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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.

Loudon Students Inducted Into Middle School Honor Society

he Merrimack Valley Middle School held The Merrimack values induce benefits the annual induction ceremony for The National Junior Honor Society on February 3rd. New inductees were Lindsay Balch, Emma Bidwell, Celine Burrows, Brooke Cotton, Rebecca Drew, Mariah Elkins, Margaret Ives, Linsdey Kusnarowis, Tyler Powers, Kyle Rheaume, Trever Rouse, Braden St. Jacques, Kristen Simoneau, Brittany Warren, and Joli White. These new members joined current members Logan Kenney, Emily Masse, Haley Puntin, Sydney Rollins, Christian Chandler, Danny Dockham, and Cassidy Huckins. Eight members of the MVMS National Junior Honor Society are from Loudon! Congratulations to all members of the National Junior Honor Society. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. Your accomplishments and continued commitment to improving yourself and the lives of others are valued and appreciated.





Loudon Brothers To Represent The East In Junior Olympics

Zach (right) and Luke (left) Daniels have both earned a position on Tthe 2011 Eastern Ski Jumping & Nordic-Combined Team. This year's Junior Olympic competition will be held February 22–26 in Salisbury, CT. The brothers have been jumping in Salisbury for years on the old wooden ski jump that was built in 1925. This past summer that original ski jump was taken down and has been replaced with a brand new jump so that future generations can continue the Nordic tradition. The athletes will compete both individually and as a team on the K70 meter ski jump and they will also compete in a cross-country individual and team sprint.

"It is quite an accomplishment making it to the Junior Olympics in Ski Jumping and Nordic-Combined and takes a lot of training and dedication," states Coach Tim Norris, from the Andover Outing Club. "Only those athletes who can stay within a certain standard of the best are eligible to compete," Norris added, "It is great to see two brothers that have grown up here do so well."

The brothers started ski jumping with the Andover Outing Club at the age of seven. A few years later they took up cross-country skiing

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IMPORTANT DATES: Wed., March 2, 7 p.m. Meet the Candidates Night @ Community Bldg. Tues., March 8. Polls Open 8 a.m.–7 p.m. @ Town Hall, Clough Hill Road Sat., March 12. TOWN MEETING. 9 a.m. @ Elementary School

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 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • Tues. evenings open until 7 p.m.

> **Tax Collector** PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

783-0170 • 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.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m. Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m. The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

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

Loudon Representatives

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Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc. are encouraged to submit articles to the *Loudon Ledger*. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, "attaboys," etc. 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 <u>debbie@debbiekgraphics.com</u>. From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509.

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" 2011 Schedule

January 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/20

February 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/17

March 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/11 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/14

April 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/21 May 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/18

June 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/16

July 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/20

August 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/18

September 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/22

October 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/19

November 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/17

December 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/21

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication. Advertising: Samantha French — 783-4601 / <u>harvestmooner@aol.com</u> Web Site Submissions: Kathy Pitman — Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net

Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church "Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus is Lord!" Pastor Steve Ludwick 676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: sludwick@hughes.net Coffee & Prayer Time: Sunday 8-9:10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs. Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years-5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available. Sunday Evening: Youth Group - For Grades 6-11: 6-7:45 p.m. Monday: Men's Fellowship and Prayer 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m. Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor 334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbc-loudon.org phyllis.minery@fcbc-loudon.org • Office Hours: Tues.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Sunday Worship Hours: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.) • Children's Church for ages 3–grade 3 Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:30–10:30 a.m. Youth Corous for Cradea 6, 12: Sunday Evapping 6:20 a.m. Sunday School Classes for dit ages 9:30–10.50 a.m.
Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of month meets at noon) Men's Ministry/Men of Faith: Saturday 7:00 a.m.
Women's Ministry: Third Friday at 6:30 p.m. • Senior Ministry/SAGES: Third Monday Small Group Ministry/BRIDGES: Various locations during the week

Landmark Baptist Church

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Pastor Paul J. Clow 103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurch.info Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (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!) Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children's Church Provided) Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. • Master Club: Weds. 6:30-8 p.m. (ages 5-6th grade) 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) Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional PrayerWatch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details)

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

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

GraveRooders Coffeenouse A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church. GraveRobbers is a safe, fun setting for everyone! Coffeehouse concerts are held the first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. featuring accomplished musical artists of various styles in a casual, café setting (doors open at 6:30). There is no admission to the concerts; however, donations for the artists are encour-aged. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices.

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene *Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor* 33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri. phyllish@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) Jr. Kids Church (2-year-olds-Kindergarteners.)

Kidsville (Grades 1-4) Early Evening: House Churches. (Call the church or visit our website for a location near you.) Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5-6). 6:30-8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744 Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. (Brian Bollinger) Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

Luncheon following services.

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

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making them eligible to compete as Nordic-combined athletes. They train year round both locally and nationally. Throughout this past year they have trained and competed in Chicago, Park City, Steamboat Springs, Lake Placid, and Vermont.

This past summer Zach placed fourth in the U.S. national competition and had one of the best cross country races of his life, finishing 53 seconds behind one of the U.S. gold medalists. On January 25th he placed second in Minnesota and finished second on January 30 at Norge Ski Jump near Chicago.

"I've had the opportunity to train with the U.S. Ski Team several times this past year and it is an incredible experience to train with the top athletes in this sport,' said Zach Daniels. "I am going into the 2011 season stronger than ever and have high expectations of my results.'

Luke is now competing on the national circuit and has had great results consistently placing in the top six for his age group. "We are excited to be competing in this National competition and it is quite an honor that we are both part of this elite team," said Luke Daniels. "We are looking forward to this event and competing against the best junior athletes in the United States."

The Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Junior Olympics is an elite competition for U.S. top junior athletes. There will be two classes competing in the Junior Olympics. Zach will be competing in the J1 Class (ages 16–19 years) and Luke will be competing in the J2 class (12-15 years). If you would like more information about the Junior Olympic program and Ski Jumping and Nordic-Combined just log onto this web site: www.skijumpeast.com.

Dance Away Cabin Fever at The Sock Hop!

The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church on Crough This reducts and the reliever for your cabin fever! Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 7–11 p.m. we The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church on Clough Hill Road in Loudon has will be hosting our annual 50's Sock Hop. This event is for adults only. Cost is \$5 per person. Refreshments will be available for a small fee. There will be great 50s music, dancing, games, and contests as well as prizes for the best dressed man and best dressed woman, so get out your best 50s clothes/costume and join us for an night of fun reliving a by-gone era! For more information please call Stephanie at 568-5080.



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either

by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4. Children under age 1 free.

> **CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART** Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

MCAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER Valid for admission to exhibit halls for4 people.

Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum Free admissions for 2 guests per day

Museum of New Hampshire History Unlimited free admission to the Society's museum and free use of the Society's library.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER Free trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$7 each.

Wright Museum

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



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FROM THE LOUDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Focus on Fire Safety: Children

Did you know that 50 percent of child fire deaths affect those under the age of 5? Escaping from a fire can be difficult for very young children because they generally lack the motor skills and mental capabilities needed to quickly escape a burning building. The U.S. Fire Administration provides fire prevention information to teach children and their caregivers about the dangers of fire. Protect your kids: install and maintain smoke alarms and residential sprinklers and practice home fire escape plans to ensure your children will be safe if a fire were to start in your home.

Children and Fire: Life Saving Tips

Young children are not able to sense danger in the same way as adults. They have a very limited ability to react quickly and properly in an emergency situation as well as little control over their environment. This increases their risk of death and injury in a fire.

- Keep matches, lighters and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose-fitting, 100% cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out.
- Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.
- · Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
- Replace mattresses made prior to the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.

Prevention Starts with You!

Ninty-six percent of homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. However, only three-quarters of all homes have at least one working smoke alarm.*

Almost two-thirds of reported home fire deaths in 2003-2006 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.*

* Source: National Fire Protection Association

What Can You Do?

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, including the basement, and both inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Install both ionization AND photoelectric smoke alarms, OR dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors.
- Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.
- Cut your family's chances of dying in a house fire in half by having a working smoke alarm. Practicing fire-safe behaviors and knowing what to do in an emergency can give your family extra seconds to escape. ■



FREE DELIVERY

Start Snapping Your Award-Winning Photos!

Do you enjoy photography? Have you always wondered what to do with some of your outstanding shots? Here's your chance to show off your talents by joining in the Spring Art Show at the Maxfield Public Library. This year the Loudon Village Arts group is holding a Spring Photo Contest. The first place winner will take home a \$100 prize and have their work unveiled at the Opening Reception of the Spring Arts Show on May 6. You may pick up an entry form at the Library. Entries will be accepted from March 20 through April 24.

Believe it or not, Spring will soon be here. Be on the lookout for a unique and eye-catching photo. Then stop by the Library to pick up your entry form. Good luck! \blacksquare

VNA Offers Adult Grief Support Groups

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering two upcoming eightweek support groups. Trained grief facilitators provide grief support and education to participants who have suffered a recent loss.

- Wesley United Methodist Church
- 79 Clinton Street, Concord, Tuesdays, 10:30 to Noon March 15 to May 3
- Epsom Healthcare Center 901 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom, Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 13 to June 1

The group size is limited to 12 participants and sessions are free. Pre-register by calling (603) 224-4093, ext. 2826 or email laurie.brooks@crvna.org.

Did You Get Your Girl Scout Cookies Yet?

It's Thin Mint and Samoas time...truly a harbinger of Spring! If you think you've missed your opportunity to stock up on Girl Scout cookies, think again! Still only \$3.50 a box, these perennial favorites will be available at:

- TDBank's parking lot on Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. until noon.
- Town Meeting at the Elementary School, Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. until the end of the meeting.
- The Concord Walmart on Sunday, March 13 from 2:30 until 7 p.m.

These will be your last chances to purchase everyone's favorite cookies. Mark your calendar now and plan to stop buy one of these three locations. ■

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

"What NH Thought Was Funny 200 Years Ago" by speaker Charles Clark

April 20 • 7 p.m. Charlie's Barn, 29 S. Village Road

For more information, call Michele York, 783-4129 or email Cynthia Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com

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Donald and Howard — Tale II

Last month you were introduced to the friendly competition between Donald and Howard. While watching the horse pulling event at the North Haverhill Fair, they exercised their bragging rights as to the size of their vegetables and critters. The other spectators at the event enjoyed their bantering as much as the pulling. It is time you know how the story ends.

Hoot and Red were visitin' in the pig shed while twistin' off the last of the gone-by cide. It had been good cide but towards the end it started to turn. Now it was being turned into hard stuff known by some as applejack or lighnin' or poison, depending on experience. As longtime friends, the conversation drifted from topic to topic but not today. There were still in disbelief of the New Year's Day event. January 01, 2001 was a date to be remembered.

The Spring planting had been a couple of weeks early because of mild weather. Donald and Howard had their normal sized gardens and continued their good natured competition. This year each planned to enter a prize vegetable in the North Haverhill Fair. They agreed that neither one would let the other know what it was until the judging was over. Put a little mystery into competing. Lord only knew how much mystery would be involved.

Early rains contributed to a fabulous growing year for some crops and a

By Marilyn Jenks

death knell to others. Donald and Howard carefully chose and tended what each hoped to be the winning entry. They didn't see much of each other because of time and distance. But soon the Fair date arrived.

Judgment day Donald talked his sister Kathy into taking his entry into the pavilion so he would not be directly linked to the vegetable. He felt quite sure that Howard had also used some other means of getting his booty there as well. Who brought what would be known soon enough...and the results. The judges trooped out of the hall and in trooped Donald. He was extremely happy that he had won a blue ribbon with remarks of excellence for his perfectly fromed eggplant. Two feet long and as thin and graceful as a swan's neck. It was a beauty.

Three times Donald walked around the tables looking for Howard's entry. He couldn't find a trace. He asked those presiding over the displays and they had no recollection of seeing anything from Howard. Donald walked over to the horse pulling arena to confront Howard but no one had seen him. Said he had called earlier in the day to say he would not be there until the night pull. Donald called Howard later that day and Howard just said he couldn't enter anything and that was that. Winning the ribbon was nice but not as sweet as it could have been for Donald. About the middle of October, Donald was transferred to a road job in Haverhill. He was staying at Hoots and traveling home weekends. He got a call from Howard the first Wednesday asking to meet him at the local diner in the morning for coffee. Howard sounded strained and almost desperate. Donald asked what was wrong but Howard said it would have to wait.

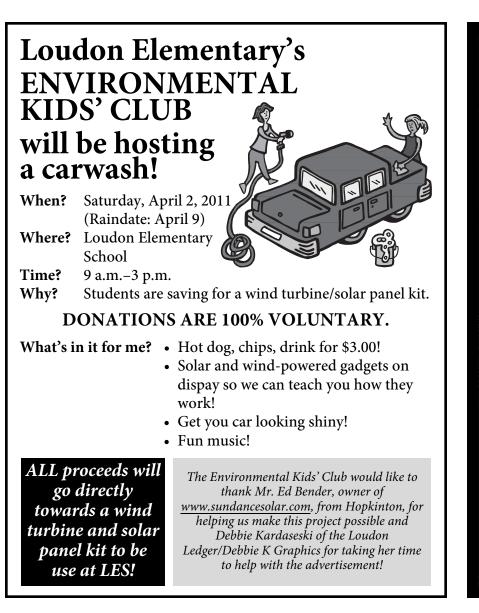
At 5 the next morning, Donald was waiting for Howard. When he took a look at his "brother," he was shocked by the haggard appearance. Howard then told Donald a fantastic story. He had chosen to enter a pumpkin for the Fair and had picked out the Cinderella variety. Seemed simple enough and he planted it in a secluded fallow field so that no one could see what he was up to...especially Donald. He babied it and fed it milk and Miracle Grow and beer and whatever else came to mind. Cinderella loved the attention and started growing ... and growing ... and growing. Howard couldn't enter the pumpkin in the Fair competition because there was no way to get it there. Donald thought, oh sure, but agreed to meet Howard after work to have a look see.

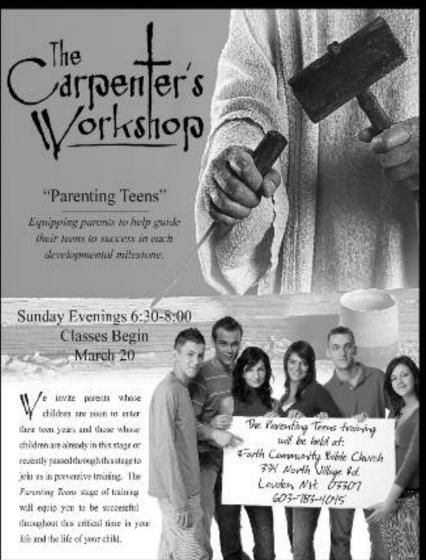
Howard picked Donald up at 4:30. It was dark and they traveled without lights once they turned into the field.Donald kept saying he didn't see anything and Howard said you will. At last Howard stopped and turned on the headlights. There was nothing in front of them except a wall of orange red. "There she is," said Howard. Donald stumbled getting out of the truck. He couldn't get his lower jaw to shut. He looked up fifteen feet and saw the curling tentacles of the vine sliding off to one side...huge tentatcles. "How big is that thing," whispered Donald. "I measured it as best I could and it appears to be about thirty feet across," said Howard, "and it won't grow anymore. Took me two days but I finally cut the main stem. Wore out two chains and broke an ax.²

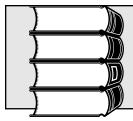
The ride back was quiet. At last Donald asked Howard what he planned on doing with this thing. Howard said he had given it a lot of thought and had decided he wanted to share it. He had a plan and needed Donald's help to pull it off since he just couldn't do it himself. After hearing the plan, Donald agreed it would be quite an achievement and signed up without further thought. Both resolved to keep this a secret and anyone else needed for their project would have to be trustworthy and sworn to secrecy as well.

The next week they begain their odyssey after stocking up with saws, torches, shovels, head lamps, rain gear, torpedo heaters, heavy duty gloves, and

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Maxfield Public Library News

STORY TIME

S tory time starts the month of March with *Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose*. Join Us March 1, 2, and 3 as we end the hour with a craft that would make Dr. Seuss proud.

On the 8, 9, and 10 of March, story timers will listen to *Curious George and the Hot Air Balloon* by Margret & H.A. Rey. The parachute man they leave with will be the only one jumping out of the plane.

Pets are the topic for March 15th through the 17th, as we try to decide which are better — big pets or little pets. To help us choose, we'll read *Turtle Splash!* and *Big Pets* by Cathryn Falwell and Catherine Ipcizade. Whatever they decide, each child will leave with their own pet turtle.

Monkey See, Monkey Do by Marc Gave, and Stephanie Calmenson's *One Little Monkey* are the books for March 22, 23, and 24. The children will put together a twirling monkey to play with on the car ride home.

We're all looking forward to spring this year — even the children! As we end the month of March, we will read about maple syrup in Steven Schnur's *Spring Thaw*, which will go great with Laura Numeroff's *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*. We'll experiment with wet chalk drawing during the craft time to follow.

NEW BOOKS

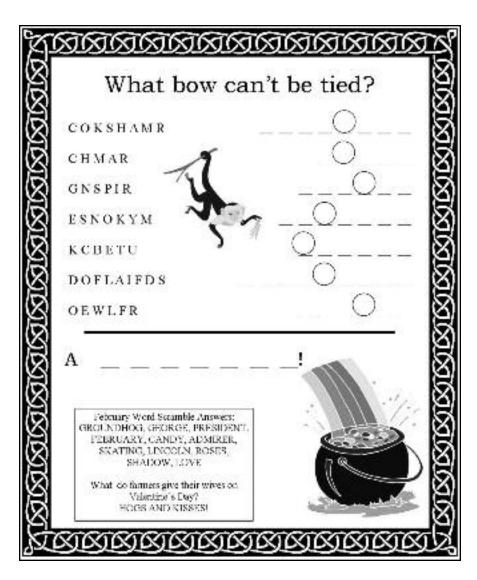
Fiction

Brown, Eleanor Donoghue, Emma Evison, Jonathan Hoffman, Alice Jance, J. A. Marklund, Liza Palmer, Michael Whyte, Jack The Weird Sisters Room: A Novel West of Here The Red Garden Fatal Error Red Wolf A Heartbeat Away The Skystone

Nonfiction

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Amidon, Stephen Brady, Frank Chua, Amy Hornfischer, James The Sublime Engine: A Biography of the Human Heart Endgame: Bobby Fischer's Remarkable Rise and Fall Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother Neptune's Inferno; The U. S. Navy at Guadalcanal



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Aged to Perfection: Adding Rustic Charm to Your Modern Home Townie: A Memoir

Dubus, Andre, III **NEW DVDs**

Conviction, It's Kind of a Funny Story, Life as We Know It, Never Let Me Go, The Romantics, The Tillman Story, Unstoppable

NEED TO WRITE A WILL? HOW TO GET STARTED

If making a will is something you've been meaning to do, here's your chance for some free legal advice. Kerri Glover, President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), will offer a presentation and answer questions about estate planning concerns. Topics included are wills, basic trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives, nursing home, and Medicaid issues. Please call 798-5153 to register so that we can estimate the number of handouts needed. You are welcome to submit some of your questions in advance. The program will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, March 29.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

With enough interest, the library will be starting up a workshop to hone your creative writing skills. Please contact us if you think you'd like to participate.

BOOK GROUP

The tension between science and ethics is explored in *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. How did tissue samples taken without knowledge or consent from a terminally-ill, African American mother of five give scientists the tools for breakthroughs in gene mapping, cloning, and fertility as well as insights into how viruses work and cancer develops? Join us for the discussion of Rebecca Skloot's fascinating and poignant book on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

PHOTO CONTEST AND ART SHOW

Have a great photo capturing the feel of spring? Take a shot at turning your talent into cash with the **Loudon Village Arts Spring of Spring Photo Contest**. The first place winner will take home a prize of \$100 and have their work unveiled at the Opening Reception of the Spring Arts Show on May 6. Pick up an entry form at the library. Entries will be accepted from March 20 through April 24.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

CLOSED FOR THE TOWN MEETING

The library will be closed for Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Celebrate Bøb Haines' 90th Birthday!

Join us at an Open House on March 26, from 2–4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

No gifts — please bring a donation of food or personal items for the Loudon Food Pantry.



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goggles. Howard had a dump truck and small backhoe on the property. The first task was to get inside Cinderella. No small task. The burning torches proved useless. The arc welder finally cut through and an outline of a door appeared in the smooth skin. Sledgehammers were used to break through two feet of nearly impenetrable flesh. A peek inside was bloodcurdling. Stringy pulp and seeds as big as kayaks were hanging everywhere. In the eerie glow of the headlamps, it was a scene set for a horror story. They called it a night.

Every day after work, the two would meet and go to the site. Meals were missed. Husbands were missed claiming lots of overtime on the weekends. Fathers were worried that there was a liver problem. The complexions of Howard and Donald were turning a strange rusty hue. Regulars at the diner in the morning were commenting on the odor following them. "Those boys smell like an unbaked squash pie" was a favorite. And still the work proceeded.

The weather was continuously below freezing. This kept the access road to the site easy to travel. They hired Bind and Raymond to truck the innards to distant locations and ordered them to dump them as discreetely as possible. Locals reported seeing strange pod-like things floating down the Connecticut River from one indiscreet dumping. That only happened once. Most of the hauling took place after midnight to Vermont, New York, and once to Pennsylvania. Farmers would wake up to find their pigs and cows wallowing in "manna from heaven." They didn't know where it came from but it saved a lot on grain.

Thanksgiving and Christmas came and went. Still the cold spell was unbroken. A small advertisement was put into the Trading Post inviting all family and friends of Howard and Donald to meet at Howard's on New Year's Day to celebrate the new year at 5:00 p.m. Even the oldsters' curiousity was piqued and heavy winter wear was broken out of the attic for the journey.

By 5:00 the roadway was busy with cars and trucks. Howard and Donald led the way to the hidden acreage. As they rounded the corner into the field, a sharp intake of breath was audible from each person. There stood Cinderella in all her glory. From her doors and windows shown the light from a hundred candles on the wagon wheel chandeliers suspended from the ceiling. The inside walls had been smoothed by

NHMS To Install State-of-the-Art Scoreboard In what could be one of the best fan Lenhancements in the 21-year history of NH Motor Speedway, a new \$1.2 million, state-of-the-art Panasonic scoreboard and video system will be in place when the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series returns to New England on July 17.

As part of the track's on-going effort to better the race-day experience for fans, the Panasonic scoreboard boasts a four-sided video display that stands 80feet tall. That's 20-feet taller than the CITGO sign at Boston's Fenway Park.

The new scoreboard has three, 32foot-by-18-foot TV screens on the top, providing impressive views of race action and instant replays. Below the

thousands of scrapes of shovels and some designs were evident as artistic license took hold of the devoted team. The light reflected off the shiny surfaces and everyone was transformed into visitors to fairyland. Crude chairs were fashioned from the tentacles and the buffet table was carved from the huge stem of the plant. Not fancy but comforting snacks covered the trays and jugs of cider, lemonade, beer, and video boards will be a scrolling leaderboard with color graphics that gives fans running positions and lap times for all 43 drivers, along with interesting race statistics and event information.

"From all of the fan feedback, including letters, emails and fan forums, a new scoreboard system has been the number one request in regards to facility upgrades," said Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager of the speedway. "Our chairman Bruton Smith listened to fans and is now giving them one of the best scoreboard systems in the world. This will truly enhance the live experience for our ticket-buying fans."

cocoa were available. The cocoa jug stood in front of the lone torpedo heater. Too much heat would not be a good thing.

The crowd of 100 or so milled around inside and out and by 7:30 all had left with amazement written on their faces. "Tomorrow many will be back with cameras and the magic will be gone. Do you think it was worth it?" said Howard. "No doubt in my mind,"

Crews have worked throughout the winter months to lay the new foundation, with phase two beginning next week.

Officials of "The Magic Mile" plan to unveil the dynamic new scoreboard, which will be located in the middle of the infield, in May.

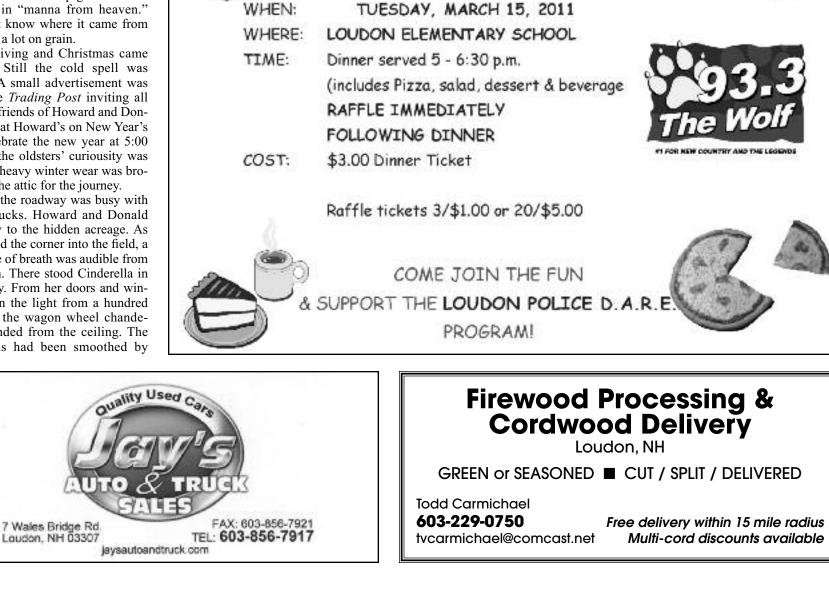
The season of speed is fast approaching and tickets for the LENOX Industrial Tools 301 on July 17, the INDYCAR 225 on Aug. 14 and the SYLVANIA 300 on Sept. 25 are now on sale.

They can be purchased by calling the NHMS ticket hotline at (603) 783-4931 or visiting <u>www.nhms.com</u>.

said Donald. "They will be talking about this for the rest of their lives and the story will grow and change as it is passed along." "When Cinderella melts, this field should be able to grow anything," said Howard. "By the way, have you started getting your seed catalogs yet?"

And with that, Donald and Howard climbed into the truck and left the lights shining behind them.

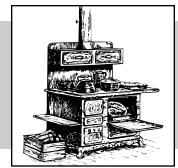
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By Jenn Pfeifer



What's Cookin'! This month: Warm Up In Winter

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I am completely done with seeing snow! What a winter we have had. I'm ready for green grass and daffodils but I will settle for green shamrocks until the Easter eggs and bunny rabbits show up with spring.

A discussion with a friend a few weeks ago got me in deep thought about corned beef and, with St. Patrick's Day in March, I thought I'd share what I found.

Corned beef (US) or salt beef (UK) are types of salt-cured beef product present in many beef eating cultures. The English term is used interchangeably in modern times to refer to three distinct types of cured beef:

- Wet-cured in spiced brine: More supple and tender due to it's brining and in modern times is usually made from brisket or round steak.
- **Dry-cured with granular salt:** Much drier and firmer in texture, even after rehydration and can be made from various cuts of beef.
- Canned minced salted meat: Ground salted beef that is crumbly and oily and made from various portions of beef.

Due to the ubiquity of salting beef for preservation in many cultures, corned beef features prominently as an ingredient in many cuisines including Jewish, Irish American, and Caribbean cuisines.

Despite the popular assumption in North America that corned beef dishes are typical of traditional Irish cuisine, it was not until the wave of 18th century Irish immigration to the United States that much of the ethnic Irish first began to consume the corned beef. In Ireland today, the serving of corned beef is geared toward tourist consumption and most Ireland Irish do not identify the ingredient with native cuisine. — *From Wikipedia*

BRINE FOR CORNING BEEF — From Cooking Live

This may be a little more effort than you're willing to go through but well worth it when you can say that you know exactly what chemical and preservatives are—or rather are NOT—in your food.

- 4 quarts water
- 1-1/2 pounds kosher salt
- 1 pound dark brown sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1 sprig thyme
- 10 juniper berries
- 10 crushed peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 4 gallons boiling water
- 1 egg, in shell
- Salt, if needed
- Cold water to cover meat
- 1 5 pound beef brisket
- 5 cloves garlic

Bring first 9 ingredients (up to the peppercorns) to a boil and boil hard for 5 minutes. Leave the brine to cool. Clean a stoneware crock or plastic bucket and its lid with a solution of 1 tablespoon baking soda to 1 gallon boiling water. Rinse well and leave to drain dry. To test the saltiness of the brine, put egg, in shell in the cooled brine. If it doesn't float, add enough salt until it does. To draw off any excess blood and to help the brine penetrate, pierce the beef all over with a trussing needle or skewer and place meat in cold water for about 45 minutes. Remove the meat from water and place in crock or bucket. Pour the cooled brine over the brisket. Add garlic to the brine. Place a plate on top of the brisket to submerge. Place a lid or plastic wrap over container. Store in a refrigerator or dry place, at a temperature below 60 degrees. Salting time depends on the thickness of the meat. Allow 3 to 10 days for salting time for brisket. When removing meat from brine, always use clean tongs: this way the brine will stay good longer and be reused with the same kind of meat. It is possible to strain off the brine and re-boil it, adding a refresher of about half the above quantities. Naturally the crock or bucket will need a complete cleaning. This should be done before mold appears.

PEPPER-CRUSTED CORNED BEEF IN A BAG WITH HONEY MUSTARD SAUCE — From Robert Irvine

If you want something a little different than just a boiled dinner try this recipe. It makes amazing sandwiches and hash.

For the corned beef:

- tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons cracked black pepper
- 2-1/2 to 3-pound corned beef brisket
- tablespoon honey mustard
- tablespoon prepared horseradish
- loaf marble rye

For the Honey Mustard Sauce:

- cup milk
- small onion, finely chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 whole cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1-1/2 teaspoons unsalted butter
- 1-1/2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
 - Salt

Freshly ground white pepper

3 tablespoons honey mustard

To cook in an oven bag, preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Place flour in an oven bag and shake to coat the interior. Add cracked pepper and brisket to bag and shake to coat surface of meat with pepper. Place bagged brisket in roasting pan. Add honey mustard, horseradish and 1/2 cup of water and seal bag. Bake for about 45 minutes per pound.

While the corned beef is cooking, prepare the honey mustard sauce:

Combine the milk, onion, bay leaf, cloves and nutmeg in a heavy-gauge, noncorrosive saucepan over medium heat. In a separate pan create a roux by cooking the butter and flour for a few minutes, stirring continuously, without browning, until it emits a nutty aroma. Remove from the heat. When the milk is fairly hot, pour a small amount of it into the cooled down roux, stirring until the milk is thoroughly blended in. Return this to the remaining milk, and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and season, to taste, with salt and white pepper. Whisk in honey mustard and cover with a piece of plastic wrap to prevent a skin from forming.

Let corned beef rest 10 minutes before carving. Serve slices on open face rye with honey mustard sauce on the side.

Most meals that are seen as a traditional dish in Ireland are usually made up of very simple ingredients and are extremely easy to cook. Most Irish food recipes are made up of vegetables, meat and fish.

These are the core ingredients for any traditional dish as they have been the main source of food in Ireland for hundreds of years. The following recipes are more traditional to people that live Ireland.

POTATO TORTE WITH BACON, CABBAGE AND CHEDDAR — From Margaret Johnson

Potatoes and cabbage are the heart of colcannon, a traditional Irish potato dish. This torte, which adds bacon as well, can stand alone as a one-dish meal. If you aren't a sandwich eater try this recipe as a side dish to the above corned beef recipe.

- 1/2 head Savoy cabbage, shredded
- 3 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish butter or Real salted butter
- 1/2 pound Irish traditional bacon, diced
- 4 baking potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 8 ounces Kerrygold Cheddar Cheese
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a 9-inch quiche pan or pie plate.

In a pot of boiling water, blanch the cabbage for 2 minutes. Drain and refresh in cold water. Pat dry. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the bacon and cook until browned, about 5 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove the bacon and toss with the cabbage. Add the potato slices to the skillet and toss to coat in the bacon drippings. Place one-third of the potatoes in the bottom of the prepared pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and half the cheese. Top with half the bacon and cabbage mixture, salt and pepper, then repeat with one-third of the potatoes, remaining cheese, bacon and cabbage, salt and pepper, and end with a layer of pota-

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The winter weather has made 2011 a tough year for Girl Scout meetings so far. The high number of snow days presented a challenge for many troops as they prepared for our annual World Thinking Day event. The girls rallied with the help of their leaders and parents, and we had an exceptional World Thinking Day event. 47 Girls and 20 adults gathered to celebrate Girl Scouting around the world. The theme this year was *Holidays and Celebrations*. There were presentations from Ireland

— Brownie Troop #10454; Japan — Junior Troop #12083; Russia — Cadette Troop #12356, Group A; Madagascar — Daisy Troop #10955; China — Junior Troop #10361; Easter Island — Cadette Troop #12356, Group B; Germany — Junior Troop #12641; Australia — Brownie Troop #10300. Special thanks go to Faith Community Bible Church for allowing us to use their space for the event.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales are still going strong. If you haven't received



World Thinking Day group.



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toes. Cover with a sheet of parchment paper and bake for 45 minutes. Remove parchment for last 5 minutes to let potatoes brown. Slice into wedges. Serves 8.

CREAM DELIGHT — From Margaret Johnson

I'm not so sure that I would have named this recipe Cream Delight. Yes, It is creamy and delightful, but the crunchy almonds and oats combined with the honey sweet whiskey cream really deserves a fancier name...in my opinion! What do you think?

- 2/3 cup uncooked oatmeal
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds
- 1-1/4 cups heavy or whipping cream
- 5 tablespoons honey (or to taste)
- 4 tablespoons Irish whiskey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

On a baking sheet, toast the oatmeal and almonds at 300 degrees for 5 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Whip the cream, but not too stiff. Stir honey and whiskey into whipped cream. Fold in almonds and oatmeal. Stir in lemon juice. Divide into individual long-stemmed glasses. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please email me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net.

Loudon Girl Scout News

your cookies yet, you should have them soon. Cookies will be available through March 26th. Thank you to everyone who has purchased cookies! If you still need cookies, please contact Cecile Merrill (info below). Proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies support Girl Scouting in New Hampshire, but they also provide our local troops with working capital for their community service projects and other activities. The Girls Scouts are still collecting boxes of cookies for Operation Cookie; you can donate your cookie order to the members of the military serving around the world.

As the weather warms, troops are looking ahead to their year-end plans and community service projects.

The Loudon Girl Scouts are happy welcome new girls who want to join so look for the forms on the website www.loudonnh.org for more info.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We are always looking for more girls who want to be part of the fun. Visit www.loudonnh.org for information and the registration forms. For more information about the Loudon Girl Scouts, or to request help with your community service project please contact Service Unit Manager Cecile Merrill at 798-3876 <u>cmerrill01</u> @comcast.net.

Daisy Troop 10955

Sarah Earle, Lynette LeBlanc, Erin Dunbar, Tonya Carpenter

The Daisies' regular meetings were both snowed out in January, but we had a great time at World Thinking Day on Feb. 5. We learned a lot about countries around the world and enjoyed acting out some of the animals found in Madagascar, including sifakahs, giant hissing cockroaches, giant jumping rats and teeny tiny chameleons that play dead when in danger. We loved trying out the chopsticks at Japan's booth and playing some Russian games. And of course, we all really loved the food, especially the chocolate chip banana bread from Easter Island. This month we'll be working hard to finish earning our "courageous and strong" petal.

Brownie Troop 10454

Melissa Himes, Rebecca Stuart

Our fifteenth meeting was a very exciting one for all the girls because it was their Investiture Ceremony as well as their first Badge Receiving Ceremony. The first part of the meeting the girls brainstormed and wrote down all the fun activities that they did in order to earn their six badges. Then during the ceremony they would be able to share with their families all the requirements they completed in order to receive them. Then they made Brownie Receipts that said "A Brownie was here," and stamped and decorated them to leave behind when they did a good deed. They would need to do three good deeds in order to officially become a Brownie and be able to turn their vest pin right side up. Special thanks to Mrs. Paquette for reading the Brownie Story and sharing her time with our troop. After looking in the mirror and seeing themselves they received the six badges they have completed so far; Girl Sports, Math Fun, Colors and

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Brownie Troop 10454 members.

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Shapes, Art to Wear, Stitch it Together, and Cookies Count. Congratulations Girls!!

Meeting sixteen began with all the girls sharing the three good deeds that they did in order to turn their Brownie pins right side up. They did everything from helping with the dishes without being asked to helping another girl when she was hurt or having a bad day. Then we got right to work on our World Thinking Day project on Ireland. The girls split into two groups, one to research and make posters on girl scouting in Ireland (Irish Girl Guides as they are known there), and the other to learn about St. Patrick's Day. The girls read the materials and quickly recognized the important facts that they wanted to share with the group and wrote them in presentation paragraphs in their own words. Then for the interactive portion of our presentation we started choreographing an Irish Jig to perform and teach to all the other girls. The girls made up the steps as we practiced. Unfortunately we were snowed out of two meetings of further preparation for World Thinking Day, but special thanks to all the girls and their families who worked on completing their portions of the project on their own time. Our troop dressed in green, which they learned is good luck for St. Patrick's Day, and they made traditional Irish Soda Bread to share with the other troops. We performed our jig and taught the group one of the traditional Irish jig steps. The final presentation was awesome, and everyone did a great job on their country's projects. It was a lot of fun and the girls enjoyed learning about the other countries.

For our seventeenth meeting we completed two badges inspired by World Thinking Day. The first requirement for Brownie Girl Scouts Around the World is to match what each country calls their "Brownies" as we refer to them here in the United States, for example in Thailand they would be called "Bluebirds." Next the girls had to remember three facts about each of the other countries that they learned about at World Thinking Day. Then they played "Music Mystery" a Canadian game where they are broken into two teams, the first team to be the 'band' picks a song and drums the beat on a table and hums the melody until one of the members of the other team can guess what song they are playing, then the other team gets to be the band. I've Been Working on the Railroad and the Macarena were harder to figure out than Mary Had a Little Lamb. Then to earn the Playing Around the World badge the girls played Red Light/ Green Light, Jan-Ken-Pon (Japan's version of rock, paper, scissors), and Hawk and Hens, a hopping game of tag played in Zimbabwe. Then we played Kim's Game as it is known in England. 22 small random objects were placed on a tray and the girls had one minute to study the tray to remember everything that was on it. They then had five minutes to write down everything they could remember seeing. The girls have great memories, they remembered up to 19 items each!! How many could you remember?

Junior Troop 10361

Tara Memmelo, Karen Minery

February was spent preparing for World Thinking Day and learning about China and the cultural importance of the Chinese New Year. We gathered on a Friday to organize our presentation (since we were snowed out on too many Wednesdays). By the time you read this, we'll have begun working on our sewing badge! We are also beginning to talk about our end of the year trip to Boston to explore the Freedom Trail. Thank you for your support of our peanut butter and jelly drive to support the Loudon Food Pantry.

Cadette Troop #12356

Advisors: Amanda Masse, Lysa Bennet-Crouch, Cecile Merrill, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz, and Sandi Lyle

For the Cadettes, like many troops, the month of February was tricky! Even though we had two meeting cancellations, the girls put together two AMAZ-ING presentations for World Thinking Day. "Team Russia" gathered information on Girl Scouting in Russia, their celebration of "Pancake Festival" learned some Russian words, made posters and even learned a couple of very fun games that they taught attendees of World Thinking day which were a hit with the other girls. "Team Easter Island" made a fantastic poster, shared some of the language, and taught everyone about "Tapati Rapa Nui" which is a holiday celebrated in Easter Island filled with dancing and carnival activities. We all had a great time at the service unit event and were glad to share our knowledge. We are always looking for ways to help out in our community - please let us know if we can help!!





Senior Health Clinics

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic in Loudon at the VOANNE Senior Housing on Tuesday, March 22 from 9 a.m. until noon. All services are provided for a requested fee of \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information, call CRVNA at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, ext. 5815. If you live in Loudon and need a ride, please call the JO Cate Van at 798-5203.

Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages:

Monday	March 7	1–3 p.m.
Tuesday	March 15	2:30-4:30 p.m

Immunization Clinics are held 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 Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 5815.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics:

Wed., Mar. 2, 10 a.m. to Noon	Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord
Fri., Mar. 4, 10 a.m. to Noon	West Street Ward House, Concord
Wed., Mar. 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m.	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.

Children's Dental Clinic Scheduled for March 18

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Concord Hospital Family Health Center, and New Hampshire Technical Institute will hold a free dental clinic for children on Friday, March 18.

The clinic is for children ages 3 to 12 years old who live in the greater Concord area and are income-eligible. Dental services include exams, cleanings, fluoride, and sealants. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. To find out if your child qualifies, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093, ext. 5815.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider incorporated in 1899. The agency serves more than 30 communities in central New Hampshire by providing and facilitating comprehensive homecare services, hospice care, community health services, personal home services, maternal child health services, pediatric services, and tele-health monitoring. In fiscal year 2010, Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association provided more than \$3 million in community benefits. ■

A **BIG** Thank You to the Loudon Police Department for your help.

— Carol Monez —

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Loudon Lions Club To Sponsor Sixth Angel Run and Fitness Walk in May

This year the Loudon Lions club is proud to be the sponsor of the Sixth 5k Angel Run and Fitness Walk. So mark your calendars now for May 5, 2011 — that's right: Cinco de Mayo!!

We welcome all to participate and have fun as we usher in the summer. The money raised will help build the Lions Club scholarship fund, which we will award to one or more graduating MVHS seniors in June. Please join us for a good time while supporting your community.

Look more details to follow soon.



Frogmore Stew, Watermelon and Watercress Salad, and Hoppin' Jack Salad were all on the menu at *Food for Thought Cafe*. Young at Heart diners could also choose from Collard Greens with Ham, Southern Fried Chicken or Smothered Pork Chops. It was true southern cuisine when forty-one members traveled to Belmont for the February 8th luncheon. The students from the Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management Program of the Lakes Region Community College did an outstanding job of planning, preparing, and serving the luncheon.

Door prizes were won by Lottie Moody and Bill Shorten. The group was reminded there will be a 90th birthday Open House for Bob Haines, March 26, 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the American Legion on South Village Road.

The March meeting will be held on the 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Charlie's Barn. There will be games and cards with coffee and donuts. The CAP lunch will be served. Attendees are reminded to please bring something for the Loudon Food Pantry. ■



Richard Brown House

Ractive facility. One of their favorite activities is to plan and enjoy potluck dinners. This provides the opportunity for those who like to cook the chance to be creative and for those who don't like to cook, they can enjoy someone else's.

There are regular Community meetings to decide what activities the house wants to plan and who will take the lead role.

At times Wii bowling is busy. There is a jigsaw puzzle going in the computer room and our computer volunteer comes faithfully every other week. Saturday evening movies have included *Eat*, *Pray*, *Love* and *Secretariat*.

Our monthly Coffee Chats include an educational speaker. The February presenter was Rose Prescott of Sight Services for Independent Living. She talked about living with blindness and shared many coping mechanisms.

If you, or someone you know, is looking to downsize and live where you don't have to SHOVEL, plow, rake or mow, and would like to live among a warm and friendly atmosphere, consider Richard Brown House, a Volunteers of America facility. Applications are being taken for our short waiting list. Contact Michael Totri at 798-3190. ■



Loudon Food Pantry Partakes in Feinstein Challenge to Fight Hunger See what you can do to help!

Each year, Alan Shawn Feinstein divides \$1 million amongst participating hunger agencies like the Loudon Food Pantry in order to inspire the public to donate during the months where we run dangerously low on food and funds.

To be a part of this effort, donate food or funds between March 1st and April 30th and note that it's for the Feinstein Challenge (household and clothing items are not allowed as part of this challenge). Without noting your donation, it can not be included in this challenge.

In 2010 (our first year with this challenge) we received \$256 from Alan Shawn Feinstein. We collected \$1,120 in funds and \$1,331 in food that we would not normally receive during March and April. The more we collect towards this challenge, the bigger the check from Mr. Feinstein.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to: Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, NH 03307. (Please make checks out to Loudon Food Pantry.) I've listed our drop off locations below as well. Donations may also be made through our website at <u>LoudonFoodPantry.org</u>. A separate donate button for the Feinstein Challenge will be available from March 1st through April 30th.

We have collection bins at the following locations. Any donations in these bins will be counted towards the Feinstein Challenge. Any food collection bins will be counted towards the Challenge as well.

Ivory Rose	Loudon	Food & Funds
Boars Tavern	Loudon	Funds
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Evans Expressmart	Epsom	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Funds
Speedway Convenience	Loudon	Funds

Check out our website at <u>LoudonFoodPantry.org</u> to see our progress for this challenge. It will be updated daily during March and April.

Please help us to top last year's collections for this challenge. Remember, even small donations can add up quickly so please give whatever you can afford.

Thank you very much for your continued support!

Sarah, Sue & Bill





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Loudon Recreation Committee News

"SAFE ON MY OWN" CLASS

The American Red Cross "Safe On My Own" class will be held on Friday, March 11 from 3:30–5:30 p.m. at Loudon Elementary School in the art room. This class is two hours and teaches children ages 8–11 personal safety, home alone responsibilities, and basic emergency communication techniques. *This class is for Loudon residents only*. Loudon Recreation Committee is paying a portion of the class; the balance of the cost per student is \$10. Students MUST register in advance and there is a class minimum and maximum so register ASAP. Please go to the website <u>www.loudonnh.org</u> print the form and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Amanda @ 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net.

Due to article deadlines, look for winter carnival highlights in the April issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. We had to cancel the Manchester Monarchs/Vertical Dreams event due to lack of interest. We had so much interest in the American Red Cross Babysitting course that it is full!

In the Works...

We were able to put together pottery classes through Salty Dog Pottery in Barnstead during February school vacation and hope to offer it again in April so stay tuned. We are also trying to put together craft classes and children's art classes. We were contacted by a Loudon resident asking about putting together an **ice fishing derby for next winter**. Please share your interest in this event by completing the survey.

For those who plan REALLY far in advance... Children's Summer Theater Camp will be held July 25–29 at Loudon Elementary School. Children's Stage Adventures is excited to be bringing their theater camp back to Loudon for the 4th year in a row!

We will also be planning **Community Summer Fun Nights** in the coming months — let us know what you enjoyed and want to see again — or if you have an idea.

Money Management Series

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is offering a five-part "Making Money Work for You" series on Thursday evenings, March 10, 17, 24, 31; and April 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Concord Hospital, 250 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH.

Participants taking this five-week series will analyze their spending habits and learn strategies to reduce their expenses. They will develop a personal spending plan that allows them to live within their means. The series focuses on strategies to increase savings and methods to manage credit and reduce debt to attain everyday financial stability and long term financial security. Marilyn Sullivan, UNH Extension Educator in Family & Consumer Resources, is the presenter. The program aims to help people get back to the basics of personal finance. According to Sullivan, many people are looking for simple strategies and basic money management skills to move ahead in these tough economic times. "For example, having an emergency fund to cushion an unexpected financial expense may be a financial goal. A person can rest a little easier, reducing the stress in their life, knowing they can handle a small crisis. Looking at one's current habits and the spending choices that are made are first steps towards achieving those kinds of financial goals."

If you are just starting out, or struggling paycheck to paycheck, or looking to manage debt and begin saving, you can't afford to miss this series. There is a \$12 materials fee per person or couple. Special funding will reimburse the cost of the series if all five sessions are attended. Call UNH Cooperative Extension at 796-2151 to register and for more information. A registration check for \$12 made payable to UNH Cooperative Extension, may be sent to UNH Cooperative Extension, 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303. No services or products are sold nor endorsed during the program. Pre-registration is required by March 7. This series meets a financial fitness requirement for the IDA program sponsored by the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund.

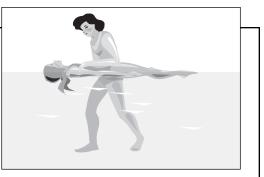
If special accommodations are required to attend, please call the UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County office at 796-2151 at least 15 days before the first class.

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity employer and educator "Helping You Put Knowledge and Research to Work." For more information on financial management visit our web site at <u>http://extension.unh.edu/</u>

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PRESCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Since Clough Pond is still frozen over swimming lessons have moved indoors! We had such a successful summer



swim lesson program last year, Swim NH, LLC has decided to schedule classes at The Red Roof Inn right here in Loudon. There are four levels of classes. A parent and child class for 6 months to 3 years; preschool classes for children 3–5 years; level 1 beginner swimmers for 5 and older and a level 2 program for 5 and older swimmers for stroke development. If you are interested in class information, please contact Karen Jenovese at 724-7484 or www.nhswimschool.com.

Please watch future issues of *The Loudon Ledger* and the website for more details on these upcoming events. As always, you should check the website <u>www.loudonnh.org</u> between issues of *The Loudon Ledger* to make sure you aren't missing anything!! Thank you for your continued support!

We always welcome ideas and comments about recreation programming here in Loudon. If you have ideas, comments or would like to be placed on our email contact list please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or by email at affirmhealth@yahoo.com The Loudon Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library — but sometimes our meetings get mixed up and moved so please contact Alicia to be placed on our email list in case of a meeting date change! We hope to see you!!

LOUDON RECREATION COMMITTEE Survey of Interest for an Ice Fishing Derby in 2012

Dear Loudon Resident,

In an effort to explore the possibility of holding an Ice Fishing Derby in 2012, the Loudon Recreation Committee has created a brief survey to see the interest in this event and we would appreciate your input.

Please check your interest and share any other ideas you have for this possible event.

1. If there was an ice fishing derby held in Loudon how likely would you attend?

□ Likely □ Somewhat likely □ Unlikely

- 2. Would you be willing to help out in the event planning or helping at the event?
 - □ Likely please contact me! □ Somewhat likely □ Unlikely
- 3. What other types of activities could draw more attendees to the event besides fishing?

4. Do you have any other suggestions for events? Please add your additional comments and ideas here:

If you would like to be contacted with more information on this event, please list your name and contact email or phone number (this will not be shared), and thank you for participating in our survey.

_____ phone or email:

Name:

Please return this survey to Alicia Grimaldi, chairperson of the Loudon Recreation Committee, 7001 Sanborn Rd, Loudon NH 03307 or email to <u>affirm</u> <u>health@yahoo.com</u> or drop of at the Town Clerk's Office. Any questions can be emailed to affirmhealth@yahoo.com or contact Alicia at 435-5193.

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Elementary School PTA Mildred Lampron Memorial Book Award Application

The Loudon Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a book award to a Loudon student for \$500 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, 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 achievement, and extracurricular participation.

Applications must be completed and returned to the MVHS Guidance Department or Julie Barker, 472 Lower Ridge Road, Loudon, NH 03307 by April 30, 2011. The award will be presented at Senior Awards Night. Copies of the application are available on the Loudon website <u>www.loudon.org</u>, at the MVHS Guidance Department and the Maxfield Public Library in Loudon. ■

Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

Aznive Farm

7046 Pleasant Street. Hay, Beef. 435-7509

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

D.S. Cole Growers

251 North Village Road. *Propagators of quality products* from world-wide sources. Retail store at 430 Loudon Road, *Concord.* 783-9561. <u>www.dscolegrowers.com</u> www.colegardens.com

Hill Top Feeds

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

Ledgeview Greenhouses

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

Liliana Flower Farm

140 Beck Road. *Perennials and pesticide-free vegetable plants.* Wed–Sun 10–5 p.m. <u>www.lilianaflowerfarm.com</u>. 783-9268

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

Maple Ridge Farm

268 Loudon Ridge Road. Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup. 435-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm

612 Route 129. Peaches, Corn, Apples, Country Store. 798-5860

Miles Smith Farm

56 Whitehouse Road. *Locally raised hormone and antibiotic free beef, individual cuts and sides.* Tue, Th 4–7:30 p.m. W, 9–1 p.m., Sat 9–3 p.m. <u>www.milessmithfarm.com</u>. 783-5159

Moonshine Farm Organics

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

Mudget Hill Mumbling Maplers

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

Our Place Farm 290 Route 129. *Goat milk, meat goats, eggs, freezer pigs,*

handspun yarn, sheep fleeces. 798-3183

Pearl and Sons

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

Potpourri Acres

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

Ramsay's Farm Stand

783 Loudon Ridge Road. Vegetables and Cut Flowers, Small Fruits in Season. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Daily. 267-6522

Red Manse Farm

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

Sanborn Mills Farm

7097 Sanborn Road. *Traditional working farm providing workshops*. <u>www.sanbornmills.org</u>. 435-7314

Windswept Maples

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

Support Loudon Businesses. Tell them you saw their ad in *The Loudon Ledger!*

Carmen F. Carone

Carmen Francis Carone, 66, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, at Concord Hospital in Concord, NH. Born in Laynn, MA, he was the son of Carmine and

Irma (Rodenbaugh) Carone. For 38 years, Mr. Carone worked as a truck driver

for Seaboard Products in Massachusetts. He enjoyed riding his ATV and was a member of the NH ATV Club. He participated in the Toys for Tots ride as a trailmaster.

He constantly helped his neighbors, enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and growing hot peppers. He was an avid Patriots fan and loved animals.

Survivors include his wife of 46-1/2 years, Suzanne (Torris) Carone of Loudon; his son Carmen Carone and his wife, Karen, of Loudon; his daughter, Susan Carone of Loudon; one brother, William Carone of Epsom; one sister, Margaret Neubert of Lynn, MA; three grandchildren, Noell Carone and Cori Carone, both of Loudon and Courtney Carone of Concord; one great-grandson, Hunter Matott of Concord; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, NE Affiliate, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. ■

OBITUARIES

Leigh M. Woodman

Leigh M. Woodman, 84, a veteran of WWII and Korea, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, at Pleasant View Center in Concord, after a lengthy illness.

Leigh was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Concord, the son of the late Leigh F. and Nettie (McDuffee) Woodman. He grew up in Concord and later moved to Bow and then Loudon.

Leigh attended Concord High School until he joined the US Navy and served during WWII. After two years, he returned to Concord High and graduated with the Class of 1947. In 1950, the Navy recalled him to serve on the USS Chara Aka-58, an ammunition ship, and he was stationed off the coast of Korea.

He worked hard his whole life starting with Brezner Tannery in Penacook, Ferns Hardware, the city of Concord, Wilber's, and Beckett Glass.

He was a lifelong member of the United Baptist Church of Concord, former moderator of Ward 8 on Concord Heights and a longstanding member of the Bow Men's Club.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters, Hazel Woodman and Thelma Schurler; and a granddaughter, Christy Lee Whitehead.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Edna (Kinne); a daughter and her husband, Nancy and David West of Bow; two granddaughters and their spouses, Laura and Stephen Moltisanti of Bow and

Rebecca and Walter Manning of Bow; an adopted grandson, Matthew West of Concord; and five greatgrandchildren, Natalee and Stephen Moltisanti III and Nicholas, Jacob, and Matthew Manning, all of Bow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Concord-Merrimack County SPCA, 130 Washington St., Penacook, NH 03303. ■

Edward P. Babonis

Edward "Big Ed" Peter Babonis, 67, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House.

Ed was born in Connecticut on Feb. 3, 1943, married Jane Anne Cain, the love of his life, on May 20, 1967, and moved to Bumfagon Farm in Loudon in 1975. He lived for 37 years in Loudon. Ed was a pilot for Eastern Airlines and served for over 20 years before retiring in 1989 as a captain. Ed was a partner of Foodee's Franchising, Inc. as well as a co-owner of several Foodee's restaurants. He eventually left the restaurant business and made an unlikely return to one of his favorite spots on earth: the cockpit. For several years Ed again captained a 727 flying charters for Express One. In 2002 Ed retired from aviation but was quick to quip that he was still in transportation. He

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drove school buses for Merrimack Valley School District un1il 2010.

Ed is survived by his wife, Jane Anne of Loudon; three children, David Babonis and his wife, Nevia, of Penacook, Steve Babonis and his wife, Cynthia, of Loudon, and Marcie-Lynn Demers and her husband, Bill, of Gilmanton; five grandchildren, Dylan, Jordan, Riley, Joseph, and Christopher; and his mother, Pauline, of Danville, PA; two brothers, Dr. Thomas R. Babonis and his wife, Barbara, of Danville and Jerry Babonis and his wife, Helen, of Swanzey; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Concord SPCA. \blacksquare

Alberta Potter

Alberta Potter, 76, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at Harris Hill Center, with her family by her side.

Born in Farmington on June 3, 1934, Alberta was the daughter of the late Charles and Doris (Willard) Staples.

She attended schools in Farmington and Alton, worked at the Globe in Pittsfield, and retired from Bradlees Department Store. Alberta most recently enjoyed working as a volunteer at the Pittsfield Food Pantry. She was a member of the Park Street Baptist Church in Pittsfield.

Alberta lived in Loudon for 52 years. There she enjoyed her passion of sewing doll clothes; doing crafts, puzzles and crosswords; bird-watching; finding trinkets at yard sales; and visiting with her family.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Jeannie Potter; her sister, Barbara Staples; and her brother, Frank Staples.

Alberta is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, Lester Postter; her daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Charles Storey of East Waterboro, ME; her daughter, Darlene Potter of Penacook; four grandchildren, Seth Storey of Saco, ME, Josh Storey of Perkasie, PA, Hannah Leach of Alfred, ME, and Lexi Potter of Penacook. She also leaves five great-grandchildren; her sister and best friend, Virginia Hunter of Pittsfield; a brother, Charles Staples, Jr. of Farmington; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Park Street Baptist Church Building Fund or the Pittsfield Food Pantry.

MVSD News

Attendance Reminders:

If your student is going to be absent from, or tardy to, school please call the main office (753-4311) by 8:30 a.m. to let us know.

If you want to dismiss your student from school you can either send him/her to school with a note, fax a note (753-6423) or come in and sign him/her out.

If you want your student to take a different bus home from school it is mandatory that we have a note saying you give your permission for him/her to take the different bus. Please indicate on the note the destination your student can go to.

School Climate Design Team News:

MVHS is in the early stages of developing a School Climate Design Team consisting of students and faculty. The MVSD has contracted with a company named MainStreetAcademix out of Henniker, NH to assist both the high school and middle school in this process.

The purpose of this initiative is as follows:

- Develop school leaders and provide inspiring and engaging leadership opportunities for students, teachers and administrators.
- Engages students, teachers and administrators in data-driven, systemic leadership to improve school climate, respect and safety and respectful, personalized, engaging teaching.
- Generate valid and reliable school climate data that is aligned with National School Climate Standards and used for needs assessment, goal setting, action planning and pre-post test analysis of school climate improvement.

On January 13th, representatives from the student design team attended a Teen Summit at New England College. Our students attended workshops where they learned various ways to address school climate. They collaborated with other students from various schools and brought back some great ideas. Our students are very excited about this work and are anxious to share what they learned with the rest of the school.

Math Team News:

The MV Math Team (#1 in the large school division) scored much higher in the 1/13/11 home meet over our previous contest with perfect scores being recorded by Brett Branscombe, Peter Bultman, and David Paiva while Amanda Bullock earned the team high scoring honors. Thanks so much team for keeping Merrimack Valley #1 in The Lakes Region Math League.

Yearbook News:

Yearbooks are still being sold for \$55.00 until the end of March, when they will increase to \$60.00. If students want personalization or icons on their books, they must order by January 28th. Students must see Ms. Libby to order in school (checks can be made out to MVHS) or may order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

ASC Reminder:

The After School Support Center (ASC) is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:45–4:00 p.m. If your student needs a little extra help in any academic area they can attend this after school session. Late bus is available for students who go to ASC. Be sure to remind them to sign up for the bus in the main office by 1:00 p.m.

Greetings from MVHS Guidance!

Spring semester has begun. This is a good opportunity to reflect on your performance and work habits from fall semester and decide if you want to make changes for Spring semester. As you think about where you want to be in life, remember: "There is no elevator to your dreams — you must take the steps." — Mr. Smith

Seniors: Please see your guidance counselor about any graduation con-

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cerns. If you failed to pass any classes that you need in order to graduate, or if you are not keeping up with other graduation requirements (such as Senior Project, required ELOs, etc.) you will be taken off the graduation list for this year and your new graduation date will be set for next year. If you are in this situation and plan to appeal that decision, you must see your guidance counselor ASAP to discuss a plan to get back on track!

Seniors: Please remember to check the high school website for current scholarship opportunities. Pay close attention to deadlines and requirements. By this point, your college applications should all be sent, and you should be focusing on completing your FAFSA applications. Go to <u>fafsa.ed.gov</u> with your parents/guardians and start filing today! Don't miss out on money for college!!

Juniors: If you took the PSAT please remember to go onto <u>college</u> <u>board.com</u> and use your access code to get into My College Quickstart to see your test results and access your personalized study plan. This will improve your scores when you take the SAT/ACT!

9th Grade: If you've been doing well, keep up the good work! If not, please take the time to think about your work habits and how you can incorporate new habits and strategies into spring semester. Remember to access the support available to you! Every journey starts with a first step — take yours today!

Up Coming Events:

March 3	Annual School District
	Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HS
	Auditorium
March 13–16	NEASC Accreditation
	Visiting Team at the
	High School
March 21	Senior Project Show-
	case, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
March 23	Senior Project presen-
	tations, 8:00-11:00
	a.m.

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Seven Ways to Build Up Your Credit Score to Be Eligible For the Best Interest Rates

By Jack Prendiville Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Credit score requirements for loans are higher than they have been in the past, so a good credit score is more crucial than ever. In today's economy most lenders are looking for credit scores of 720 or higher to secure a low interest rate. Here are seven ways to build up your credit score so you can enjoy the best interest rates available.

- Request your credit reports and assess the situation. Credit bureaus (<u>www.experian.com</u>, <u>www.transunion.com</u>, <u>www.equifax.com</u>) are required to provide you with a free credit report every year. Nationwide consumer reporting companies get their information from different sources, the data in your report from one company may not reflect the same data in your reports from the other two companies, so request all three.
- 2. Check to verify all the information is correct. If there are any errors, contact the bureaus immediately.
- 3. Your payment history accounts for 35% of your score, so make sure payments are on time every month.
- 4. The amount owed is 30% of your score. A good rule is to use less than 10% of your credit available on each individual card.
- 5. The length of your credit history accounts for 15%, so maintain your accounts instead of closing them. You are not penalized for available credit.
- 6. New credit is 10% of your score and every time you apply for credit an inquiry is added to your report, which drops your score.
- 7. Types of credit used accounts for 10%. Installment loans like vehicle and personal loans demonstrate you can manage various long and short term credits. ■

What Does The Future Hold For New Hampshire's Wildlife?

What does the future hold for New Hampshire's wildlife? The latest issue of the *New Hampshire Wildlife Journal* magazine (January/February 2011) poses that question to several conservation leaders in the Granite State. Check out the issue for their thoughtful reflections on the challenges the next decade may bring for New Hampshire's wildlife and wild places.

"The biggest issue for wildlife in the next ten years, and, frankly the biggest issue facing people, is the loss of viable habitat," says Daryl Burtnett, Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy of New Hampshire. Leaders from organizations ranging from the N.H. Chapter of Trout Unlimited to the White Mountain National Forest offer diverse perspectives, but sound familiar themes: the importance of habitat, access, forest management and water quality. Their extended comments are available online at www.wildnh.com/alookahead.

Also in this issue of the Journal, get to know the interesting array of weasel family members (six in all — can you name them?) that New Hampshire is home to, from the mink to the American marten. And prepare to head for the ice to pull in some brook trout, using some timely tips from avid ice-angler Mark Beauchesne.

The *Journal* is the state's only magazine dedicated to fish and wildlife conservation and recreation. Regular columns in this issue profile the Eastern cottontail in Naturalist's Notebook; a guide to "Crack the Track" (Wild Ways); and the humorous real-life stories of Fish and Game Conservation Officers in Warden's Watch. Wild Places will help you plan some winter fun at Wellington State Park in Alexandria, N.H.; the Kids Corner explores the web of life.

Not a subscriber to *New Hampshire Wildlife Journal*? The magazine is published 6 times a year by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Subscriptions are just \$12 for one year — that's 40% off the newsstand price — or \$20 for two years. To read sample articles, subscribe or purchase gift subscriptions for the outdoor enthusiasts in your life, visit <u>www.wildnh.com/Wildlife_Journal/</u>

Library Trustees Minutes — January 4, 2011

5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Trustees Sue Kowalski, Sandy Blanchard, Ken Krzewick, Library Director Nancy Hendy, Alternate Trustee Steve Del Deo, and Resident Laura Vincent

Minutes from the December 15th, 2010 Trustees meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report

The Finacial and Profit and Loss reports were discussed by the Trustees and approved. Also, there was some discussion regarding Fundraising income. The discussion continued with how best to utilize donations to the library's Memorial Fund on behalf of Concord School Teacher Jane Merrow and preserving her memory.

Library Director's Report

Planning continues for the Loudon Village Arts spring show. Gilford photographer, Mary Villaume will be the featured artist at the library from mid-January through the end of February. Preparations have started for the three summer reading programs we will once again be running for children, teens and adults. We need to review arrangements for snow shoveling. Do we have someone who will donate time drafting shop drawings for new DVD shelving? Donations are arriving for the Jane Merrow Fund. Since we have no town funding for programs, do we want to designate the funds for that purpose? The next book sale will be on January 22, 2011.

Children's Librarian's Report

On December 1st I spoke with Mary Jo about using Linda Heath's therapy dog. She said that the elementary school would not use this type of reading therapy because they have a number of children with pet allergies. On December 6th stories and crafts were picked for January story time. On December 6th, 13th, 20th and 23rd crafts for story time were prepared. On December 8th and 22nd a press release was sent to the Concord Monitor Town Crier. On December 8th there was participation in the webcast: Lerner Groups Spring 2011 Librarian Preview. On December 9th preparations were started for 2011s Summer Reading Program. The word scramble and story time news for the December Ledger were completed on December 15th. There was a school vacation movie day on December 29, four children and three adults were in attendance. On December 30th four children and one adult were in attendance for school drop-in craft day. The Story Time numbers for the month of December were 101 children and 78 adults.

Budget — 2011–12 Budget/Town Meeting

The Trustees had a discussion and are making preparations for the Budget 2011–12 Budget/Town Meeting in March.

Metal Roof Update

The Trustees had a discussion regarding the status of the metal roof. The warranty is in question. The metal roof is supposed to be warranteed for 20 years. When the roof was installed a new material was used. This material would last 30 to 50 years. However, rust areas have been of much concern. The question is whether the roof should be replaced or can it be repaired successfully. Various invoices from the time when the metal roof was installed are going to be checked.

DVD Display

The Trustees had a discussion concerning the library's DVD display. The current display is not adequate and should be replaced with a display that would be more functional. A request has been made for someone to donate time and draw up shop drawings for new DVD shelving.

Friends Group update

The Friends of the library group is still under discussion by the Trustees.

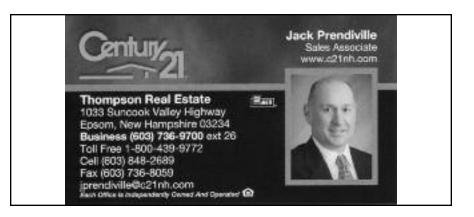
The Trustees meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

Susan Kowalski Sandra Blanchard Kenneth M. Krzewick

<u>WJ mag.htm</u>. Single issues are available for \$2.95 each from N.H. Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 11, 2011

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Deputy Chief Rich Edgecomb, Planning Board Vice-chair Stanley Prescott, Zoning Board Chairman Dave Powelson, Zoning Board member Roy Merrill, and Planning/ Zoning Administrative Assistant Donna White.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 4, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield stated that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

Chairman Maxfield stated that there was one Hawker and Peddler's application on the agenda. He explained the application is for the Speedway Children's Charity through NHMS with the partnership of NH Sno Shaker's Club handling the event scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2011. Discussion ensued regarding this event being a fundraiser and since there was the possibility of a few vendors being at this event, the Board felt it should be addressed at Board of Permit. It was stated that the application indicates approximately 50-100 riders. Selectman Ives asked Chief Burr about concerns regarding the bonfire. Chief Burr stated he would notify Fire Alarm of this event. It was discussed that this was in replacement of the "Snodeo" event. Selectman Bowles stated that the fee would be waived, as this is a charity event.

Planning/ZBA Administrative Assistant Donna White asked for clarification on who would be collecting the fees for the Daytime Parking Permits. She stated that she has been asked when the fees would be due and for clarification of who would be responsible for collection of the fees. Discussion ensued regarding the process of updating the information for parking permits. It was agreed that the fee would be paid through the Selectmen's Office once reviewed and approved by the Planning Board. After the fee is paid and all requirements by the Planning Board have been met, the applicant will receive a letter from the Planning Board advising that the approval has been granted.

Chairman Maxfield closed the Board of Permit and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board that there has been an issue with Forestry 1 regarding shimmying and shaking. He stated that they have taken the truck to three or four shops to get a couple of opinions. Chief Burr said that they have decided to remove the big tank off the three-quarter ton and are putting it on the one-ton to get the weight distribution adjusted. He said the three-quarter ton is also being worked on to get the shimmy and shake out. Chief Burr stated that there should not be a lot of cost associated with this project. He said by making this change, one vehicle will be set with mostly newer parts and will lighten up the other truck.

Selectman Ives asked about feedback from the adjusted Fire Department Compensation. Chief Burr said it was discussed at the Fire Department meeting but amounts were not discussed.

Chief Burr stated that Don DeAngelis has been voted in as the new President of the Fire Department Association and Jeff Benner is now the Vice-President of the Association.

Selectman Bowles stated that the used oil heater for the Highway Garage has been installed and the Transfer Station is no longer charging for used oil starting today. Discussion ensued.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the January 18, 2011 Budget Hearing. The Board agreed to hold the second Budget Hearing on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

The Board received copies of the submitted committee reports for the Annual Town Report for review and approval.

The Board received information from Assessor Dave Wiley regarding the adoption of a solar exemption. The Board agreed that this would not be included on the warrant at this time. The Board received notification of the January Highway Block Grant payment of \$33,790.46.

The Board received information from Bob Fiske regarding the number of building permits available for 2011.

The Board received correspondence from Stacey McNeil for review.

The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding additional Fire Department compensation approvals.

The Board received a memo from Assessor Dave Wiley regarding ratios submitted by Steve Jackson. The Selectmen will forward a copy of this information to Mr. Jackson.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Bowles moved to forward past due ambulance account #46205 in the amount of \$571.10, account #23421 in the amount of \$150.00, account #46703 in the amount of \$605.10, account #46505 in the amount of \$595.10, account #46362 in the amount of \$617.10, and account #40981 in the amount of \$648.80 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board received copies of the October and November property transfers for review.

The Board agreed to forward a letter to Loudon Elementary Principal Tom Laliberte to ask for the use of the building for Town Meeting.

The Board received information on a 2011 Design Charette from Plan NH.

The Board received rate information from PSNH.

The Board received information from NHMA on regional inter-municipal utility agreements.

The Board received information from Avitar for an advertisement on Terra Map outline.

The Board discussed the proposed budget relative to the fuel lines.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 19, 2011

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 11, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Selectman Bowles stated that Road Agent David Rice would not be in this evening due to the snowstorm but had advised him that the used oil heater at the Highway Garage was installed last week and is working well. Selectman Ives stated he was advised by the Office Manager that a quote had been received for the roof repair at the Highway Garage. He stated the quote is approximately \$10,000.00 more than those that had already been received.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received samples of Historic Marker signs for review. The Board stated that they are looking to place the sign at the Town Hall as the building is on the National Register of Historic Buildings. Selectman Ives moved to approve the purchase the National Register of Historic Places plaque for the Loudon Town Hall from Engraving Awards and Gifts Company out of Laconia, NH from estimate #276184 in the amount of \$442.00 to be paid from the Town Hall Repair line #01-41941-410-413. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a memo from the Office Manager regarding the gutters on the town office building in disrepair and ice buildup.

The Board received a request to include the budget work session minutes in the *Ledger*. The Selectmen agreed to forward the minutes for inclusion in the *Loudon Ledger*.

The Board received notification of payment from VOA for the 2010 Pilot Agreement in the amount of \$14,784.00.

The Board received notification of the Forest Fire Warden appointment for Jeff Burr as well as Deputy Warden appointments for members of the Loudon Fire Department from Douglas Miner of DRED.

The Board received copies of articles submitted from committees and departments for inclusion in the Town Report for review and approval.

The Board received information from US Dept. of Transportation on 2011 funding availability.

The Board received information from Wheelabrator on tipping floor rules as a reminder. The Board received a scholarship thank

The Board received information from Laureiro Engineering Associates on landfill engineering and monitoring.

The Board received copies of NHMA Legislative Bulletin #3.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Public Hearing for the 2011–2012 Proposed Budget.

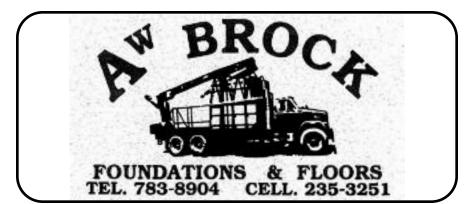
The Board stated that there are a few adjustments that will be made to the proposed budget items that were inadvertently left out.

Selectman Ives began review of the 2011–2012 proposed budget, addressing the proposed COLA for employees. He stated the Board agreed on 2.5% COLA based on the fact that there had been no increase for two years. Selectman Ives stated the salary lines throughout the budget have increased 2.5% due to the COLA.

Selectman Ives stated the Selectmen's PT Office wage line has increased by 2,100% due to the Office Manager reducing her full-time status to part-time hours. The Board felt they needed to have funds available if additional help was needed in the office. He said that the Office Assistant is working 40 hours per week, but with the reduction in hours for the Office Manager,

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there may be a need for some additional help in the future. Selectman Ives stated if the funds are not needed the money will revert back to the general fund. Discussion ensued regarding hours worked by the Office Manager as well as looking at adjusting her wages from the Selectmen's Office Wage line to the Selectmen PT Office Help line. Selectman Ives stated with the adjustments to these lines the overall wages for the Selectmen's Office are reduced by 18.79%.

Selectman Ives stated that the Selectmen went through the budget line by line and looked at what was spent in the previous budget and cut additional amounts if they felt a line could be pared down.

Selectman Ives stated Selectmen's Data Processing line is reduced by 5%, Printing line reduced by 7.69%, Office Supplies line reduced by 14.29%, Advertising line reduced by 21.88%, for an overall reduction to the Selectmen's Office operating budget of 5.30%.

Selectman Ives stated the Landfill Testing line has been reduced by 23.48% due to fewer testing requirements.

Selectman Ives stated the Historical Society and Conservation Commission budgets are unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Deputy Town Clerk Wage line has been reduced by 30.07% and the Assistant Clerk Wage line has increased by 354.83% due to the reclassification of the position. He stated that the Tax Collector has been appointed to the Deputy Town Clerk position and will only be collecting wages during elections, etc. The Assistant Clerk position has been paid out of the Deputy Town Clerk line but should be coming out of the Assistant Clerk line. This adjustment will correct that issue. Dues and Seminars were reduced by 12.5%. Selectman Ives stated the Town Clerk's budget has an increase of 7.49%. Deb Kardaseski asked for clarification of these changes. The Selectmen explained that the Town Clerk Assistant Clerk and the Deputy Tax Collector positions are shared by the two offices and this adjustment is to correct the proper line for the position.

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Selectman Ives stated the Election lines are reduced by 38.66% due to fewer elections being held during this particular fiscal year. Selectman Bowles stated this line will more than likely be increasing the following year due to the number of elections scheduled for that fiscal year.

Selectman Ives stated Trust Funds lines remain unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated Town Auditors line is reduced by 10.53%.

Selectman Ives stated Tax Map Preparation line has increased by 0.8%, Assessments has been reduced by 8.64%, and Utilities Assessments has increased by 525%. The Board stated the increase in the Utilities Assessments is because there is currently a bill before the Legislature which may allow towns and cities to assess the utility poles and lines and the town has to be prepared if this legislation passes. Selectman Ives stated if the law fails, the funds will revert back to the general fund. This budget is increased by 9.34%.

Selectman Ives stated the Tax Collector Deputy Tax Collector Wage line is reduced by 4% due to the adjustment of the position title from File Clerk to Deputy Tax Collector. He stated the Tax Collector File Clerk line has been zeroed out. The Data Processing line is reduced by 8.33%, Office Supplies line is reduced by 16.67%, and the Seminars and Training line has increased by 33.33% due to certification requirements. The Tax Collector's budget is reduced by 2.38%.

Selectman Ives stated the Treasurer's budget has a 100% reduction in the Printing line and a 16.67% increase in Office Supplies line for an overall increase of 2.16%.

Selectman Ives stated the Selectmen's Legal Services line stayed unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Employee Benefits FICA Town Share has decreased by 5.1% due to the Library taking over their portion of the costs this year, and the NH Retirement System line has increased 5.84% due to increases mandated by the Legislature, as well as the COLA.

Selectman Ives stated the Planning Board Secretary Wage line shows an increase of 0.58% instead of the 2.5% due to the adjustment in the budget of removing the 53rd pay week in the current budget. Selectman Bowles stated that in the 2010– 2011 Budget, there were 53 pay periods, not the normal 52 so the computer recalculated the wage figure differently. He stated the Planning Board Secretary would be included in the 2.5% COLA. Selectman Ives stated the Printing line was reduced by 16.67% for an overall decrease of 0.49%.

Selectman Ives stated the ZBA Secretary Wage line also shows the increase of 0.58% but is actually the 2.5% COLA. He stated the ZBA Salary line is increased by 13.33% due to the addition of a third Alternate position. Legal Consultants line is decreased by 20% for an overall decrease of 0.07%.

Selectman Ives stated the Government Buildings Town Office Cleaning line is decreased by 8.33% and Town Offices/ Community Building Repairs line is reduced by 33.33% as there has been work done to those buildings in the past few years. Selectman Ives said the Town Hall Heating line has been increased by 50% up to \$600.00 for the Town's portion of heating the building. Selectman Ives said the Town Hall Repairs line has been reduced by 37.5% due to recent work on the building for an overall decrease of 11.67%.

Selectman Ives stated the Cemeteries line remains unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Employee Benefits Town Health and Dental Insurance line increased 1.82%. He explained that the Board works with the Insurance Broker to try to reduce the costs. Selectman Bowles stated part of the reason this line did not increase as much as expected was due to changes with personnel and their insurance status starting next year. Selectman Ives stated the Unemployment line increased 135.77% and the regular Insurance line has increased 0.33%. The overall increase is 1.80%.

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Selectman Ives stated the Property Taxes line remains unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Police Department line shows a decrease of 3.90% due to changes in personnel, however, the Board has received a request to increase this line an additional \$4,000.00 to cover an additional supervisory upgrade in the department. Discussion ensued with the audience regarding the \$4,000.00 pay increase for one employee. Selectman Ives stated there is also a request to increase the Police Overtime line by \$4,270.00 to cover the additional costs associated with a patrolman being enrolled in the Police Academy. Discussion ensued regarding the requirements of the town to pay the additional costs due to the number of hours the patrolman is required to be at the Police Academy as well as any agreement or contract between the town and officers for the education. Selectman Ives stated the PT Secretary Wage line and PD PT Wage line increased due to the 2.5% COLA, County Dispatch line decreased by 14.99% as the bill has decreased, Electricity/Lights has increased 3%, and Outside Services line increased 33.33% for items such as water service, pagers, copier repair, internet, radar certification, etc. The overall change is a 2.99% reduction.

Selectman Ives stated the Special Events line is an in and out account. He stated there is a line in the Revenues side and this is for security at the Track and Special Details. Selectman Ives stated the Special Events PD line is reduced 25%, Special Events FD line reduced 14.29%, and the Special Events FICA line is reduced 22.34% for an overall reduction of 23.08%.

Selectman Ives stated the Health Department budget has no change other than the 2.5% COLA.

Selectman Ives stated the VNA line remains unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Ambulance Wage lines show a decrease of 0.17% although there is an increase of 2.5% (due to the 53rd pay week reduction), Ambulance Wage PT line shows a decrease of 3.01%, Ambulance Wages Standby line reduced by 10.32%, Ambulance Billing Fees line increased 2.22% due to increase by the Billing Service Company for an overall decrease of 2.57%.

Selectman Ives stated the Fire Department Wage increase is due to the 2.5% COLA, FD Dispatch line increased 12.5%, FD Medical Expenses line is reduced 5%, FD Electricity increased 10% due to overage in last budget cycle and the Board trying to be sure there are enough funds in this line, FD Computer line decreased 54.55% and FD Equipment Maintenance line increased 35%. Chief Burr explained that some of the warranties have expired so now some items have gone from FD Equipment Testing line to the FD Equipment Maintenance line. Selectman Ives stated the FD Equipment Testing line has decreased 12.28% for an overall increase of 1.92%.

Selectman Ives stated the only increase in the Compliance budget is the COLA adjustment; everything else remains unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Emergency Management lines remain unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Forest Fire budget remains unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the HWY PT Wage line is reduced by 4.35% due to the Selectmen reviewing what was spent in the previous budget and felt this line could be adjusted, HWY Gas and Oil line has increased 5.71%, HWY Uniform line increased 27.18% due to a new contract, and HWY Building Maintenance line increased 366.67% due to the need for a new roof on the Highway Garage, the overall increase is 7.25%. Chief Burr inquired about the HWY Road Maintenance and Repair line increase of 7.69% even though this line has actually decreased. The Board explained it was due to funds being encumbered last year.

Selectman Ives stated there was only one increase in the HWY/Block Grant line under Road Maintenance of 36.91% for an overall increase of 7.01%.

Selectman Ives stated the Solid Waste/Landfill Telephone line increased 14.29% due to the actual usage costs. Selectman Bowles stated that the calls made for pickup of recyclable materials are long distance calls. Selectman Ives stated Landfill Electricity line is increased 4.76% and Tipping Fee line increased 4.95% for an overall increase of 3.54%.

Selectman Ives stated the Animal Control line remains unchanged.

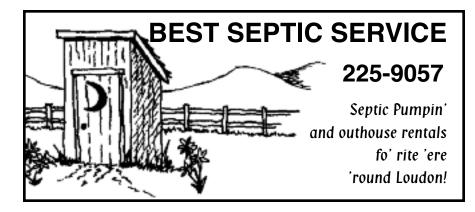
Selectman Ives stated the Community Action Program and J.O. Cate Van budgets are unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Welfare budget remains unchanged.

Selectman Ives stated the Recreation Swim Lesson Wage line increased 12.5% due to more children attending the classes, Recreation Electricity line decreased 16.67%, and Recreation Special Events decreased 7.22% due to the Revolving Fund being established and the events becoming more self-funding. The Recreation budget has an overall decrease of 1.71%.

Selectman Ives stated the Library Wage lines are reflective of the 2.5% COLA, the Library FICA/Medicare line is increased by 2.3% due to the Library taking over this cost in their own budget, and Library NH Retirement System line is increased by 23.02% due to the Library taking over this line as well. Selectman Ives stated the Library Electricity line increased 3%. Library Trustee Alternate Steve DelDeo asked the Board about the Library Fuel Oil line relative to the Trustees' request to increase this line to \$8,000.00. The Selectmen stated that they had agreed to this increase but it inadvertently was missed when changes were made to the budget. The Board will see that this line is adjusted to \$8,000.00.

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Selectman Ives stated the Patriotic Purposes line had been reduced 33.33% based on previous year's spending and Loudon Old Home Day budget is unchanged. Selectman Ives stated the Economic

Development budget is unchanged. Selectman Ives stated the Tax Anticipated Notes, Contingency Fund, and

Loudon Communications Council budgets remain unchanged. Selectman Ives stated there are no

increases to the Capital Reserve Funds.

Selectman Ives stated the proposed budget before the changes this evening was listed at a decrease of 5.07%, however, with the changes this evening this figure will change.

Selectman Bowles thanked the Department Heads and Committee members for their hard work on keeping the budget down as much as possible. Selectman Ives stated that the funds remaining in the budget at year-end go back to the General Fund to be included in the Unreserved Fund Balance. He said the Board tries to use some of the funds to lower the taxes each year, but the town is required to keep a certain percentage in the Unreserved Fund for emergencies. Mike LaBonte asked how many departments turned in money at the end of the Fiscal Year. The Board stated almost every department had some money at the end of the year to turn back in. Selectman Ives stated he felt that the Town had a good group of employees.

Chairman Maxfield began review of the Proposed Revenues for the 2011–2012 Budget

Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board uses historical data to calculate the proposed revenues. He said that each September the Town is required to submit a form to DRA advising what the proposed revenues will be. Chairman Maxfield stated the proposed revenues do not include the property taxes, however, it does include property taxes that have not been paid in previous years

Chairman Maxfield went through the various categories of revenues. He stated that the Fire Special Events and Police Special Events lines are reflective of the figures in the Proposed Budget.

Chairman Maxfield stated Building Permit revenue was way down.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Freewill Baptist Church Reimbursement line was the Church's share of the costs for the maintenance and running of the Town Hall/ Freewill Baptist Church.

Chairman Maxfield touched on the Sale of Town Property revenue line. Selectman Bowles stated he felt this line included items such as the sale of cruisers and equip-

Chief Burr asked about the Landfill Oil revenue line relative to the Transfer Station no longer charging for the disposal of used oil. Selectman Bowles stated this line is also used for the charges of antifreeze and that item will still have a charge for disposal. He said this report was prepared prior to the change of no longer charging for oil. Chairman Maxfield stated for the audience that the Highway Garage recently installed a used oil heater and they use the oil that is disposed at the Transfer Station so the town is no longer charging a disposal fee for that item.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Proposed Revenue for the 2011-2012 Budget is \$2,130,066.00 and does not include current property taxes.

Selectman Bowles reviewed the Proposed Warrant Articles that have been received to date.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000 for the purpose of shimming and paving 2,800± feet of Staniels Road and machine paving 4,858± feet of East Ricker Road. \$90,000 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000 value. Selectman Bowles stated East Ricker Road is breaking up and Staniels Road is starting to get cracks and they want to try to get things taken care of before they get any worse.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,500 for the purpose of purchasing a packer trailer for the Transfer Station with funds to be withdrawn from the Transfer Station Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate. Selectman Bowles stated there are currently two older trailers being utilized but they are wearing out and need to be replaced. He said that the Board decided not to replace both trailers at once, but with the amount of trash being hauled to the incinerator, they do need to be replaced. It was discussed that the old trailer may be utilized for storage once it is replaced.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of funding a bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited into this fund. Monies in this fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article will affect the tax rate by 1 cent per \$1,000 value. Selectman Bowles stated that due to the Household Hazardous Waste Day being held bi-annually it would be a better option to raise \$5,000.00 per year than \$10,000.00 every other year. Selectman Bowles said that at some point there may no longer be a need to hold this event. Chairman Maxfield stated that funds have

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to be used within the budget year or returned to the general fund and cannot be held from the budget for the following year.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375,223 for the purchase of a fire engine and equipment with funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for the purpose of resurfacing the roll-off container areas with concrete and pavement, and constructing a concrete wall in the demolition area at the Transfer Station. Funds to be withdrawn from the Transfer Station Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. This article will not affect the tax rate. Selectman Bowles stated that the reason for this article is to set up a better area for the demolition materials and recyclable materials. He said there would be safety precautions put in place but this would be a better set up for pick up of the materials.

Steve DelDeo stated he felt that Steve Bennett did a great job at the Transfer Station but wanted to remind the Transfer Station employees that they needed to wear eye protection while breaking glass.

Selectman Bowles thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting. Selectman Ives said the Department Heads submit their budgets and the Board reviews them but he felt everyone has done their part to keep this budget down as much as possible.

Chairman Maxfield closed the Budget Hearing and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:01 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Ives yes, Bowles yes. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 8:26 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Ives yes, Bowles yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield stated the results of the executive session were discussion with an employee.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman Steven R. Ives. Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles. Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 25, 2011

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, and Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

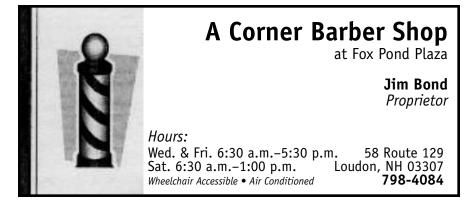
Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 19, 2011 as presented. Seconded by

Selectman Bowles. Chairman Maxfield stated the 2011-2012 Budget Hearing Minutes are included in this set of minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil stated that she has received a request from a resident to have the Board

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review the past payment history and consider adjusting the accruing interest. The Board will take this under advisement.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske. Chief Fiske advised the Board of a meet-

ing with State officials on Wednesday to discuss next season's safety issues at the Track.

Chief Fiske advised the Board that the water heater at the Police Department is not working. Discussion ensued regarding the price quotes for repair and for replacement. The Board asked Mr. Fiske to obtain other quotes for the replacement of the unit.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Bowles asked about the "Sno-deo" event at the Track. Mr. Fiske stated that it appeared all went well.

Discussion ensued regarding the revised date for 2011 Loudon Old Home Day.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that a wingarm on one of the trucks needed to be replaced, but other than that all was well.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew would be doing more screening.

Selectman Ives asked how the Highway Crew was holding up with all of the storm activity. Mr. Rice said they were doing well considering.

Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Rice of a few areas where limbs needed to be trimmed when time allows.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that when there was a chance the Highway Crew would be out moving snow and working on intersections and snow banks.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding the PD regular payroll.

The Board received copies of Revision #4 Budget Report for review. This report reflects the changes discussed at the Public Hearing.

The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding Town Report and Town Meeting items.

The Board received copies of Town Report articles for review and approval.

The Board received copies of a thank you card from June Gullage.

The Selectmen received copies of an email from Senator Ayotte's special assistant with contact information.

The Board received copies of a training certificate for Jeff Burr.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting & Budget Hearing — Feb. 3, 2011

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Moderator Mike LaBonte.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Chairman Maxfield opened the Budget Hearing for the 2011–2012 Fiscal Year and

read the public notice for those present. Selectman Ives began the review of the

proposed budget and stated there were five changes to the budget since the first hearing on January 19, 2011. The changes are as follows:

PD Regular Salary line 01-42100-100-110: to adjust the COLA for one officer and add \$4,000.00 for possible future promotions to bring the line total to \$342,610.00.

PD Overtime Wages line 01-42100-100-115: add \$4,270.00 to adjust for overtime wages for an officer to attend the Police Academy to bring the line total to \$6,361.00. Selectman Ives stated that the officers have to be compensated for 16 hours per day while they are attending the Police Academy. He said other towns have been sued and Town Counsel has advised the Board that they need to address this issue.

FICA/Medicare line 01-41552-200-220: add \$120.00 to adjust for the increases in salary lines.

NH Retirement System line 01-41552-200-230: add \$710.00 to adjust for the increases in the salary lines.

Library Fuel Oil line 01-45500-400-411: add \$8,000.00 to the fuel line for possible increases in cost. Selectman Bowles stated this adjustment had been discussed with the Library Trustees and was discussed at the first Budget Hearing January 19, 2011 as well.

Chairman Maxfield stated that there were no changes to the Estimated Revenues for 2011–2012.

Selectman Bowles discussed the changes to the Warrant Articles.

Selectman Bowles read the new warrant article for those present as follows: ARTI-CLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,625.00 for the purpose of purchasing the development rights to conserve valuable farmland and forestland 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) This article will not affect the tax rate. The Selectmen recommend this article. Selectman Bowles explained that this project is a large parcel on the Ridge.

Selectman Bowles stated that Article 4 relative to the Household Hazardous Waste Day is still being worked on. He stated that Town Counsel and DRA have advised the Board that the wording of the article has to be more specific regarding where the funds are coming from. Selectman Bowles stated that it appears the funds will be from the



Transfer Station Resident Sticker Fees and those fees will more than likely be increasing next January to cover the costs associated with the Household Hazardous Waste Day events.

Chairman Maxfield stated that DRA has advised the Board that they do not want the wording "This article will affect the tax rate by 1 cent per \$1,000 value" included in any of the warrant articles. Discussion ensued regarding including the word "approximately" in the statement. The Board will follow up on this issue with DRA.

Sue Kowalski asked which property is being addressed in Warrant Article 7. Selectman Bowles said it is the property Larry and Melissa Moore purchased from Ralph Bennett. The Board commended the Conservation Commission for their hard work in obtaining this type of easement.

Selectman Bowles moved to adopt the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$4,602,598.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield closed the Budget Hearing and opened the Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 25, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that four pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the Town Report Cover proof for approval. The Board agreed and approved the cover.

The Board received copies of the Historical Society's submission for Town Report for review.

The Board received information from NH City and Town Clerk's Association regarding legislation to allow dealerships to process motor vehicle registrations electronically. The Board will review this information and stated they did not like the idea as it could cost the towns a lot of revenue.

The Board received information from NHMA regarding State Aid to Municipalities.

The Board received notification from DRED regarding a timber harvest at the Soucook State Forest.

The Board received copies of a thank you note from the American Legion Post 88.

The Board received the Notice of Decision from the Planning Board on the Bond for Tax Map 28, Lot 012 as well as a copy of the letter of credit for review.

The Board received notification of a meeting with Mike Tardiff of CNHRPC and the Planning Board, scheduled for February 17, 2011.

The Board received copies of a quote from Harry O Electrical Corp. regarding the Highway Garage paddle fan replacement. The Board agreed to have Road Agent David Rice move forward with this project.

The Board received notification from NH the Beautiful of the grant award in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the waste oil heater for the Highway Garage.

The Board received copies of the CNHRPC 2013–2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

The Board received copies of the ESMI 4th Quarter Host Community Fee calculation.

The Board received correspondence from Michael Harris for review.

The Board received correspondence from U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte.

The Board received information from NH Retirement System regarding proposed legislation for review.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman Steven R. Ives, Selectman

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> Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

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

Both Boards meet at the Community Building. All meetings are open to the public.

Planning Board Minutes — January 20, 2011

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Henry Huntington, Steve Jackson, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Bob Cole, Alternate Bob Ordway, Ex-Officio Steve Ives.

Julie Robinson represented the Conservation Commission and John Reese represented the Fire Department.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 16, 2010 Meeting – Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Parking Permit Review - Permit holders, or their representatives, Gary Bahre, Richard Moore, Alma Lane, Linda Trefethen, Ben Elliot, Bennett Chagnon, Wilbur Phillips, and Pamela Bartlett were present. All have submitted an updated plan of their parking area used during the larger race events. All plans have been reviewed by John Reese. Chairman Dow explained the reason for the plan update and went over a list of parking permit regulations that were handed out to each permit holder. Firefighter Reese said that the submitted plans were reviewed and approved. He stressed to the permit holders to be sure to maintain the 20' access lane and 25' turning radius. Donna White clarified that a change will be made to the Fire Department letter that accompanies each permit so that it reflects the 20' access required by NFPA codes. The letter currently asks for 24'. It was explained that the permit holders will pay the \$20 annual renewal fee to the Selectmen's office. Once payment is received, the Planning office will send out the letter of renewal.

Andy Sanborn - Mr. Sanborn explained that he owns the property at 13 Mudgett Hill Road which is in the C/I District. He stated that he wants to get an auto dealer license so that he can do concierge-specific selling and maybe some eBay. Mr. Sanborn referred to the Zoning Ordinance which requires a special exception for auto repair/auto body. He explained that the State requires an agreement with an existing facility if he is not doing that work himself. Mr. Sanborn said that he would have an agreement with J & D Repair as they are located near this property. He said he would not have outside display as in a typical car lot. Mr. Sanborn stated that the State requires a building of 1200 sf and 100' linear feet of property line, both of which he can satisfy. He said he will deal with higher end cars and is not planning to carry any inventory. He stated that this will be limited to cars only and he will have someone else doing the detailing. Henry Huntington asked if Mr. Sanborn would be handling the cars or just acting as a broker. Mr. Sanborn explained that he has to take delivery of the cars in order to be a dealer. Bob Ordway asked if there was a place in the building to have these cars. Mr. Sanborn explained that 3/4 of the building has a cement floor. There was discussion of the permitted uses and what is required. John Reese will talk with Mr. Sanborn about fire department requirements. After considerable discussion, review of the Ordinance, and the most recent approved use of the property, it was agreed that there is no need for Mr. Sanborn to do an application as the property is currently approved for retail sales. Should Mr. Sanborn alter his plan, such as decide to have outside display, he will have to come to the Board with a change of use application.

Colin Cabot - Mr. Cabot gave a brief history of the Sanborn Mills Farm. He explained that there are eleven acres within a larger LCHIP conservation area. He gave an overview of the buildings that are currently on the property. Julie Robinson explained that nothing can be in the footprint of the easement. Mr. Cabot stated that there is no conservation protection of the area with buildings, the eleven acres. Mrs. Robinson said that they wanted that area left as is as part of the easement. Mr. Cabot gave an outline of the current uses of the farm and possible future uses. He pointed out that one side of the road is considered to be the RR District and the other side is zoned AFP. There was lengthy discussion about what is permitted in the districts, changing the zoning, amending the Zoning Ordinance with additional permitted uses, and the possibility of obtaining variances for those uses not currently listed in the Ordinance. Bruce Yeaton voiced concern about the list of activities going on around his property. Jeremy Yeaton spoke about the preservation easement, noting that sustainability of the non-profit must be maintained. Mr. Cabot said he will continue to research, plan, and decide which way to go.

New Business:

Application #11-01, Faith Community Bible Church – Site Plan, in the C/I District, Map 39, Lot 29. There were no abutters present. Rodney Phillips represented the church. Mr. Phillips explained that they went to the ZBA last month, receiving a special exception for setbacks and a variance for the percentage of impermeable coverage. He said they plan to build a twostory addition with a 1440 sf footprint. Mr. Phillips stated that the addition will provide additional classroom and nursery space, noting that they are not changing the sanctuary. He noted that there is an error on the plan where one abutter was listed incorrectly. Mr. Phillips said he has talked with Firefighter Reese and learned that they have to maintain a gravel access to the dry hydrant



that is at the rear of the building. He explained that there is a 15,000 gallon underground water tank at that location. Firefighter Reese asked that the access and hydrant location be shown on the plan. Mr. Phillips showed photographs of the church so that board members could see the two stories, elevations, and profile. He said the addition will have the same white siding.

Stan Prescott moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Steve Ives asked if there would be a basement. Mr. Phillips said there will not be a basement. Tom Dow asked if they have building plans. Mr. Phillips said they do not at this time. John Reese said he has just seen the site plans but will review building plans once available. It was stated that they are carrying the fire alarm and sprinkler system into the addition. Mr. Phillips said they will have the building plans within a month. Bob Ordway asked if there would be an elevator. Mr. Phillips said there is currently a lift and that will continue to serve the entire second floor. Tom Dow asked if any parking is being added. Mr. Phillips said they are not adding parking, simply spreading out for more classes.

A request to waive the requirement for an existing conditions plan was read. It was noted that the addition has been added to an as-built plan and suggested that that could serve as an existing conditions plan. *Stan Prescott moved to grant the waiver request; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

Tom Moore made a motion to approve the application and plan as presented; seconded by Bob Cole. Tom Dow reviewed changes that are to be made to the final plan as follows: change abutter name, show gravel access road, and correct Stanley Prescott's name in the reference notes. He reminded Mr. Phillips that the building plans need to go to the fire department. Mr. Phillips stated that he will have the fire department approval before going for the building permit. *All were in favor*.

Board Discussion:

Chairman Dow stated that he directed Donna to contact CNHRPC with regard to assistance in updating the Master Plan. Because things are slower with applications and other projects, he said he felt this was a good time to do the review. He said CNHRPC will look at the project and provide an outline of the process and costs.

Report of the ZBA:

There are no applications on the ZBA agenda therefore there will be no meeting.

Report of the Board of Permit:

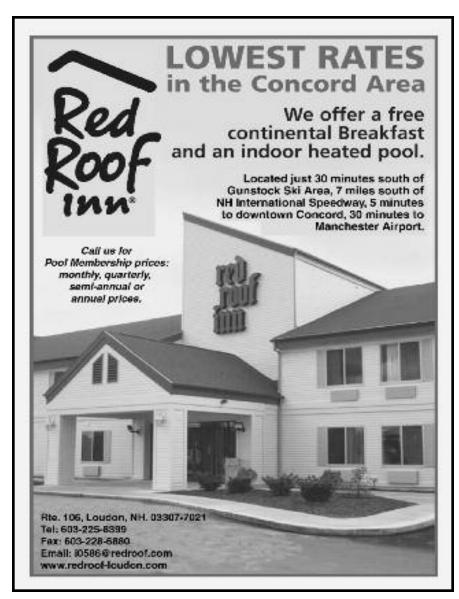
Stan Prescott said that there was one Hawker & Peddler application on the agenda. It was for Speedway Children's Charities and the NH Sno-Shakers who have an event planned for January 22nd from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. He said they expect 50–100 riders and will have some vendors.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. was made by Tom Moore; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Donna White, Administrative Assistant



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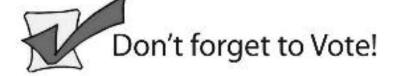
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