTA

The Sock Hop was a huge success – the craziest socks were on display and the kids rocked the house. Prizes were awarded to a boy and girl in each grade for the coolest socks. The highlight of the evening was definitely when the lights were turned down and everyone got to see the glow necklaces and bracelets. I know my kids have not stopped talking about it! Kudos to the PTA for putting on this fabulous event! Funds raised at this event help fund field trips that might not be affordable to all students. For more information about the Loudon PTA, please call Christine Campbell @ 783-9838. ■

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achievement, and extracurricular participation.

Applications must be completed and returned to the MVHS Guidance Department by April 30, 2007. The award will be presented at Senior Awards Night. Copies of the application are available on the Loudon website www.loudonnh.org at the High School Guidance Department and at the Maxfield Public Library in Loudon.

MVHS News

MVHS Female Athletes Honored

The following seniors at Merrimack Valley High School were recently recognized at a ceremony attended by Governor John Lynch as outstanding female scholar athletes. The criteria for this distinction is at least a B+ average, have lettered in at least 2 NHIAA sports and must be a positive role model with active community service. Over 600 young women from schools around the state were recognized, and MVHS had the 4th highest number of qualified students.

Loudon:

Ellen Peterson
Chelsea Tierney
Ginny Clasby
Kortnie Winters
Katelyn Kus

Webster:

Kate Chwasciak
Megan Hoar

Andover:

Kaitlyn Anderson

Penacook:

Lindsay McCoo
Bethany Moller
Jill Libby
Lindsay Hoyt
Betsy Renauld
Tania Laurion
Hannah Cullen

Boscawen:

Danielle Cate

Construction Update

The new science rooms upstairs were occupied on the first day of classes this week; the teachers and the students love the new space. The rooms have beautiful cabinets with plentiful workspace, natural light and ventilation. We continue to create cabinets for the physical science classes downstairs, and hope to occupy them in March. Our new cafeteria will be unveiled to students at the Semi-Formal Winter Carnival Dance on February 17th, with students eating lunch in the new space the following Monday. The library and fitness centers are on track for grand openings in March, with the art classrooms following in May. Remember that the front of the school is scheduled for renovations next summer, and the administration/guidance offices will be working out of temporary space in June, July, and August. Nearly 95% of

the project will be completed before students return to classes on August 28th, 2007.

Senior Projects

Students have been making solid progress on their senior projects. At this point, most students have completed P2 (the paper) and are gearing up for P3, P4 & P5 (the product, presentation & portfolio). The senior presentations will take place in classes on the morning of March 28th. The Senior Showcase is that evening from 6:00–9:00, and all members of the public are welcomed to attend this spring open house to see the student work and progress on the building project.

Annual Meeting

The school district annual meeting will take place on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There are 13 warrant articles including the budget, a new teacher's contract, a bus maintenance building, a new long range plan and a public charter school. All residents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting!

New District-Sponsored Public Charter School

The Merrimack Valley School District has applied for state funds to establish a charter school at the old Washington Street School (really olde Penacook High School). If we receive the grant, we would benefit from approximately \$300,000 in funds for teacher training, materials and building renovations. The CSI Charter School would focus on helping students to gain Competencies and Skills based on their individual Interests. There would be great emphasis placed on work-based skills and defined academic competencies. By carefully profiling each student's learning styles and interests, we could also define individualized competencies to help students achieve success. If supported by the state and our voters, the CSI Charter School will be come another

tool to help ensure MV students are successful and that our drop-out rate is further reduced.

Raising Graduation Rates Could Save Money

If every student in the class of 2005–2006 graduates from high school, the nation could save \$17.1 billion in lifetime health costs, according to calculations by the Alliance for Excellent Education in its new brief, "Healthier and Wealthier: Decreasing Health Care Costs by Increasing Educational Attainment," funded by MetLife Foundation. Since healthcare costs are highest for the least educated, the Alliance calculated savings by combining the lifetime costs of Medicaid and expenditures for uninsured care, then multiplying this total by the number of students who drop out of the nation's high schools. If these students were to graduate instead, the nation would realize a significant benefit. The report argues that higher educational attainment improves a student's future income, occupational status, and social prestige, all of which contributes to improved individual health. The brief cites several reasons why, including the fact that Americans with higher educational attainment have more insurance coverage, individuals who lack health insurance receive less medical care and have poorer health outcomes, and lower education levels generally lead to occupations with greater health hazards.

News from the Health Office

We have received several reports of chickenpox cases here at MVHS and in the community. There is a vaccine available that is very effective at preventing this highly contagious disease. If your child has never had chickenpox or has never received the chickenpox vaccine (Varivax) you should consider contacting their physician's office about

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Merrimack Valley School District Annual Meeting

March 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Merrimack Valley High School

There are 13 warrant articles to be voted on including the budget, a new teacher's contract, a bus maintenance building, a new long range plan and a public charter school. The District has applied to the state for funds to establish a charter school at the old Washington Street School in Penacook. The CSI Charter School would focus on helping students to gain Competencies and Skills based on their Interests. There would be emphasis placed on work-based skills and defined academic competencies to help students achieve success. If supported by the state and MVSD voters, the CSI Charter School will become another tool to help ensure MV students are successful and that our drop-out rate is further reduced.

Attending the Annual Meeting is an excellent way to learn more about our exciting school district.

Information obtained from *The Communicator* – Loudon Elementary School Newsletter, Winter 2007. ■

receiving the vaccine. If you have any questions please contact the Nurse's Office at MVHS.

MVHS students take home New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards

Over 1,500 individual works of art by New Hampshire students in grades 7–12 were submitted in The Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire on January 4 and 5 as this prestigious program recognizes the importance of fostering creative expression and artistic achievement in our schools. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have grown into the largest and longest running recognition program for young people in United States. Students from 80 regional affiliates submit work in fourteen visual art categories, with the regional winners forwarded to New York late February, for national adjudication. The National Awards ceremony and exhibition will take place during June in NYC.

1,500 individual student entries and 93 senior portfolios from 137 New Hampshire art educators representing 66 schools in grades 7–12 competed for recognition in this prestigious program. Panels of judges awarded Gold Keys, which will represent New Hampshire at the National Competition. Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions were also awarded. The annual statewide event showcases the award-winning student work. Artwork was displayed at the Bedford Mall in February.

The judging panels include college Visual Art professors, museum educators, retired middle and high school art educators and practicing artists. A unanimous vote by the judging panel was needed for a work to be awarded a Gold Key.

The American Visions Awards were awarded for individual entries. Five students received this prestigious honor (from 1,500 pieces), one of whom is Carl Gifford who entered his work, "Boogiemen" Sculpture (Teacher: Robin Denham).

The Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire provides thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating Senior's with recognized visual arts portfolios, of which Rachel Pender won a Gold Key and Christine Raby a Silver Key. The following students received a Honorable Mention Katrina Bacon (Penacook), Denni Bowser (Webster), Beverly Foss (Webster), Rachel Pender (Loudon). The following students received a Silver Key Sara Denoncourt (Loudon), Claire Dusell (Andover), Rebecca Niebling (Boscawen), Christine Raby (Boscawen), Stephanie Walsh (Penacook), Kortnie Winters (Loudon), Rachel Pender (Loudon). The following students won a Gold Key Charlotte Evanofski (Webster), Carl Gifford (Webster), Caitlin Kowalski (Loudon).

Yearbook

Want a 2007 Yearbook? Bring your \$51.25 to Miss Fitzgerald in Room 101 ASAP!

Quilt Raffle for Breast Cancer

My name is Danielle Cate, a senior at MVHS. For my senior project I have made a quilt which I am raffling. All of the proceeds made from the raffle will be donated to the American Breast Cancer Foundation. Tickets are being sold 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased in the High School main office. If you have any questions you can contact me by email at dcate21@comcast.net.

News from the Library Media Center

As seniors fret about college applications and acceptances, we have cause to reflect upon the steps our students must take to reach their goals of higher education. Along the way they are faced with the oft' dreaded milestone, the SAT (and its run-up, the PSAT). Perhaps more than a milestone, the SAT is a rite of passage, a common ceremony experienced by a substantial proportion of high school students across the nation.

How important is the SAT, you might ask? Whereas there are a few institutes of higher education that reportedly ignore SAT scores, the majority of admissions offices do take them into account, some emphasizing them more than others. So, until other means of assessing a student's likely success in post-secondary education replaces the SAT, it will retain its well-deserved significance as a major hurdle in the race to college.

So, how can students maximize their chances of earning a high score on the SAT? Obviously, hard work in school will reap its rewards. However, when it comes time to place pencil on paper — to write that essay and to fill in those bubbles, there may be ways to help improve on whatever score you might get. Yes, we know, get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, blah, blah, blah. Relax, meditate, do Yoga, whatever. These all may help, but for many students the most effective preparation may be an SAT prep course or its equivalent. In other words, learn what the test is like and practice.

While there are volumes of SAT/PSAT prep books and a multitude of prep workshops/courses (even Online), parents and students might be unaware that free help exists online. So, as a public service, we are listing a few of these in this newsletter and encourage anyone interested to evaluate their usefulness for themselves.

In no particular order and without any recommendations, here are several sites:

Major Tests (Free) <http://www.majortests.com/sat/>
The Princeton Review (Free) <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/testprep/testprep.asp?TPRPAGE=78&TYPE=SAT-PRACTICE-TEST>

SAT-ACT Online Test Preparation <http://www.act-sat-prep.com/> This is a *subscription* site; however, there are a limited number of free practices and explanations.

Number2.com <http://www.number2.com/> Number2.com's online test preparation courses are totally free! By creating an account you can access a customized course that includes user-friendly tutorials, practice sessions that dynamically adapt to each student's ability level, a vocabulary builder, and more.

Parents, Did you know...?

Adolescence can be a period of great excitement and stress both for young people and their parents. Teenagers are not only consumed by an increase in the responsibilities placed on them but are also challenged by the pressures they face from their ever expanding social groups. According to the 2005 N.H. Youth Risk Behavior Survey 27% of high school students reported being offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property during the past 12 months. Parents and other trusted adults are one of the best deterrents for adolescent substance use. Although young people have a tendency to push adults away in an effort to claim their independence they are still children in need of guidance and support in regards to difficult decisions, particularly around substance use. Adults can set healthy boundaries that will lessen the likelihood of adolescent substance abuse problems:

- Be healthy role models around alcohol use and do not allow illicit drug use to take place in your home.
- Provide alternative beverages to alcohol at parties, gatherings and at holiday times.
- Discourage adolescent substance use from taking place in your home. Although it might seem that allowing adolescents to use at home is a way of keeping them safe from accidents or legal problems, this "they'll use anyway" line of thinking can have an opposite result. Most adolescents will view this practice as adults permission to "party" as long as they don't get into trouble.
- Encourage adolescents to get involved in activities that help them manage stress and help them feel good about themselves.

- Know the young people your child is associating with and introduce yourself to other parents at every opportunity.

Submitted by Kim Haley, Student Assistance Program

Student of the Month

The following students were recognized as student of the month, Newell Moser (Loudon) and Jessica Sprague (Salisbury).

The following students were nominated for student of the month:

From Penacook: Jared Peick, Jeremy Stinson, Jared Peick, Ashley Colby, Adrienne Seidensticker and Tessa Dyer.

From Andover: Trevor Goodwin.

From Webster: Ryan Leighton.

From Loudon: Tyler Young, Jared Ingerson, Carla Wiley, Caitlin Kowalski.

From Salisbury: Taylor Miller.

From Boscawen: Becky Niebling

Greetings from MVHS Guidance!

This is an exciting time for the Guidance Department. We have many things happening for our students in January.

We have met with all current 8th graders to start the scheduling process for next year and go over what to expect in high school for curriculum, clubs and activities, etc. We've also invited parents of our incoming freshmen to attend an informational session about the transition to high school. Attendance was excellent with over 150 people in our auditorium for this presentation.

Seniors are reminded that college application deadlines as well as financial aid deadlines are fast approaching. (some have already come and gone) Scholarships for MV students have started coming in to Guidance and a list of current scholarships with deadlines and application directions is available in Guidance and on our website. It's important that Seniors keep working hard all the way to the end of the year towards graduation. Colleges that have accepted students check end of the year grades to make sure incoming students are ready for the rigors of college.

All current 10th graders have had the opportunity to tour Concord Regional Technology Center (Voc.) Applications to get into their programs will be available in Guidance as of Monday Feb. 5th. The tour of Winnisquam Agricultural Technology Center will take place on Friday Feb. 9th. All interested students will be asked to sign up for this tour.

Upcoming Events:

March 8: MVHS Auditorium, Choral Concert

March 15: MVHS Auditorium, Band Concert

March 16: MVHS & Red Cross, Blood Drive

March 27: Block 1 & 2, Senior Project Presentations

March 27: 6:00–9:00 p.m., Senior Project Showcase

MVHS Named Math and Science Teacher of the Year



The NH Society of Professional Engineers has named Merrimack Valley High School Teacher Christopher Ginty as their 2007 NH Math and Science Teacher of the Year! Chris, a resident of Webster and a 23 year teacher at MVHS, will be recognized by NHSPE at their annual banquet in Manchester on February 22. Chris currently teaches several engineering courses in our Project Lead the Way program.

Congratulations, Chris! ■

March is Maple Month!

March 24 & 25 is Maple Weekend. Visit these Loudon sap houses and taste the sweetness!

Maple Mousse

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| 1-1/2 | teaspoons plain gelatin | 1/4 | cup cold water |
| 1/2 | cup boiling maple syrup | 1 | cup whipping cream |
| 1/2 | teaspoon vanilla | 1/8 | teaspoon salt |

Dissolve gelatin in cold water and let stand for 5 minutes. Slowly add hot maple syrup to gelatin. Stir until smooth.

Whip cream until stiff peaks form. Cool gelatin mixture and fold in whipped cream, salt, and vanilla.

Pour into freezing tray and freeze. Do not stir during freezing.

Makes 6 servings.

Maple Sauce

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| 1 | cup maple syrup | 1 | teaspoon flour |
| 1 | tablespoon butter | 1/8 | teaspoon salt |
| 1 | teaspoon vanilla | | |

Melt butter and add flour and salt. Cook 2 minutes, then add syrup. Cook 1 minute more, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla.

Makes 1 cup.

Recipes from "Mennonite Community Cookbook" by Mary Emma Showalter.

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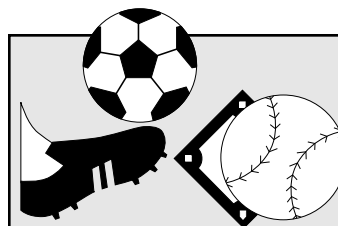


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Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

Upcoming Baseball Season Needs You!

Little League Baseball — Looking For Outstanding Individuals!

Does your son or daughter play baseball or softball? We need your help! LYAA is seeking outgoing people to coordinate our baseball/softball program. We also need volunteers for many other positions. You can volunteer a little piece of time and make a huge difference for the children.

Baseball is looking for the following Board positions: President, Equipment Manager, and Information Officer. We are also looking for the following Non-Board positions: Equipment Manager, Scheduling, Concessions, Uniforms, and Fundraising.

If you think you may be interested in volunteering for any of these positions,

Please contact David Meeken at: 798-5266 or e-mail: dkameek@comcast.net

Join LYAA!

LYAA wants you to get involved! We need dedicated individuals to help our programs stay successful. Becoming a LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings scheduled every fourth Tuesday of each month. There are many exciting opportunities to take part in and any level of help is appreciated.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library.

Our next Meeting is scheduled for March 27th at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Come see what's happening! For more info, please contact Melody Broider at 267-8383 or via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there! ■



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

PO Box 1797, Concord, NH 03302-1797, 224-4093

March Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic in Loudon on March 27 at the Community Center from 9 a.m. until noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call CRVNA's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

An Immunization Clinic for all ages will be offered on the following dates: Monday, March 5, 1:00–3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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 Clinics

A FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, Mar. 7, 2007, 10 a.m.–Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord, and Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2007, 10:30–11:30 a.m. at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association 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.

Adult Grief Support Group

Trained grief support facilitators will be offering an 8-week support group beginning Tuesday, March 13 at the Payson Center Conference Room. The group is limited to 12. To register or for more information, please contact Laurie Brooks at 224-4093, ext. 2826 or email her at laurie.brooks@crvna.org. ■

TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, BS

It's that time of year when we are buried in snow and many of us are daydreaming of warm sandy beaches. If this sounds like you, you are not alone. Many people even get to the point where they feel depressed. There is a reason for this and it is caused by the lack of sunlight that we experience in the winter. The condition is called SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). Most SAD sufferers are women and the illness typically begins in their twenties.

I wanted to provide you with some more information on this disorder and it's symptoms and treatment.

What is SAD?

SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) is a type of winter depression, which affects millions of people every winter. SAD is caused by a biochemical imbalance in the hypothalamus due to the shortening of daylight hours and the lack of sunlight in winter. For many people SAD is a seriously disabling illness, preventing them from functioning normally without continuous medical treatment. For others, it is a milder condition, causing discomfort, referred to as sub-syndromal SAD or winter blues. There is also a rare reverse form of

SAD, known as summer SAD, where symptoms occur each summer and remit in winter.

Symptoms

- a desire to oversleep and difficulty staying awake, but in some cases, disturbed sleep and early morning wakening;
- feeling fatigue and an inability to carry out normal routine;
- a craving for carbohydrates and sweet foods, usually resulting in weight gain;
- feelings of misery, guilt and loss of self-esteem, sometimes hopelessness and despair, sometimes apathy and loss of feelings;
- an irritability and desire to avoid social contact;
- a tension and inability to tolerate stress;
- a decreased interest in sex and physical contact
- and in some sufferers, extremes of mood and short periods of hypomania (overactivity) in spring and autumn.

SAD symptoms usually reoccur regularly each winter, starting between September and November and continuing until March or April; a diagnosis can be made after 2 or more consecutive winters of symptoms. In sub-syndromal SAD, symptoms such as tiredness, lethargy, sleep and eating problems occur, but depression and anxiety are absent or mild.

SAD symptoms disappear in spring, either suddenly with a few weeks of hypomania/hyperactivity, or gradually, depending on the intensity of sunlight in the spring/early summer. In summer SAD, symptoms may be related to excessive heat rather than light and may include irritability and lethargy rather than oversleeping and overeating.

SAD may begin at any age, but the main age of onset is 18–30. It occurs throughout the northern and southern hemispheres but is rare in those living within 30 degrees of the Equator, where daylight hours are long, constant and extremely bright.

Treatments

Light therapy has been proven effective in over 80% of diagnosed cases, with exposure from 30 minutes to sev-

eral hours per day to very bright light, at least 10 times the intensity of ordinary domestic lighting. Ordinary light bulbs and fittings are not strong enough. For light therapy, you can actually purchase items called light boxes or light therapy lamps on the internet, these offer simulated sunlight. Light boxes create the equivalent amount of light you would experience from looking out of a window on a sunny day.

Psychotherapy, counseling or any similar therapy which helps the person with SAD to relax, accept their illness and cope with its limitations can be useful.

Get outside during daylight hours, as often as possible. The latest research has shown that one hour of outdoor light, even on a cloudy day helps to alleviate symptoms. Why not get some exercise also; go for a walk with your family or enjoy winter sports!

Source: www.nosad.org

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@comcast.net.

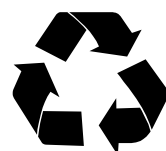
Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care Offers Stress Management Program for Cancer Patients and Caregivers

Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care will present "Stress Control: A Systematic Program of Stress Management Education for People with Cancer and their Caregivers" on Monday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This free program helps participants build a repertoire of stress management skills to assist them during and after cancer treatment.

Facilitated by Lisa Gold, MA, MS, LCMHC, participants learn to control mood changes, improve sleep, manage discomfort and relax their mind and body. Ms. Gold, trained with Jon Kabat-Zinn at the Stress Reduction Clinic at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, brings years of experience in teaching stress reduction techniques. "Living with cancer can obviously be stressful, but with education and practice, people can learn practical methods to manage their stress more effectively," she said.

Registration for this program is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031. Upon arrival, park in Lot A and enter the hospital through the main entrance. The program is being held in the Payson Center for Cancer Care Conference Room on the first floor.

The Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care, approved by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as a comprehensive community cancer center, provides treatment and support for cancer patients and their families, including radiation oncology, medical oncology and surgery. Board-certified physicians and nationally certified oncology nurses are dedicated to providing quality health care in a warm and caring environment. The Payson Center offers the latest in innovative technology such as intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and the 3D ultrasound targeting system, and conducts multiple clinical trials through New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA for eligible patients. The full-service center also features the HOPE Resource Center, that offers programs and services to assist patients with all aspects of their cancer care. Available services include discussing financial, emotional, spiritual and dietary needs; and connecting patients to appropriate resources and support programs at the Payson Center and in the community. ■



Recycling Fees Change

Effective March 1, 2007, the Loudon Transfer Station Fee Schedule is amended to include to following fees:

- All computer monitors, \$5.00
- Large computer printers, \$5.00
- TVs (up to 19"), \$5.00
- TVs (20"–27"), \$10.00
- Console TVs and TVs over 27", \$15.00
- Computer CPUs are free if they are intact and undamaged.

If you have any questions, please check with the attendant at the Transfer Station *before* dropping off your item. Recycling is good for the environment! Many of the above items contain dangerous and/or toxic materials and should *not* just be dumped in the hopper.

Help the Recycling Committee

The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee would like your help. Membership has shrunk and new members are always welcome. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Town Office. If you'd like more information or would care to join, please call Steve Bennett at the Transfer Station, 783-0170. ■

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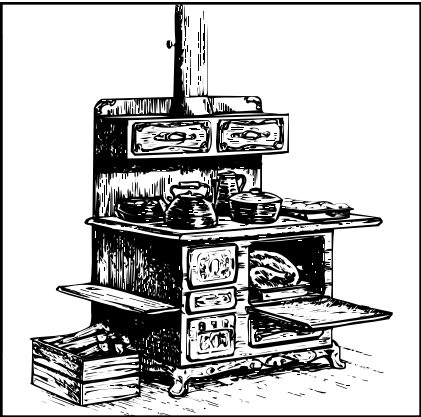
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Are Your Irish Eyes Smiling?

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Luck of the Irish to ya Loudon! I'm pretty sure that this first recipe is far from Irish, but it was about as close to Irish as my family ate when I was growing up, and as a kid I always looked forward to this fun easy food.

IRISH EYES A SMILIN'

- 1 lb. bag frozen peas
- 4 oz. Velveta cheese (cubed)

In a strainer rinse peas under warm water until just thawed. Drain well. Put peas and cheese in a microwave safe bowl and place in the microwave for 3 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

IRISH STEW — Recipe courtesy Giana Ferguson

- 2 medium-sized onions, chopped
- Oil, for frying
- 1 ounce butter
- 1 sprig dried thyme
- 2-1/2 pounds best end of lamb neck, cut into large pieces
- 7 carrots, chopped lengthways into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons pearl barley
- 5 cups chicken stock, *recipe follows*
- Salt (recommended: Fleur du Sel)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 bouquet garni (parsley, thyme, and bay leaf)
- 12 medium potatoes
- 1 bunch parsley, leaves finely chopped
- 1 bunch chives

Serving suggestion: herb butter, recipe follows

In a large heavy-bottomed saucepan, cook the onions in oil and butter, on medium-high heat until they are translucent. Add the dried thyme and stir. Add the lamb and brown on a high heat to seal in juices. Add carrots, and pearl barley. Pour in the chicken stock so that it almost covers the meat and vegetables. Season with salt and pepper, and add Bouquet garni. Cover and cook on low heat for 2 hours, being careful not to boil. Place potatoes on top of the stew, cover and cook for 30 minutes until the meat is falling beautifully off the bones and the potatoes are fork tender.

Serve the stew in large flat soup bowls, and drizzle herb butter over the potatoes or garnish with parsley and chives.

Stock:

- Chicken carcass 1 onion
- 4 cups water 3 stalks celery, roughly chopped
- Bay leaf Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the stockpot. Combine ingredients in a large heavy-bottomed saucepan and cover with water. Bring to boil and simmer for approximately 30 minutes. Then let it cool down and skim off the fat.

Herb Butter:

- 1 stick butter 1 small bunch parsley, finely chopped
- 1 small bunch chives, finely chopped 1 sprig thyme

Melt butter in a small saucepan. Add parsley, chives and thyme.

Yield: 6 servings

BAKED CODFISH WITH IRISH CHEESE CRUST — Recipe courtesy Emeril Lagasse, 2003

- 4 (6-ounce) codfish fillets, skins removed

Essence, recipe follows

- 1/2 cup fine bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp. melted Irish butter
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons Lakeshore Strong Irish Mustard or Colman's English mustard
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic, or spring onions

- 6 ounces Irish cheese, such as Dubliner, Coolea, or Carrigaline, or Irish cheddar such as Kerrygold Vintage, grated
- 1 cup heavy Irish cream

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Butter a casserole dish and set aside. Lightly season the codfish on both sides with Essence and place in the prepared dish, skin side down.

In a bowl, combine the bread crumbs, butter, parsley, mustard, and garlic, and mix well. Add the cheese and mix well. Place on the fish, patting down to make a crust. Pour the cream over the fish and bake until the fish is cooked through, golden brown and the cheese is bubbly, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve.

EMERIL'S ESSENCE CREOLE SEASONING (also referred to as Bayou Blast):

- 2-1/2 tablespoons paprika 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon onion powder 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano 1 tablespoon dried thyme

Combine all ingredients thoroughly. Yield: 2/3 cup

IRISH SODA BREAD — From Food Network Kitchens

- 1/2 cup currants 3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-3/4 cups cake flour 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda 2 teaspoons fine salt
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, cut into small pieces and chilled
- 1-1/2 cups buttermilk

Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 400 degrees F. Lightly butter a baking sheet. Put the currants in a medium bowl and cover with hot water. Soak for 15 minutes and drain. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, cake flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt. Add the butter and, using your hands, work it into flour mixture, until it is about the size of small peas. Stir in the currants. Add the buttermilk and stir with a spatula, just until the flour is moistened and comes together in a shaggy dough. Turn the dough out onto a floured work surface and knead lightly until just smooth, about 1 minute. Form the dough into a ball and place on the center of the prepared baking sheet. Using a sharp knife cut a 1/4-inch-deep "X" into the top of the dough to let the fairies out. Bake until well browned and the bottom sounds hollow when tapped lightly with your knuckles, about 1 hour. Transfer the bread to a rack and let cool completely before serving.

STOUT FLOAT — Recipe courtesy Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh

- 1 tablespoon Stout Syrup, recipe follows, or more to taste
- 1 scoop vanilla ice cream
- 1 scoop chocolate ice cream
- 1 12-ounce bottle stout (recommended: Guinness)

Drizzle syrup into a tall glass. Add a scoop each of vanilla and chocolate ice creams. Top with stout and serve immediately, to adults only!

Note: Recipe can be easily increased.

Stout Syrup:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 12-ounce bottle stout (recommended: Guinness)

Next Month:

Breakfast anytime! Breakfast food is my favorite- there just never seems like enough time in the morning for anything but cereal. I'll give you some great recipes your family will love any time of day. As always, I encourage you to send me your own recipes or suggestions for recipes. Let me know by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■



The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

March 15th–17th is the recognized anniversary period of the founding of the American Legion.

CAPSULE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

A group of twenty officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) in France in World War I is credited with planning the Legion. A.E.F. Headquarters asked these officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. proposed an organization of veterans. In February 1919, this group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army.

When the first organization meeting took place in Paris in March 1919, about 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended. The meeting, known as the Paris Caucus, adopted a temporary constitution and the name The American Legion. It also elected an executive committee to complete the organization's work. It considered each soldier of the A.E.F. a member of the Legion. The executive committee named a subcommittee to organize veterans at home in the U.S.

The Legion held a second organizing caucus in St. Louis, Missouri, in May 1919. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization. It set up temporary headquarters in New York City, and began on relief, employment, and Americanism programs.

Congress granted the Legion a national charter in September 1919. The first National Convention, held in Minneapolis, adopted a permanent constitution and elected officers to head the organization.

ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM

Every part of The American Legion emblem has a meaning, a rich symbolism that at a glance does not reveal. The emblem is laid upon the rays of the sun, giver of life, warmth and courage; foe of the cold, of the darkness, of the fear, of the apprehension. In turn, each of the emblem's parts signifies a meaning, which no American Legionnaire who wears the emblem should take lightly, and which he/she should know from the first moment it is put on. Why does the star signify constancy of purpose? Because the stars are fixed in the heavens. As the stars do not wander, so should The American Legion not wander from its fixed purposes.

Further, the words "The American Legion" demand "that the wearer shall ever guard the sanctity of home and country and free institution..." There shines the emblem of the American Legion. It is your badge of pride and distinction, honor and service.

Here are the meanings of all the symbols of The American Legion emblem.

The Rays of the Sun form the background of our proud Emblem, and suggest that the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil. The Wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States, that liberty might endure. The Star - victory symbol of World War I, signalizes as well honor, glory and constancy. The letters U.S. leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star. Two Large Rings the outer one stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled buddies. The inner one denotes the welfare of America's children. Two Small Rings set upon the star. The outer pledges loyalty and Americanism. The inner is for service to our communities, our states and the Nation. The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

POST NEWS AND EVENTS

- We are always accepting new members, just contact a Legion member, or come to a meeting. Dues are now \$22.00 per year, and meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1900.
- The fund for the memorial is almost there! Thank you, Post 88 members!
- This past year, we lost another Post member, Harris S. Mason passed away in Florida. He will be missed by the members and his family.

St. Patrick's Day is Saturday, March 17th

By Kris Tripp

About Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is believed to have been born in the late fourth century and was the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. He is most known for driving the snakes from Ireland. It is true there are no snakes in Ireland, but there probably never have been — the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age. As in many old pagan religions, serpent symbols were common and often worshipped — driving the snakes away was probably a symbolic gesture of putting an end to pagan practice.

Why Saint Patrick's Day?

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated worldwide by Irish people and increasingly by many of non-Irish descent. Celebrations generally include all things green and Irish. One typically celebrates by wearing green, eating Irish food, consuming Irish drink, and attending parades. Gold, shamrocks and luck are also a big part of Saint Patrick's Day. Most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.

There are a few theories on why Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th. One is that St. Patrick died on this day. Since the holiday began in Ireland, it is believed that as the Irish spread out around the world, they took with them their history and celebrations. The biggest observance of all is, of course, in Ireland. With the exception of restaurants and pubs, almost all businesses close on March 17th. Being a religious holiday as well, many Irish attend mass, where March 17th is the traditional day for offering prayers for missionaries worldwide before the serious celebrating begins.

In America big cities and small towns alike celebrate with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green!

May the luck of the Irish be with you on Saint Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick Day Parades:

Manchester, NH — Elm Street: Sunday, March 18th at 12:00. Rain Date: If inclement weather is forecast for Sunday, March 18th, the parade will be rescheduled for TBA at 12 p.m. Please return to this site for the most current parade information.

South Boston — Sunday, March 18th at 1:00

Facts for this article were obtained from the following: www.st-patricks-day.com and <http://en.wikipedia.org>. ■

- In February, the V.F.W. Post 4405, of Loudon, hosted the state meeting at the Legion hall. We were glad that we could be helpful to their post.
- Don't forget BINGO... every Tuesday night at 6:00.
- Also, hospital equipment is available for anyone in need. Please call Fred at 224-0172 or Jim at 435-8892.
- On the 10th of February, the Cub Scouts of Troop 247 put on a spaghetti supper. They did a great job, and it tasted very good. These kids need more help, let's get out there and support these organizations.
- We have a special day in March — St. Patrick's Day! Don't forget that everyone is Irish on the 17th! Wear some green and have fun.

*Thank you,
The Legion Family*

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Girl Scouts

Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Camporee

The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit is very excited to announce that we will be having a camporee on May 18th, 19th & 20th. The event is being sponsored by and will be held at Cascade Campground right here in Loudon. The Camporee Subcommittee is hard at work planning this fun and exciting event. Our theme is "Loudon Girl Scouts, Wild About Camping." The girls will have the opportunity to tie-dye a screen printed t-shirt and choose three other workshops from a fun variety of topics that have to do with nature, wildlife and camping. An ice cream sundae buffet, sharing SWAPS, campfire songs, s'mores, skits, fun and friendship are all on the menu for the weekend. We look forward to providing the girls these experiences that they might not otherwise be able to have. More information will be coming to the girls and their parents through their troop leaders. So save the date and prepare to have fun!

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Amanda Masse, Camporee sub-committee chair at 783-0227 or jaelmasse@comcast.net for more information on ways you can help.

Loudon Girl Scouts Looking for Camping Equipment Donations

The Girl Scouts of Loudon Service Unit will be looking for used camping equipment (in good condition). We are looking for items such as tents, camp stoves, tarps, pots, pans or other camping supplies. We are hoping to gather equipment for any troop

to utilize on their individual camping events and at our town-wide Girl Scout Camporee in May. If you have items that you no longer use and would like to donate, please call Michele Paquette, Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Manager at 783-4275 or mmpaquette@comcast.net.

Loudon Girl Scouts — Very Sock-sessful Again!!

From January 15th to February 15th the Loudon Girl Scouts collected socks, hats, mittens, towels and travel size health care products for a local homeless shelter. With the help of all Loudon Girl Scouts, the Maxfield Public Library and the citizens of Loudon, we collected and donated over 20 huge boxes and bags of items for those in need.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all those who donated and helped remember those in need. Thank you for supporting the Loudon Girl Scouts in their community service efforts!

Loudon Girl Scout Troops: #955, #45, #300, #685, #361, #2641 and #2356.

Brownie Troop 45

Michele Holbrook & Lysa Crouch

Troop 45 is still working on science experiments while earning their second science try-it "Science in Action." The girls made their own bubbles and lip-gloss and we are trying to make our own rock crystal candy. Our Brownies continue to work in their patrols and are becoming more responsible for themselves with each meeting.

We had a very successful cookie season to date and have earned money for more field trips. We are looking forward to the Maple Sugar Magic field trip at the end of March with Troop 300.

Troop 45 will be holding a Girl Scout cookie Booth Sale on Saturday, March 24th from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Fox Pond Plaza. Please stop by and help support our troop! We will have plenty of cookies for your sweet tooth.

Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse & Michele Paquette

We are VERY proud of the girls of Troop #300. They did a great job representing our troop and presenting information they learned about Guatemala at the World Thinking Day event in Henniker. We had 10 girls and 6 adults from our troop attend the event, a big thank you to the adults who came and helped out! The girls enjoyed the event so much, that the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit plans on holding our own World Thinking Day event next February.

Our troop had a great cookie sale, selling 141 cases of cookies — that is 1,692 boxes of cookies for just our troop! We had three girls who earned the "High Stepper Patch" by selling over 150 boxes each. All 14 girls in our troop participated and will get a cookie sale patch. Congratulations and way to go girls!

For Community Service our troop participated in the Loudon Girl Scout Sock and Toiletries drive and collected 1 box and two huge bags of items for those in need. Thank you to the girls and their families for remembering others during this cold winter weather. The girls are now thinking about what our next community service project will be.

Our troop is looking forward to the fun we will have at the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Camporee in May. We are beginning to work on some try-its which will prepare us for that outdoor camping experience. We are very excited about this event!!

We are making plans for some fun field trips and activities including at the end of March going on the Maple Sugaring Magic field trip with Troop #45 at the Audubon Center in Laconia. We continue to have fun and look forward to spending more time together in Troop #300.

Junior Troop 361

Samantha French and Jenna Paquette

Troop 361 has been very busy in February!!! We enjoyed the World Thinking Day event in Henniker on Feb. 3rd. The girls participated in a Badge Blast sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and earned their Science Sleuth Badge on Feb. 10th.

During our meetings we have been working on our Globe Trotting badge. With our handy dandy world map at our ready, we have been to many countries around the world and learned about customs, food and geography. The girls have written tales about world explorers, have given brief presentations about selected countries, and have made travel posters about their favorite places. We made a Travel and Tourism poster promoting the virtues of our town, Loudon.

We have maintained the donation box at the Maxfield Public Library for the 2nd annual Sock Drive. This was very successful again!!! Thank you so much to everyone that donated!

Please look for Troop 361 on Thursday, March 8th from 4–7 at Sam's Club. We will be selling Girl Scout Cookies. So if you didn't order any or you need more, please come see us!!!

! Get Your Girl Scout Cookies ! UPCOMING BOOTH SALES



Thursday, March 8 • 4–7 p.m.

Sam's Club, Concord
Junior Troop 361

Saturday, March 10 • 9 a.m.–Noon

Fox Pond Plaza, Loudon
Brownie Troop 685

Saturday, March 24 • 9 a.m.–Noon

Fox Pond Plaza, Loudon
Brownie Troop 45

Girl Scouts — cont. from page 14

Brownie Troop 685

Christine Campbell & Karen Minery

We had a wonderful time at World Thinking Day. We went as travelers and learned about many different countries and the cultures that are different than our own. Next year we are excited to represent our own country at a World Thinking Day event.

We made beautiful candy cane hearts for the residents at Heartland Place Nursing Home for Valentines Day. We had a wonderful time delivering them on February 12th to each resident and visiting with the elderly. The Cadette troop went with us and we had a nice time together. We sang "Make New Friends" for a resident who requested that we sing. Another resident shared with us her doll-making hobby, which will follow us into March when we begin to learn about hobbies for a try-it badge. Also in March we will be holding a cookie booth sale on Saturday, March 10th at the Fox Pond Plaza.

Daisy Troop 955

Julie Segien & Kathy Fischer

Daisy Troop 955 is half way through earning their petals. January's orange petal was "Responsible for what I say and do." They earned this by making a puppet and performing a show for each other. February, the girls made "a good for me book" and at the next meet we will have a tea party along with learning and teaching them about manners. Thinking day was another well-earned patch event for Girl Scouts.

Cadette Troop 2356

Christine Campbell

The Cadettes put an incredible amount of effort into World Thinking Day. The troop represented Sweden. Due to the weather, the number of girls that were able to attend the event was lower than expected, but the girls that did attend really came together well to man the table themselves. Traveling was a little difficult for them because of the short number, but they were able to get to the countries that most interested them. A good time was had by all who were there.

Along with the Brownie Troop 685, the Cadettes visited Heartland Place and delivered Valentine pins to the elderly. They made Valentine magnets for the men. The girls really enjoy mentoring with the younger girl scouts. Next week the girls are going on a hike to Stonehenge Park. We welcome Meghan to our troop and her mother, Liz, as our new troop assistant.

Junior Troop 2641

Heather Herter & Darlene Conte

Troop 2641 has been very busy. January was filled with preparations for our participation in a World Thinking Day event that was held in Henniker last month. This event helped the girls learn and celebrate scouting around the world. The girls chose to represent Ireland. They worked very hard learning about life in Ireland. They created posters, learned a couple phrases in Gaelic and learned what Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) do in Ireland. They represented Loudon (and Ireland) very well at the event and they had fun too. Thank you to all our scout parents for letting the girls stay an extra hour at the meetings to get all the work done.

We are very impressed by our cookie sales. The girls (and parents) did a great job selling. Thank you to everyone who supported our troop through the purchase of cookies. We will be having a cookie booth sale at the Fox Pond Plaza later this spring (probably end of April) so stop by and replenish your cookies.

Some badges we have been working on are Yarn and Fabric Crafts and The Cookie Connection. We had to put those on hold while we worked on World Thinking Day prep. We are back working on these and should have them finished within the next few meetings. The girls did earn the badge, Girl Scouts Around the World and have added that to their list of completed badges.

We have some exciting news. We have welcomed a new member to our troop. We know have a total of 12 wonderful scouts. We look forward to getting to know her and making more wonderful Girl Scout memories with her.

The girls (and Darlene and I) are very excited about a couple of trips we have coming up — we will be visiting the girls clothing store, Limited Too. They will learn about fashion, trends, and the art of window displays and get to participate in a fashion show. We have a trip planned to Pat's Peak where will be snow tubing with lots of other scouts throughout NH. Pat's Peak has a Scouts Weekend every March and our troop decided it sounded like fun. It will be a first experience for lots of us. It should be a blast. The spaghetti supper is coming up and we will be participating in that so look for us there. The much-anticipated Camporee is scheduled in May and we are very eager to take part in that. We will have to hone our camping and outdoor skills over the next month in preparation for that.

We are looking forward to a very busy fun-filled spring. Thank you to all our volunteers that help make our trips happen. We appreciate everything that you do. ■

Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care Offers Workshop for Cancer Patients' Loved Ones

Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care is offering a free program, "Finding Strength: Education and Support for Family and Friends of Those with Cancer" on Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The presenters are Amy Zaluki-Stone, RN, OCN, of New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA and Paula Plona, ACSW, OSW-C.

When someone is diagnosed with cancer, it affects everyone in that person's life. Family members and friends as well as the person with cancer need information and support. This workshop helps loved ones better understand cancer and side effects of treatments. Strategies for family members and friends to better support the person with cancer as well as taking care of themselves will also be discussed.

"This workshop provides helpful information about cancer and its treatment while also providing a time for family and friends to get support themselves," Plona said.

Registration for this program is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031. Upon arrival, park in Lot A and enter the hospital through the main entrance. The program is being held in the Payson Center for Cancer Care Conference Room on the first floor.

The Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care provides comprehensive treatment and support for cancer patients and their families, including radiation oncology, medical oncology and surgery. Board-certified physicians and nationally certified oncology nurses are dedicated to providing quality health care in a warm and caring environment. The Payson Center, approved by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as a comprehensive community cancer center, offers the latest in innovative technology and conducts multiple clinical trials through New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA for eligible patients. The full-service center features the HOPE Resource Center that offers programs and services to assist patients with all aspects of their cancer care. Available services include discussing financial, emotional, spiritual and dietary needs; and connecting patients to appropriate resources and support programs at the cancer center and in the community. ■

Loudon Girl Scouts Spaghetti Supper

Come to support the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit in an effort to raise funds for our Camporee and have a great meal.

Saturday, March 24 • 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
at The American Legion Hall, South Village Road

Meal to include: Spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad and drink
Price: Children 4 and under free, \$3 for children 5-12, \$5 for adults with a single family maximum of \$20.

We hope to see you all there!

**Next
Deadline:
Friday,
March 16
for the
April issue.**



Happy Hill 4-H

Hello, Loudon Happy Hill 4-H readers and welcome to our March report. Club members recently finished the Food Show, held on January 20, 2007 at Pembroke Academy. This fun-filled day gave members a chance to plan a menu, based on the USDA food pyramid guidelines. The member prepared one food item from the menu to be judged. Members must be able to set a place setting and answer questions for the judges, such as healthy food preparation and cost per setting. All members who participated had a great time, received great scores from the judges, tasted many great foods, and ended up with some goodies from 4-H leaders.

Also recently held was New Hampshire Teen Winter Day on Sunday January 28 at Pat's Peak in Henniker. This fun event gave teens the chance to meet 4-H members from other counties.

On February 17, several of Happy Hill's older members attended leadership training at the 4-H office in Boscawen, NH. The purpose of the training was to give 4-H officers and members over age 10, the chance to build leadership skills and have some fun.

March 3 is Merrimack County Presentation Day at Pembroke Academy. This super day gives members the chance to display photos they have taken and/or posters they have designed with a 4-H theme. The photos and posters are judged and are eligible to be displayed later at the Hopkinton Fair!! Other activities during the day are demonstrations and action exhibits. Members are judged on how well they communicate their chosen area of interest and how well they draw in a crowd. The top winners go on to compete at State Activities Day in June at UNH.

Another ongoing project is sewing with Pearl Aznive on Sundays. Beginner sewers are making PJ bottoms and the more advanced sewers are making dresses, skirts and fleece jackets.

Cooking classes with Liz LeBrun have started meeting on Saturdays. We are looking forward to whipping up some great things!! The members went home from the first meeting with plates of Colossal Chocolate Chip Cookies. Bet the cookies didn't last long!

Happy Hill 4-H Club meets the first Monday of each month at the American Legion Hall in Loudon at 6:30pm. For more information about 4-H or any of the latest activities, call Liz LeBrun at 783-4671.

*Submitted by Carly Colby
Happy Hill 4-H Club reporter*

Loudon Wildlife

By Kris Tripp

Helping our community since 1910 — The Concord-Merrimack County SPCA

Traditionally this column has been about the wild life that you might see on any given day while living in Loudon. This month I would like to bring focus to our domestic pets and share with you some information about our local animal shelter located on Washington Street in Penacook. The agency is a non-profit organization that provides services to Merrimack County and more recently Sullivan County. The organization was founded in 1910 to relieve suffering and prevent cruelty to animals and to educate society on the importance of being just and compassionate to all living things.

In 2005, the Concord-Merrimack County SPCA (the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) took in an astounding 1,943 animals (595 dogs, 1,255 cats and 93 small animals)!!! A small percent of these animals were returned to their owners and about half of them found new homes through adoption.

In addition to caring for and finding homes for the many pets that find their way to the shelter, the Concord-Merrimack County SPCA also provides other services to our community including:

- Investigating complaints made to them about animals
- Protecting abused and abandoned animals.
- Educating the public regarding humane treatment of animals by going to schools, special events and providing literature to the public. Emphasized issues include the importance of spaying/neutering your pet, providing ID on your pet with tags or microchips, pet care and what you can do to help stop animal cruelty.
- Enforcing NH law regarding the treatment of animals.

All of this takes many volunteer hours and money. A misconception is that our humane society is funded by property tax dollars or by a "special fund" that the State of NH provides. **The shelter does not receive any state or federal funding** — no tax dollars, no special funds — it is dependant solely on private donations. There are so many ways you can help:

- **Adopt a pet!** The Concord-Merrimack County SPCA has teamed up with Petco and PetSmart to showcase animals for adoption. Check out www.concordspca.org/events for more information.
- **Become a member or sponsor** a dog or cat cage with your donation.
- **Donate supplies** — many items are needed including toys for dogs and cats, Advantage and Frontline, Non-Clumping Litter, KMR Kitten Formula, Tender Vittles, Zupreem Ferret Food, Hamster Food, Mops, Heavy Duty trash bags, Liquid Laundry Detergent, Stamps for mailing letters, etc.
- **Donate your time by volunteering.** Volunteers come in many shapes and sizes and perform many duties including: animal socialization, fundraising, Pet Therapy with your pet, foster program, dog walking, greeting customers, dog

training, kennel/cage cleaning assistance and so much more. For a full list about "how you can help" please visit www.concordspca.org or contact the Manager of Volunteer Services, Sharri Johnson @ 603-753-6751 or email SJohnson@concordspca.org.

Winter care for your pets

Winter is brutal in New Hampshire — to protect your pet, here are a few tips from our friends at the Concord shelter:

- Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed.
- During the winter, cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
- Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm — dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
- Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
- Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him — and his fur — in tip-top shape.
- Antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.
- Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

Annual Rabies/Microchip Clinic:

Saturday, April 14th — Ensure Your Pet's Safety with a low cost Rabies and Microchip! Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 130 Washington St., Penacook, NH Cost: \$8 per Rabies Vaccine, \$20 per Microchip (Please Bring Past Rabies Certificates). Many of the pets lost last year could be returned quickly to their owners if the pets had a Microchip.

For more information about NH humane societies and the prevention of animal abuse visit: www.concordspca.org; www.nhhumane.org; www.nhspca.org and www.nh.gov/humane. Information for this article was obtained from the Concord-Merrimack County SPCA website and from materials provided by Sharri Johnson.

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. ■

Fish And Game Reminder: Ride Snowmobiles Safely And Responsibly

After weekend snowmobile accidents in New Hampshire resulted in two deaths and multiple injuries, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department urges all snow machine riders to review safety precautions and ride responsibly. Russell Davis Sr., age 52, of Belmont, N.H., died on the afternoon of February 3 after his snowmobile hit a tree. Another man, Kevin Barbieri, age 37, of Salem, N.H., was killed that evening when his machine hit rocks on Arlington Pond in Salem. Two additional snowmobile crashes on February 2 (in Hampstead, N.H.) and February 3 (in Derry, N.H.) resulted in serious injuries to four riders, including an 8-year-old boy.

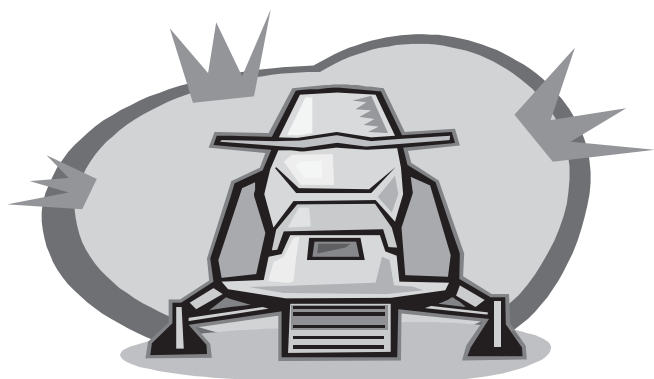
“Operating a snowmobile can be very rewarding, giving you the chance to see and experience many areas of the state that often aren’t accessible during our cold winters,” said Major Tim Acerno, coordinator of Fish and Game’s snowmobile safety and enforcement program. “But it can also turn out to be very dangerous, even life-threatening, depending on weather, trail conditions and rider behavior.”

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department would like snowmobilers to take a few precautions before venturing out, said Acerno. Most important, be prepared for the extreme conditions. While the cold temperatures can be very dangerous, if you are wearing clothing that is appropriate for your choice of winter activities, the adventure will be one to remember. Following are some key safety reminders:

- If you are operating a snowmobile, you must know what your abilities are and understand the capabilities of your snowmobile. Every operator and every machine have different capabilities. If you identify these levels and stay below them, you are virtually guaranteed of having a safe and enjoyable ride.
- Trail conditions are forever changing, so make sure that you operate at a speed that is reasonable for the existing conditions. For example, at night or when operating in other low-visibility conditions, reduce your speed so that you can identify and avoid sudden hazards on the trail or lake. You must always be aware of the conditions of the trail or frozen body of water when operating a snowmobile, because, like our weather, they are constantly changing.
- Do not operate a snowmobile after drinking alcohol. New Hampshire has strict laws prohibiting operating any type of recreational vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you take the chance, you will lose your privileges to operate any type of recreational vehicle or motor vehicle and pay substantial fines. The Fish and Game Department and the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association continue to promote zero tolerance while operating a snowmobile. Don’t Drink and Ride.
- Be especially careful next weekend. The Annual Meredith Rotary Club Fishing Derby is scheduled for February 10 and 11, 2007. Thousands of anglers will venture out onto New Hampshire’s lakes to catch the elusive trophy fish.
- Always be careful to test ice safety, even though we have experienced freezing temperatures and weather forecasters promise it will be even colder this week. Many factors affect how ice freezes, so ice thickness will not be same throughout a lake. Always check the thickness and condition of the ice before going out and while you are heading to your secret ice-fishing spot. Avoid inlets and outlets and other areas of the lake where there is current, such as springs or natural formations. The ice in these areas will be thinner and not as strong. Avoid objects that are embedded in the ice. These objects attract the sunlight and weaken the ice.

Just because it’s cold outside does not mean that we have to hide indoors for the winter months. Leave the hibernation and migration to warmer climates to wildlife. Get out and enjoy the outdoors, but be prepared and be safe.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state’s fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.WildNH.com> to download a brochure on ice safety and to find more information about Fish and Game’s snowmobile safety education program. ■



Steer Clear of Potholes

(NewsUSA) — Spring — the time of growth, renewal and new life. The ice has finally melted. The winter blizzards have stopped. While freshly hatched chicks and scampering bunnies are familiar sights, something more ominous is also being born in the spring: potholes.

Just as the spring flowers begin to sprout, those dreaded potholes begin to appear. They are created when the pavement loses the ability to resist water and small cracks appear. As the water works its way down into the cracks and expands as it freezes, it pushes up on the pavement. The weight of a vehicle breaks up this newly uneven pavement, and a pothole is born.

Potholes are not only driving nuisances, but are dangerous as well. Driving over potholes can trigger immediate tire or wheel failure. Potholes may also cause internal damage that can lead to tire failure weeks later.

There are several measures Firestone Complete Auto Care can recommend to protect your safety and the safe operation of your vehicle while the streets are being repaired.

Start with proper tire inflation. Keeping your tires inflated and checking them monthly will help reduce possible damage from suddenly hitting a pothole.

Next, check the tread on your tires. If the tires show uneven wear, it could be a sign of misalignment. If you feel your car “pulling” to one side during driving, have your service professional make sure your wheels and tires are aligned correctly. When having your tires checked, it is also important to rotate them according to recommendations in the owner’s manual.

Third, be a proactive driver by avoiding potholes entirely. If you hit a pothole, do not brake during the impact. Instead, apply the brakes before hitting the pothole and release them prior to contact.

Braking during the impact sets up the tire and wheel assembly for a solid hit against the edge of the hole. Rolling over the hole instead reduces the possibility of skidding while braking.

While springtime is a time for beauty, remember that something ugly, such as a pothole, may be looming under your wheels. Take some time now to make sure you and your car are prepared.

Trisha Hessinger, an automotive education specialist and former race car driver, is a national spokeswoman for Firestone Complete Auto Care’s award-winning Car Care Academy program. For more information, visit www.FirestoneCompleteAutoCare.com. ■

Protect Your Car From Potholes

- Steer clear whenever possible.
- Brake before the impact, not during.
- Check tire pressure.
- Check tire treads for evidence of alignment damage.

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Inside Fun with Water

Water is so good for our bodies, but it is also fun to play with. Most of us know the kinds of fun we can have with water in the warm weather months, but try these fun ideas for inside during the cold winter months. Here are some fun experiments with water found in *Simple Science Experiments* by Andrea McLoughlin:

Count The Drops

How many drops of water can you fit on top of a penny?

Lay a penny flat on a table. Guess how many drops will fit on it. Write the number down on a sheet of paper. Hold an eyedropper full of water just a little above the penny. Gently squeeze out one drop at a time. Count the drops. How many drops does the penny hold before the water spills? Compare this number with your estimate. Did the penny take more or fewer drops than you thought it would?

Add More Drops....

What happens as you add drops on top of the penny? Water drops stick to the other water drops. Water has a thin “skin” that helps to keep the drops together until there’s too much water for the “skin” to hold. This skin is the water’s surface tension. How many drops will stay on top of a nickel? On a quarter? Write down your predictions or estimates, record the actual results and compare the differences.

Chase The Pepper

Shake some pepper on top of a bowl of water. The water’s surface tension holds the floating pepper in place. Wet your finger and rub it on a bar of soap. Touch your finger to the water in the bowl. The soap weakens the water’s surface tension where you touch the water. The pepper gets pulled to where the water’s surface tension is stronger — around the edge of the bowl. What else can you float on water before you break the water’s surface tension? Rinse the bowl well before every try.

Bathtub Science Trick

From *Prime Time Together with Kids* by Donna Erickson

You will need: bathtub, tall paper cup, facial tissue or hankie

Amaze your friends! Impress your relatives! Try this easy but surprising trick.

Stuff a piece of facial tissue or a hankie into the bottom of a tall paper cup. Turn the cup upside down and submerge it directly into a bathtub filled with water. Push the cup all the way down to the bottom of the tub and bring it straight back up and out of the water. Pull the tissue or hankie out of the cup. It is perfectly dry! (The key to success is to keep the cup perfectly straight when plunging it into the water and pulling it out again.) ■

Attention kids of Loudon... We want to hear from you! Draw a picture, write a poem or share a story. Send it in for inclusion in the Kid’s Page of *The Loudon Ledger*. Type it up or write it down and send it to the Loudon Communications Council, PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or email it to jaelmasse@comcast.net

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YOUNG WRITERS: Enter the Affirm Water Contest

Looking for something to do? Then get out your pen and paper! Let this winter wonderland of frozen water inspire you to write about it! This time of year water presents itself with a twist; it’s cold and hard and maybe even less desirable than in the hot summer months, but of course, just as important for so many reasons! For more information on water, check out the kids page at www.affirmwater.com

We want to hear from you!

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and send to

contest@affirmwater.com

All submissions must be received no later than April 1, 2007.

Tips to Build Reading Success

(NewsUSA) — Children have limitless imaginations. They may dream of time travel and seeing prehistoric creatures up close. Perhaps they want to become mysterious sorcerers who cast binding spells.

Parents can easily accommodate these whimsical wishes by encouraging their children to read.

When students turn the pages of a book, they unlock the door to a reading wonderland. Indeed, fostering a love of reading can mean more than succeeding on a school assignment; cherishing the power of words on the written page can be the catalyst that leads to success in school and life.

But for some parents, it is difficult to get their kids excited about reading.

“Reading should be a daily occurrence, just like brushing your teeth,” said Reg Weaver, president of the National Education Association. “If you work with your children to make the activity fun, the rest will fall into place.”

Resources for parents are available through NEA’s Read Across America program, now in its 10th year. This year-round literacy campaign stresses the importance of motivating children to read and helping them master basic reading skills. The organization offers these tips to parents:

- **Have materials available.** Stock the house with newspapers, magazines and books to persuade children to read instead of turning on the television or playing a video game.
- **Make reading a daily exercise.** Statistics show that children who are encouraged by their parents to read are more likely to read a higher number of books.
- **Set and reward reading goals.** Build enthusiasm by providing a special treat when a reading target is reached. Positive reinforcement can help boost motivation.

“A good book can ignite the imagination of youngsters, and parents are the best coaches to rev up reading fun,” Weaver said.

For more tips or information about Read Across America, visit www.nea.org/readacross. ■

Fun Ways To “Activate” Kids In The New Year

(NAPS) — While colder weather can seem like a barrier to staying fit, winter-time can offer many opportunities to stay active. Whether it’s outdoor activities or indoor play, there are lots of ways to incorporate physical activity into kids’ daily routine.

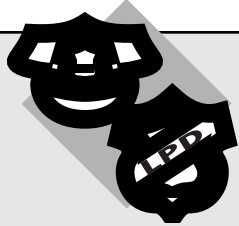
Campbell’s Labels for Education (LFE) — a program which has helped schools get the tools and resources they need for more than 30 years — recently launched a new program in conjunction with National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that can help parents, teachers and kids make fitness a priority year-round. Campbell’s Recess Rewards offers bonus point incentives for those who implement nutrition or fitness related programs in their schools or communities. That means any school that participates in Campbell’s Recess Rewards earns 500 extra points that can be redeemed for LFE merchandise including physical activity equipment. In fact, many of the fun fitness items can be used both outdoors and indoors, making it easy to incorporate activity every day, even during the colder months.

Why is Campbell’s Labels for Education focusing on fitness? It’s simple. Physical fitness is critical to children’s growth and development, yet it’s becoming less of a priority in schools. According to Action for Healthy Kids (2002), only 4 percent of states require recess, the most fundamental source of activity.

“Children are better able to learn and achieve when they are given the opportunity to be physically active during the school day,” said Anna Weselak, PTA national president. “PTA and Campbell strongly believe in families, schools, and communities working together. We are thrilled to join forces to raise the profile of this important cause and provide both the motivation and the tools to take action.”

Campbell’s Labels for Education allows parents, teachers and students to collect proofs of purchase from eligible Campbell brands to earn points towards free merchandise for their schools. Over the last 30 years the program has awarded more than \$105 million in educational tools — from computers to musical instruments to physical education equipment — to participating schools nationwide.

This year, the program is easier and faster. Schools only need to clip the UPC code from specially marked packages instead of saving the whole label. And to help schools boost their points savings, 150 different products are now worth five points each, including Campbell’s microwavable soup bowls, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers and V8 Splash beverages. ■



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

The police department is continues to be actively involved in different areas of community service. Currently we are working on the upcoming D.A.R.E. Pizza Night which will be held on March 19th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Loudon Safety Building (see D.A.R.E. news for more on this).

We are also starting to organize for the annual Bicycle Safety Class which will be held in April. Look for more information in the next issue of the Ledger.

We continue to sponsor Loudon Boy Scout Troop #30 through the Loudon Police Association. The troop has re-organized and the department looks forward to

participating in activities with these boys. These boys put a lot of work into their commitment to the Boy Scout and we are very proud of them.

I am encouraging parents to visit the website www.inhalantabusetraining.org. This website is an easy 15 minute adult training on the dangers, signs and symptoms of inhalant abuse.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me weekdays at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or chieffiske@loudonpolice.com. ■

D.A.R.E. News

By Jason S. Fiske, Instructor

We are more than half way through the curriculum. The instruction is well received and there is great participation from the fifth grade students. The fifth grade teachers are a tremendous asset to this program as well. I thank Mr. Satterfield, Mr. Herrick and Ms. Starr for all their help in assisting me this year.

The big fundraiser is almost here! March 19th will be the annual D.A.R.E. Pizza night. We will be holding the event at the Safety Building as in the past. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The dinner includes a slice of pizza, salad, dessert and a beverage for \$3.00. Additional slices may be purchased for \$1.00 a slice. The famous raffle will begin at 6:30

sharp. Tickets can be purchased for 3/\$1.00 or 20/\$5.00. There will be no advance ticket sales. You do not need to be present at the raffle. Oldies 99.1 will be here for event! Don't miss the fun!

This is our major fundraiser for the D.A.R.E. program. We appreciate the outpouring of support from our local businesses and residents. This program continues to be a success with the continued support from the community.

If you are interested in donating an item or have any questions, please contact Chief Fiske, Janice Morin or myself at 798-5521 or you may e-mail us at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. ■

Loudon Code & Health Department News

*Robert N. Fiske
Code Enforcement Officer
Health Officer*

The Town of Loudon requires a hawkers & peddlers permit for any door to door sales. We have had calls and complaints from residents regarding salesman at their door attempting to "clean your carpets for free," books sales, meat and seafood, etc.

Don't hesitate to inquire if they have a *Town of Loudon Hawkers & Peddlers Permit* and insist on seeing a copy. If they state they have a State of NH Hawkers & Peddlers Permit, they are not licensed by the Town of Loudon. The State of NH Hawkers & Peddlers permit is required to obtain a Town of Loudon Hawkers & Peddlers Permit.

The permitting process requires information regarding insurance, company information and vehicle information. We do not process any backgrounds on the individuals. As always, call the office and inquire if they individual is licensed if you have any doubts. Do not hesitate to say you're not interested if you're not comfortable.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me weekdays at 798-5584 or via e-mail at rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com. ■

D.A.R.E. PIZZA NIGHT

MARCH 19th, 2007

Loudon Safety Building

Pizza Served from 5 - 6:30 P.M.

COST \$3.00

(includes pizza, salad, dessert & beverage)

RAFFLE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

Raffle tickets 3/\$1 or 20/\$5



Cub Scout Pack 247 News

The Cub Scouts of Pack 247 held their annual Pine Wood Derby on January 27. Twenty four boys participated by building and racing their own 7 inch pine cars. The boys were very clever and original with their designs. There was a Pokemon car, a swiss cheese car, a school bus and an eagle as well as several racy cars. The boys received trophies for First, Second and Third place in their age group. The Tigers winners were Alex Drago, Dylan Babonis and Joe Stokes. The Wolf winners were Deven Valenti, Nathan Coulombe and Levi Fisher. The Bear winners were Kyle Kowalski, Hunter Blake and Riley Charron. The Webelos winners were Chance Grimaldi, Danny Dockham and Aaron Cooper. All these boys will compete in the Wannalancit District Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 31 at Gilford Middle School.

The Pack held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on February 17 in celebration of the beginning of Scouting. Thanks to Stephanie and Neil Smith for planning this year's Hawaiian themed event. The boys had a great time playing coconut bowling and learning how to hula. The potluck dinner was followed by awards and the Feller Cake Auction. The following Belt loops were awarded: Baseball to Tyler Matalious; Basketball to Tyler Metalious, Joseph Stokes and Malcom Thompson; Bowling to Alex Dargo; Chess to Michael Ainsworth, Dylan Babonis and Gabriel Jaquith; Collecting to Michael Ainsworth, Dylan Babonis and Joseph Stokes; Fishing to Michael Ainsworth; Golf to Alec Decato; Ice Skating to Levi Fisher and Malcom Thompson; Mathematics to Corey Ackerson and Alec Decato.

The boys in the Bear Den, Cory Ackerson, Hunter Blake, Riley Charron, Alec Decato, Dylan Fifield and Kyle Kowalski earned the Citizenship Beltloop and Pin, and the Wildlife Conservation Beltloop and Pin.

The First Year Webelos were recognized for earning their Webelos Badge: Aaron Cooper, Jonathon Cooper, Danny Dockham, Mitchell Filion, Chance Grimaldi, Jacob Ingle and Scott Martell. They all also earned their Athlete Pin as well as the Physical Fitness Belt loop and Pin. The following Webelos earned their Fitness Pin: Aaron Cooper, Jonathon Cooper, Danny Dockham, Jacob Ingle and Scott Martell.

Second Year Webelos, Nicholas Ackerson, Andrew Smith, Larry Stone and Charlie Wright earned their Readyman Pin. ■



The Scouts in the Wolf Den receive their Pinewood Derby awards.



Four of the winners from Pack 247's Pinewood Derby.

Get Ready for Women's Health Week — May 13–19

"It's Your Time – Pamper Your Mind, Body + Spirit"

To support planning for Women's Health Week, the NH Healthy Women Committee suggests you:

- 1) Consider holding an activity or event at your organization. Examples of activities and events that New Hampshire agencies and organizations sponsored in the past:
 - Provide FREE yoga classes and chair massages.
 - Offer FREE health messages via bulletin boards, newsletters, pay stub inserts or brochures.
 - Coordinate an exhibit or display. Consider distributing a red rose or other flower to increase interest and awareness.
 - Provide FREE public transportation to women needing health screenings.
 - Provide FREE or low cost health screenings (such as bone, skin, nutrition or reproductive health).
 - Consider non-traditional partnerships, such as hospitals and local grocery stores teaming up.
 - Coordinate a healthy potluck, exchange healthy recipes for breakfast, lunch or dinner.
- Coordinate a daily physical activity break such as a group walk, bike ride or group stretch.
- 2) Order FREE materials to share during Women's Health Week. **Ordering deadline is March 15th** (see <http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/get/index.cfm>). The first 25 who order materials and tell us about women's health events they are planning will receive a FREE copy of Miriam Nelson's book, *Strong Women, Strong Bones*.
- 3) Download information and resources:
 - Office of Women's Health offers *OWH Update*, a quarterly summary that highlights their outreach and science programs. www.fda.gov/womens/
 - The National Women's Health Information Center is the most reliable and current information resource on women's health today. www.4women.gov

This memo brought to you by the NH Healthy Women Committee. For more information about this Committee or for questions about this memo, contact the Rural Women's Health Coordinating Center mhill@nchnh.org ■

What is National Women's Health Week?

NWHW encourages women to take simple steps for a longer, healthier, and happier life. During the week, families, communities, businesses, government, health organizations, and other groups work together to:

- Celebrate the extraordinary progress in women's health
- Bring attention to and create understanding of women's health issues
- Encourage women to get their regular check-ups
- Provide free or reduced screenings for women nationwide
- Educate women about steps they can take to improve their physical and mental health and prevent disease.

You can get involved by telling the important women in your life about National Women's Health Week. Check your local papers for free or reduced-cost health screenings in our area. Or your organization could organize or sponsor an event.



MCCA — CHEERLEADERS UNITE!

By Kris Tripp

Third Annual Jamboree — Saturday, March 10th

Mark your calendars and come join us for a fantastic display of spirit! The cheerleading squads from the Merrimack County Cheerleaders Association will gather on Saturday, March 10th at the Merrimack Valley Middle School gym for our third annual jamboree. Each squad will perform for an audience of friends and family. Awards will also be issued. A \$3 admission fee will be charged for all adults and children over 12 years of age. Children under 12 are free. Proceeds from our jamboree will go to the competition squad for next year's expenses. Last year this fund-raiser and end of season show raised over \$500! The Merrimack Valley Middle School, JV, and Varsity Cheerleaders will join us for the finally. We have also invited the Plymouth State Cheerleading squad to join us! We hope to see you there!

Pembroke Tournament — Sunday, March 11th

Our two 5th/6th grade spirit squads plan to attend the Pembroke Academy tournament on Sunday March 11th. Good luck, Cheerleaders!

It's a wrap...

The arrival of March means that our season is coming to an end. This has been one of the best years our program has had and we are looking forward to seeing you all again in the fall!

New Spirit Coordinator Wanted for Loudon!

The spirit program is alive and well in Loudon because we have great volunteers that donate their time to coach and coordinate our squads. The program allows over 140 girls in the Merrimack Valley school district the opportunity to cheer. Cheerleading promotes confidence, a sense of team and is an excellent source of exercise.

Keep the spirit program going by volunteering. Call or e-mail: The girls of Loudon need you!

If you have questions about the cheerleading program or would like to volunteer in Loudon, please contact Kris Tripp: 783-0448 or e-mail: tripp.kris@comcast.net. ■



The Kindergarten squad, coached by Beth Mulleavey and Eva Davis.



The Kindergarten squad performs at a game.



The Loudon First Grade squad.



Left: Coach Gayleen assists with a stunt. Right: The Third and Fourth Grade Squad put one of their girls into a prep!



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A Bird’s Eye View of Loudon

We have some space to fill this month, we we’re running a few more aerial photos of Loudon and the surrounding area taken on December 14, 2006. Prints are available of any of these pictures. Contact Debbie Kardaseski at 783-9812 if you see something you’d like. ■



Looking down on Loudon Village.



Another mystery photo! If you know the location of this, please contact the “Ledger.”



The intersection of Route 129/Pittsfield Road/Youngs Hill Road. Sanborn Pond appears at top right.



Greenview Drive. In the left of the photo you can see part of the Loudon Country Club.



Rocky Pond, with Route 106 on the right. This is a view looking north.



Another of Loudon’s large greenhouse operations. This is D.S. Cole on North Village Rd.

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A Bird's Eye View of Loudon



Top, left: Capital Fire Protection.

Below, left: Oak Hill, which appears flat from the air! If you've ever hiked up the fire road, you know it isn't flat.

Below: The intersection of Shaker Road and Route 106. The long building on the left is Brookside Mall. The large building in the foreground is Penny Press. In the middle of the picture you can see the Beanstalk Store and the building that was once Stacy's Hardware and more recently, National Power Sports.



This was last month's "mystery" photo. George R. Tombarello has identified it as Lynxfield Pond, which is actually in Chichester, not Loudon! Oh well, there are no town line signs in the air. Thank you, Mr. Tombarello for your identification.



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Loudon — Enjoy Water Views/ Access of Clough Pond in this 2+ Bed, 2 Bath Cape w/Open Concept 1st Floor Living, Cedar Siding, Large 3-car, 2 Level Garage, Pine Trim, Cherry Cabinets, w/w carpeting, 2 decks, patio all on 1.36 landscaped acres. Great Location! **\$299,900**



Loudon — To be built. 4 bedroom, 3 bath Colonial w/Farmers Porch featuring 1st or 2nd floor Master Bedroom, Fireplaced Family Room, Finished Basement w/2-car Garage under on 2.01 acres in a private subdivision. **\$379,950**



Loudon — Country living w/ views. 2 bed 2 bath Ranch w/ garage under. Great starter home. Newer Roof, New Drilled Well. Great Starter Home! **\$198,900**




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Loudon — \$286+/- sq. ft. 4 bed 4 ba Ranch on 3.8+ acres of Land on Greenview Drive adjacent to the Loudon Country Club. Full single floor living with additional finished area above garage. Hardwood, Tile, Gas Fireplace 12x24 rear deck. Full Finished Walkout Basement can be utilized as a duplex/multifamily for rental income. Oversized attached 3-car garage. **\$499,900**



Loudon — Two year new 14x76 Singlewide in a Family Park. Open Concept Living Area with Vaulted Ceiling. Fully Appliance Eat-In Kitchen, Master Bedroom w/full bath, High Efficiency Washer/Dryer to stay. Nice Deck and Oversized Landscaped Lot. **\$79,900**



LOUDON — Country Expansion Cape w/ 2 bdrms and 1 bath on 1.26 private acres. Featuring 936 square feet of finished area with opportunity to expand an additional 702 square feet upstairs for \$20,000. Full unfinished basement. Still time to make personal choices. Excellent location too! **\$239,950**



Loudon — 3 bed 2 ba 1736 sq. ft. Manufactured Home in pet/ family friendly Pine Ridge Estates. This 28x62 Doublewide features kitchen w/newer appliances, dining area, open concept living room w/vaulted ceiling and wood stove. Large Master Bedroom w/Master Bath, jacuzzi tub and shower. 3 bedrooms, Den/Office and separate utility room. Large landscaped lot. **\$109,900**



Loudon — Tremendous commercial opportunity (permit waiting list not applicable). 2+ acres, High traffic count, great 106 visibility, high and dry lot. **\$174,900**





The Perfect Fit

By Jack Prendiville, Thompson Real Estate

More and more people are reaching retirement with their health, financial stability, and a new perspective on aging. For many in this group, a home or condominium in an active adult community is the ideal setting. The benefits of these communities include property management, social activities, being surrounded by peers, and more. When looking to buy into a “55 and over” or similar style development, the key to making a good purchase is research and comparison shopping. Each development is different and you want to choose the one that is right for you. Here are several things to consider:

- In addition to asking price, inquire about related fees. There will likely be an association fee for services such as maintenance and snow removal. Other potential expenses include pool costs, clubhouse fees, and the life.
- As about penalties. Some associations charge you if you sell the unit or home before a certain date. That timeline and related consequences are usually outlined in the contract.
- Investigate social outlets in the community and the surrounding area. Read the association newsletter and get a feel for what kind of clubs and gatherings are offered. Inquire about other opportunities, like area golf courses, lakes, and beaches. Look for a community that has amenities that match your interests.
- Ask what type of medical provisions are available. Some developments have emergency call systems. See if the rates increase as the need for assistance rises.
- Besides a vibrant development, you want to buy in a town or city that is strong or appealing. What does the area downtown have to offer? What is the local tax rate? Are there projects on the horizon that could boost taxes in the future?
- Finally, consider your proximity to loved ones. It can be a key figure in your decision. ■



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Boating Education Class Schedule

The Dept. 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)

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| 03/10/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord |
| 03/10/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Holderness Squam Lakes Association, Holderness |
| 03/10/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Nashua St. Joseph’s Hospital, Nashua |
| 03/17/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord |
| 03/17/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Lebanon Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical, Lebanon |
| 03/24/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Keene Fish and Game, Keene |
| 03/24/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia |
| 03/24/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Nashua St. Joseph’s Hospital, Nashua |
| 03/24/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Plaistow Library, Plaistow |
| 03/24/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth |
| 03/31/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord |
| 03/31/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Hooksett Public Library, Hooksett |
| 03/31/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Windham Fire Dept., Windham |
| 04/07/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Holderness Squam Lakes Association, Holderness |
| 04/14/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord |
| 04/14/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Nashua St. Joseph’s Hospital, Nashua |
| 04/21/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia |
| 04/21/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Ossipee Town Hall, Ossipee |
| 04/21/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Hooksett Public Library, Hooksett |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Keene Fish and Game, Keene |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Nashua St. Joseph’s Hospital Nashua |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Plaistow Library, Plaistow |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00–4:30 | Windham Fire Dept., Windham |

Two-Day Session (Weeknights)

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| 03/05/07 & 03/07/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry |
| 03/05/07 & 03/07/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 03/12/07 & 03/14/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Raymond H.S., Raymond |
| 03/19/07 & 03/21/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Alton Prospect Mtn. H.S., Alton |
| 03/19/07 & 03/21/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Bedford Fire Station–Police Dept., Bedford |
| 03/19/07 & 03/21/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry |
| 03/19/07 & 03/21/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 03/19/07 & 03/21/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Londonderry Police Dept., Londonderry |
| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry |
| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Dover H.S., Dover |
| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack |
| 04/09/07 & 04/11/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 04/09/07 & 04/11/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Seabrook Fire Dept., Seabrook |
| 04/16/07 & 04/18/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Alton Prospect MTN H.S., Alton |
| 04/16/07 & 04/18/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry |
| 04/16/07 & 04/18/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Dover H.S., Dover |
| 04/16/07 & 04/17/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Lebanon Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical, Lebanon |
| 04/23/07 & 04/25/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Bedford Fire Station–Police Dept., Bedford |
| 04/24/07 & 04/26/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Londonderry Police Dept., Londonderry |
| 04/30/07 & 05/02/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Raymond H.S., Raymond |
| 05/07/07 & 05/09/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Dover H.S., Dover |
| 05/07/07 & 05/09/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 05/14/07 & 05/16/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Alton Prospect MTN H.S., Alton |
| 05/14/07 & 05/16/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Bedford Fire Station–Police Dept., Bedford |
| 05/14/07 & 05/16/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry |
| 05/14/07 & 05/16/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack |
| 05/14/07 & 05/16/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Seabrook Fire Dept., Seabrook |
| 05/21/07 & 05/23/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Dover H.S., Dover |
| 05/21/07 & 05/23/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 05/21/07 & 05/23/07 | 6:00–9:30 | Raymond H.S., Raymond ■ |

Next Deadline: Friday, March 16
Council Meeting: Monday, March 19
7 p.m. at Community Building

Wine Tasting Event to Benefit Concord Hospital's Breast Care Center

The Annual Wine Tasting to benefit the Concord Hospital Breast Care Center will be held Thursday, March 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Courtyard by Marriott Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

This year's benefit, co-hosted by The Courtyard by Marriott and Martignetti Companies of New Hampshire, Inc., offers guests the opportunity to learn and experience some of the most prestigious and respected fine wines from prominent wineries throughout the world. Guests will also have the opportunity to experience fine spirits as well. This year's "Sparkling Raffle" features a 1+ ct total wt., 14K gold setting diamond bracelet valued at \$1,875, thanks to a contribution from Capitol Craftsman & Romance Jewelers in Concord.

"The Breast Care Center and its expanded services are an amazing resource for our region," said Pamela Puleo, Concord Hospital's vice president of philanthropy and public affairs. "This year we look forward to adding expert consultation, in partnership with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, to our existing breast and ovarian cancer risk assessment so women will not have to travel to see a genetics counselor, a critical component of the overall program. Philanthropic support from events like the Annual Wine Tasting helps make the Center and services like this possible."

Tickets are available for \$30 per person. A limited number of tickets are available and advanced reservations are required. For more information, call (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076.

The Concord Hospital Breast Care Center offers streamlined care from education and detection to treatment and follow-up. A dedicated team of healthcare professionals, including primary care physicians, radiologists, nurse practitioners, surgeons, pathologists and clinical support staff, help patients through every step of their treatment. For more information about the Breast Care Center including the breast and ovarian cancer risk assessment program, call (603) 230-7266 or visit Concord Hospital's Web site at www.concordhospital.org. ■

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Reason: There are currently no provisions for such businesses in the C/I District. This provides an alternative to such businesses seeking special exceptions for home occupations.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-6

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-6 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 208.3 (C) On a corner lot, setbacks on all roads shall be equal to the front setback of the district, with remaining setbacks equal to the side setback.

Reason: To clarify setback requirements for corner lots.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-7

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-7 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 204.3 and Section 205.3 add to the list of permitted uses by special exception "Accessory buildings can be built prior to the dwelling provided that applicant is on the building permit list".

Reason: There are currently no provisions that allow a property owner to erect an accessory building on a property prior to the residence being in place. There have been several requests for permission to build such a structure while waiting for the issuance of an approved building permit.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-8

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-8 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 301.5 by adding "and buffers and other wetlands".

Reason: Currently certain things are allowed by special exception in the actual wetlands but there are no provisions for these uses in the buffer and other wetlands. This amendment would allow the ZBA to extend the same rights to the buffer and other wetlands.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-9

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-9 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 302.4 by adding the following:

"In the Steep Slope District the following uses may be allowed by special exception granted pursuant to the provisions of S701.3. All applications for special exception shall be referred by the Zoning Board of Adjustment to the Conservation Commission, Health Of-

ficers and Planning Board for review and comment at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing.

- A. Streets, roads, driveways and utility easements, including power lines and pipe lines, if essential to the productive use of land located outside the Steep Slope District and if constructed to minimize any detrimental impact upon the steep slopes, and only upon finding all of the following:
 - A. 1. The proposed construction is essential to the productive use of the non-steep slope areas.
 - A. 2. Design, construction and maintenance methods will minimize any detrimental impact upon the steep slopes, and will include restoration of the site as nearly as possible to its original grade and condition.
 - A. 3. No alternative is feasible and reasonable.
 - A. 4. The New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau and Army Corps of Engineers have issued all applicable required permits. A copy of these permits shall be submitted to the Town in advance.
 - A. 5. All Special Exception criteria specified in S701.3 of this ordinance are satisfied, and
 - A. 6. Appropriate mitigation measures, close to the affected steep slope, will be provided.
 - A. 7. Does not impact more than 10,000 sf.

Reason: To allow driveway construction across a steep slope to access usable land.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-10

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-10 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 302.3 add to the list of permitted uses "Septic Systems".

Reason: The current ordinance on permitted grades would eliminate the use of certain septic system designs.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-11

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-11 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 302.3 add to the list of permitted uses "Cultivation and harvesting of crops according to recognized soil conservation practices, including the protection of wetlands from pollution caused by fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides used in such cultivation."

Reason: There are currently no provisions for agricultural use of property in the Steep Slope District. It has been pointed out that much of Loudon's farmland consists of steep slopes.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-12

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-12 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 301 Wetlands Conservation District, make necessary

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changes to correct a statutory citation in the language regarding wetland buffers, as well as provide clearer definitions and further guidance on permitted and prohibited uses.

Reason: The changes clarify the 2006 amendment and are not intended to be substantive, but are intended to correct confusing language.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-13

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-13 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 302.3 add to the list of permitted uses "Driveway not impacting more than 2500 sf".

Reason: To allow driveway construction across a steep slope to access usable land.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-14

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-14 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to change the zoning designation of Tax Map 40, Lot 7 from Commercial/Industrial (C/I)/Rural Residential (RR) to all Commercial/Industrial (C/I).

Reason: This 30-acre lot located on Route 106 is an approved gravel excavation site bounded on the south by the Town of Loudon transfer station and to the east by a C/I zoned tract and another parcel owned by the Town of Loudon. The lot has been taxed as C/I since before zoning was enacted. As such, C/I

is a more practical land use for this tract than RR.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-15

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-15 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to change the zoning designation of Tax Map 40, Lot 8 from Commercial/Industrial (C/I)/Rural Residential (RR) to all Commercial/Industrial (C/I).

Reason: Housekeeping. This lot belongs to the Town of Loudon for the Transfer Station and is currently shown on tax maps as combination C/I and RR.

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-16

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-16 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 301.1 add the reference "consistent with RSA 482-A".

Reason: Clarification

✦ ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-17

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment 2007-17 proposed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Section 301.6.3 delete "as outlined in the Shoreland Protection Act, Chapter 483-B:5 (2)"; replace with "such that no more than 50% of the basal area shall be removed and no stumps shall be removed unless a special exception as outlined in S 301.5 and S 701.3 has been granted".

Reason: In the current ordinance the reference is incorrect. This change clarifies the intent of the section.

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of reclaiming, repairing, and paving Clough Pond Road from Route 106 to Berry Road, and resurfacing Clough Pond Road from Berry Road to the Town line. And to reclaim, repair, and repave Old Shaker Road from Clough Pond Road to Shaker Road with funds to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a truck with a dump body, sander, plow, and wing. \$52,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised from taxes. This article will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Loudon NH.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Loudon, NH encourages New Hampshire citizens to

work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,750.00 for the purpose of purchasing open space land and authorize the withdrawal from the Loudon Conservation Commission Land Fund Expendable Trust established for this purpose at the 2002 Annual Meeting. (Majority vote required) The Selectmen recommend this article. This article will not affect the tax rate.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of improving drainage issues on Berry Road from Tax Map 58, Lot 031 to Tax Map 58, Lot 049 and remove sediment from Clough Pond adjacent to Lot 049. This article will affect the tax rate by 4 cents per \$1,000 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 8:

To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. This article does not include any of the previous warrant articles.

ARTICLE 9:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Note: Due to printing deadlines, the text of the articles contained herein may be subject to revision or correction prior to posting of the Town Warrant.

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Present: Selectman 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, January 9, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board they have to replace the chain in the sander on the 1-Ton truck. Mr. Rice stated he had received a phone call from Sanborn Road regarding sanding and they responded as quickly as possible.

Discussion ensued regarding signage. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Rice that the

signs on Bee Hole could be taken down relative to gates and bars. Selectman Ives asked about the bridge on Cross Brook Road relative to icing issues. Chairman Bowles said that he has spoken with Engineer Jason Gallant relative to this issue. Mr. Rice talked about the paving issue on Cross Brook Road.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received legal correspondence from Lauren Irwin of Upton and Hatfield. The Board will meet with Ms. Irwin on Wednesday at 3:45 p.m.

The Board received correspondence from Town Counsel regarding the Superior Court decision to the Bailargeon litigation.

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The Board received updated tipping floor rules from Wheelabrator. Discussion ensued regarding placing an additional container at the Transfer Station.

The Board received draft minutes from the January 11, 2007 CIP meeting.

The Board received a copy of an e-mail from Terri Barton on EMT classes. The Board will have Chief Burr address this e-mail.

The Board received a copy of an e-mail sent to Bob Fiske from Bruce Dyke of Chichester.

The Board received copies of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #3.

The Board received a regional impact notice from Epsom.

The Board received copies of the DRA Newsletter from Barbara Robinson.

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing to review the proposed 2007–2008 Town Budget.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board met with Department Heads to review their budget submissions and after multiple sessions, have come up with the proposed figures in Budget Revision #2.

Chairman Bowles said that the proposed salary increase for Town employees is 3.25% across the board with the exception of one.

Chairman Bowles began going through the proposed budget by category:

The assessment and map line is down because the sales update was in the 2006–2007 budget.

The increase in the Tax Collector's line for file clerk is due to training and increase in hours for that position.

The increase in Treasurer's Budget is for office supplies and bank deposit tickets.

There is an increase in the Employee Benefits line due to projected increases.

The Zoning Board has an increase in legal fees and in postage.

The Cemeteries line has been increased due to maintenance costs as well as the need to replace a fence.

A new line has been added to the Police Department for data processing to purchase new software for the cruisers in an effort to increase the safety of Police Officers. This software interfaces with the County and State.

The Fire Department building maintenance is up due to the needed repairs at the Safety Complex.

Chairman Bowles discussed the Emergency Management lines that have been included for the first time in the budget. He said that with FEMA and Homeland Security there are requirements the Town must meet and these lines are being put in place to be prepared for future requirements.

Chairman Bowles said that due to the need to move forward, the Highway Department has increases but they have held the increases to those that are needed.

Chairman Bowles said the Highway Block Grant figures are down a bit.

Chairman Bowles discussed the Electronics and Tire Disposal line under the Solid Waste/Landfill section of the budget. He stated the increase is due to the costs associated with getting rid of electronic equipment.

The increase in the J.O. Cate Van line is due to the expected costs associated with electricity for the new building.

Chairman Bowles stated the Economic Development lines show a decrease, as there is currently no activity within these lines; however, the Selectmen agreed to keep the lines in the budget in case there is a renewed interest in this area.

John Plummer asked about the Emergency Management line in the budget relative to federal funds. Chairman Bowles stated that there are grants available for specific projects under Emergency Management, but not necessarily for general operations. He discussed the Emergency Operations Plan that was prepared under a grant. Selectman Maxfield discussed the Emergency Operations Plan and stated that the Town was required to update that plan in order to be eligible for Federal money.

Selectman Maxfield discussed the Estimated Revenues for 2007–2008. He stated the Police and Fire Special Events lines are revenues from NHIS race events. Selectman Maxfield stated that the Board is required to review the Revenue Estimates. He said the Board gives a lot of thought to coming up with the revenue figures.

Selectman Maxfield stated that currently there are two proposed Warrant Articles for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. He read the first one as follows: *ARTICLE #??: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of reclaiming, repairing, and paving Clough Pond Road from Route 106 to Berry Road, and resurfacing Clough Pond Road from Berry Road to the Town line. And to reclaim, repair, and repave Old Shaker Road from Clough Pond Road to Shaker Road with funds to be withdrawn from the Roadway Capital Improvements Capital Reserve Funds and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate. The Selectmen recommend this article."* Selectman Maxfield explained that at last Town Meeting, voters approved the Warrant Article to do this work; however, due to the two bridge projects and on the recommendations of DRA, the Selectmen decided to hold off on any large projects in case there were delays in getting FEMA/State Bridge Aid as the Town could only use funds that were raised and appropriated. The Town was approved for FEMA money and State Bridge Aid, which means the money appropriated at the 2006 Town Meeting is still available for the paving of Clough Pond Road; however, the cost of paving has gone up approximately \$45,000.00 or \$11.00 per ton in place.

Selectman Ives read the second proposed Warrant Article as follows: *ARTICLE #??: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a*

truck with sander, plow, and wing \$52,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised from taxes. This article will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen recommend this article." Selectman Ives stated this purchase would be to replace a truck that is sixteen years old. He said that the truck is at a point where it needs replacement. David Rice clarified that it is to purchase the truck with a sander, body, plow, and wing, not sander body. He said they are looking at two separate items.

John Plummer asked about the proposed warrant article for paving. Discussion ensued regarding there being farmers mix and sealer on the Shaker Road portion. Chairman Bowles said they are trying to fix the area going over the bridge so the water will not accumulate. Selectman Maxfield said that portion of the Warrant Article was also included in last year's Warrant Article.

Chairman Bowles closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board met with Bill Forst.

Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Forst that the Selectmen have a letter being forwarded to him. Chairman Bowles said that Mr. Fiske had contacted the County Prosecutor and was informed that the Selectmen should not intervene as there was a direction given by the Court and the issue is between Code Enforcement and Mr. Forst. Mr. Forst said the decision from the Court is not very clear. He asked if he could discuss this issue with Code Enforcement. Chairman Bowles said that yes, Mr. Forst should be dealing with Mr. Fiske. It is not up to the Selectmen to interfere with a Court decision. Mr. Forst said he would try again to get in touch with Mr. Fiske.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman*

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 16, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

Mrs. Little advised the Board that the Emergency Management Operations Plan was utilized during January 20 and 21, 2007 due to high wind gust alerts. She said that they were opened at a monitoring capacity and felt it was a good opportunity to utilize the EOP.

Mrs. Little advised the Board that there will be a graduation ceremony for the CERT Team and they would be getting invitations.

Mrs. Little discussed using the meeting room at the Fire Station for monthly meetings for the CERT Team. Discussion ensued regarding this being a trained group of adults formed to address part of the town's obligations under the new Emergency Operations Plan. Selectman Ives will follow up with Chief Burr to find out why the CERT Team cannot meet at the Fire Station.

Selectman Ives asked what position Rick Nelson had on the CERT Team. Mrs. Little said that Mr. Nelson has become the new Coordinator as Terri Barton has stepped down from that position and Faith Stevens has taken over the administrative portion.

Selectman Maxfield asked if Mrs. Little received a call from the State to activate the Emergency Management Team. Mrs. Little said they did not tell her to activate, they were advised the State activated, and that the Towns in the Counties being alerted

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could partially activate or fully activate. Mrs. Little said they did not fully activate.

The Board thanked Mrs. Little for her efforts.

The Board met with Tony Merullo regarding reducing his bond on Creek Water Lane.

Mr. Merullo stated that the Planning Board had a site walk at the beginning of January to review the construction of Creek Water Lane and then at their January 19, 2007 meeting voted to reduce the road bond by \$118,500.00. He said the original amount of the bond was \$248,000.00 and to reduce the bond by \$118,500.00 would leave a required bond amount of \$129,500.00. Mr. Merullo asked the Board to authorize Treasurer Melanie Kiley to authorize Banknorth Investment Group and Primevest to reduce the collateral required on this account to \$129,500.00. Chairman Bowles stated he was at the site walk in the rain and was able to see how the water flowed and Mr. Merullo was asked to take care of two issues that were not on the plan and he did them. He went on to say that, the Town Engineer has reviewed the progress and does not have any problems with this project. Chairman Bowles said he felt the reduction was warranted. *Selectman Ives moved to reduce the bond for Creek Water Lane, posted by Tony Merullo and Denyse Merullo, the original bond being \$248,000.00 the reduction of \$118,500.00, leaving the remaining bond of \$129,500.00. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received weekly expenditure reports for review. Selectman Ives asked about the water supply line. Discussion ensued regarding money going back in to that line.

The Board discussed the LYAA request for reimbursement of \$1,577.30 for playground equipment for Landry field from the Recreation Department budget. This is

based on a verbal agreement with former Recreation Committee Chairman Becky Osgood. The Board will take this under advisement.

The Board received copies of a letter from DES regarding Berry Road.

The Board received copies of the Electronic Recycling article for the *Ledger* and the proposed fee schedule. The Board agreed to schedule the Public Hearing for review and acceptance of change to the Transfer Station fee schedule for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The Board received a notice from DES regarding the burn pile at the Transfer Station.

The Board received the proposal from The Scott Lawson Group, Ltd., for an air quality study for the Town Office Building. *Selectman Maxfield moved to approve The Scott Lawson Group, Ltd., indoor air quality survey at the Town Office in the amount of \$3,500.00, funds to be withdrawn from the Town Office/Community Building repair line account #01-41941-400-430. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing on the acceptance of Greenview Drive as a town maintained road.

Chairman Bowles stated that this public hearing has been postponed to February 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and all of the abutters have been notified. He went on to say that, the Attorney's are still researching the road information. Chairman Bowles said that the road easement with Steve Roy has not been finalized yet, so the Selectmen would not have been able to accept the road if the public hearing was held this evening. *Selectman Maxfield moved to continue the public hearing to accept Greenview Drive as a town maintained road on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated a notice has been placed in the newspaper and that there would be no further individual notification. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received notification of a workshop on new licensing regulations for auto salvage yards.

The Board received a letter from Michael Harris regarding building permit penalty. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Harris signing the building permit application as a residential permit and the Board feels that the penalty stands. The Board will forward a letter advising Mr. Harris that the Selectmen feel the penalty should stand and if Mr. Harris does not agree with this decision, he can appeal to the ZBA.

The Board received a letter from Attorney McCue for Ms. Crowley's bond release. Discussion ensued. The Board stated that they had agreed to release the \$7,500.00 portion of the bond. Chairman Bowles discussed the need to have the meets and bounds addressed on Greenview Drive. He reviewed the regulations that Ms. Crowley would have to follow and said that information should be included in a letter to Ms. Crowley.

The Board received an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston regarding money remaining in the current contract as well as a proposal for next year's landfill monitoring for budget purposes. Discussion ensued regarding the well monitoring. The Board stated they would like to change the proposal dates from calendar year to fiscal year.

The Board received copies of the petitioned article for submission on to the Warrant for Town Meeting. Signatures have been verified and there is a sufficient amount of registered voters for this petition. Because this petition article meets the requirements, it will be included on the Warrant. Chairman Bowles read the petitioned article for those present.

The Board received the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact Annual Report for review. The Board agreed not to include this in the Town Report.

The Board received an article for Town Report from Senator Janeway. The Board agreed not to include this article in the Town Report.

The Board received the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing draft Minutes. Chairman Bowles stated there are many proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance for this year's Warrant.

The Board received a copy of the certificate of completion for hazmat training for Chief Burr.

The Board received notice of a DRA workshop on revaluation contracts.

The Board received Legislative Bulletin #4.

The Board received notice of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission meeting on February 8, 2007 on developing Impact Fees in NH.

The Board received information on Highway Safety Grants.

The Board received a copy of the Town Meeting Handbook for 2007 from The Local Government Center.

The Board agreed to meet with Paul Becht of the H.L. Turner Group regarding a

meeting with the Board to discuss the change orders. The Board will try to meet with Mr. Becht on Monday, January 29, 2007 at 3:45 p.m. or Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 3:45 p.m.

The Board received a request from the Girl Scout leaders to sell Girl Scout cookies at Town Meeting. The Board agreed this would be fine. Chairman Bowles stated he would contact Josh Davis of the "Smoke Shack" to see if he is going to be at Town Meeting.

The Board acknowledged ZBA member Ned Lizotte from the audience.

Mr. Lizotte advised the Selectmen that the ZBA is requesting the financial records for the past five years for the lagoons at the Transfer Station due to an application before the ZBA. Selectman Maxfield advised Mr. Lizotte that the figures are available in the last five Town Reports. Mr. Lizotte asked if there was any information available that shows money collected and any money paid out for fees and expenses to operate the lagoons. The Selectmen stated that they would work on getting the information. Discussion ensued regarding engineering costs, monitoring costs, etc., associated with the lagoons.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed and discussed the drainage plan for Berry Road from Engineer Judy Houston. Chairman Bowles said that Ms. Houston is working on a letter to be forwarded to DES by January 26, 2007. Chairman Bowles reviewed the proposal submitted by Ms. Houston for services on Berry Road. *Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with The Louis Berger Group for the Berry Road drainage issue study to address a wetlands issue with DES, the scope of services task 1-3 of the contract, on a time and materials basis for an estimated fee of \$3,200.00 with the funds to be withdrawn from account #01-41503-300-620 Engineering fees. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Maxfield stated that he would be presenting the Boston Post Cane on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 to Cara Dowes, Loudon's oldest citizen. Ms. Dowes was born in 1911.

John Plummer asked about the new fee schedule for the Transfer Station relative to electronic video display devices. The Board reviewed the proposed fees for computer monitors, TV's, etc. Mr. Plummer asked who came up with the fees per item. Chairman Bowles said that the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee members went with lower fees than what was recommended by Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

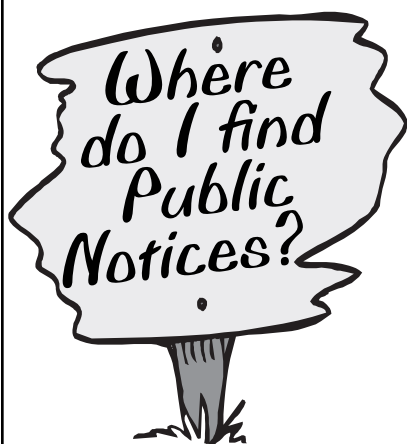
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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Deputy Chief Rick Wright, and 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, January 23, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with a revised sign permit application for their review. Selectman Ives discussed the banners that are left up for long periods during the summer. Mr. Fiske stated this permit allows for the special events banners/signs to be up one week before and one week after a specific event. Mr. Fiske also stated that this permit would be for all signs within the Town of Loudon, not just for special events. *Selectman Ives moved the adoption and enforcement of the sign permit application presented by the Loudon Code Enforcement Office for special events signs/banners as well as all home occupation signs. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles asked that the Planning and Zoning Board each get copies of the new permit application. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that five pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Deputy Chief Rick Wright.

The Board reviewed copies of a memo from Chief Burr regarding the meeting room at the Fire Station. Discussion ensued regarding the meeting room schedule for the Community Building and advising Mrs. Little that she should contact the Town Office for availability of the Community Building. It was also discussed that depending on availability and the type of trainings needed by the CERT Team, Chief Burr will do what he can to help with trainings and accommodations if the other Town Buildings are unavailable. Selectman Ives will contact Mrs. Little with the Board's recommendation to hold the monthly or bimonthly meetings at the Community Building.

Chief Fiske asked what the function of the CERT Team was. Selectman Ives stated it is an acronym for Citizens Emergency Response Team and they are trained in cer-

tain areas to assist the Police, Fire, Highway, and Emergency Management members with some of the smaller tasks during an emergency event. Chief Fiske asked who has the authority to activate the CERT Team relative to any costs associated with it. The Board stated it is their understanding that the CERT Team is strictly a volunteer group. Selectman Maxfield discussed the Emergency Operations Plan update that was needed in order to be able to obtain FEMA money and grants. Chief Fiske asked who would have the authority to open the Emergency Operations Center. Selectman Maxfield said it would be the Emergency Management Director. Chief Fiske asked if there is a job description that goes along with the title. Chairman Bowles said he has been working on getting some of the questions answered and said there may need to be a meeting with all of the parties involved to get this worked out. Chairman Bowles said he has talked to Chris Pope at the State to get some answers to these questions. Selectman Ives said that the CERT Team is a portion of Emergency Management and since it is a new program, he feels that it will be up to all the departments to decide if they need to open up the EOC. Selectman Maxfield said he felt the Emergency Management Director can open up the Emergency Management Operations Center if she sees a need and asked Chairman Bowles to contact Mr. Pope again.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the Highway Crew would be working on scraping ice; they have been working at the Garage and painted the bathrooms. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the ceiling tiles at the Highway Garage need to be replaced and that he would like to do the lunch area at the same time. Discussion ensued regarding looking at different materials to be used.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been working on building barricades to replace ones that had been broken up during the floods. He stated that he would be ordering the slash tape for the barricades, which is quite costly.

Selectman Ives read a portion of the Emergency Operations Manual relative to the coordinated effort of the Emergency Management Director, Police, Fire, Road Agent, and Selectmen to determine what level of operation to open at during an emergency event. Selectman Maxfield said that this program is in its beginning stages and he is glad that the Town has it. Chairman

Bowles said based on the EOP, no one person will be making the determination to open the EOC.

Chairman Bowles discussed cutting brush throughout Town, especially on Clough Pond Road.

The Board met with Mike O'Brien and Rick Broider of LYAA.

Mr. O'Brien introduced Mr. Broider as the newly-elected President of LYAA for a two-year term. Mr. O'Brien provided the Board with copies of their income/loss statement for the LYAA programs. Mr. O'Brien stated the current focus is on baseball and soccer programs. He advised the Board that the concession stands helped generate income which helps pay for referee fees and such.

Mr. Broider stated that LYAA would like to ask the Board to consider placing a Warrant Article on this year's Warrant relative to funds for safety upgrades to the Recreation Field. He said one project is for dugouts to be built, and the other is for a buried fence along the left side of the field. Mr. Broider said that there is a lot of equipment that is lost and the kids have to go down into the woods to retrieve the items. Selectman Maxfield asked if it was only for the recreation field in the Village. Mr. Broider said it was. Mr. Broider provided the Board with diagrams of what LYAA is proposing. He said the cost figures were for materials only, as there are many volunteers willing to help with this project if it is approved. The quote for both projects is \$7,850.00. Discussion ensued regarding money allocated in the budget for LYAA. Mr. O'Brien stated the money budgeted from the Town goes to paying for the Little League gear. Selectman Maxfield said he thought this request could go into the budget versus being a Warrant Article. The Board said that LYAA would need to be ready to explain their request if anyone were to question it during the budget process or Town Meeting. The Board agreed that since this was a one-time allocation for improvement to the field they felt it could be included in the budget. Mr. O'Brien said that LYAA would put together packets of information to have available at Town Meeting. Chairman Bowles asked that a representative of LYAA be at the budget hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to answer any questions anyone may have. Mr. Broider said he would be able to attend.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a reminder of upcoming meetings.

The Board reviewed two abatement questions. Discussion ensued.

The Board received invitations for the CERT Team graduation.

The Board received information from Emergency Management Director Sigrid regarding upcoming training.

The Board received copies of a letter from Downeast Maintenance regarding the Town Office and Community Building cleaning. The Board will address this at the budget hearing on February 7, 2007.

The Board received official notice that Jamie Dow will be our auditor at Revenue Administration for 2007.

The Board received a notice of resurfacing of Route 129 from DOT.

The Board received the ESMI compliance report for December.

The Board received copies of correspondence from town counsel regarding a recent court decision.

The Board received copies of a letter from R.M. Piper Inc., regarding the Village Dam project.

The Board received a request from the City of Dover to institute a resolution regarding the town's representation on the Board of the NH Retirement System.

The Board received a notice of a workshop on Economic Development.

The Board received a news release from the Executive Council District 2, a newsletter from the National Flood Insurance Program, Legislative Bulletin #6, and information on various road workshops.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with The Louis Berger Group Inc., for proposal of Professional Engineer Services — January 2007 to June 2008 for Post Closure Monitoring for the Town of Loudon Sanitary Landfill and Septage Lagoons with the breakdown in costs: The Louis Berger Group Inc., \$15,200.00, Eastern Analytical Inc., \$9,189.80. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 30, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes with the H.L. Turner Group and R.M. Piper, Inc., on Monday, February 5, 2007 and place them on file. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board discussed the call list for the Town Hall alarm system. Chairman Bowles will contact the Church Trustees to find out who they want to be on the call list.

The Board received notice of past violation from DES regarding the burn pile at the Transfer Station. Chairman Bowles said that this issue has been addressed.

The Board received correspondence from the Labor Board.

The Board received copies of an e-mail regarding CERT training/participation.

The Board received a partial release of mortgage for Kinkade Haven open space. The Board agreed to have this forwarded to Town Counsel for his recommendations.

Selectman Maxfield moved to forward past due ambulance account #31609 in the amount of \$1,472.80 and account #34583 in the amount of \$623.80 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of the CIP Meeting Minutes and Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing Minutes for review.

The Board received a letter from Comcast regarding convenience fee assessment. This fee will be assessed to individuals who pay their bill by phone.

The Board received a regional impact notice from the Town of Epsom regarding a wireless tower.

The Board received copies of the Legislative Bulletin #6.

The Board the 2006 Economic Review report from PSNH.

The Board received a reminder about the final Budget Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2007. Discussion ensued regarding an additional Warrant Article for inclusion in the Warrant.

Selectman Maxfield moved to pay the remaining balance to H.L. Turner Group, Inc., and R.M. Piper, Inc., and withhold the retainage fee of \$1,250.00 from the R.M. Piper, Inc., for the completion of work at the

Village Dam in the summer of 2007 that was unable to be completed due to the high water. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles said a thank you letter would be forwarded to Wade Holland for his donation of services with the Cate Van building project.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Budget Hearing Minutes — Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007 (DRAFT)

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Chairman Bowles opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bowles stated this is the final budget hearing for the 2007–2008 budget. He stated there are two new Warrant Articles to be included on the Warrant and reviewed the changes to the budget that have occurred since the last budget hearing.

The Landfill Testing line has been reduced to \$24,400.00 due to the revised proposal with The Louis Berger Group due to the change from calendar year to fiscal year.

The Town Office cleaning line has been increased to \$3,000.00. Chairman Bowles explained that there has not been any increase in this line since 1999.

The Town Office/Community Building repair line has been increased to \$35,000.00. Chairman Bowles said that the cupola at the Community Building is showing signs of rot near the bottom next to the roof.

The Special Events Emergency Management line has been deleted. Chairman Bowles said that there have been talks with the State Emergency Management and it appears that this line would not be needed in this year's budget. He said that several other lines for this department have been deleted due to the same reason. Chairman Bowles said they have increased the main budget line to \$1,200.00 and the training and semi-

nars line remains at \$500.00. He stated that the Board would address this department relative to budget increases if there were a change in need. Chairman Bowles said that the Board would be meeting with Chris Pope from NH Home Land Security to review Emergency Management.

The Recreation Park Maintenance and Supplies line increase to \$8,100.00. Chairman Bowles said this increase is due to a request by LYAA for dugouts and fencing for the Recreation Field in the Village. He said this is a safety issue and LYAA has many volunteers that are willing to do the labor if the materials are supplied. Rick Broider, President of LYAA stated the fence would be 242 feet long.

Ray Cummings asked about the Tax Collector's line for File Clerk. Chairman Bowles stated that this line has been increased due to the training of new staff in the Tax Collector's office. Mr. Cummings stated he felt the Board should look at what the File Clerk's responsibilities are and what the Treasurer's responsibilities are. He said he felt that the increase in the File Clerk line should be moved to the Treasurer's salary line. Chairman Bowles said that during the budget meetings with department heads, no one discussed any issues with the Treasurer's salary line; therefore, the Board was not aware that there was an issue.

Mr. Cummings asked about the new budget reports relative to not showing prior

year's information. Chairman Bowles said that it is due to the new software. He said that next year it would show prior year's history because this year's information will be there.

Mr. Cummings discussed the ESMI Host Community Fee line under the Estimated Revenues. Mr. Cummings encouraged the Board to look at the collected Host Community Fees for the year to be sure that ESMI is forwarding the payment on time.

Discussion ensued regarding the File Clerk line under Tax Collector not being an increase for the current position, but to also fund a second position if the current Deputy Tax Collector retires. The Board agreed to adjust the Treasurer's Salary line to \$10,236.00, which is a \$3,000.00 increase. Mr. Cummings asked if the Board was going to reduce the amount in the Tax Collectors File Clerk line. The Board said no, that the intent is to have the current Deputy Tax Collector, the current File Clerk whose salary from this line was \$1,246.00 last year, and a new position to train someone to become Deputy Tax Collector in this budget.

Selectman Maxfield stated there are no changes to the 2007–2008 Estimated Revenues since the last Budget Hearing. He said the 2007–2008 Estimated Revenue figure is \$7,040,770.00.

The Board began their review the proposed Warrant Articles for Town Meeting.

Selectman Maxfield read Warrant Article #3 and said that it is for the additional cost associated with paving a portion of Clough Pond Road/Old Shaker Road. He said based on the circumstances of the two bridge washouts and flooding, DRA advised the Board to put this project on hold. The additional money is due to the increase in paving costs and that the money, which was appropriated at last year's Town Meeting, will be utilized along with these additional funds.

Selectman Ives read Warrant Article #4 and said this is to replace a truck, which was purchased 17 years ago. He went on to say that this truck has had numerous repairs and is getting costly to maintain. Mr. Cummings asked if the sander in the truck that is to be replaced was stainless steel. Chairman Bowles stated the intent is to rebuild the existing sander to have it on hand in case one breaks down. Mr. Cummings asked about welding a new bottom onto the existing sander and using that one instead of pur-

chasing a new one. Selectman Ives said that with the growth of the Town and the increase in miles of road, the Board agreed it would be a good idea to keep the old sander for a backup and to purchase the new sander with the new truck.

Selectman Maxfield stated that Warrant Article #5 would be explained by the petitioners at Town Meeting.

Selectman Ives read Warrant Article #6 and read a letter from Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson giving the reasoning for this Warrant Article. Mrs. Robinson's letter said this article is to purchase the rights to the Davies (Herron Hill Farm) property on Route 129, consisting of 65 acres. Natural Resource Conservation Service will be contributing \$163,500.00 (which was originally allocated for the purchase of the rights to the Brown property who opted out of the agreement) and the Loudon Conservation Commission would need to contribute \$81,750.00 to meet the 25% match of the total value of the development rights. This land would be open forever for recreation opportunities like hunting, biking, cross-country skiing, etc. Jeff Burr asked why this has to go before Town Meeting if the money is coming out of the Conservation Commission Expendable Trust. Discussion ensued regarding the expendable trust.

Selectman Maxfield read Warrant Article #7 relative to drainage issues on Berry Road and removal of sediment from Clough Pond. Selectman Maxfield stated DES has ordered the Town to control sediment into Clough Pond. He said that the Engineers from the Louis Berger Group have provided the Board with a plan to address these issues. Selectman Maxfield said that the Highway Department would be involved in doing much of the work.

Selectman Ives moved to adopt the 2007–2008 operating budget in the amount of \$4,190,002.50 from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Planning Board Zoning Public Hearing Minutes — Jan. 18, 2007 (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

ATTENDANCE:

Planning Board — Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Gary Tasker, Bob Ordway, ex-officio Dustin Bowles, alternates Steve Jackson and Jason Masse

Zoning Board — Chairman Dave Powelson, Roy Merrill

Conservation Commission — Julie Robinson

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2006 WORKSHOP:

Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dustin Bowles seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Amendment 2007-1 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public and no discussion from the Board. Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-2 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public and no discussion from the Board. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-3 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public and no discussion from the Board. Gary Tasker made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-4 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public. Steve Jackson asked if the wording of the second line of the ordinance should be changed as well because it reads "appointments" and these are no longer appointed positions. There was discussion about wording options so that this reads properly and clearly. Gary Tasker made a motion to amend the amendment to include changing the ordinance wording from "appointments occur annually" to "two members are elected annually." Dustin Bowles seconded the motion. All were in favor of the change to the amendment. Gary Tasker made a motion to approve amendment 2007-4 as amended for the ballot; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. If passed, the ordinance would then read: 700.1 Membership — The Board shall consist of five (5) members elected by the voters, each to be elected for three (3) years. The terms shall be arranged so that no more than two (2) members are elected annually. No person holding the office of Selectman shall serve on this Board.

Amendment 2007-5 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public. Bob Ordway suggested that this addition to the list of permitted uses be given the identification letter "M" which is unused due to a deletion of that item in a previous year. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-6 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public and no discussion from the Board. Dustin Bowles made a motion to

approve the amendment ballot; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-7 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. George Page asked if there is a list of accepted accessory buildings. Dave Powelson pointed out the definition of accessory building on page 88 of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Page said he is concerned that people will be putting up garages and other accessory buildings without officials knowing. There was discussion of getting on the building permit list, the intent behind this amendment, and possible loopholes. Tom Moore made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-8 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. Friedrich Moeckel asked to address amendments 2007-8 and 2007-9 because both sections refer to the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Moeckel said he is concerned by the requirement's added costs to a developer and asked what the rationale was behind this. Gary Tasker stated that he feels the Board is hesitant to make an approval without the review of engineers and the state as this is not in the area of knowledge of most Board members. Stan Prescott stated that an applicant is required to have a wetland crossing permit prior to coming to the Board. Mr. Moeckel said his concern is the economic commitment on the part of the applicant and the potential for denial after spending that kind of money. He suggested that the ordinance could read that these requirements are subject to approval. Stan Prescott said the Board is here to protect the town. Mr. Moeckel said it would be better if a property owner could get a conditional approval and then to the state with the Board's blessing. Bob Ordway stated that the state imposes other requirements and sometimes complicates the process as they may be nothing like the Board had in mind. There were no further questions from the public therefore the chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was no further discussion. Gary Tasker made a motion to approve amendment 2007-8 for the ballot; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-9 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. Tom Moore said it is important to note that there were no Special Exceptions allowed before so this opens it for the development of back land. Roy Merrill said he is asking one more time to go back to the 25% slope that was used in the past. Julie Robinson asked if this amendment doesn't allow development of steeper slopes through a Special Exception. Tony Merullo said this infers steep slopes and he does not think 20% is steep. He asked where the 10,000sf figure came from. Tom Dow said the 10,000sf is figured to allow for a driveway. There was discussion of how the figure was calculated and the various discussions held at workshops leading to this public hearing. Stan Prescott said it had gone from 25% to 20% by the vote of the town last year, explaining that this amendment makes it so people can use their property for a driveway and grants some relief. Bob Ordway stated that Julie Robinson's point was correct about being able to ask for a Special Exception, whereas it has been 20% with no exceptions. Tony Merullo asked where the Wetlands Bureau and Army Corps of Engineers come in, saying he is not aware of wetlands in steep slope areas.

Julie Robinson stated that cutting into that slope could affect abutting wetlands. Hearing no further questions from the public, the chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was no further discussion. Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Tom Moore. Dustin Bowles was opposed to the motion; all others were in favor.

Amendment 2007-10 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and the reason for the amendment. Roy Merrill said if the Board is keeping steep slopes at 20% then they need to adhere to it. Dave Powelson said that septic systems are being proposed as a permitted use. Mr. Merrill said that the state allows 25% and feels the town should as well. He said he feels the town is forcing all development onto flatter pieces of land and property owners' rights are being limited because small slopes make their land unusable. Mr. Merrill said he had submitted a request to go back to the 25% as stated in the Land Development Regulations. Gary Tasker suggested that the Board act on amendments 10 through 13 and then discuss Mr. Merrill's proposed amendment. Hearing no further questions from the public, the chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was no further discussion from the Board. Gary Tasker made a motion to approve amendment 2007-10 for the ballot; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-11 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public. Stan Prescott noted that the amendment should refer to Section 302.3 rather than 302.4. There was no further discussion. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the amendment, with the noted correction, for the ballot; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-12 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and the reason for the amendment. Julie Robinson explained that this amendment has made the wetlands section consistent with the correct RSA, better defined, and also adds the buffer to the district. She said the conservation commission has removed the Shoreland Protection Act reference, and she explained minor changes throughout the ordinance to clean it up and make it clearer. There was discussion about the changes and it was agreed that they have made the ordinance less confusing. Tony Merullo referred to Section 301.6.2, asking what might be an example of a wetland less than 2,000 square feet. Mrs. Robinson explained that would be a very big vernal pool and gave an example of an area in town. Steve Jackson referred to Section 301.3 and asked if it is practical to specify the methods to be used by a certified

wetland scientist and if this would limit it to a select group of scientists. Julie said that anyone delineating wetlands should be certified to these standards. Tony Merullo asked where the standards come from. Mrs. Robinson said the commission is trying to make it as clear as possible. There was discussion about specifying methods to be used. Dustin Bowles read Section 301.3 from the current Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Robinson said she would be alright with simply requiring the mapping be done by a NH Certified Wetland Scientist who could put their stamp on the plan. It was agreed to drop the specific methods from the amendment so that Section 301.3 would read: Mapping: Wetlands shall be determined and delineated on an individual parcel basis by a NH Certified Wetland Scientist. Hearing no further questions from the public, the chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was no further discussion from the Board. Gary Tasker made a motion to approve amendment 2007-12, as amended, for the ballot; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-13 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and the reason for the amendment. Hearing no questions from the public, the chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was discussion of slope steepness, the size of the area affected, and the relief that this amendment gives. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Chairman Dow explained that the next four proposed amendments were not on the public notice for this hearing because of submission deadlines. He stated that there will be a public hearing on February 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Amendments 2007-14 through 2007-17.

The chairman stated that this might be the time to return to the discussion of steep slopes if anyone wished to. Roy Merrill stated that he would like to see the slope go back to 25%. Steve Jackson asked if a new ordinance would be created. There was discussion on the timeframe required for posting of hearings, the deadline for petitions being December 13th. Bob Ordway said the steep slope topic has been addressed at previous workshops and because of posting deadlines may have to wait until next year for further discussion and change.

Chairman Dow reminded everyone that the next public hearing would be on February 1st at 6:00 p.m. at this location. Gary Tasker made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White



Planning Board Minutes — January 18, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. (immediately following Zoning Amendment Public Hearing) by Chairman Tom Dow.

ATTENDANCE:

Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Bob Ordway, Chairman Tom Dow, Gary Tasker, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and alternates Jason Masse and Steve Jackson were present. Julie Robinson was present to represent the Conservation Commission.

Jason Masse was appointed to take the place of Henry Huntington for this meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

November 18, 2006 Decato Site Walk. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.

January 6, 2007 Creekwater Lane Site Walk. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.

January 6, 2007 Pittsfield Septage Processing Facility Tour. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

December 21, 2006 Public Hearing. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

DISCUSSIONS:

Tony Merullo — Mr. Merullo submitted a letter requesting a reduction of his road bond for Creekwater Lane in December. He handed out a cost sheet which he went over line by line with the Board. Mr. Merullo noted that the side slope is consistent with the profile desired by the Planning Board, not as designed. He informed the Board that he has lengthened a culvert that was found to be too short. Mr. Merullo explained that he is not asking for a reduction in the paving figure because paving prices have increased and a reduction in that line might not leave enough to cover the rest of the paving. He said he is proposing to leave \$129,500 which, as noted in a memo from Tony Puntin, is more than enough to cover the remaining work. *Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the bond reduction to \$129,500, seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.* Board members thanked Mr. Merullo for addressing their concerns timely and professionally.

Septic Disposal Solutions — Project Description — Paul & Darlene Johnson and Bill Gosse presented sketches of their proposed septage processing facility as requested by the Board after the site tour in Pittsfield. They explained the site location,

entrance, proximity to the dump road, and layout of the property. Mr. Gosse explained the building and process of their operation. Gary Tasker told the group to come in with a surveyed plan to scale, show the roadway into the area being used with its width and what it is made of, the existing traffic flow, existing operations in the pit. Stan Prescott referred back to the discussion at the December meeting about the access road. He said he has spoken with David Moody and Mr. Moody said he would not want to change the access road because of the angle of coming out with a log truck and trailer. This would cause a truck to have to swing into the lane of incoming Dump Road traffic. Bill Gosse explained safety concerns of changing the access. Gary Tasker said he would also be looking for the building style and construction, written approval from the property owner, note on the plans that the compost area would be covered, a copy of the compost tent specs, size of the blocks of the compost area, parking area for employees, and downward security lighting. He said he would like a note from the police and fire departments with their thoughts on lighting in the area.

Ken Conte — Mr. Conte explained that he has two lots on Berry Road, one with his house, the other across the road where his leachfield is located. Mr. Conte said the 1/2 acre lot with the leachfield is being assessed as a building lot. He asked if it would be possible to do a lot merger with the road dividing the lots. There was discussion about other situations where the land under Berry Road was owned by the property owners. It was noted that a merger could not be done if the deeds show these as two lots; however, if the road is owned by the landowner a merger could be done. It was suggested that Mr. Conte research the deeds.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BOARD DISCUSSION:

A variety of general correspondence (brochures, seminars, public hearings for area cell towers) was presented to the Board members for review.

It was noted that Lorraine Duprez has asked to be put on the agenda for the March meeting to discuss deeding of the conservation land as part of their subdivision approval.

It was also noted that Alvin Davis has submitted a draft deed and title search of the open space parcel to the Selectmen as part of his open space subdivision approval.

Len LaPadula is finalizing the deed for open space land as part of the Wildwood Sanctuary subdivision approval.

Central NH Regional Planning Commission has invoiced the town for its 2007 dues of \$5,300. There has been no response from CNHRPC to the request of the Planning Board to terminate the agreement to update the Land Development Regulations and to refund the \$2,000 sent at the time of the agreement. There was discussion about what services are provided by CNHRPC for the \$5,300 and how best to handle the termination of the agreement. Stan Prescott and Bob Ordway, as Planning Board representatives to CNHRPC, will address this at the next Commission meeting.

REPORT OF THE ZBA:

There is one application before the ZBA and that is a continuation from November 2006 for a variance and special exception for DJP Realty on a parcel located on Bee Hole Road.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PERMIT:

Tom Dow reported that Bob Fiske informed the Board of Permit that there is a

3-day music festival planned for the Rocky Road Campground in April. The plan is to have vendors, a variety of bands, and speakers. Mr. Bagone has been told that he needs to file a letter of intent and to date has not done so. Mr. Dow said that the ZBA stipulations of Mr. Bagone's approval were discussed, including a limit of 200 people and 41 campsites. He said it would be deemed as a special event. Gary Tasker said he felt that abutters should be notified even though not required through the special event permitting process.

Mr. Dow said that the Board of Permit also discussed fire ponds in town and one hawkers & peddlers permit.

Mr. Dow reported that there was a recent meeting with DES on Wiggins Road to discuss removing culverts because of Blanding turtles in the area. He said bridges will have to be put in.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 8:50pm was made by Gary Tasker; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*

Planning Board Zoning Public Hearing Minutes — Feb. 1, 2007 (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

Attendance:

Planning Board — Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Gary Tasker, ex-officio Dustin Bowles.

Zoning Board — Chairman Dave Powelson, George Saunderson, Roy Merrill, Ned Lizotte

Conservation Commission — Julie Robinson

MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING:

Stanley Prescott made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Tasker seconded the motion. Dustin Bowles

said there was one amendment, #2007-13, discussed to allow driveways to pass through steep slopes. He said he has some concerns about the 2500sf in a steep slope and feels this could lead to problems. Stan Prescott stated that George Saunderson has also voiced a concern about this amendment and has suggested that there should be a cap on the grade of the slope. George Saunderson stated that a cap makes sense to avoid steep driveways and he would like to see a limit added to this amendment. There was discussion about cuts, side slopes, and approaches onto the roadway. Stan Prescott said zoning has protected the town by going in at a negative grade from the roadway.

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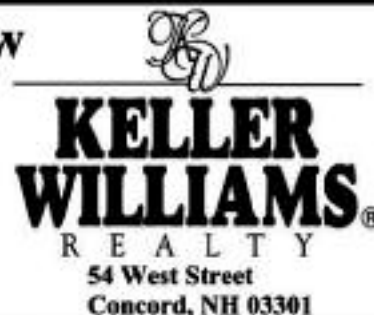


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Chairman Dow said he was not sure anything can be done at this point since the amendment was voted on at the last public hearing. Donna reported having talked with Central NH Regional Planning Commission. She was informed that someone who was in the majority vote on the amendment could move to re-open the hearing on that amendment for reconsideration. Dustin Bowles said anything beyond 30–35% should go to the ZBA for special exception. George Saunderson said they could see how it works for a year or two and adjust if need be. Stan Prescott asked if the group was in favor of a 30% cap. Gary Tasker stated he was in agreement with 30%. *All were in favor of approving the minutes as presented.*

Chairman Dow opened the public hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments.

Tom Moore made a motion to reconsider Amendment 2007-13. Dustin Bowles seconded the motion. All were in favor. Stan Prescott made a motion to put a cap of 30% in the proposed amendment. Gary Tasker seconded the motion. Chairman Dow stated that the amendment to Amendment 2007-13 would be to include a cap of 30% slope on driveways. There was discussion about potential effects of this change, clarification of the intent, and how to word the amendment. Stan Prescott stated that he would like to see it at 30% and anything over that could be done by special exception. It was suggested to keep what was previously approved as: Section 302.3 add to the list of permitted uses "Driveways not impacting more than 2500sf" and add "and where the existing terrain does not exceed 30%." Discussion continued about the possible conse-

quences of 30% being the cap. George Saunderson asked if they were now thinking of going higher, possibly to 35%. Dustin Bowles said he was in favor of 35%. Mr. Saunderson said putting a cap on the slope grade gives the town some control and could be re-visited at another time if it is found not to work. The proposed amendment was read as follows: Section 302.3 add to the list of permitted uses "Driveways not impacting more than 2500sf, and where the existing terrain does not exceed 30%." Stan Prescott asked if there should be something about special exceptions. Discussion ensued on special exceptions for over 2500sf and no provisions for over 35%. Gary Tasker asked to clarify that this is a permitted use up to 35% slope with no special exception. He said he likes it without special exception but if someone could show him good reason he might see it differently. Dustin Bowles said this allows a driveway in an area up to 2500sf up to a 35% slope and anything beyond that would have to go for special exception under proposed amendment 2007-09. Gary Tasker said he would withdraw his second on the motion for 30% if the group wanted to discuss a different percentage. Stan Prescott withdrew his motion for 30%. Stan Prescott made a motion to amend Amendment 2007-13 to read "Section 302.3 add to the list of permitted uses 'Driveways not impacting more than 2500sf, and where the existing terrain does not exceed 35%' and approve it for the ballot. There was discussion about if there was a need to add wording to Section 302.4 to refer to proposed Amendment 2007-9. Because Amendment 2007-9 has to go to vote it is not a sure thing and therefore can not be cited in this amendment. There was discussion on other possible changes to Section 302.4 as a result of this amendment. It

was decided that no changes are necessary to Section 302.4. Gary Tasker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Amendment 2007-14 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. Dustin Bowles said this amendment would make sense to clean up the zoning of the parcel. Stan Prescott said it has always been used as commercial so would make sense. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Tom Moore. Tom Moore asked if the favor is in favor of this change. Dustin Bowles stated that Mr. Moody is very much in favor of the change. All were in favor.*

Amendment 2007-15 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. There were no questions from the public and no discussion from the Board. *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

Amendment 2007-16 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. Julie Robinson explained the purpose of this amendment, stating it is for clarification and simplification. Tom Moore asked if the Board has reviewed RSA 482-A to know what it covers. Julie Robinson explained that this covers the whole Wetland Conservation District and outlined the details of RSA 482-A. *Gary Tasker made a motion to approve Amendment 2007-16 for the ballot; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.*

Amendment 2007-17 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment and reason for the amendment. Julie Robinson explained that this amendment gives the right to go in and remove trees through special exception and puts everything in order between ordinances. She said the initial

intent was to follow that portion of the Shoreland Protection Act, not the full version as it was written in the current zoning ordinance. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the amendment for the ballot; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.*

All of the amendments will be put into final format and submitted to the Town Clerk on February 6, 2007. Town counsel has advised that the full text of 2007-12 does not have to appear on the ballot or warrant as long as it is made available to voters at the polls.

Stanley Prescott made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*

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Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — Jan. 25, 2007 (DRAFT)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on January 25, 2007 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Dave Powelson, Chairman; Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and alternate Howard Pearl. Howard Pearl will be a voting member for this meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER 28, 2006 MINUTES:

George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #06-22, DJP Realty Trust – Special Exception for Reduced Setback & Variance for steep slopes, Map 12, Lot 4. Friedrich Moeckel, Shane Stewart, Web Stout, and Joe Bohi were present for this

case. Mr. Moeckel spoke on behalf of Mr. Bohi. He reminded the Board that this case came before them in November and that a site walk was done at the property in early December and did an overview of the process to date. Mr. Moeckel said the two issues before the Board are to allow a driveway in the side setback of Lot 2 and to allow a driveway in the steep slope district. Web Stout explained the history of the parcel. It was noted that an area of the road is in slopes. Shane Stewart stated that this parcel has been before the Planning Board two or three times as a cluster subdivision as the applicant had wanted open space. Mr. Stout said the road is 850–900 feet and the cul-de-sac is larger than required. Mr. Moeckel said this parcel is different from others since portions of the slopes have been created over time through sand and gravel operations on the site. He said they have asked for the least impact on the slopes for the maximum use of the parcel. Mr. Moeckel stated that the Planning Board has seen the plan and he

feels they are in favor of the project with Zoning Board approvals.

Ned Lizotte stated that the steep slope issue is coming up at town meeting. Chairman Powelson explained the proposed amendments that address special exceptions in steep slope districts and will be on the ballot in March. Mr. Powelson stated that it appears that the applicant will be building a driveway in the buffer of a wetland. Mr. Moeckel said they are here tonight for a special exception for a driveway in the side setback and a variance for a driveway in steep slopes. He said if it goes in the wetland buffer that would be a separate issue and they would have to come back for that. Ned Lizotte asked about steep slopes for the road. Mr. Stout and Mr. Moeckel said there are none. George Saunderson asked how steep the slopes are in the cul-de-sac. Mr. Stout said they are approximately 30%.

There was discussion of the proposed amendments. Mr. Moeckel said the main reason they are going through with these

applications is because there is no guarantee that the amendments will be approved. Mr. Saunderson asked if there is a downside to waiting. Mr. Moeckel stated that there are engineering and financial development decisions to be made. Shane Stewart stated that there is an engineer on retainer and Mr. Stout is waiting. He outlined the history of the project over the years and said it still has to go back to the Planning Board.

Chairman Powelson said the Board has to hear the application. There was discussion of building permits and the differences between area and use variances. Mr. Powelson read the permitted uses in Section 302.3. Shane Stewart said he represents Mr. Bohi's lender. He said there is a lot of pressure to get this project done and Mr. Bohi will be building the road this year. Mr. Moeckel stated that this project is not contrary to the Zoning Ordinance and he reviewed some points of the applications.

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Shane Stewart said there are positives and negatives of the parcel. He said that some dumping has occurred and the piece has been used for sand and gravel as well as storage of lumber, tractors, and other materials. Mr. Stewart said the positive is that the applicant is developing the piece and putting three new high-end homes on it which will bring higher tax revenue to the town.

Chairman Powelson gave a brief overview of both applications. There were no questions from the Board. The chairman asked if there were any abutters who wished to speak in favor or against the application. There were no abutters present. He asked if there has been any response from the Conservation Commission since the site walk of the property. There has not been any response from the Conservation Commission but it was reported that the Commission anticipates a wetlands crossing as part of the Planning Board process. Mr. Powelson stated that the wetlands process could be handled at a later date and he closed the hearing with the applications to be brought up under Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case #06-22, DJP Realty Trust — Special Exception for Reduced Setback & Variance for steep slopes, Map 12, Lot 4. Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the variance. George Saunderson seconded the motion. Chairman Powelson referred to Section 701.2.1a of the Zoning Ordinance and read from the applicant's response on the application for a variance, asking if the Board agreed with the response. Ned Lizotte said he feels the applicant has made a good case and it appeared clear from the site walk that this is not a natural steep slope area. He said he would like to see the steep slope percentage go back to 25% and does not care to give variances but feels this parcel meets the criteria. Mr. Lizotte said he does not feel there is any better use for this property than what is being proposed by the applicant. George Saunderson said he concurred and feels the Board can go ahead without problems. Roy Merrill said he would add that the applicant plane the cul-de-sac off to the low side to lessen the steep slopes. He said he would like that to be stipulated as part of the motion. Mr. Lizotte said this variance allows for use of the parcel. Howard Pearl said he feels it is a perfect example of the intent of a variance.

Chairman Powelson referred to Section 701.2.1b. Ned Lizotte said he would agree. Mr. Powelson continued through the points of 701.2 and read the applicant's responses. Ned Lizotte said what the applicant plans to

do with the lot is an improvement. *Chairman Powelson called for a roll vote. Howard Pearl — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes. Unanimous; variance granted.*

Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the special exception for reduced side setback on Lot 2. Howard Pearl seconded the motion. Howard Pearl asked how close the driveway will be to the side line. Web Stout said approximately 10-11 feet at the closest point, 20 feet at the furthest point. Ned Lizotte said the driveway would be going down so would not be entirely visible from the abutting property. Chairman Powelson asked if the applicant is agreeable that it is 10 feet. Mr. Moeckel said the applicant would like it to be as generally depicted on the plan and not hold someone to precisely 10 feet. The chairman asked if they would be agreeable to five feet. Mr. Moeckel said they would. George Saunderson asked if ten feet would be out of the question. Roy Merrill asked if the driveway would have to come back for wetland buffer approval. It was agreed that it would. Ned Lizotte said five feet seems pretty close and asked what the applicant seemed to think would be fair. Howard Pearl said five feet gets the driveway farther from the steep slopes. Shane Stewart said this project will be done smartly as these are going to be \$600K houses and the developer is not going to mess up the driveways. *Ned Lizotte amended the motion to approve the application for special exception for reduced side setback to five feet on Lot 2. Howard Pearl seconded the amended motion.* He then called for a roll vote. *Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes. Unanimous; special exception for reduced side setback to five feet on Lot 2 granted.*

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Powelson informed the Board that he has received correspondence from town counsel with regard to the decision from Merrimack County Superior Court on Roy Merrill's appeal of the Board's decision in the Volunteers of America case. The Court upheld the Board's decision. Ned Lizotte stated that he felt a portion of the Board has been kept in the dark. He said he feels the Board should have all been aware of the happenings, regardless of past votes and opinions. Mr. Lizotte said, as part of the democratic process, the members should be kept informed. Chairman Powelson said there had been no attempt to keep the proceedings secret. He said the town attorney prepared arguments in conjunction with VOA. Howard Pearl asked if members are allowed to contact the attorney or if protocol is that the chairman make the calls. Chairman Powelson said it has traditionally been the chairman that communicates with the

attorney on behalf of the Board. Mr. Pearl asked if it would be possible for the entire Board to discuss things with the attorney in the future. There was discussion of instances when that may have been done or may need to be in the future. It was noted that it has been established in the past that the contact be limited to the chairman in an effort to manage costs. Roy Merrill said he found it interesting that the decision was just reached to his attorney the day before yet it has been brought up at this meeting tonight. He noted that through all of the process no members were notified that the ZBA decision was being challenged. He said the Board never got notified. Mr. Merrill said there were two instances that he was aware of when the Board was given dates that they had to decide if they wanted to continue with their position. He said the Board members were not given that opportunity. Mr. Merrill said he felt the members should have seen the correspondence from the attorney and he personally believed this was deliberately withheld from the Board. He cited other cases where the Board was updated regularly. Mr. Merrill stated that at no time did anyone tell the Board that their decision was being challenged and he felt this was a definite injustice to the Board. There was discussion of how such situations

should be handled in the future. Chairman Powelson said he was unaware that Board members did not know the matter was being challenged and said he would be sure to keep them informed in the future.

Howard Pearl said the Board needs to consider naming an alternate as he is running for a full position in March. Should he become a full member and Jon Huntington is away for the winter that could leave the Board short in the event of absences or recusals. Ned Lizotte said he is talking with someone about becoming an alternate. Chairman Powelson said the Board is generally alright with two alternates and it works most of the time. There was discussion of the quorum needed for hearing an application; this will be researched. Mr. Pearl suggested this could be addressed at the February meeting.

A variety of correspondence was presented to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Howard Pearl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White, Secretary*

**Next Deadline:
Friday, March 16
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| 4 | 5 School reopens after vacation 6pm•Meditation workshop @ Library 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @American Legion | 6 Kindergarten “Cat in the Hat” Breakfast 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6:30pm•Selectmen’s Meeting 7pm•Lions Club @ Library | 7 7pm•Meet the Candidates Night at the Community Building | 8 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 4–7pm•Girl Scout Cookie Sales @ Sam’s Club 7pm•MVSD Annual Meeting @ MVHS | 9 | 10 9am–Noon•Girl Scout Cookie Sales @ Fox Pond Plaza |
| 11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS: SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR! | 12 8pm•Fire Department | 13 ELECTION DAY — Polls open 8am–7pm. Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Planning/ Zoning Board Offices Closed Selectmen close @ 3 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6pm•American Legion Bingo No Selectmen’s Meeting/Board of Permit | 14 Ski Club meets @ Gunstock (last day) 6pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Library | 15 10:30am•Storytime @ Library Band Concert @ MVHS 6:30pm•Old Home Day Committee @ Kim Bean’s 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg. | 16 Blood Drive @ MVHS Mid-terms issued LEDGER DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE | 17 TOWN MEETING @ Safety Building begins at 9 a.m. Library closed. 6:30pm•Church of the Nazarene Scottish Auction ST. PATRICK’S DAY |
| 18 | 19 5–6:30pm•DARE Pizza Night 6:30pm•Communications Council@ Com. Bldg. | 20 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6:30pm•Selectmen’s Meeting@Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library | 21 3/21–28•LES Spring book sale. Family night 4–8pm 7pm•American Legion FIRST DAY OF SPRING! | 22 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Book Group. Title to be announced. Check at the Library for more information. 798-5153. 7:30pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg. | 23 | 24 9am–Noon•Girl Scout Cookie Sales @ Fox Pond Plaza 5–7pm•Girl Scouts Spaghetti Supper @ American Legion |
| 25 | 26 | 27 9–12•VNA Senior Health Clinic 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6–9pm•MVHS Senior Project Showcase 6:30pm•Selectmen’s Meeting/Work Session 7pm•LYAA @ Library | 28 6–9pm•Senior Showcase at MVHS 6:30•Recreation Com. @ Library | 29 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Book Group: “A Perfect Red” @ Library | 30 | 31 7–10am•American Legion Pancake Breakfast Pinewood Derby @ Gifford Middle School PTA Easter Egg Hunt @ Rec. Field |

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