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Mission Statement...

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

Town Meeting Is Here! Vote on Tuesday, March 12; Meeting Saturday, March 16

The Merrimack Valley School District meeting will be held Thursday, March 7. The following people are running for school board:

Merrimack Valley School Board (3-Year Term)

Caroletta Alicea, Boscawen
Thomas Godfrey, Webster
Mark Hutchins, Salisbury
William Renauld, Penacook

Loudon's Town Meeting will begin with voting for town officials and Zoning Amendments on Tuesday, March 12, with the polls being open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. The second session will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m. at the Elementary School.

Article 1-2 will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the polls at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

Articles 3-13 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Loudon Elementary School Gym on School Street.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Selectman (3-Year Term)

Rocco Bagone III
Dustin J. Bowles
John A. Storrs

Planning Board (3-Year Term)

Stephen T. Jackson
Thomas L. Moore
George Saunderson

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-Year Term)

Roy Merrill
Earl Tuson

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year Term)

No candidates

Library Trustee (3-Year Term)

No candidates

ARTICLE 2:

ZONING AMENDMENT 2013-1

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2013-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend *Section 204.3 RR District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception* to include (O.) Firewood production for resale

Reason: to permit processing of firewood from log to cordwood; would provide a sound basis for the operation of such forestry activities while acknowledging and

limiting their potential impact on abutting properties.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2013-2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2013-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend *Section 205.3 AFP District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception* to include (L.) Firewood production for resale

Reason: to permit processing of firewood from log to cordwood; would provide a sound basis for the operation of such forestry activities while acknowledging and limiting their potential impact on abutting properties.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2013-3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2013-3 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend *Section 205.3 AFP District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception* to include (K.) Boarding houses, lodging houses, tourist homes and "bed and breakfast" facilities provided there are not more than six guest units

Reason: This use is already allowed by special exception in the Village and Rural Residential Districts. The use would also seem fitting for the rural character of the AFP District.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2013-4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2013-4 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Remove *Section 601.1 Contiguous Lot Rule* from the Zoning

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Let It Snow! A Look At the First Blizzard of 2013



A shot of snow piling up on Currier Road, from Michele York.

Kindergarten Registration for 2013-2014 School Year

Children who will be 5 yrs. old on or before Sept. 30, 2013 may register for kindergarten at Loudon Elementary School. Please call Mrs. Muzzey at 783-4400 to register. ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen's Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • townofloudon@comcast.net

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 • townclerkloudon@comcast.net

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 • loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net

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 • taxcollectorloudon@comcast.net

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • www.loudonpolice.org

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 • rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • dick@loudonfire.com

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 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 • townofloudon@comcast.net

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

Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568 • townofloudon@comcast.net

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net

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 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride.

The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Intake Hours: 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

Merrimack County — District 9

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

Howard M. Moffett: 66 Cogswell Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224-2011

Merrimack County — District 26

Lorrie J. Carey: 151 King St., Boscawen, NH 03303-2107

Senators — District 17

John Reagan: 53 Mt. Delight Rd., Deerfield, NH 0303-1304

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2013 Schedule

January 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/17

February 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/21

March 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/18

April 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/15 Council Meeting: Tues. 3/19

May 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/19 Council Meeting: Tues. 4/23

June 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 5/22

July 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/14 Council Meeting: Tues. 6/18

August 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/19 Council Meeting: Tues. 7/23

September 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/16 Council Meeting: Tues. 8/20

October 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/13 Council Meeting: Tues. 9/17

November 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/18 Council Meeting: Tues. 10/22

December 2013 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/15 Council Meeting: Tues. 11/19

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

Advertising: Samantha French — 783-4601 / pixiepie05@comcast.net

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

Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcba-loudon.org

Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

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

Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship for ages 3 up to 4th Grade

Youth Group: Sunday 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

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



Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

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

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

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307

Contact Stephanie Gagne, Clerk (568-5080) or Sam Langley, Deacon (848-1455)

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Dick Carter, Interim Minister

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

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

Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson

Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger

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

office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • 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)

Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:15–8:15 p.m.

Adult Bible Studies: 6:30 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.



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

Rise Again Outreach To Hold Auctions

Rise Again Outreach, a local non-profit community outreach organization, will hold its first of two Charitable Silent Auction Fundraiser events at 6:30 p.m. on March 23, 2013 at Grace Capital Church, 542 Pembroke Street, Pembroke. Formerly held at New Beginnings Church, this new venue is expected to be even bigger and better with more than 100 auction items that include air travel, vacation venues, date nights, theater, fine dining and a whole lot more.

Past silent auction events have generated upwards of \$10,000 for Rise Again Outreach's community mission of taking free clothing, food and personal care items to low income areas of our communities and providing families and individuals in crisis situations some real help and hope.

Mark your calendars and come support a great charitable outreach mission – and get some great items to take home!

A second fundraiser is scheduled for the Manchester area. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 20, 2013 at Manchester Christian Church. Both events are free and open to everyone. These are Rise Again Outreach's largest fundraising events of the year. Five-dollar bags of personal care items will also be sold at each event for distribution to homeless and less-fortunate people throughout central New Hampshire. For every bag purchased, attendees receive one ticket for a great Rise Again Outreach gift basket raffle.

Help Rise Again Outreach make a difference in New Hampshire communities by supporting one or both of these gala fundraising events! ■

**The Annual Meeting of
the Loudon
Communications Council
Will Be Held
Tuesday, May 21, 2013
6:30 p.m.
at the
Loudon Elementary School**

You're Invited to Dinner

Saturday, March 9, 2013

Serving dinner 4:30–6:30 PM

The Family Bible Church

Community Fellowship Kitchen
676 Loudon Ridge Road, Loudon, NH 03307

**No charge. Bring your friends.
Bring your family. All are welcome.**

**OUR MENU CHANGES EVERY MONTH
BUT THE LOVE IT IS SERVED WITH
ALWAYS REMAINS THE SAME**

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!

Please check your ad carefully. If there is a problem with your ad, you must contact the Communications Council prior to the next deadline. If there is an error solely attributable to the Council, your corrected ad will be run in the next issue for free.

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Ordinance to comply with RSA 674:39-aa, Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots

Reason: To comply with changes in RSA 674:39-aa

ZONING AMENDMENT 2013-5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2013-5 proposed by petition for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend *Article III, Section 303.2 Definitions* to read (A.) Elderly Housing Unit — A housing unit intended for and occupied by a person or persons fifty-five years of age or older; where such elderly housing unit is so occupied, the occupancy by not more than one other person, fifty-two years of age or older shall be permitted. *The Loudon Planning Board disapproves of this amendment.*

Reason: Current definition is 'housing units for, and solely occupied by persons fifty-five years or older'. Petitioners believe that such limitations exclude partners, spouses, or co-owners of any elderly housing unit occupant who may be fifty-two years of age or older.

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,695 for the purchase of a truck cab and chassis with a stainless steel body with plow setup and sander controls. Funds to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V public highway the entirety of Green View Drive, beginning at the intersection of Voted Road, to the end, and that the name Green View Drive be given to said public highway, and to act on anything

"My Elders" A Free Educational Series On Caring For Aging Loved Ones

Becoming a caregiver for one's own parent is a life transition that many will face. Even for those who are prepared, adapting to this new role can be a daunting and, oftentimes, overwhelming emotional experience. Learning how to navigate the world of medicine, law, hospitals and nursing homes, while experiencing uncertainty in unfamiliar territory, is unfortunately something many will experience.

Concord Hospital Trust's Major and Planned Giving Advisory Committee is pleased to offer "My Elders," a free educational series on caring for aging loved ones. Concord Hospital and other community professionals and experts trained in geriatric care will present each program, which will be held from 5:30–7 p.m. in the Memorial Medical Office Building on the Concord Hospital Campus, Floor 2. Attendees should park in Lot E located outside of Concord Hospital's Visitors Entrance.

All programs are free as a community service, however space is limited and pre-registration is required by calling (603) 227-7000 ext. 5209 or e-mailing chtrust@crhc.org. Programs include:

Thursday, March 21 — Not Getting Any Younger

- Learn what to expect from normal aging;
- Warning signs to watch for;
- Conversations and considerations of the future;
- Community resources available to help.

Thursday, April 4 — Offering Support Without Threatening Independence

- Learn how to identify what assistance may benefit your parent;
- Options for help with meals, home maintenance, safety, transportation; clinical and emotional care and how to find it;
- How to prepare advance directives and advanced care planning.

Thursday, April 18 — Making the Move Without Losing Control

- Learn the differences between assisted living and nursing home care;
- Tips on managing financial responsibilities and estate planning;
- How to best honor your loved one's wishes and fulfill your care giving responsibilities;
- Community resources available.

Thursday, May 2 — Final Wishes & Requests

- Learn what advance directives are and why they are important;
- How to have end of life discussions;
- How to make and honor decisions before the end is near. ■

relative thereto. Construction of the road has been completed. Currently there are numerous homes located on the road. *(By Petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,250 for the purpose of shimming and paving 3675 feet of Hemlock Hill Road, shimming and paving 1930 feet, and the 62' x 100' turnaround of Plateau Ridge Road, to grind 2000 feet of Mudgett Hill Road and shim and pave 6175 feet of Mudgett Hill Road. \$105,250 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and \$120,000 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 approximately 22 cents per \$1,000 value. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,800 for the purpose of purchasing a new 3 point hitch boom mower. This will affect the tax rate by approximately 4 cents per \$1,000 value. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 41:14-a that gives the Board of Selectmen authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. Article 8 is contingent on the passing of this article. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund, established by the March 2004 Town Meeting and to allow the appropriations deposited in said fund to be used for the purchase, future construction, or renovation of a Town Office Building and to further name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article is contingent on the passing of the previous warrant article. *The Selectmen recommend this article. (2/3 vote required).*

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Road Grader Expendable Trust Fund to the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *(2/3 vote required).* This will affect the tax rate by approximately 6 cents per \$1,000 value. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Loudon Student Competes In NH High School State Ski Jumping Meet



Warren Bartlett recently competed in the NH High School State Ski Jumping Meet and placed 11th. He was also a runner-up medalist for Nordic combined. At the Division IV Nordic State Meet he placed 15th. Warren is a sophomore at Bishop Brady High School. ■

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ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$461,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds:

- Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
- Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000
- Bridge Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
- Recreational Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve Fund \$2,000
- Library Collection Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$7,000
- Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
- J.O. Cate Memorial Van Capital Reserve Fund \$2,500
- Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000
- Conservation Commission Land Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
- Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

(Majority vote required.) This will affect the tax rate by approximately 90 cents per \$1,000 value. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the previously established Expendable Trust Funds:

- Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$20,000
- Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

(Majority vote required.) This will affect the tax rate by approximately 6 cents per \$1,000 value. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,983,307.00 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations to the same. This article does not include any of the previous warrant articles.

ARTICLE 13:

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

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

IT'S ALL MIXED UP! WHAT IS MIXED PAPER??

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

Send your questions and recycling ideas to the recycling committee at loudonrecycles@comcast.net

Mixed paper is simply different types of paper mixed together. It doesn't get any easier for you to save and recycle mixed papers.

For example, mixed papers include, but are not limited to phone books, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, money (just kidding - wanted to see if you are paying attention!) and paperboard packaging, (but not corrugated cardboard).

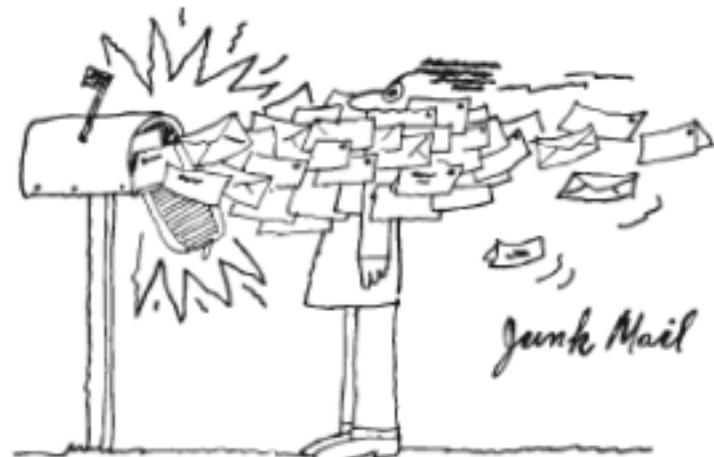
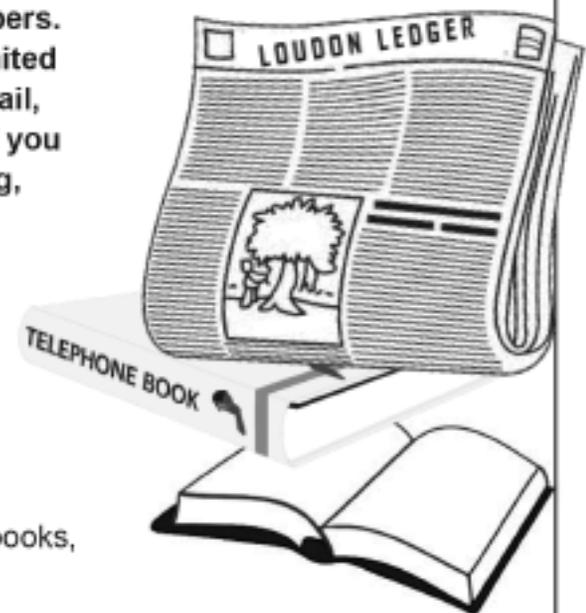
CAN YOU THINK OF MORE???

Paper can be recycled 6-7 times before its fiber strength becomes too degraded to be recycled anymore. It's used in your everyday life, for example recycled mixed paper is used to make the hard covers of books, game boards, and cereal boxes

Offices and residences dispose of their mixed paper in bins or boxes to be picked up or taken

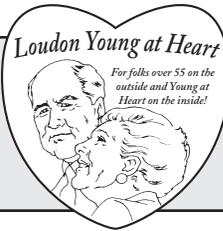
to a recycling center. This is especially great for anyone who receives junk mail since the average person receives 100 pounds of junk mail in the course of a year and that amount is almost tripled for businesses. It is so easy to set up bins in which mixed paper can be disposed at work and at home. You and your coworkers can contribute to this very easy and important recycling effort.

And don't forget - it's tax season - now is the time you will be going through all of last year's receipts, paperwork, etc... please protect yourself and shred all that important information that you don't need anymore. Then bring that bag(s) of shredded paper to the transfer station!



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.





Loudon Young at Heart

There were forty two (42) members from the Young at Heart that traveled to The Circle Restaurant for lunch February 12, 2013. It was a partly sunny, warm day with the snow melting. Of course the topic of discussion with many was the "big storm." Donna and Crystal served the group in good time. Valentine heart candy was passed out for all to enjoy.

On March 12th we will meet at Charlie's Barn at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts, bingo and games. People are welcome to bring a table game of their choice. CAP lunch will follow. We will also discuss the June trip.

Folks are asked to continue bringing canned goods and paper goods for the Loudon Food Pantry. ■

OBITUARIES

Bonnie J. (Littlejohns) Olson passed away Monday, February 4, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by family and close friends who loved her for being Bonnie.

She was born in Olean, NY and moved to Concord in 1960 and graduated from Concord High School in 1971.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 36 years Robert A. Olson; her two sons Joshua B. Olson of Loudon and Nathan E. Olson of Cape Neddick, ME; mother Jean L. Normand and husband Ralph Normand; a granddaughter Sydney M. Olson; one brother R. Thomas Littlejohns of Canterbury; three sisters, Donna M. Schoenfield of Concord, Deborah A. Thackeray and fiancé Jeffrey E. Lorden of Penacook, and Pamela K. Littlejohns and husband Calvin Magoon of Concord; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301 or New Hampshire Oncology Hematology PA, 250 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301. ■



Loudon Food Pantry News

Loudon Food Pantry Partakes in the 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 funds and some foods.

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. Without noting your donation, it can not be included in this challenge.

Year	Funds Collected	Food Collected
2010	\$1,120.00	\$1,331.00
2011	\$2,256.88	\$1,962.70
2012	\$4,488.06	\$1,339.27

Mr. Feinstein's challenge has helped to bring in donations that we would not normally receive during the slow months of March and April.

In 2012 our goal was exceeded by \$827.33. **Please help us surpass this year's goal of \$6,000.**

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)

Donations may also be made through our website at LoudonFoodPantry.org. 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.

- Loudon Post Office, Loudon — collects food & funds
- The Hungry Buffalo, Loudon — collects food & funds
- Beanstalk, Loudon — collects funds
- Red Roof Inn, Loudon — collects food & funds
- Care Pharmacy, Epsom — collects funds

Check out our website at LoudonFoodPantry.org 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.

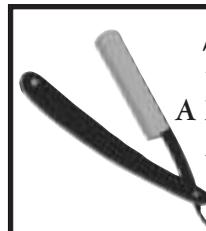
Gift of Lights Donation

This year we received 12,172.91 pounds of food from Gift of Lights. This food will help us keep our shelves stocked during our slower donation times. Thank you for your help!

Everyone, thank you very much for your continued support!

Sarah, Sue & Bill

April Deadline for The Loudon Ledger Friday, March 15, 2013



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Jim Bond — Russell Smith

A Corner Barber Shop 603-798-4084
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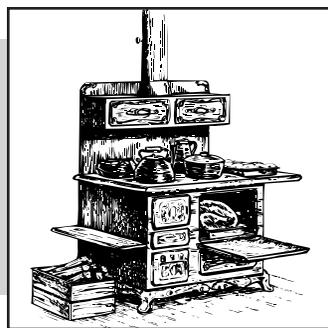
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What's Cookin'!

Jenn Pfeifer

This month: Girl Scout Cookie Yummies

The cookies are here! The cookies are here! Girl Scout Cookie season is here! If you are anything like me, you can devour a box of Samoas in about 15 minutes flat. However, if you bought your cookies in bulk and have them stashed in your freezer you might want to sacrifice a box or two and try some of these yummy recipes.

DO-SI-DOS ICE-CREAM TRUFFLES

Recipe from Southern Living

- 1 pt. vanilla ice cream
- 1 sleeve (11 cookies) Do-Si-Dos

Let ice cream stand at room temperature 15 minutes to soften. Meanwhile, line a baking sheet with parchment paper, and place in freezer. Process cookies in a food processor 1 minute or until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Pour cookie crumbs into a shallow dish. Scoop ice cream into small balls using a 1/4-inch ice-cream scoop, and roll in cookie crumbs. Arrange on prepared baking sheet in freezer. Freeze truffles at least 30 minutes or up to 24 hours.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you need additional cookies contact your local Girl Scouts — they've got plenty of cookies for sale. You'll want to hurry because they go quickly!

THIN MINTINI

By Jonathan Pelletier

- 2 oz. Kahlua
- 1 oz. Absolut Vanilla
- 1 oz. Bailey's Irish Cream Mint
- 1 oz. Green Crème de Mint
- 1 Thin Mint

Crumble cookie until powdery enough to stick to the rim of a chilled martini glass. Dip the rim in sugar water then in the crumbled cookie crumbs, coating the edges all the way around (or as desired). Then, shake the above ingredients in a martini shaker with ice and strain in a chilled martini glass.

TREFOIL TIRAMISU

By Amy Berry

- 2 boxes Trefoil cookies
- 1 1/2 cup strong espresso coffee
- 3 tablespoon Coffee liqueur (optional)
- 2 tablespoons Bailey's Irish Cream (optional)
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 1/2 cup Mascarpone cheese
- 1 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoon powdered sugar
- Grated chocolate for garnish

Blend coffee and liqueurs in small bowl and set aside. Place egg yolks, sugar, and vanilla in bowl and place over simmering water. Whisk constantly until custard-like. Do not overcook. Whip mascarpone cheese and slowly add egg mixture, beat until smooth. Place trefoils in the bottom of a 9" x 13" pan and pour coffee mixture over the cookies until very little liquid remains. Place cheese mixture over the cookies and refrigerate for 2 hours. Whip cream with vanilla and sugar to thick consistency. Pour over cookie mixture. Chill overnight. Garnish with grated chocolate.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER PIE

By Carroll Pellegrinelli

- 1 1/2 cups Tagalongs, crushed
- 5 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 package (3 1/2 ounce) vanilla pudding
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/3 cup peanut butter, creamy or crunchy

Early in the day combine crumbs and butter. Press into a 9-inch pie plate. Combine pudding and milk. Stir in peanut butter. Pour into pie shell. Keep in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

CHOCOLATE-COCONUT BROWNIES

By Carroll Pellegrinelli

- 1 chocolate 2-layer cake mix
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1 1/4 cups caramel sauce
- One 7-ounce box Samoas, crushed, divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease 9 x 13 pan. Completely combine cake mix, butter and evaporated milk. Pour half of the mixture in the pan. Bake for 6 minutes. Sprinkle milk chocolate chips over warm cake. Drizzle 3/4 cup caramel over chips. Next add 1/2 cookie crumbs. Top with the rest of the cake batter. Bake for 10 more minutes. Drizzle cake with 1/2 cup caramel sauce. Sprinkle the rest of the cookie crumbs on top.

CHOCOLATE-CHOCOLATE MINT CHEESECAKE

By Carroll Pellegrinelli

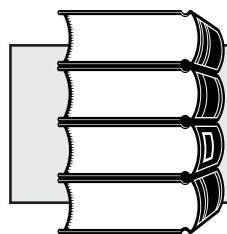
- 1 box Thin Mints, divided
- 5 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 8 ounce packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, melted and cooled
- 4 eggs

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Crush enough cookies to make 1 1/2 cups crumbs. Cut remaining cookies into quarters and set aside. Mix crumbs with butter and press into 9-inch springform pan. Bake for 10 minutes.

Beat cream cheese and sugar. Stir in extract and chocolate. Add eggs, one at a time. Combine until just blended. Stir in quartered cookies. Pour over crust. Bake 50 minutes to 1 hour or until all but very center is set. Run knife around edge of pan. Cool on wire rack. Once cooled remove pan rim. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net. ■





Between the Covers

By Kate Dockham

Let's Go To The Movies!

There are few things I enjoy more than a good book, but I am a sap for a good movie too. One of the most disappointing things for me is when I have read and enjoyed a book, then anxiously await for the movie version only to leave the theater less than enthused. The pinnacle of the experience, for me, was *The Bridges of Madison County*. This slim little volume by Robert James Waller about an average Midwestern housewife having an affair with a handsome stranger passing through town swept many of us away. The illicit relationship between Francesca and Robert is passionate and ill-fated as Francesca's husband is soon to return home. Waller's words on the page are tension filled and made the reader both laugh and cry. Like many, I was excited for the movie version. Meryl Streep embodied Francesca and while Clint Eastwood is a fine actor — he was not Robert Kincaid in my mind. As I had read Waller's book it was the deep voice of Sam Elliot in my head that spoke for Kincaid. This movie experience was a bust for me.

Surprisingly, it is not always the audience that is disappointed; it is sometimes the author of the book. Roald Dahl, author of many fantastic children's books, wrote a sequel to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Dahl would not sell the rights to *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*. This second tale takes Willie Wonka, Charlie Bucket, his parents and all four grandparents into outer space traveling in the glass elevator from Wonka's factory. The high spirited mayhem from the chocolate factory continues with my favorite new characters — the Vermicious Knids, a shape shifting race of aliens. Roald Dahl was unhappy with the 1971 film adaptation, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. He stated that the movie was "crummy," Gene Wilder's Willie Wonka was "pretentious" and the director had "no talent." I'm not sure what Dahl would have thought of Johnny Depp, but the author made sure the sequel would never reach film — at least during his lifetime.

The prolific writer Stephen King has had many box office successes and it will surprise fans to find out which one he was not happy with. One success both in novel and film version is *Carrie*. This was King's first book and tells the story of Carrie White. Carrie is bullied by the teenagers at school and at home she is treated as cruelly, if not worse, by her mother, a religious zealot. The bullies better watch out because when Carrie discovers her telekinetic powers she will use them against her tormentors. King writes this novel using traditional narrative and by writing in the form of newspaper articles, journals and scientific reports. Sissy Spacek portrays Carrie White in a remarkable performance and those of us who saw the movie in the late 70s never thought about a prom queen the same ever again! Director Brian De Palma took King's story, Spacek's performance and tied it all together with incredible movie making for a flick to remember. Many of us also relive Jack Nicholson's portrayal of Jack Torrance in *The Shining*, but it is this movie that King was not impressed with. In King's novel the antagonist is the Overlook Hotel itself. The hotel has a personality, a life of its own and it is that personality that takes Jack Torrance, who is on the verge of a breakdown, and throws him into the depths of insanity. In Stanley Kubrick's blockbuster adaptation of the novel, King was unhappy with Nicholson's performance. The author wanted it clear that Torrance wasn't crazy until he arrived at the hotel and believed that the actor made the character look crazy from the beginning. King also believed that Kubrick couldn't grasp the evil of the Overlook Hotel and looked instead to instill that evil into the characters. This, King felt, turned the movie into more of a domestic tragedy and less of the supernatural. But... we all remember, "Heeeeeere's Johnny!"

In a tragedy of another type, *Into the Wild* has outdoor writer Jon Krakauer investigating the life and death of Chris McCandless. In this true life story, college graduate and top student and athlete Chris McCandless abandons his possessions, gives away his savings and hitchhikes to Alaska. This is so he can live in the wilderness. Four months later McCandless is found, an emaciated corpse in an abandoned bus in the Alaskan Wilderness. Krakauer takes the reader through McCandless's last two years of life and examines his rebellion against his father and his abandonment of the privileged life he grew up with. This book is so not my normal go to

read, but it was the first book I read upon joining my book club. I loved it! Krakauer shows the intelligent, charismatic young man Chris McCandless was and the reader mourns the tragic loss of life when done. In the film version of this tale, Emile Hirsch plays Chris McCandless and you are connected with the character immediately. It is the kind of movie that has you sitting on the couch screaming, "No, don't!" while knowing he's going to anyway. Both the book and the movie version are a must!!

Of course, there are some classic book and movie successes. Who could ever forget Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh in *Gone with the Wind*? While this movie is a classic, the book is a deep foray into a society that no longer exists. Written by Margaret Mitchell in 1936, this Pulitzer Prize winning book showed the best and worst of the ante-bellum south. *Gone with the Wind* is a portrayal of the disillusionment and devastation of war, an indelible portrait of America's greatest political and moral conflict, and the myths that surround it. While I'll admit to reading the book many times as an adolescent girl, the details of history and place came together for me when I reread the tome as an adult. Of course Mitchell created many unforgettable characters: shallow and selfish Scarlett, sincere Melanie, moony-eyed Ashley, and the pragmatic, dashing, and rakish Rhett Butler — the Christian Grey of his days. But the one character Mitchell claimed to be from real life was Prissy, the maid. The movie, with much made about the love story between Scarlett and Rhett, also transports the viewer into the depths of war. No one ever forgets the scene when Scarlet wanders among the wounded in the Atlanta train yard; no one ever forgets the moment Melanie and Scarlet drag the body of the dead Federal soldier down the staircase, a step at a time. The book celebrated 75 years in 2011 and has sold more copies than the Bible. The movie, 70 years in 2009, is still an all-time box-office champ in terms of tickets sold and won 10 Academy Awards.

If you've already seen Gable play Rhett Butler — have you seen Gregory Peck play Atticus Finch? This true to the book, black and white movie tells of another time in our country's history with great moral conflict, the 1930's and the Great Depression. While the battles being fought were not on the battlefield, the scars left behind still run deep. Also a Pulitzer Prize winning book, *To Kill a Mockingbird* was the only book ever written by Harper Lee. In this book Atticus Finch is a small town lawyer and a single father to Scout, a tomboy, and her brother Jem. This small southern town has a cast of characters, like the elderly woman struggling to overcome her morphine habit before she dies or the town boogeyman, Boo Radley, who never comes out of his house. But life in the Finch house is thrown into disarray when Atticus defends a black man accused of raping a white woman. Lee's words are simply written, but her storytelling complex and riveting. Nominated for eight Academy Awards and winning three, including the Best Actor award for Gregory Peck, this seemingly slow moving film is filled with racial tension and childhood curiosity. Director Robert Mulligan massaged Lee's words into grace on screen.

I almost always enjoy the book better than the movie, yet I do believe the movie can be used to make a book more accessible to the reader. For instance, I have read *To Kill a Mockingbird* numerous times and very recently twice. Upon watching the movie, I felt I had a better understanding of Boo Radley — some say the most mysterious character in the story — the next time I read the book. In the same manner movies from the Harry Potter or Lord of the Rings series can make these stories easier for a younger reader to approach. Be honest, the first time you read Harry Potter, were you sure how to pronounce "Quidditch" or even "Hermione?" Simply making the decoding of unusual words routine can make a text less daunting. And Tolkien's description is vivid and mesmerizing, but he is wordy. Being able to watch a seventh grader read Tolkien's trilogy because he can occasionally think, "I remember that!" is amazing. So give a movie version a whirl, it could enhance the reader's enjoyment, yours or your child's.

Until next time, keep turning those pages... ■



Amanda Bullock of Loudon Named to the Fall 2012 Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire

Amanda Bullock of Loudon has earned Highest Honors for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

Students named to the Dean's List at UNH have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 are awarded Honors.

Congratulations Amanda! We are very proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad

**ATTENTION!
MAKE A NOTE!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

The Communications Council meetings will now be held on Tuesdays. A full schedule appears on page 2. If you'd like to join this group, please plan on attending a meeting.

Loudon Recreation Committee News

“Like” us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events.



At the time of this writing we certainly have plenty of snow so we are hoping to be able to hold the Winter Carnival event. It just hasn't happened yet so stay tuned in the April issue of *The Loudon Ledger* for photos of the fun — of course by then you won't want to see any more pictures of snow!

Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website know that after the publishing of the last *Ledger*, children's pottery classes were offered at Salty Dog Pottery during February school vacation week. Just a reminder — you never know what opportunities may come up so check frequently!!

ZUMBA FITNESS

Zumba classes continue, if you would like to participate in the next session, please contact Melissa at melissaminery@gmail.com Zumba is on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School with Tammy Gray, certified Zumba instructor. Cost is \$42 for the full 6-week session. Payment and sign up is on the first night of the session.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER CAMP!

Now we know it is early, but we also know that parents need to prepare for summer camps for their kids. Children's Stage Adventures will be back for the fifth year to offer theater camp for kids in kindergarten through high school. Save the date of July 29th through August 2nd for the camp and with an amazing performance on Friday night, August 2nd for all to enjoy. For more information about the Children's Stage Adventures program, visit their website at www.childrenstageadventures.org. The play this year is *Princess and the Pea*. The flyer for the camp is located on the website www.loudonnh.org.

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS

Okay, now you will be really happy. We are going to start thinking of those warm summer nights when you can come down to the recreation field and have fun with friends and neighbors or sit in a lawn chair or on a blanket to enjoy a performance. Remember enjoying a cool ice cream in the heat of the setting summer sun?? DOESN'T THAT SOUND NICE!! We want to hear from you about what you would like to see for performers or events for our Community Summer Fun Nights. What have you enjoyed in the past? What ideas for new performances do you have? Send a message on Facebook or come to a meeting and share.

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS

We are working on dates for Summer Swimming Lessons for kids at Clough Pond. Look for updates on the website and on the Loudon Recreation Facebook page between issues of *The Loudon Ledger*.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECREATION!!!

We are continuing our quest for more people who are interested in helping out in our community. Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We are in need of other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. This small group does quite a bit in town and we would like some fresh ideas. We meet once a month to discuss upcoming programming and ideas. If you aren't able to make a meeting but would like to share your ideas, suggestions or comments, please take a moment to fill out the survey on the website www.loudonnh.org We need to hear from many of you — please take a few minutes to jot down your thoughts and ideas or even better — come to the next meeting!! Recreation Committee meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library.

Remember to check the town website or Facebook between issues for updates and watch for updates in every issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. Thank you for your continued support! ■

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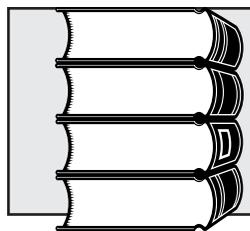
*Stop in or call 783-3372, ext. 1
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A SAMPLING OF THIS YEAR'S MENU ITEMS:

- ☞ **12-ounce Center Cut Sirloin Steak** with your choice of potato and LCC's own onion rings.
- ☞ **Marinated Steak Tips** with our hand-cut fries and homemade coleslaw.
- ☞ **Fish & Chips** prepared with succulent haddock fillet and our homemade coleslaw.
- ☞ **Special Deep Fried Ipswich Clams.** Our own recipe with LCC's hand-cut fries and homemade coleslaw.
- ☞ **Delicious Chicken Parmesan and Pasta** — so tender you can cut it with a fork!
- ☞ **Pasta and Meatballs** with homemade sauce prepared from an old family recipe.
- ☞ **Italian-style premium Veal Piccata or Veal Parmesan** with pasta.
- ☞ **LCC's Macaroni and Cheese** laced with delicious honey-baked ham.
- ☞ **Meat Loaf** cooked to perfection with mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetable.
- ☞ **Yankee Pot Roast with vegetables** — delicious and melts in your mouth.

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Maxfield Public Library News

LOUDON VILLAGE ARTS

Need inspiration to start working on art projects you have in mind? One way may be to hear and see Martha Butterfield, winner of the Best in Show vote at the 2012 LVA Fall Show, share her pastel painting techniques on March 6, at 7:00 p.m. The program is free and all are welcome to attend.

NH DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS CONSORTIUM

As e-readers become increasingly popular, the library's membership in the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium, aka Overdrive, becomes more and more valuable. Find free access to thousands of books at <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>. If you haven't done so already, call the library for the card number to use for your account.

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BOOK GROUPS

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Both a coming of age story and a journey of intellectual awakening, *Infidel*, a memoir by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, shines a light on injustice done in the name of religion. Join book group on March 21, at 7 p.m., to discuss the many issues raised in this book. Newcomers are welcome.

Classic Book Group

Fyodor Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment* plumbs the psychological depths of its characters while keeping a suspenseful plot line. The reader is taken inside the mind of murderer Raskolnikov as he struggles through stages of self-justification, fear, guilt, torment, and redemption. Book group will meet for discussion, at 2:30 p.m., on March 26, followed by a creative writing session.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Barry, Dave	<i>Insane City</i>
Binchy, Maeve	<i>A Week in Winter</i>
Bradley, Alan	<i>Speaking from Among the Bones</i>
Chevalier, Tracy	<i>The Last Runaway</i>
Conklin, Tara	<i>The House Girl</i>
Hamilton, Peter F.	<i>Great North Road</i>
Picoult, Jodi	<i>The Storyteller</i>
Richler, Nancy	<i>The Imposter Bride</i>
Todd, Charles	<i>Proof of Guilt</i>
Young, Wm. Paul	<i>Cross Roads</i>

Nonfiction

Collins, John J.	<i>The "Dead Sea Scrolls": A Biography</i>
Countess of Carnarvon	<i>Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle</i>
Duhigg, Charles	<i>The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business</i>
Gore, Al	<i>The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change</i>
Hill, Jenna Miscavige	<i>Beyond Belief: My Secret Life Inside Scientology and My Harrowing Escape</i>
Makos, Adam	<i>A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II</i>
Plump, Wendy	<i>Vow: A Memoir of Marriage (and Other Affairs)</i>

NEW DVDs

Alex Cross, Argo, Celeste and Jesse Forever, Flight, Madea Gets a Job, The Master, Men in Black 3, The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Peter Pan, Promised Land, Riding Giants, Robot and Frank, The Rosa Parks Story, The Sessions

STORY TIME

Story time starts the month of March by celebrating Dr. Seuss on the 5, 6, and 7. After listening to Dr. Seuss's *A, B, C*, the children will make a refrigerator magnet out of pasta that will resemble the famous hatted feline himself.

On March 12, 13, and 14, the children will hear *Boy + Bot* by Ame Dyckman and *If I Had a Robot* by Dan Yaccarino. In the craft time to follow, they will create their very own robot (some assembly required).

As the snow melts away during the month, many are faced with mud. Join us March 19 through the 21 as we read *Puddles* by Jonathon London and *Mud Puddle* by Robert Munsch. Be prepared to get dirty in the craft hour!

March 26, 27, and 28 brings us closer to Easter and our annual egg hunt. Before the story timers search for eggs in the children's room, we will read Ingrid and Dieter Schubert's *Bear's Eggs* and Alma Flor Ada's *Daniel's Mystery Egg*.

BOOK SALE

Part of the fun of poking around the library's book sales may be to see what your neighbors have donated! The selection is wide and the prices unbeatable. Stop by to peruse the latest batch on Saturday, March 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. For email notifications of sales, call Fran at 798-5153

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 16 FOR TOWN MEETING

Hope to see you there!

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Wednesdays	1–9 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m.–1 p.m.





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Monday, March 4, 2013 @ Brookside Pizza from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 2013 @ Brookside Pizza from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 2013 @ Brookside Pizza from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

T-ball, Coach Pitch, Majors and Minors

T-ball — \$30

Coach Pitch — \$35

Minors — \$45

Majors — \$45

Family Discount (Siblings): Two or more children — \$5 Off each registration. The date for Minor and Major try-outs will be given at sign-ups.

Four ways to register:

- You can request a registration form emailed to you from Breanne Mullen at MBMULLEN98@GMAIL.COM or call 603-496-4032.
- Online registration at our website LYAANH.org follow the link through Active Online Registrations.
- Mail registration form and check payable to LYAA to LYAA PO Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307
- Come to the above listed registration dates at Brookside Pizza.

Last day to have registrations in to LYAA to avoid \$25 late fee is Saturday March 16, 2013.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION FORM

Player's Name _____ D/O/B _____

Gender: ____ Age as of May 1, 2013: ____ Current Grade: ____

Mailing Address: _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Home/Cell #: _____ / _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Home/Cell#: _____ / _____

E-Mail address: _____

Check activity registering for:

- T-Ball (4–6 yr olds) Coach Pitch (6–8 yr olds)
 Minor Baseball (9–12 yr olds) Major Baseball (9–12 yr olds)

Team or Coach last season: _____

Our Baseball Program is run and maintained by VOLUNTEERS!! We need parent and/or family participation to offer a full program. Please choose one or more of the following volunteer positions:

- Field Maintenance
 Coaching. *Experience/Level* _____
 Umpiring. *Experience* _____
 Concession Stands
 Team Mom or Dad

Sponsor: _____

Team Level: _____

I hereby give permission for the above named child to participate in the Loudon Youth Athletic Association (LYAA) recreational baseball program. I agree to assume all risks incidental to participation in this program, including any risk resulting from transportation to or from activities. I further agree to release from liability, LYAA officers, coaches, and officials.

Parent or Guardians signature: _____

CUB SCOUT NEWS

We had a wonderful time at our blizzard-delayed Blue & Gold Banquet. The Blue & Gold banquet is the annual celebration of the birthday of the Boy Scouts. More than 62 boys and family members enjoyed a pot luck dinner and a spirited auction for homemade cakes. Proceeds from the auction go to the Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign to help the Daniel Webster Boy Scout Council provide quality programs to improve the lives of New Hampshire boys.

In mid-March the Cub Scouts and their families will join the Girl Scouts and their families for an evening of snow tubing at Gunstock Ski Resort in Gilford, New Hampshire. Watch the April *Ledger* for photos.

The boys are still painstakingly crafting their Pinewood Derby Cars. Our local Pinewood Derby will be held later this month at the elementary school. The top three racers from each den will advance to the District competition. Good luck boys!! Winners will be announced in the April *Ledger*.

Our pack is still in search of a few good volunteers. Open positions include, Registration Manager, Scout Event coordinator, and Uniform manager. There are also several Activity Coordinator positions open. If you are interested in volunteering with a truly fantastic group of boys and their amazing leaders, please contact Cub Master Josh Brien at 603-496-8139 or jbprop@aol.com or Committee Chair Juliana Brien at 603-496-9581 or towheadmama@comcast.net.

We are always looking for new Cub Scouts if you know a boy who would benefit from Scouting, please contact Cub Master Josh Brien at 603-496-8139 or jbprop@aol.com or Committee Chair Juliana Brien at 603-496-9581 or towheadmama@comcast.net.

Bear Den Update

This month, the boys visited the Loudon Police Station. Thanks to Officer Chris Burgess for taking time to talk and interact with the boys. Officer Burgess talked about police procedures and fielded lots of interesting questions. Each boy was given the opportunity to have his finger prints taken and to discern which of the the three main types of finger prints (loop, arch or whirl) he had. The boys had a great time! ■



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 for 4 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).

ENGAGEMENT



Frederick and Sandra Dehner of Nashua, NH along with William and Shirley Parker of Concord, NH are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Stephanie Marie Dehner and W. Kenneth Parker.

The bride is a graduate of Nashua HS and Rivier College. She is currently teaching third grade in the Winnisquam School District.

The groom is a graduate of Concord HS and Southern NH University. He installs and services security systems for Pelmac Industries.

The couple resides in Loudon, NH.

An August 3, 2013 wedding is planned at Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua. ■

SAVE THE DATE!

**Merrimack Valley High School
Music Boosters
2ND Annual
Golf Tournament
at
Loudon Country Club
Saturday, May 18, 2013**

Watch the Loudon Ledger for more information!



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I've Got Recycling Ideas to Share!!

I'll send my ideas to Steve (aka Dumpman)

loudonrecycles@comcast.net



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Loudon Girl Scout News

Girl Scout Cookie sales are in high gear! You will see Loudon Girl Scout troops at booth sales around Concord (Walmart & Sam's Club), at the TD Bank at 106 & 129 and maybe even at Town Meeting! Thank you to everyone for your support. The Girl Scout Cookie sales program gives the girls an opportunity to improve their financial literacy skills while they raise money for community service projects and other activities.

It's Not Too Early to be Thinking About Summer

Now that we've recovered from the Blizzard of 2013, it's time to turn our thoughts to the bright sunny days of summer. Before you know it, it will be time for shorts and flip flops and the kids will be out of school and looking for things to do. Girl Scout Camp is a fantastic way for your girl to make new friends, pursue interests or try something new, all in a safe, supervised environment AND at an affordable price. For more information about day and resident camps, visit <http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org>

Girl Scout Camp True or False

True or False:

You have to be in a Girl Scout troop to go to camp.
FALSE!

Many girls who attend camp are not involved in Girl Scouting year round. Girls can register as a member when they register for Girl Scout Camp. Why not invite a classmate from school, a cousin who will be visiting over the summer, or just friends from around Loudon to join you at Girl Scout Camp this summer?

True or False:

It's too late to register for camp.
FALSE!

We accept registrations for camp up until the week prior to each program. There are still spaces available at all of our day and resident camps. If you're interested in availability for a specific program or week, please call our office (888) 474-9686 and we're happy to discuss options with you.

True or False:

Our family can't afford it this year.
FALSE!

Financial aid is available for all girls living within our council jurisdiction (New Hampshire and Ver-

mont). Each application is carefully reviewed and we make a decision based on information provided—there is no minimum income requirement. Girls who sold cookies can also use their cookie dough towards the cost of camp.

True or False:

My daughter's not ready to go to camp on her own so we'll have to wait until she's older.

FALSE!

Every parent knows their child best, but Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mountains offers programs that are a good fit for any camper. Day camp programs for one or two weeks are a good introduction to camp. For those unsure about overnight camp, we have weekend family programs and a 4-day intro program at both camps. Girls and their families have the chance to visit the camps prior in the spring, so each girl can arrive with confidence in her environment.

True or False:

Girl Scout Camp is for girls looking to learn something, laugh with friends and have a great time this summer.

TRUE!

For more information and a list of programs visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

Volunteers Always Welcome!

Do you have a special skill, or a passion you want to share? Volunteers are always welcome to share a skill or hobby with a troop. Contact Amanda Masse at jaelmasse@comcast.net or 783-0227 to make arrangements. We also welcome new girl members at any time!

Brownie Troop 10955

Lynette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

England was the Troop's choice for World Thinking Day! The day was full of fun sharing information on the England Girl Guides, tidbits about England, and the food samples: crumpets and English gingerbread. The Troop shared the English barn dance with the attendees and all had a great time.

The girls are continuing with their Wonders of Water Journey and this month learning about water and the World. The regions in the World that has plenty of water and those regions that water is scarce. We



learned where our water comes from, a well, reservoir or river and where it goes after we've used it. We also learned that our body is 65% water and some foods that are mostly water — eating healthy “water” food versus drinking a glass of water. We ended this month discussing how we use water, such as a bath that will use 36 gallons of water or a 5-minute shower that will use 25 gallons of water. We're looking forward to learning more about water as we continue through our Journey.

Cookies have arrived and watch for us and our cookie booths stop by to say hello and buy a box to support the Troop. Thanks for your support!

Junior Troop 12083

Lynette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

The troop shared their knowledge of Korea with the attendees of World Thinking Day. Sharing the promise in Korean and English, information about the Girl Guides of the country, clothing, food, and animals of the country. A delicious Korean noodle stir fry was offered for a food sampling. The Troop had fun showing off their Gangnam Style dance moves!

Our Get Moving Journey had the Troop exploring the world of recycling this month. We learned that items like paper will decompose in 2–4 weeks, but plastic bottles take 450 years or more. Styrofoam takes one million years or more. We brainstormed ideas for sharing this information to the community to encourage recycling and discussed ideas for the community to “get moving” by using people energy. A couple suggestions would be to add a dog park to the community or a bike route. We'd love to hear ideas from the Loudon community of what you would like to see to help the residents to “get moving.” For fun, we recycled plastic bottles to create bird feeders and had fun creating electromagnets.

We'll be in Loudon and Concord at our cookie booths, so stop by to support our Troop! Thank you for your support.

Troop 10454

Debbie Latham and Cammy Nolin

The girls of Troop 10454 were busy in January preparing for World Thinking Day. We learned about life in Russia and created a beautiful display highlighting the Russian Girl Scout Association. We had a visit from scout mother Kristine Longver, who told us about her childhood in Latvia and taught us some words in Russian. The girls listened to Russian fairy tales and examined folk art *matryoshkas* (wooden nesting dolls) and *khokhloma* (lacquered bowls and boxes). They then created their own lacquered plaques, painting images of their favorite things, their names in Cyrillic or fairy tale themes. World Thinking Day was great fun as the girls presented their country





Senior Troop #12651

Advisors Amanda Masse & Marlene Martell

World Thinking day was a fantastic event! 73 Girl Scouts gathered for a trip “around the Girl Scouting World.” Thank you to all those who participated and to all the troops who worked so hard putting materials together for the event. We also want to thank Loudon Family Bible Church for donating the space for us to have the event. See the photos in this issue.

Cadette Troop 12641

The girls did a great job presenting the country of Malawi Africa at our World Thinking Day.

and taught the other scouts a few words in Russian. We also learned about several other countries and played games and learned dances with other Loudon troops. As part of their aMUSE journey, the girls will interview a woman in business in February. We’re excited to have Juliana Brien of SweetBee Cookies come talk about her work and answer questions about making cookies, marketing, and selling them, and running both a business and family. This will be a great way to get the girls thinking about how they will run their upcoming cookie booth — from marketing their booth, to the proper way to connect with customers, and even dividing duties. Come see us at Walmart on March 1 and 9 to see how we’re doing, and of course buy a few extra boxes of your favorite cookies!

Cadette Troop 12356

Advisors Cecile Merrill & Lysa Crouch

We finished our Special Agents badge and now we are deciding what to work on next. We shared information we researched on Jordan with attendees at World Thinking Day. We are busy with Girl Scout cookies and will have a booth sale at Sam’s Club in early March — hope to see you there. Keep reading what we are up to in the *Loudon Ledger*.



They wore their skirts and helped teach the game of “Wari,” which is similar to mancala, but played in holes in the ground. Our sweet potato cookies the girls rolled out and baked were big hit! Cookie sales started off with a bang for us as we served those Walmart shoppers on the 1st day of the season! To reward their hard work braving the cold and wind, they enjoyed a lunch at Friendly’s to celebrate. Thanks to all who support Girl Scouting with the purchase of cookies. You’ll see us around town until they’re gone — Get ‘em while you can!

Editor’s Note: If you find you have an over-abundance of Girl Scout cookies (although I don’t think you can ever have *too* many), check out the recipes on page 7 of this month’s *Ledger* for some unique ways to use up your cookies. ■

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Cookies, Cookies Everywhere!

This is what 2,513 cases of Girl Scout cookies looks like. That's 30,156 boxes! Cookies are delivered to the New Hampshire National Guard Armory where they are picked up by local Girl Scouts and distributed to the buyers. That's a LOT of cookies!



2013 Capital Area Student Leadership Program Winners Announced

The following Merrimack Valley High School students have been selected for the 2013 Capital Area Student Leadership (CASL) program sponsored by the Greater Concord Area Chamber of Commerce. The CASL program encourages high school sophomores from schools throughout the region to become active and effective participants and future leaders in their communities through exposure to the historical, cultural, environmental and civic aspects of Greater Concord.

This year's selection was especially competitive with 67 regional applications for only 26 spots.

1. Logan Kenney, daughter of Kristen & Joe Kenney of Penacook
2. Anna McFarlin, daughter of Jessica & Jack McFarlin of Penacook
3. Haley Puntin, daughter of Beverly & Anthony Puntin of Penacook
4. Noah Seltzer, son of Anne & Mark Seltzer of Loudon

We are also pleased to announce that we recently had 4 students recognized with Scholastic Writing awards:

1. Gerry Branscombe, son of Sheryl & John Branscombe of Penacook, won honorable mention for his short story "Distortion"
2. Elizabeth Drago, daughter of Michelle & Todd Drago of Loudon, won honorable mention for her Personal Essay/Memoir "No One Swims Face Down"
3. Melissa Gifford, daughter of Susan Gifford of Penacook, won honorable mention for her short story "Broken Rings And Things"
4. Emily Masse, daughter of Amanda & Jason Masse of Loudon, won honorable mention for her Personal Essay/Memoir "Is Platinum My Future?"

Congratulations, students! ■

Have You Registered For the 2013 LES PTA Golf Tournament Yet?

The second annual Loudon Elementary School PTA Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday June 1, 2013 at the Loudon Country Club. If you or your company are interested in playing, please contact Becky Herrmann at becky@handcut.com or 783-4257.

Are you interested in supporting the LES PTA?

A mailing has been sent to local businesses requesting sponsorship of the event or a hole, raffle prizes or sponsorship of a team. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please contact Becky Herrmann at becky@handcut.com or 783-4257. ■



**April
Deadline
for
The Loudon
Ledger
Friday,
March 15,
2013**

**What Can Be Recycled?
What's "trash"?**
I've Got Questions!!
I'll ask Steve (aka Dumpman)
at loudonrecycles@comcast.net



2013 DARE PIZZA NIGHT



WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013

WHERE: LOUDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TIME: Dinner served 5 - 6:30 p.m.
(includes Pizza, salad, dessert & beverage)

**RAFFLE IMMEDIATELY
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COST: \$3.00 Dinner Ticket



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News from MVSD

News from Loudon Elementary School

“A capacity, and taste, for reading, gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others. It is the key, or one of the keys, to the already solved problems. And not only so. It gives a relish, and facility, for successfully pursuing the [yet] unsolved ones.”

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

NECAP (State Testing)

Our current third, fourth, and fifth grade students participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) this past October. The results came back last week and the parents and guardians have received a letter with their child’s results. These assessments in math, reading, and writing (fifth grade only) are used in various ways. One is to measure the school’s progress under the No Child Left Behind Act. The assessments are given in the fall on the previous year’s curriculum. Consequently, a sixth-grade student is tested on the fifth-grade curriculum and so on through the various grade levels.

The table below compares the LES proficiency levels compared to MV’s district average and New Hampshire’s average. The term proficient, for these purposes, means the student has demonstrated expected levels of understanding in the subject. The information provided is our entire student population for each grade level.

NECAP Results: Fall 2012 Proficiency Levels

Grade	Group	Reading	Math	Writing
Grade 3	LES	90%	86%	Not Assessed
	MVSD	77%	70%	Not Assessed
	NH	78%	74%	Not Assessed
Grade 4	LES	71%	70%	Not Assessed
	MVSD	79%	76%	Not Assessed
	NH	78%	77%	Not Assessed
Grade 5	LES	83%	78%	64%
	MVSD	83%	75%	66%
	NH	77%	74%	58%
Grade 6	LES	91%	73%	Not Assessed
	MVSD	83%	68%	Not Assessed
	NH	79%	74%	Not Assessed

Information

We are registering students for 2013–2014 kindergarten. Students who are not at LES now and will be in first grade next year are also being registered. Please contact Mrs. Muzzey (783-4400). If you know any families who are eligible, please share this information.

The PTA will be hosting a golf tournament at the Loudon Country Club on June 1. It costs \$60 a golfer for 18 holes. Carts are part of the fee and there is a BBQ dinner included. During the dinner, the PTA will raffle off several prizes. I participated last year and had a great deal of fun. Considering I swung my clubs more than anyone else, I got my money’s worth. It’s not about ability, anyone can play. Please contact Becky Herrmann at 783-4257 to register your team or receive more information.

And a Chuckle to Finish...

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, “Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn’t do!” The mother exclaimed, “That’s terrible! I’m going to have a talk with your teacher tomorrow...by the way, what was it that you didn’t do?” The girl replied, “My homework.”

International Baccalaureate



In the photo above, second-grade students use non-fiction text to help them understand germs. The teachers provided the readings to help the students stay within the curriculum. Now that they have begun their research, the students will independently look (with teacher oversight) for alternative sources of information such as books from the library and educational websites. The students will eventually create a germ model, explain their germ and its effect on the body, and how the body will rid itself of the germ. The students will present their learning to their peers.



Part of each student’s learning experience at LES involves structured inquiry. The teachers facilitate the learning environment and empower the students to interact with their social and physical environment. The activities in the classrooms where this is occurring should be relevant, engaging, challenging, and significant. Through this process, the students will learn the content and gain social, communication, research, self-management, and thinking skills.

The next two reading captions are two recent examples of structured inquiry at LES.



In the photo above and to the left, fifth-grade students demonstrate inquiry towards gaining an understanding of Newton’s Laws of Motion. Through experiments, observations, and teacher guidance, students actively investigate force and motion. Through this process of inquiry all students were engaged and there was rich conversation throughout the whole activity. It took a lot of discussion and collaboration between students and the first idea soon led to another, but in the end, each class was able to accurately define Newton’s First Law of Motion.

by Tom Laliberte, Principal

News from MHVS

News From the Nurses Office:

The flu season is upon us, and we have seen an increase in illness in the health office. As a reminder: Students who have a fever or flu-like symptoms, should remain home for at least 24 hours after fever/symptoms have subsided (your fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medication). The Center for Disease Control is predicting a very busy flu season, so limiting exposure to those with the flu is essential. The information below as per The Center for Disease Control

HOW IS THE FLU SPREAD?

“Most experts think that the flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. A person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own eyes, mouth or nose.”

HOW LONG CAN A SICK PERSON SPREAD FLU TO OTHERS?

“People infected with flu shed virus and may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to about 5–7 days after getting sick. This can be longer in some people, especially children and people with weakened immune systems.”

WHAT ARE THE BEST TIPS FOR PREVENTION?

“A flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.” Cover coughs and sneezes (use tissues or use your arm), stay away from people that are sick, wash hands often with soap and water, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, keep surfaces clean by wiping them down with household disinfectant, stay home if you are sick.

FLU SYMPTOMS CAN INCLUDE

Fever (not everyone with flu will have a fever), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, sometimes diarrhea and vomiting.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> or call 800-CDC-INFO

Senior Project Showcase News:

Mark your calendars for March 20th from 6:00–8:00 p.m. as we showcase MV’s 2013 Senior Projects. This event is open to the community and is an excellent way for underclassmen and their families to see what the senior project is all about.

Community Judges needed for Senior Project: If you are interested in being a community judge for this year’s senior project and do not have a student in this year’s graduating class, please contact Carisa Cor-

row at ccorow@mv.k12.nh.us. Community judges must be available March 14, 2013 for training from 7:00–8:00 p.m. and on the morning of March 22, 2013 from 7:45–10:30 a.m.

National Honor Society News:

The National Honor Society had a successful Holiday Gift Fund campaign this year and is looking forward to its next fundraiser, Mr. MV being held April 18, 2013. More details coming soon!

Unified Basketball Team News:

Merrimack Valley High School will be participating in the NHIAA “Unified Basketball” league during the winter athletic season (2012–2013). The Unified program is an NHIAA “varsity” team that is co-sponsored and grant funded through Special Olympics. The concept of the program is to match students with and without disabilities (students with disabilities are referred to as: Unified Student Athlete and students without the disabilities are referred to as: Unified Student Partner), hopefully resulting in new relationships being formed. The program also gives students with disabilities an opportunity to experience athletics at the high school level. The MV team will play a schedule consisting of games against other high schools and will have an opportunity to compete in a state tournament. We are very excited about this opportunity and believe this program will be a great experience for all MV students participating. Go MV Unified!

Music Department News:

Congratulations to the following students for making NH All State Music Festival, April 11–13 in Concord, NH: Abby Blake, Mixed Choir; Aliza Cilley, Women’s Choir; Claire Guimont, Women’s Choir; Skylar

Nesheim, Mixed Choir; Chris Fall, Mixed Choir

Guidance News:

Happy New Year and best of luck in the new semester! The end of Fall Semester and start of Spring Semester offers the chance for a fresh start! This is a great time to reflect on what has gone well so far this school year, and what has not gone well. If changes need to be made in terms of effort, study habits, organization, etc., now is an ideal time to make those changes and get set up for a successful spring semester!

Sophomores. On January 15th, all sophomores attended a presentation on the Concord Regional Technical Center (CRTC). Programs at the center include Auto Technology, Construction Technology, Information Technology, Health Science, Exploring Teaching, Criminal Justice, Graphic Arts, Cosmetology, and Culinary Arts. These are career focused programs for serious students who know what they want in their futures. Applications are available in guidance, and a tour of the programs is scheduled for February 5th. Sign up by turning in a permission slip for the tour!! The applications are considered and scored based on several factors, including attendance records, an essay, conduct, grades, and recommendations. For more info go to theartc.net. Sophomores are reminded to complete 24 hours of community service. This is required to pass to grade 11 next year!

Juniors. ASVABS are coming up in March! This test, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, is a great way to help explore career options and match skills and interests to appropriate career paths. Stay tuned for announcements!

Seniors. many new scholarship opportunities have been added to the MV website — check it out today, and keep checking it every week or so for

some great chances to win money to help pay for college!

Attention Juniors! The Center for College Planning is hosting a workshop, “Destination College,” for all college bound juniors on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Plymouth State University. Sessions include information on the college admissions process, how to choose a college major, the role of standardized testing and NCAA athletics. This is a great opportunity to visit a college campus and speak with college admission representatives.

Pre-registration is required and begins February 1st. For more information visit www.destinationcollege.org or see Ms. Mercier in guidance.

Key Club News:

The KEY Club sponsored its 2nd Annual Winter Blowout, on Saturday, February 9th from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. We hosted a number of vendors including handmade jewelry, woodcraft, painters and many other handcrafted products. We also welcomed representatives from Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia, 31 Gifts, and Tupperware. We had our KEY Cafe again this year, with warm food and drink for sale! The Cafe was a hit for the “Lunch crowd” last year. We want to thank everyone for supporting our event!

The Merrimack Valley Parent Resource Group hosted the presentation “Learning Differences: Navigating the College Process” on Thursday, February 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Presenters were Beverly Boggess, Disabilities Coordinator at NH Technical Institute and Kiki Moore-Vissing, Outreach Program Coordinator for NHHEAF. This presentation provided parents and students with information about how to apply for and access disability accommodations and services at the college level. Materials were available to help students apply for disability services and understand their options

for education beyond high school. Parents and high school students were strongly encouraged to attend! For more information contact: Maureen Gross-O’Brien, Special Ed Administrator at 753-1406 or mgross@mv.k12.nh.us.

Art Department News:

Please congratulate the following students for earning recognition in the 2012–13 Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire. Although we had a modest number of entries this year, 4 of the 8 students who submitted work earned recognition. Melina Caron, Logan Graham and Trevor Warren all earned an Honorable Mention for their individual submissions. Samantha Loeser earned a Silver Key for her individual work and Trevor Warren earned a Gold Key for his Senior Portfolio.

Up Coming Events:

- 3/7 Annual School District Meeting and Budget Vote, 7:00 p.m., MVHS Auditorium
- 3/11–3/16 Winter Carnival Events
- 3/15 Winter Carnival Dance, 7:00–10:00 p.m.
- 3/13 Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 3/8 Red Cross Blood Drive for Students
- 3/19 Instrumental Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 3/20 Senior Project Evening Showcase, 5:30–8:00 p.m.
- 3/22 Senior Project Presentations, 8:00–11:00 a.m. ■

Time to Shine: Speedway Star Search Continues to March 13

Contestants compete to sing national anthem at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

The Speedway Star search begins, again. Magic Mile officials announced on Monday that it has begun accepting entries for the fourth annual national anthem singing competition from all New England area singers.

The Speedway Star competition will be held during the FANTasy Drive Open House on Saturday, March 30 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Prospective contestants are asked to submit a DVD, CD, .wav file or .mp3 file of them singing “The Star Spangled Banner” a cappella style (without music or other accompaniments).

Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday, March 13 at 5 p.m.

A total of 15 participants will be chosen and invited to take the FANTasy Drive stage in front of local personalities, who will serve as judges for the

event – including emcee Mark Ericson from “The Morning Waking Crew with Mark and 2K” on WOKQ. The contestants will be competing for two spots to sing in front of thousands of fans at either the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Town Fair Tire 100 on July 13 or the F.W. Webb 100 on Sept. 21.

Previous winners of the Speedway Star competition include Alexandra Wentworth of Rollinsford, N.H., in 2011; and Jillian Marie Cardarelli of Haverhill, Mass., in 2012. Last year, 12-year-old Emma Joanis impressed New Hampshire Motor Speedway’s executive vice president and general manager Jerry Gappens so much that he invited her back to sing the national anthem at last July’s NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

The FANTasy Drive Open House will drop the green flag on the New Hampshire Motor Speedway season for the fourth straight year. The free event

gives fans VIP access to the facility, including the infield garage area, race control and Chairman of the Board Bruton Smith’s suite. There will also be appearances from drivers of local series, music and entertainment. The speedway’s mascot, Milo the Moose, will host his traditional egg hunt for children.

Fans are also able to take their own cars onto the track for three laps. Anyone that has purchased a 2013 ticket to a NASCAR event at the Magic Mile will have the opportunity to participate in the drive. Fans may also take three additional laps with a \$25 donation to Speedway Children’s Charities.

For more information and for rules and regulations please click here http://www.nhms.com/documents/2013_speedway_star_-_official_rules.pdf or for an entry form click on the following link <http://www.nhms.com/speedwaystar>. ■



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The Community Pride Link: The School Budget

By Troy Cowan, MV School Board

School District budgets are put together throughout the Fall in a series of public meetings between the Board Finance Committee and the district administration. The Board looks at areas of increase or theoretical decrease, that are more or less not in our control. An example is the amount of money we put into the New Hampshire Retirement System on behalf of our employees. The percentage the district must pay is mandated by the state and so is not in our control. If the state raises the rate, the district is obligated to pay it. The **options** we have for dealing with that increase are:

- Try and offset increases either partially or in total through cuts in other area of the budget.
- Let the total budget increase, which means passing on that cost to us, the local property taxpayers.

The largest of these types of increases occur in the area of salaries and benefits. Previous to the economic downturn, multi-year agreements with each of the three bargaining units were typical. If the agreements contain salary increases — voted upon at the annual school district meeting — these increases are applied to the budgets in the successive years. Health insurance rates are another area where rate increases are not in the school board's control.

This year we are hit with:

- Retirement (downshifted by the State)
- Salary (agreed to by contract)
- Health insurance increases

Last year the board proposed, and the voters approved, two-year agreements for both teachers' and administrators' bargaining unit. The 2013–2014 budget includes the cost of the second year of those two agreements. The cost of those two combined comes to around \$450,000. Also, health insurance costs are going up due to a rate increase by the district's insurance provider, School Care. That increase comes to about \$220,000. Lastly, as you have probably seen in the papers, the State of NH Retirement System has raised the employer contribution rates paid into the retirement system. That rate increase will cost the district an additional \$450,000 in this budget. So the total of these three increases comes to about 1.2 million dollars.

- \$450,000 = Retirement
- \$220,000 = Health Insurance
- \$450,000 = Contracts

Total of \$1,200,000 increase to budget

Given those increases and given where the budget stands now, having gone through the lean years of the Great Recession, the board has elected to let these increases stand, for the most part, and hold the rest of the budget to a **zero increase**. I say "for the most part" because we have **cut** the rest of the budget by about **\$213,000**. This results in a total increase in this budget of just under \$1,000,000, or just under 3%.

For the last few years we have been striving to keep budget increases to a minimum by cutting where we could, by reducing staffing levels through attrition, and by putting off purchases that we would normally make. At this point, we have what we would call a bare bones budget; all the fat has been removed.

Some examples of budget reductions

In the 2009–2010 school year, we **cut 11 positions** throughout the district, which results in larger class sizes and a smaller number of offered electives at the high school.

Supplies for the athletic programs have been **reduced by 30%** over the past 4 years.

Cost Cutting Impacts

Cut payment for tuition fees for Project Running Start courses which allow students to take courses at NHTI and receive college credits.

Eliminated our District Summer Reading program.

Put off purchasing athletic uniforms at the middle and high school.

Put off infrastructure and technology repairs and upgrades.

The non-salary, non-benefits portion of the budget has been especially hit hard over the last few years. From the 2008–2009 budget to the 2009–2010 budget, non-salary, non-benefits was reduced by around \$15,000. The cuts have occurred annually since then.

Non-salary, non-benefit cuts 2008–2013

2009–10 — cut by \$15,000

2010–11 — cut by almost \$800,000

2011–12 — cut by over \$500,000

2012–13 — cut by \$950,000

Total cuts: \$4,265,000

The non-salary, non-benefits portion of the budget in 2008–2009 was about \$12,000,000. By the 2012–2013 school year, that figure had been reduced to \$9,700,000. **That is a 20% reduction.**

At this point, to try and find other significant savings from this area would require damaging cuts. There are certain areas where we just cannot cut. We have to put gas into our busses. We have to turn the lights on in the classrooms. So the kind of cuts to non-salary, non-benefits programs we would have to make in the budget as it exists today would be the elimination of extra-curricular activities, and the elimination of vocational education, the wellness center, football, band, and so on.

The school board must be responsible, as unfortunate and painful as a 3% increase to the budget is to all of us, and we recognize that it is; the board does not feel that we can find any more cuts without further damaging the quality of education provided by the district to our children.

We have received a good deal of feedback this year, more so than usual, from citizens of our towns who are concerned about the rising costs of education. For example, some folks from Salisbury have started an organization called the Salisbury Education Committee, and one of their main focuses is on how we can reduce the cost of education. The school board and administration has also met recently with the selectmen from our five towns, in which education costs was probably the most discussed issue. In that meeting, we were challenged by one of the Salisbury selectmen to bring in a level funded budget for this year.

I can tell you that we hear those concerns and we sympathize with them. It is true that the education portion of our property tax bills is the largest individual portion. It is true that the school budget goes up every year almost without fail, and for the most part it seems like we keep getting the same product for that money. But educating our kids is a critical, necessary investment that we as a community are ultimately responsible for doing. And school budgets do go up every year; not just at Merrimack Valley, and not just across New Hampshire, but across the entire nation. This is a fact of life that no one likes, but is a fact nonetheless. Inflation hits school districts like everyone else. Special Education costs continue to rise. School employees expect raises like most people during normal economic times. When times are bad, like they have been, states tend to downshift costs. The fact is, it does take a little more money every year to keep our schools running effectively. If we tried running the

district with zero increase budgets, the quality of education would decrease and become substandard.

What we can do, is what districts all over the country try to do, and that is to strike the best balance between offering a high quality education, and not unduly overburdening the taxpayers. We are proud of Merrimack Valley. Our graduates go on to the military and the best colleges in the country. Our employees have earned honors for Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year, Nurse of the Year, Superintendent and Athletic Director of the Year. We have a good district. ■

Concord And Area Not-For-Profit Organizations Receiving Gift Of Lifesaving Equipment

Local schools, Concord city offices and several not-for-profit public gathering locations are receiving special gifts in February during heart health month — gifts that may save lives.

In 2002, Concord Hospital's Annual Challenge Scramble Golf Tournament raised funds to outfit area not-for-profit sites where large numbers of people gather (for example: high school gyms, YMCA, Capital Center for the Arts) with automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) with the goal of saving more lives. Thirty-five AEDs were placed through that effort and now, as part of a unique fundraising partnership with those organizations that received an AED in 2002, Concord Hospital Trust is delivering new, up-to-date Lifeline AEDs to replace the AED that they currently have.

AEDs are used to restore regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States with over 300,000 people suffering from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. Sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the electrical system to the heart malfunctions and suddenly becomes very irregular causing the heart to beat dangerously fast. In the first few minutes, the greatest concern is that blood flow to the brain will be reduced so drastically that a person will lose consciousness. Death can follow unless emergency treatment is begun immediately.

Emergency treatment for sudden cardiac arrest includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation. CPR is a manual technique using repetitive pressing to the chest and breathing into the person's airways that keeps enough oxygen and blood flowing to the brain until the normal heart rhythm is restored with an electric shock to the chest, a procedure called defibrillation. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background, especially when time is of the essence.

The Lifeline AED semi-automatic defibrillator is technologically advanced enough to include all critical features necessary to provide the most advanced treatment for sudden cardiac arrest. The AED is simple and unthreatening to use so that even non-medical personnel can effectively save lives.

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Magic Mile To Give Away 10 Toyota Cars, Over \$250,000 In Prizes

Fans to take part in game show-themed pre-race prior to the New Hampshire 300 on July 14

What's behind curtain number one? That's what fans attending the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series New Hampshire 300 at the Magic Mile on July 14 will be asking. Today in the Expo Center at the Radisson Hotel, New Hampshire Motor Speedway officials unveiled the "Toyota Wheel and Deal Pre-Race Show," which will transform this summer's frontstretch and pre-race stage into the world's largest game show.

A scaled-down version of "Wheel and Deal" was played today, where fans won cash prizes, various NASCAR gear and the ultimate door prize — an opportunity to be one of the 43 contestants to play for a chance to win 10 new Toyota cars on July 14.

In the past, fans have watched pre-race concerts, acts and various entertainment performers as part of the pre-race festivities. This year, fans will be part of the pre-race celebration. Not only do 43 select fans have a chance to drive away with a new car, but any fan on hand for the New Hampshire 300 will have the opportunity to take part in this historic Magic Mile event.

"Our goal is to make New Hampshire Motor Speedway the destination for 'wow' for our fans," said Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager for the speedway. "This interactive fan pre-race sweepstakes is unprecedented in professional sporting events. With more than \$250,000 in cars and prizes to be given away to fans, it definitely adds the 'wow factor' to our ongoing 'Fans First' initiative."

Contestants will be playing for prizes worth more than \$250,000, including a case of Miller Lite per month for a year, products from September race sponsor SYLVANIA, Team O'Neil Rally School driving opportunities, a quart of Gifford's Ice Cream per week for a year, racing merchandise, passes to an exclusive driver's meeting and much more. But certainly it will be the 10 sparkling new 2013 Toyotas that will have the fans' undivided attention. The cars will be given away through a variety of different games that will be loosely based on popular TV game shows with a racing twist.

With media, speedway officials and even the honorable Ted Gatsas, Mayor of Manchester, looking on, fans were given a small taste of this summer's pre-show event today. The Valentine's Day show was hosted by Jose Castillo, who will channel his inner Bob Barker again in July.

Contestants received everything from a personalized Valentine from Magic Mile mascot Milo the Moose to a New Hampshire Speedway T-shirt and hat to a tortoise. Tudor, a 15-year-old Sulcata Tortoise from the W.I.L.D. Center & Zoological Park of New England, was on hand, serving as a gag gift.

The big winner today, however, was Marlo McDaniel of Manchester, N.H. McDaniel was one of five contestants to join Castillo on stage to reveal their hidden prize. McDaniel uncovered a miniature Toyota car, signifying her inclusion as the first of 43 contestants to take part in July's "Toyota Wheel and Deal Pre-Race Show."

"This is just amazing, I'm so excited," said McDaniel, who has attended every NASCAR race at NHMS for the last seven years. "I was looking forward to the race before, but now I can't wait for it to get here. I need a car, too, so it works out perfect."

The remaining 42 contestants will be chosen at random after the April 15 deadline. Fans who have already purchased tickets and those who buy tickets to the New Hampshire 300 between now and April 15 will be automatically entered. Non-purchase registration will also be available. A full list of the rules will be available on www.nhms.com.

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Concord Hospital Trust is currently funding the majority of the cost to replace all of the AEDs deployed in 2002 — asking each location to contribute only \$240 per replacement AED. Organizations may give the \$240 outright, provide in-kind support valued at that amount or hold a mini-fundraiser.

Area locations currently scheduled to receive a new AED include: Bishop Brady High School, Bow High School, Boscawen Elementary School, Capitol Center for the Arts, Chichester Central School, City of Concord, Coe-Brown Academy, Concord Fire Department, Concord High School, Dunbarton Elementary School, Epsom Central School, Henniker Community School, Hillsboro-Deering High School, Hopkinton High School, John Stark Regional High School, Loudon Elementary School, Merrimack Valley High School, Pembroke Academy, Pittsfield High School, YMCA – Concord

For more information on securing an AED for your organization, contact Concord Hospital Trust at (603) 227-7000 ext. 3076. ■

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- **THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013**
Annual School District Meeting and Budget Vote. MVHS Auditorium. Vote for School Board Members at 6 p.m. School meeting and budget discussion begins at 7 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013**
8 a.m.–7 p.m. Vote for Town Officials and Zoning Amendments. Polls located at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013**
9 a.m. Annual Town Meeting at the Elementary School. Vote on warrant articles and budget.

Pay Your Property Taxes Online

Loudon Property Owners:

Beginning on March 5th you can access detailed property tax balance & payment information as well as pay your property taxes online — 24 hours a day — by visiting the Tax Collector's kiosk.

For more information go to www.loudonnh.org under the heading of **TAX COLLECTOR**



(L to R) 2013 Merrimack County 4-H Senior Horse Quiz Bowl Team: Katelyn Leonard (18) Loudon, Erin Barrett (17) Loudon, Holly Testerman (14) Chichester, and Courtney Duclos (14) Pembroke

New Hampshire Youth Compete in Horse Quiz Bowl

Forty-five New Hampshire youth recently competed at the New Hampshire 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl in Belmont. Horse Quiz Bowl is a knowledge competition where contestants demonstrate their smarts by answering horse-related questions.

Division Winners Lizzie Morris of Swanzey received top honors in the senior individual division. Holly Testerman of Chichester came in second, and Amber Edmonds of Pepperell, MA placed third.

Kelly Regan of Hudson took top honors in the junior individual division. New Boston's Madeline Short came in second and Maddie Powers of Keene placed third.

Morris said, "4-H Horse Quiz Bowl has helped me become a more knowledgeable horse person as it has given me a place to really put my knowledge to the test and really see what I know. It has enabled me to become motivated to read the sources and retain the information. Although I get a lot of experience from doing tasks at the barn, Quiz Bowl has given me a chance to explore deeper and learn more than just my discipline of driving."

Team Winners

In the team competition, Merrimack County took first place as the senior team. Team members included Erin Barrett, Loudon, NH, Holly Testerman, Chichester, NH, Katelyn Leonard, Loudon, NH, and Courtney Duclos, Pembroke, NH, with Andrea Galliher coaching.

Cheshire County, coached by Sue Lawson-Kelleher, placed second. Team members included Connor Greenwood, Keene, NH, Lizzie Morris, Swanzey, NH, Nick Shepard, Keene, NH, and Kaitlyn Roberts, Peterborough, NH. The combined Rockingham-Coos County team placed third. Coached by Diane Post, team members included Courtney Schrempf, Fremont, NH, Jackie Johnson, Brentwood, NH, and Megan Allin, North Stratford, NH.

Coach Liz Short and Hillsborough County contestants Kelly Regan, Hudson, NH, Lexi Thieret, Nashua, NH, Karrie Cormier, Manchester, NH, and Maria Young, Mont Vernon, NH placed first in the junior team competition.

It took multiple rounds of tie-breakers, sudden deaths and a double-elimination match before the combined Coos-Hillsborough County team of Amie Weagle, Groveton, NH, Christine Asher, Maidstone, VT, Madeline Short, New Boston, NH, and coach April Allin took second place. The Merrimack County team of Joy Planchet, Loudon, NH, Brannigan McNeil, Loudon, NH, and Brittany Leonard, Loudon, NH — with Stacey McNeil coaching — placed third in the junior team competition.

About New Hampshire 4-H The 4-H. Youth Development program brings positive learning experiences to New Hampshire youth between the ages of five and 18 through after-school activities, camps, teen conferences, and other events aimed at expanding knowledge and encouraging community engagement and leadership. New Hampshire 4-H is administered by UNH Cooperative Extension. For more information, visit www.extension.unh.edu. ■

Sign The Kids Up For Barry Conservation Camp!

Overnight Camp Programs For Youth Age 8–16 In Milan, N.H.

Winter winds are blowing, but it's already time to make summer camp plans for the kids. Barry Conservation Camp in Milan, NH, is a place where kids can have fun while getting outdoors and active. Registration is now underway for 2013 camp programs for youth (boys and girls age 8–16) at Barry Camp. A weekly, overnight summer camp operated by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Barry Camp is ideal for youth who enjoy hands-on learning about outdoor skills and the environment.

To select camp programs and register, visit <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm> email 4Hcamps@unh.edu or call 603-788-4961.

2013 summer programs at Barry Conservation Camp:

4-H Shooting Sports: June 23–28, 2013. Ages 10–16. Cost: \$485

Join us for a week centered on the NH 4-H Shooting Sports program. Certified instructors will help youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, and the basic principles of hunting. Previous shooting sports experience is preferred, but not essential.

Mini-Camp: June 30–July 3, 2013. Ages 8–12. Cost: \$285

Mini-Camp is perfect for first-timer campers and younger children! This abbreviated session will include 3 nights and 4 days. Campers will enjoy our caring staff who will introduce them to many fun and exciting camp activities. Learn about nature, try your hand at crafts, explore outdoor games, sing around the campfire... this week has it all.

Fish Camp: July 7–12, 2013. Ages 10–16. Cost: \$485

Come along and catch the big one! Novice anglers will learn the basic skills and equipment needed to get started fishing while campers with more experience will work on improving their fishing skills and exploring the finer details of the angling world. Campers will also hike, swim, canoe, create campfire skits and enjoy a host of other great activities.

4-H on the Wild Side I: July 14–19, 2013. Ages 10–16. Cost: \$485

Experience the great outdoors! Create a meal from gathered plants, fillet a fish and cook it over an open fire, sleep under the stars, climb a mountain, swim in a pond, create nature crafts, and more. Experience a week of exciting outdoor adventures.

Hunter Education: July 21–26, 2013. Ages 12–16. Cost: \$485

Join N.H. Fish and Game Department Hunter Education staff, volunteer instructors and camp counselors to learn and practice safe, responsible and ethical hunting. If a camper wishes to be eligible for hunter education certification at the end of the week, then some homework must be completed prior to coming to camp.

North Country Adventure: July 28–August 2, 2013. Ages 12–16. Cost: \$485

Get ready for a fantastic week of exciting outdoor adventure. This week will focus on building your woodcraft skills. Campers will track wildlife, go on a canoe or backpacking adventure, learn about trapping, practice survival skills, navigate with compass and GPS, practice hunting skills, and more. There will be plenty of fishing and shooting sports too.

Support Barry Camp: Located in the White Mountain National Forest, Barry Conservation Camp provides a close-knit community for 38 campers and 11 staff. Newly renovated cabins each house 7 campers and a counselor. Help ensure Barry Camp is here to connect future generations with the outdoors by contributing to the Barry Camp Fund. Additional improvements and an endowment campaign are underway to ensure that Barry Camp will always be here to nurture new generations of outdoors enthusiasts and conservation-minded citizens. Learn more at <http://www.wildnh.com/barrycamp>.

Sponsor a camper: Although Barry Conservation Camp is competitively priced, many families find it challenging to finance a week at camp. Fortunately, there is a long camp tradition of individuals and organizations providing "camper-ships" to Barry Conservation 4-H Camp. Check out our sponsorship brochure at <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Coos/Docs/campershipflyer2013.pdf> or call 603-788-4961 if you'd like to learn how to help send a youngster to camp. ■



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University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Offerings

The UNH Cooperative Extension is an excellent resource for all NH residents. The Extension offers numerous classes all over the state and most are either free or very low cost. Below are some of the classes during the next four months.

Scale Inspections and Certification

Merrimack County Extension Office
315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH
Wednesday, March 20, 2013. 1:00 – 3:30 PM

The NH Division of Weights & Measures will be holding this scale clinic for anyone who sells agricultural products or uses a scale(s) commercially at Farmer's Markets or at a Farm Stand in the state of New Hampshire.

Inspection & certification is free to growers who have three or fewer scales with a capacity of 100 lbs. or less, and no other commercial devices. In addition to the inspection, Weights and Measures staff will also be available to answer questions with regards to method of sale, taking a tare and applying for a license.

For detailed directions, call Mary West at 796-2151 at the Extension office.

If you are unable to make it to the March 20th clinic or you have questions, please call the NH Division of Weights & Measures at 603-271-2894 or check the Weekly Market Bulletin for other times and locations.

Directions: First little white building on left, in front of Merrimack County Nursing Home and across from the County Jail.

Miles Smith Farm SARE Research Extending the Grazing Season by Planting and Harvesting with Cows (Research Results)

McLane Audubon
84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH
Saturday, March 30, 2013 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Traditionally, cattle in New England graze only 4–6 months of the year. The other 6–8 months they are fed mechanically harvested feedstuffs. High fossil fuel prices and increased grain prices have made extending the grazing season an increasingly desirable alternative to feeding these animals through some of the winter. Brassicas and winter ryes have been recognized as high quality energy forages that can be grown well into our early winter. Mechanical planting of these forages is often impossible or difficult on some of our marginal land that is commonly utilized by farmers to pasture herbivores. This SARE project focused on “Mob Grazing” whereby hoof action of animals was used to plow the land instead of a tractor, readying it to plant forages to extend the grazing season. MIG Grazing was then used to extend the grazing season of the herd of beef cattle from Miles Smith Farm.

At this presentation, Carole Soule and Bruce Dawson of Miles Smith Farm will provide a detailed review of the plowing, harrowing, planting, and grazing used in this project, as well as weight gains and other pros and cons that were discovered over the season. This presentation is free and open to anyone interested in using methods to extend their grazing season. For more information, call Dot Perkins at 796-2151.

Directions to the Audubon: Take I-89 in Concord to Exit 2 for Clinton Street/Route 13. Go left off the ramp (Same direction for both ramps). Turn right at first blinking light, onto Silk Farm Road. Entrance to Center is on the left (watch for sign).

This project is supported, in part, by the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program. SARE is a program of the National Institute of Food & Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture. SARE provides

money for on-farm research. The reports from these projects are on-line and SARE funds people in each state to promote sustainable agricultural practices as they see fit in their states. Visit Northeast SARE at www.nesare.org.

Dairy Goats: Safe Milk Handling

Merrimack County Extension Office
315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH
Thursday, March 28, 2013. 6–7 p.m.

Space is limited. Please call 796-2151.

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Raising a Piglet In Your Backyard

Merrimack County Extension Office
315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH
Thursday, April 18 and Thursday, April 25. 6–8 p.m. Can go to one or both sessions.

The cost for this workshop is \$15/person/session or \$20/couple/session. Space is limited and registration required: www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=11608. If you have questions, please call 796-2151 or email: Merrimack.agext@unh.edu.

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Buying and Producing Good Quality Hay

Merrimack County Extension Office
315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH
Tuesday, May 14, 2013. 7:30 p.m. John C. Porter, UNH Extension Professor/Specialist, Emeritus

Buying or producing good quality hay is an art and a science. Livestock need hay which is nutritious for growth and production, and good quality hay will reduce the amount of grain that needs to be supplemented.

To the untrained eye, hay is hay; however, there are great variations in nutrient quality. Looking at stage of growth, leafiness, color, etc., can be ways of evaluating hay and distinguishing good from bad.

There are also a lot of tricks to the trade in producing good hay. Many advances in science and hay-making equipment have made hay-making a more precise art.

Come to this session to learn more about hay.

To register for this free workshop, call 796-2151 or email: merrimack.agext@unh.edu.

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B&B Syrup. Barton & Bowles
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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. www.dscolegrowers.com
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
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www.ledgeview-greenhouses.com

Liliana Flower Farm
140 Beck Road. *Perennials and pesticide-free vegetable plants.* Wed–Sun 10–5 p.m.
www.lilianaflowerfarm.com. 783-9268

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

Maple Ridge Farm
416 Bumfagon 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. www.miles-smithfarm.com. 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

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Potpourri Acres
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Ramsay's Farm Stand
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Red Manse Farm
Corner Route 129 & Pittsfield Road. *Certified Organic Produce, CSA and Farm Patron Program.* Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. www.redmansefarm.com. 435-9943

Sanborn Mills Farm
7097 Sanborn Road. *Traditional working farm providing workshops.* www.sanborn-mills.org. 435-7314

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



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 mortgage 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 (www.experian.com, www.transunion.com, www.equifax.com) are required to provide you with a free credit report every year. AnnualCreditReport.com is a free site to assess your credit also. Nationwide consumer reporting companies get their information from different sources, the data in your report from one company may not reflect the same data from the other companies, so request all three.

- Check to verify all of the information is correct. If there are any errors, contact the bureaus immediately.

- Your payment history accounts for 35% of your score, so make sure payments are on time each month.

- The amount owed is 30% of your score. A good bet is to use 10% of your credit available on each available card.

- The length of your credit history accounts for 15% so maintain your accounts instead of closing them. You are not penalized for available credit.

- 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.

- Types of credit used accounts for 10%. Installment loans like vehicles and personal loans demonstrate you can manage various long and short term credits. ■

Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes — January 7, 2013

5:01 p.m.

Present: Steve Del Deo, Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Director Nancy Hendy, Alternate Marilyn Sylvester, Laura Vincent
Steve called the meeting to order. The minutes were reviewed. *Steve Del Deo moved to accept the minutes, Ken K. seconded. All were in favor.*

The financial statements were reviewed and accepted.

The Library director's report:

- SILC will meet in Canterbury at the Elkins Library on January 10, 2013.

- The NHSL will send its tech support representative here to do a workshop with staff members on accessing Overdrive's downloadable books.

- A book repair workshop will take place in Epsom next month.

- Planning is in progress for a juried art and crafts show tentatively scheduled for June 8 or 9. Fine art will be displayed in the meeting room and craftspeople will set up outside in assigned spaces. The LFD has been contacted regarding parking lot use that weekend.

- There will be no first Wednesday meeting of the Loudon Village Arts (LVA) in February. Some committee groups will still meet.

- Martha Butterfield will offer a program on soft pastel techniques at the March 6 LVA meeting.

- A new 48-book set of children's materials on countries is now in use.

- After not being used for a couple of years, the library's faux evergreen garlands have been donated to charity.

- The library's two book groups continue to meet on third Thursdays at 7 p.m. and fourth Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. A creative writing session follows the Tuesday meetings.

- With a theme in place from the national consortium, the Summer Reading Program planning has started.

- Walkway snow and roof ice removal are being done well. The storage shed has been very useful.

- The next book sale is scheduled for January 26.

The Trustees prioritized upcoming interior and exterior work for the coming year to keep the library in good, safe condition. The Library Director set technology improvements as a high priority.

Steve Del Deo discussed the meeting with the Selectmen regarding the upcoming budget year. The Trustees felt the meeting was good and constructive.

Next meeting is set for February 12, at 5 p.m. *Steve Del Deo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Seconded by Molly A. All were in favor.*

Steve Del Deo
Ken Krzewick
Molly Ashland

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

Steve Taylor speaking on: *The Great Sheep Boom and Its Enduring Legacy on the NH Landscape*

In a brief 30-year period in the early 19th century the New Hampshire countryside became home to hundreds of thousands of sheep. Production of wool became a lucrative business, generating fortunes and providing the only time of true agricultural prosperity in the state's history. It left behind a legacy of fine architecture and thousands of miles of rugged stonewalls. Steve Taylor discusses how farmers overcame enormous challenges to make sheep husbandry succeed, but forces from beyond New Hampshire were to doom the industry, with social consequences that would last a century.

Where: Charlies Barn, 29 S. Village Rd.

When: Wednesday, March 20th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Michele York, 396-2362

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 15, 2013

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger, and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Fire Chief Dick Wright.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Minutes of a meeting the Selectmen had with Skip Sansoucy to discuss utility assessments/valuations on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

The Board met with Fire Chief Dick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that he put together a formal report on behalf of the Fire Chief Job search committee. Chief Wright said they conducted formal interviews last Wednesday, he thanked Chairman Bowles for being there as an observer. Chief Wright gave each Board member a copy of the report marked confidential.

Chief Wright explained that the committee reviewed all the resumes and applications, narrowed it down to seven, contacted them by phone to be sure they were still interested and gave them information such as salary, six were still interested, he scheduled them for interviews, two dropped out. Out of the four remaining two were from NH, one from Virginia, and one from Connecticut.

Chief Wright said that in the report are the recommendations in order of finish that the committee came to. He wanted the Selectmen to have that in writing. The committee is willing to meet with the Selectmen to discuss it if they would like to.

Selectman Krieger thanked Chief Wright and the Committee for all their work.

Chief Wright said that he told the candidates that they would hear something in two to three weeks.

Selectman Ives moved to go in to executive session at 6:41 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Present were Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger and Fire Chief Dick Wright. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:56 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Chairman Bowles stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss candidates for the Fire Chief position with Chief Dick Wright. Chairman Bowles said that as a result of that discussion they will set up a time to meet with the job search committee.

Chief Wright and the Selectmen agreed they will meet next Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Chairman Bowles told Chief Wright there has been discussion regarding his budget line and holiday pay. Discussion ensued regarding the issue; the Board will look into this further.

Chairman Bowles opened the public hearing to discuss returning land that had been deeded to the town. He explained that this is the second hearing; the first hearing was on January 2, 2013. Chairman Bowles explained that the hearing is to discuss giving back property that Mr. LaPadula gave to the Town of Loudon in order to get a clustered subdivision. Chairman Bowles explained that Mr. LaPadula wants to revoke the subdivision. Chairman Bowles stated that the Planning Board is meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2013 to discuss revoking the subdivision. There is no one in attendance at this public hearing. Chairman Bowles stated that per RSA 41:14-a they can't make a decision tonight. They will make a decision Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Selectman Ives stated that per Town Council it is in the best interest of the Town to return the land. Chairman Bowles closed the public hearing and stated that they will make the decision next Tuesday.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a request from the Town Clerk to reimburse a resident. The Board doesn't see a problem with the request however they have a question and will clarify it with the Town Clerk.

The Board received a letter from the Loudon Conservation Commission regarding the Foster Road Property infractions from a 2010 report. The Board will review the Foster Road file to see if those infractions have been taken care of.

The Board received a letter from the Maxfield Public Library regarding the appointment of two alternate library trustees.

The Board received a quote from Powerbuilt Electrical Services regarding work at the transfer station. Chairman Bowles explained that they did work on the big motor at the transfer station and he asked for a quote to install new lights where the tractor trailer backs in, to replace some fluorescent lights and to install a light over each baler. Selectman Krieger asked where Powerbuilt Electrical Services is from. Chairman Bowles said McKenzie Road. Selectman Krieger wanted to be sure they were using local contractors when possible. The Board agreed that this is a safety issue and the work should be done. Chairman Bowles will inform Mr. Hagerty that he can move forward.

The Board received information from Mr. Jones regarding transferring the tank at the Legion property to the Town. Chairman Bowles stated that he has heard from people that want to keep the tank and also from some that don't want it. He suggested that before they make a decision they ask the

town's residents at town meeting how they feel about it. Selectmen Krieger and Ives agree that is a good idea. The paperwork to transfer the tank will be held until discussion at town meeting.

The Board received a copy of a letter that went from the Loudon Police Department to Ossipee Mountain Electronics regarding a grant for cameras.

The Board received a past due ambulance bill for review. *Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bill to collection: account #192 in the amount of \$78.20, seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the ESMI Compliance report for September 2012 through December 2012.

The Board received a letter from NRRA regarding their mission statement.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received copies of Revision #3 of the budget for their review.

The Board received a draft of the proposed warrant articles for their review.

The Board received a couple of reminders.

Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. – Zoning Amendment Public Hearing.

Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. – Planning Board to discuss revoking the LaPadula subdivision.

Monday, January 21, 2013 – Holiday the Town Office is closed.

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. – Selectmen's Meeting.

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 – MVSD Public Hearing.

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 through Friday, February 1, 2013 is candidate sign-ups.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 22, 2013

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger, and Selectman Ives.

Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 15, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Chairman Bowles explained that according to RSA 51:14-a they need to make a decision on returning the Len LaPadula conservation property, he stated that the Planning Board has given conditional approval based on the decision of this

Board. Chairman Bowles stated that he has heard nothing from anyone against returning the land. Selectmen Krieger stated that they have received a letter from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, and was advised by Town Council that it is in the best interest of the Town to give it back. *Selectman Ives made a motion to return the 45 acres of LaPadula subdivision conservation land, Map 34, Lot 2, per RSA 41:14-a. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.* A letter will go to Town Council asking that a deed

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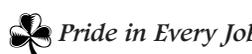


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be written to transfer the property back to Mr. LaPadula.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that he signed twenty-three pistol permits.

The Board received copies of Revision #4 of the budget for their review.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a copy of an email that went from Jean Lee to NHMS regarding the bond that the Town holds each race season.

The Board received a letter from Town Council.

The Board received an email from Town Council.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding Town Report Articles.

The Board received a photo from Chief Fiske that is a possibility for a Town Report cover. The Board stated that they have also discussed putting a picture of the new Town grader on the cover.

The Board received a letter from Happy Hill 4-H Club regarding using Charlie's Barn. The Club requested use of the Community Building once a month and asked that the fee be waived. Until the Town purchased the Legion they were meeting there. Selectman Krieger stated that this is for the Towns kids so they should do it. Selectman Ives agreed. Chairman Bowles will call the Club leader to discuss days that the building is available.

The Board received a letter from Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding 2014-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and State of NH Ten Year Plan. Selectman Krieger asked that the

information forwarded to the Police and Fire Departments for their feedback and concerns.

The Board received a letter from the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association.

The Board received information from CMA Engineers, Inc.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Tax Collector Helen McNeil. Mrs. McNeil received a request for an abatement in the amount of \$36.19 for interest charged due to an overdue tax bill. The taxpayer said that she mailed her check in November, it got lost in the mail. She placed a stop payment on the check when she realized the town had not received it and provided a copy of the stop payment. *Selectman Ives made a motion to approve the abatement in the*

amount of \$36.19 for map 28, lot 39. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board received a couple of reminders.

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 @ 4:30 – Meeting with Fire Chief Search Committee.

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 through Friday, February 1, 2013 – candidate sign-ups.

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 29, 2013

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger, and Selectman Ives.

Also present was: Police Chief Bob Fiske.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 22, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 23, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that he signed six pistol permits.

The Board signed Department of Health and Human Services appointment papers for Chief Fiske as health officer and Janice Morin as deputy health officer.

Chairman Bowles said that the Planning Board is ready to send letters out for parking permit renewals. He asked Chief Fiske if he had any issues with any of the parking permits. Chief Fiske said he does not. The Board will let Donna know that as far as they are concerned the letters can go out.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received an email from MRI regarding an invoice for the Fire Dept. Study. The Board authorized payment of the invoice.

The Board received an email from Nobis Engineering regarding Landfill Monitoring & Reporting invoice oversight. The Board authorized payment.

The Board received emails from Donna White and Captain Lake regarding parking permits. Chairman Bowles stated that neither Captain Lake nor Chief Fiske had problems.

The Board received ESMI's report of the 4th quarter 2012 Host Community Fee.

The Board received a letter from an attorney regarding an ambulance bill for a hit and run accident. Selectman Krieger will look into this before the Board makes a decision about reducing the amount due.

The Board received an email from Unutil regarding updating the Selectmen's personal contact information for storm emergencies.

The Board received an invitation to PSNH information meetings.

The Board received an abutters notice from the Loudon Planning Board regarding the LaPadula subdivision revocation.

The Board received a scholarship thank you letter and payment request.

The Board received a Comcast Annual Customer Notice.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received a reminder that Wednesday, January 23, 2013 through Friday, February 1, 2013 is candidate sign-ups.

BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

Chairman Bowles called the Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bowles opened the budget hearing by reading the following aloud:

In accordance with RSA 32:5-1, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will

Hold a Public Hearing for review of the Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles

For Fiscal Year 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014. Chairman Bowles apologized for anyone that missed the notice and showed up last Tuesday. He explained that they originally scheduled the hearing for Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. but that was the same time as the budget hearing for the Merrimack Valley School District so they elected to change this budget hearing

to allow people to go over to the school hearing.

Chairman Bowles stated that he would go over the proposed budget, Selectmen Krieger will present the proposed warrant articles and Selectman Ives will review the proposed revenues.

Chairman Bowles explained that the Board incorporated a 1% COLA for all employees. He stated that the Selectmen elected to not take the COLA this year so there will be no increase in that budget line. Chairman Bowles said that merit raises were given to the Police Department, the Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk, the Library Director and Children's Librarian.

Chairman Bowles began going through the budget line by line, pointing out changes.

Selectmen:

Selectmen – PT Office Help increased 1.77%

Selectmen – Office Wages increased 1%.

Selectmen – Data Processing increased 5.26% due to the new IT contract for the office.

Selectmen – Office Equipment decreased 23.08%.

Selectmen – Computer Updates & Supplies increased 20%.

The Total Selectmen budget is level funded.

Landfill Testing: decreased 25.93% due to dealing with a new company, doing some of our own reporting and less testing being required.

Historical/Conservation: level funded.

Town Clerk:

Deputy Town Clerk – wages increased 1%.

Town Clerk – salary increased 5.53%. Chairman Bowles stated that the Town Clerk asked for an increase in salary to \$30,000.00, the Selectmen agreed to that plus the 1% COLA as they feel she is doing an outstanding job.

Assistant Town Clerk – wages increased 5.04%. Chairman Bowles explained that she got certified this year so they agreed to an increase.

Data Processing – decreased 14.89%

Dues & Seminars – up 23.81%.

Postage – up 14.29%.

Overall Town Clerk budget is up 1.68%.

Steve Del Deo asked if the seminars that the Town Clerk and the employees in the Town Office take include safety seminars that protect themselves. Chairman Bowles stated that he did not know. Chief Wright stated that Primex and the Local Government Center sponsor a lot of seminars and they include safety.

Elections: level funded.

Trustees of the Trust Funds: level funded.

Town Auditors: level funded.

Assessment/Maps:

Assessments – decreased 21.88% due to the assessment contract.

Assessments/Utilities – increased 100.00% because of the battle with utilities and what is taxable. This line is for the assessor that handles our utilities.

The total is a decrease of 11.84%.

Tax Collector:

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Tax Collector – Salary is increased 1%
Deputy Tax Collector – increased 5.05%
due to certification.

All other lines level funded.
The total is an increase of 1.07%

Treasurer:

Salary – increased 1%.
Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 0.87%.

Legal fees: increased 11.11% Chairman
Bowles said this line has been running over
so they increased it.

Employee benefits:

FICA – down 0.72%
NH Retirement – increased to 23.38%
this is state mandated.
Total increase is 15.63%.

Planning Board:

Secretary Wages – increased 1%.
Everything else level funded for a total
increase of .43%

Zoning Board:

Secretary Wages – increased 1%.
Everything else level funded for a total
increase of .63%

Government Building:

Town Offices/Comm Bldg Repairs –
decreased 25%. Chairman Bowles said they
have done quite a bit of repairs and
improvements to the buildings; they are in
good shape so they decided to drop the line
a bit.

Town Hall Repairs – decreased 37.5%
because they've done a lot of repairs and in
good shape.

Everything else level funded for a total
decrease of 6.66%.

Cemeteries: level funded.**Employee Benefits:**

Worker's Compensation – increased
1.19%.
Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 0.11%.

Property Taxes:

Taxes for Canterbury and Concord –
level funded.

Police:

Regular Salaries – increased 2.64%.
Chairman Bowles explained that the Police
Department will get merit raises plus the
1% COLA.

Overtime Wages – increased 1%.

Wages Part time Secretary – up 1.01%.

Wages, Part time – up 3.36% due to
merit raises and 1% COLA.

All other lines level funded for a total
increase of 1.81%.

Chairman Bowles explained the Select-
men meet with each of the department
heads and go over every line of their budget.
He feels that they have each line down as
low as they can go and still provide ade-
quate service to the Town. Chairman
Bowles commends all the Department
Heads, Committee members and Trustees
for coming in and meeting with them.

Special Events: level funded.**Health:**

Wages: increased 2.52%

Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 2.13%.

Visiting Nurse: level funded.

Ambulance:

Wages FF/EMTS – increase 0.98% due
to COLA.

Wages Part time – increased 1%

Wages Standby – decreased 5.37%

Wages OT FF/EMTS – increased 1%.

Paramedic Service – increased 9.52%

Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 0.04%.

Fire:

Dispatch – increased 1.09%.

Telephone – decreased 12.50%

Protective Clothing – increased 34.56%
due to new Chief coming in.

Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 1.34%.

Compliance:

Code Enforcement Wages – increased
2.5%.

Code Asst. Wages – increased 1.0%.

Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 1.93%.

Emergency Management: level funded.**Forest Fire:**

Wages – increased 0.98% due to COLA.

Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 0.61%.

Highway:

Wages – increased 0.94%.

Overtime Wages increased 1.0%.

Part Time Wages increased 1.0%

Gas & Oil – increased 2.56% due to fuel
costs.

Building maintenance – decreased 30%.

Everything else is level funded for a
total increase of 0.10%.

Block Grant:

Road Maintenance – decreased by
6.36%

Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 0.85%.

Solid Waste/Landfill:

Wages – increased 1.01%.

PT Wages – increased 1.0%.

Diesel/Propane fuel – increased 25%.

Tipping fees – decreased 2.71%.

Everything else level funded for a total
decrease of 0.91%.

Animal Control: level funded.

Community Action Program: level
funded.

Welfare: level funded.**Recreation:** level funded.**Library:**

Salary Director – increased 4.00%
which includes the 1% COLA. This is part
of a two step process that was started last
year to bring the librarians up to a more
average salary.

Children's Librarian – increased 2.5%
which includes the 1% COLA.

Part time wages – decreased 2.72%.

Fica/Medicare – increased .76%.

NH Retirement – increased 22.61%.

Telephone – increased 7.69%

Postage – decreased 28.57%

Books – increased 6.67%

Reference materials – decreased 40.0%

Cleaning Service – decreased 9.09%.

Equipment/repair – decreased 5%.

Elevator Maintenance – increased
4.13%.

Periodicals – decreased 20.0%

Preservation – decreased 33.33%.

Everything else level funded for a total
increase of 0.41%.

Patriotic: level funded.**Economic Development:** level funded.**TAN Interest:** level funded.**Contingency:** level funded.

Chairman Bowles said that the increase
in the total budget is 0.86%. He asked if
there were any questions there were none.

Selectman Ives explained that these are
projected revenues; kind of a guesstimate.
He explained that they look at the previous
year's revenue and very conservatively esti-
mate what they will get in the next year.

Property Taxes: These are overdue
taxes. The line is down 6.06% because they
don't have as many overdue taxes to collect.

Land Use Tax: Level.

Yield Tax: Selectmen Ives said that they
dropped this line 0.27% because it includes
gravel pits and timber tax. With the econo-
my the way it is they aren't collecting as
much.

Cobra: Level.

Commercial Hauler Tonnage Fees:
Level.

Fire special Events & Police Special

Events: Decreased. Selectman Ives
explained that these are in and out accounts.
The bills for the race events haven't been as
high, the Police and Fire Departments have
found ways to reduce the cost. Chairman
Bowles stated that they also don't have the
Indy Race.

Police Witness fees: increased 25%.**Ambulance service revenue:** Level.**Building Permits:** decreased 20%.**Motor Vehicle Permits:** Level.**Dog Licenses:** Level.**Marriage Licenses:** Level.**Bus Lic. Permits & Filing Fees:** Level.

Town Facility Stickers: The Town
Facility Stickers line decreased 80%.
Selectman Ives explained that the cost of
the stickers increased from \$1.00 to \$4.00
but the money doesn't go into this line any-
more, it goes into a revolving fund that is
used for Household Hazard Waste Day.

Rooms & Meals taxes: decreased
0.23%

Highway Block Grant: Level**Forest Land:** decreased 15.47%.**Forest Fire Reimbursement:** Level

Restitution: Freewill Baptist Church
reimbursement decreased 28.57%. Junkyard
permits increased 25%. Commercial Refuse
Hauler increased 20%. Everything else level
funded.

Landfill Septage:

Oil – decreased 100% because the town
doesn't recycle the oil they burn it in the
new furnace at the town garage.

Aluminum – increased 7.69%.

Batteries – increased 100%.

Iron – increased 50%.

Glass/Plastic – increased 20%.

Cardboard/Paper – increased 15.38%.

Total increase is 10.62%.

Sale of Town Property: Level.

Interest on Dep. – Treasurer: Level.

Parking Fines: Level.

Insurance Damage Reimbursement:
increased 33.33%.

Other Revenue – Local Sources:
increased 300%.

Selectman Ives explained that the Esti-
mated Revenues are down 25.06%.

Selectman Krieger read the Proposed
Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will
vote to raise and appropriate the sum of
\$225,250 for the purpose of shimming and
paving 3675 feet of Hemlock Hill Road,
shimming and paving 1930 feet, and the 62'
x 100' turnaround of Plateau Ridge Road, to
grind 2000 feet of Mudgett Hill Road and
shim and pave 6175 feet of Mudgett Hill
Road. \$105,250 to be withdrawn from the
Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve
Fund and \$120,000 to be raised by taxes.
Steve Jakubowski asked why the affect of
the tax rate is not included in the article.
Chairman Bowles explained that they have
that information but it was recommended
that they not include it on the warrant
because they don't set the tax rate DRA
does. Selectman Krieger stated that for Arti-
cle 3 they figure it will cost about 22 cents
per thousand.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will
vote to raise and appropriate the sum of
\$137,695 for the purchase of a truck cab and
chassis with a stainless steel body with plow
setup and sander controls. Funds to be with-
drawn from the Highway Department Cap-
ital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will
vote to raise and appropriate the sum of
\$18,800 for the purpose of purchasing a
new 3 point hitch boom mower. The Select-
men recommend this article. Selectman
Krieger explained that this for mowing the
edges of the road and keeping the brush
back. He stated that for Article 5 they figure
it will cost about 4 cents per thousand.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will
vote to change the purpose of the existing
Road Grader Expendable Trust Fund to the
Highway Equipment Expendable Trust
Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum
of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be
placed in this fund and further to appoint the
Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said
purpose into effect. (2/3 vote required). The
Selectmen recommend this article. Select-
man Krieger explained that they have been
putting \$60,000 in the grader fund. They cut
that in half to save for a loader or other
equipment that they will need.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will
vote to rescind the provisions of RSA
41:14-a that gives the Board of Selectmen
authority to acquire or sell land, buildings,
or both; provided, however, they shall first
submit any such proposed acquisition or
sale to the Planning Board and to the Con-
servation Commission for review and rec-
ommendation by those bodies. Article 8 is
contingent on the passing of this article. The
Selectmen do not recommend this article.
Selectman Krieger explained that the
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because the purpose for this article was to

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purchase the Legion property. He said he didn't think it was going to take a whole year, but it is. Selectman Krieger said the paperwork should be done by town meeting but just in case it isn't they need to keep this article to finish the process otherwise they would have to wait another year for town meeting. He explained that they asked if they could change the article to be specific to just that property but that isn't allowed. Chairman Bowles said they also asked if they could give it a specific date such as July 1st but that also is not allowed. Selectman Ives said if the purchase of the Legion property is complete by town meeting they will tell the voters that they do recommend rescinding the RSA.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund, established by the March 2004 Town Meeting and to allow the appropriations deposited in said fund to be used for the purchase, future construction, or renovation of a Town Office Building and to further name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article is contingent on the passing of the previous warrant article. The Selectmen recommend this article. (2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$461,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
Chairman Bowles explained that this was \$20,000 they are increasing it by \$10,000 this year.

Recreational Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve Fund \$2,000

Library Collection Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$7,000

Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

J.O. Cate Memorial Van Capital Reserve Fund \$2,500

Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000

Conservation Commission Land Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

(Majority vote required) The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the previously established Expendable Trust Funds:

Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$20,000
Chairman Bowles

stated that they dropped this \$10,000 from last year.

Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

(Majority vote required) The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$_____ to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations to the same. This article does not include any of the previous warrant articles.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 5, 2013

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger, and Selectman Ives.

Also present: Road Agent Dave Rice.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 29, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 4, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that he signed eight pistol permits.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that everything is going good. He explained that they have done quite a bit of maintenance on the trucks in the last few weeks, getting ready for inspections.

Selectman Krieger said there is a tree or limb hanging over Lower Ridge Road that is dead; he has gotten a few calls about it. Mr. Rice said it is hooked on another tree and is quite a ways out so they can't reach it. They will work on it.

Mr. Rice said they had to rebuild one of their snowplows.

Selectman Krieger stated that Old Shaker Road is getting bumpy and asked what Mr. Rice is going to do. Mr. Rice said they are going to try to fill in some of it with sand.

Mr. Rice said they have been busy cutting brush.

Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Rice to be sure the space is all set at the dump for the Legion's storage trailer.

Selectman Krieger made a motion to approve the license for pole number 101/12 for PSNH on Sanborn Road in the Town of Loudon, NH; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Chairman Bowles stated that they received a letter with concerns regarding the hiring of a fire chief.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a copy for each of House Bill 436 relative to governance of town libraries.

The Board received a copy of the Compliance Evaluation report from NHDES regarding ESMI.

The Board received a letter from Concerned Citizens of MVSD.

The Board received a letter from the NH Charitable Foundation regarding the Loudon Veteran's War Memorial/Monument Fund.

The Board asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Chairman Bowles thanked the audience for attending.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

The Board received a letter from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding the Northern Pass.

The Board received a letter from Tractor Supply with a 2012 Purchase Summary.

The Board received a letter from Hodges Company regarding available housing.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received a couple of reminders.

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m. — Second budget hearing.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. — Candidate's Night

Chairman Ives stated that the Fire Chief job applicants have been narrowed down to two. The Board met and interviewed both of those candidate's. Chairman Bowles stated that they will have their final decision next Tuesday at their meeting.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — January 17, 2013

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

Attendance:

Steve Jackson, Tom Moore, Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Alternates Jeff Green and Bob Ordway, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Henry Huntington.

Julie Robinson and Pauline Touzin represented the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 20, 2012 Regular Meeting — Bob Cole moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

December 20, 2012 CIP Public Hearing — Steve Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

December 20, 2012 Zoning Workshop — Bob Cole made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Public Hearing for Revocation of Approved Plan:

Wildwood Sanctuary/Leonard LaPadula, Map 34, Lot 2 — Chairman Dow opened

the public hearing scheduled per Section 11.9 of the Loudon Land Development Regulations. He read a letter that was received from Mr. LaPadula requesting that the open space subdivision approved November 16, 2006 be revoked. The chairman explained that the Board of Selectmen has held two public hearings on the return of 45.2 acres that was deeded to the town as part of the subdivision approval. Steve Jackson asked Dustin Bowles if anyone had attended those hearings. Mr. Bowles stated that there was nobody in attendance at either public hearing. *Bob Ordway made a motion to revoke the subdivision per the owner's request; seconded by Steve Jackson.* Dustin Bowles explained that the Board of Selectmen will be taking a vote on the request to return the land at their next meeting on January 22nd. He explained the timeframe that is required when conducting public hearings on such matters. *Bob Ordway moved to amend his motion to include conditional on the Selectmen's approval of returning the land; Steve Jackson was in agreement with the revision of the motion. All were in favor.*

Conceptual Consultation:

ESMI, Map 50, Lot 1-1 — Marc Aubrey was present for ESMI. Jeff Green of J L Green Enterprises also represented ESMI.

Mr. Green stated that they were in a couple of months ago to do a lot line adjustment between ESMI and Fillmore. He explained that adjustment and the history of the lot, pointed out the location of the ESMI plant and the area of storage of material on this lot, and said they are looking to expand that area onto the expanded lot. Mr. Green stated that they have to stay 100' from open water and 75' from wetlands. He pointed out that the Soucook River borders the adjacent Fillmore property but that this lot is not within any shoreland issues. Mr. Green said there is a road on this lot and it will be taken out as part of the expansion down the lot.

Tom Dow asked if they will be removing soil from the lot. Mr. Green said they will be doing test pits soon. He explained that they would remove the road, some gravel and topsoil. He said they will know more once their application is submitted. Steve Jackson asked if the area would be permeable or if there would be runoff. Marc Aubrey explained how they stockpile the processed material until they have a home for it elsewhere. He said they have to keep moving material from the plant site to make room for incoming material. Jeff Green explained that the working area is full and they want to have more usable area. Tom Dow asked if there is a limit as to how much can be stored

on the lot. Mr. Aubrey explained that the original application was to fill because of the grade of the lot but he was not sure if there was a limit set for storage. He said they are going to the ZBA next week for the expansion of the use.

Tom Dow asked what permits are needed. Marc Aubrey said that Fillmore previously had a permit on the lot and he was looking into how that would be handled with the transfer of part of the lot to ESMI. Bob Cole explained that the permit would go with the land if Fillmore had one. Steve Jackson asked if reclamation is part of the process when the operation ends. Jeff Green said it would be part of the site specific/alteration of terrain. Tom Moore clarified that the goal is to keep the existing grade going out from the plant site. Mr. Aubrey said that was correct and it was to give them more work and storage areas. He said it would allow different uses if they produce a variety of products. Mr. Aubrey estimated that this would be over a three to four year time period to get it up to grade. Jeff Green noted that there is a grade difference of about 26'.

Bob Cole asked if the State has to approve the filling of the area. Marc Aubrey

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said they do. Stan Prescott noted that the contours do not show the fill. Jeff Green explained that this is a conceptual plan and he is still discussing the project with ESMI. Bob Cole asked if there are monitoring wells on the property. Mr. Aubrey stated that there are wells on the plant site at the property line where being treated. He said they cannot move any materials from the plant site until lab numbers are received, noting that they have the monitoring wells and containment.

Julie Robinson asked if there is a berm or skirting along the wetlands. Mr. Green said they are addressing this with detention ponds. He said there would be a berm along the top of the slopes, noting that any runoff would be directed to the ponds. He said there might be a minimal swale at the bottom of the slope. Mrs. Robinson said, as a Conservation Commission representative, they would like to see assurance that this is not affecting the wetlands. Mr. Green stated that the project will be done as a progression and safeguards will be maintained throughout the expansion.

New Business:

Application #13-01, Northern Design Precast — Site Development on International Drive in the C/I District, Map 50, Lot 23. Abutter Marc Aubrey for ESMI and applicant Bradley Thompson were present. Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Stout explained that they will be going to the ZBA for an equitable waiver of dimensional requirement next week. He showed the location and layout of the property, explaining that they have areas for manufacturing, office, a batch plant that makes concrete, aggregate outside, and a pole barn. Mr. Stout said the goal for the proposed addition is to bring some of the finishing, shipping, and storage inside. He said the addition would be a 50' x 100' metal-framed building such as what is currently on the site. Mr. Stout passed pictures of the existing buildings around for Board members to view. He explained that some washing is done with a finishing product/water solution that is then gathered into an open detention pond. Mr. Stout said this will require a DES permit for the discharge of non-domestic water. He noted that the State does not allow floor drains. A test pit has been done and no seasonal high water table was observed.

Mr. Stout said there will not be any more employees with the addition of this building, noting that there are 30 employees with 33 parking spaces. He said they are not close to the limit of coverage area with 10.5% building coverage after the addition and 4.6% impermeable coverage. Mr. Stout explained that they are requesting the equitable waiver of dimensional requirement from the ZBA because a small building is on the setback line. He said rebar is cut there and it is the best location for the manufacturing set-up. Pictures of the building's location were viewed. Steve Jackson asked if the outside storage area is all gravel. Mr.

Stout said that was correct and that they have a DES permit for the batch plant and concrete mixer; when that is washed down the residual hardens in a small pit and then is removed to a different location. He said there are pallets outside where the products are cured. He explained how the water will run into a holding tank, be tested, and then run into a retention pond.

Brad Thompson explained the finishing process, saying that they do a lot of restoration work and they prefer not to sandblast. He said this process is what many masons typically use. Mr. Thompson said the addition would give them room to cure product in cold weather. Chairman Dow asked where the pond is located. Mr. Stout said they initially thought there would be a leach field type area but they have since determined that it will be piped to a pond. Steve Jackson asked about monitoring wells that are shown. Mr. Stout explained that it was for the Fillmore excavation that was done. Tom Dow asked that the pond location be shown on the plans. Mr. Stout said they are in the process of submitting to the State and he will have the pond on the plan once finalized. Mr. Dow said this addition is similar to what is already there and it cannot really be seen from the road.

Steve Jackson asked if fire suppression is needed. Mr. Thompson said the building would be insulated to current standards and he did not believe any special suppression would be needed. He explained that the machine used for etching is like a power washer. He said they estimate 500–600 gallons of water discharged each day. It would be caught in trenches; the area outside will have a shed roof over it so it does not pick up rain water. Tom Moore asked how they will control the discharged water without it freezing. Mr. Thompson explained that it would be trenched from inside the building to the holding tank and then to the pond, all underground. Chairman Dow advised the applicant to get building plans to the fire department per the request of John Reese.

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue the application to the meeting of February 21, 2013 in the Community Building at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Application #13-02, Claudette Burke — Minor Subdivision on Greenview Drive in the RR District, Map 59, Lot 48. The applicant was not present. Abutters Al Brock, Alan Gray, Robert and Sandra Lyle were present. Jeff Green represented the applicant. *Stan Prescott moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

Mr. Green explained the location of the property as being by the fire pond at the cul de sac prior to the last length of Greenview Drive. He said the lot is now 8.5 acres, and the proposal is to divide it into a lot of 3.099 acres with the existing house and a lot of 5.426 acres. The new lot would have 2.9 acres of buildable area. Mr. Green pointed out the snowmobile trail that crosses through the property, noting that the driveway for the new lot would be in the same

area. He stated that test pits have been done, the lot configuration box is shown, and there is a large wet area with a beaver pond and a second pond. Mr. Green noted that there is a 4' elevation difference between the ponds.

Al Brock asked about the well for the new lot being in the beaver dam area. He stated that there is a culvert between the new lot and where the well is shown. Mr. Green said the building would be put back past the ponds on the new lot, accessed over the beaver dam area. Mr. Brock asked how it is based as a buildable lot. Mr. Green said they will have to get a wetland crossing where there is a culvert now. He said there are two levels of water and the area has been delineated by a wetland scientist. Mr. Green said they are proposing a 12' crossing for the driveway and snowmobile trail. Al Brock explained the current location of the trail. Mr. Green said they are proposing to change the trail so as not to have to cross the driveway. He said the trail would be to the existing house side of the driveway and they would keep it as narrow as possible. There was discussion about the elevations of the ponds and crossing.

Julie Robinson asked about buffers of the wetland. Mr. Green said this is an existing road as taken from old plans. Robert Lyle asked if a bridge would be constructed. Mr. Green said there would be no bridge; they would have to leave the existing culvert. Mr. Brock asked about the setback for a driveway. Mr. Green said it is 30' and still maintained. Dustin Bowles addressed the 75' buffer by referring to a plan that he submitted to the Board a few months back. He said there was an existing logging road and turn-around on his plan that Mr. Green had a problem with because of setbacks and a proposed driveway. Mr. Green said the setback lines were not shown on Mr. Bowles' plan initially but once they were verified, he was in agreement with the proposed location.

Julie Robinson said the Conservation Commission would want to see this location. Dustin Bowles asked if any of the lots in the area had notes of no further subdivision. Chairman Dow said he had Donna research this and no record was found to that effect. Mrs. Robinson asked about markings on the plan to the side of the crossing. Mr. Green explained that it is the area of the beaver dam backup. Bob Cole asked if there are other areas in town that have a combined snowmobile trail and driveway. Mr. Green said he was not aware of any. He said it will be up to the State to allow crossing for both.

Tom Dow asked for the distance between the two wetlands. Mr. Green said it is 27' at the narrowest point. Mrs. Robinson said the beaver dam is part of the wetland. Mr. Green said it was not delineated as such. Mr. Dow noted that the delineation was done in 2004 so the dam could have

been built since then. He said if the dam is part of the wetland then the distance would only be about 20'. Steve Jackson said he feels the big battle will be with DES on the wetland crossing. Mr. Green said their application is ready to go in to the State. Mr. Dow said the dam should be part of the wetland which would then make the crossing awfully tight. Mrs. Robinson said one pond is higher than the other which tells you they are holding back a lot of water. Mr. Green explained the makeup of the dam area. Tom Moore asked what type of culvert is there. Mr. Green said it is steel; one end was crunched at some point but it is usable as that end is on the low side. Discussion continued about the dam, the crossing width, the culvert, and possible options. Rob Lyle asked if there is enough room for a house, well, and septic system. Mr. Green said there is and that another company had done a plan for the area which he confirmed as well.

Al Brock asked if there are any special requirements to build a house on this lot where it is a private road, etc. Mr. Green said something could be put in the deed if an association is formed and the owner would have to be part of the association. Chairman Dow referred to Section 301.5 of the Zoning Ordinance which addresses wetlands. He recommended that Mr. Green review this as it would appear that the project should go before the ZBA. It was agreed that the plan needs further review. Al Brock asked if power would be underground as it is on the rest of the road. Mr. Green said it would have to be if the other lots have underground power.

Steve Jackson made a motion to continue the application to February 21, 2013 in the Community Building at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

Master Plan update — Mike Tardiff will attend the February meeting to discuss the next step in the update.

Report of the ZBA:

There is an application for soil application at property owned by ESMI and an application for equitable waiver of dimensional requirement for property owned by Northern Design Precast on this month's agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*



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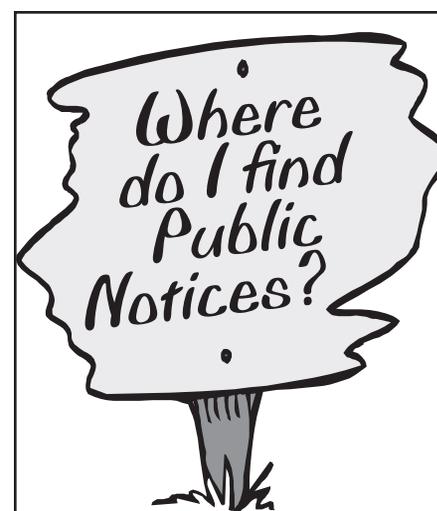
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Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — January 24, 2013

Chairman Dave Powelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and Alternates Jim Venne and Earl Tuson

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Howard Pearl made a motion to accept the minutes of November 29, 2012; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION

Meadow Ledge Farm/Ernie Roberts — Mr. Roberts explained that he has a property where he wants to put up an irrigation tank which needs to be in the shade. He started building a post and beam covering and when he went for a permit was informed of the required setbacks. This structure is within 10' of the lot line and he was told that he would have to address the setback before going any further. Mr. Roberts stated that the structure is at the highest point of the property so is the best location for the water tank. He said he thought he would be alright because the abutting lot is his as well. Chairman Powelson outlined the options of a special exception for reduced setback, a lot line adjustment which would be more costly, and an equitable waiver of dimensional requirement. He explained the hearing process and recommended that Mr. Roberts decide the best option and file the appropriate application.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application #Z12-18, Environmental Soil Management, Inc. — Special Exception for Soil Application, C/I District, Map 50, Lot 1-1. Marc Aubrey was present for ESMI. Jeff Green was present as the surveyor for ESMI.

Mr. Aubrey explained that they are asking for a special exception to use their fill in an area of property recently purchased from Fillmore. He said this lot had five acres, and they purchased 11.5 acres through a lot line adjustment to expand the lot. He stated that they want to bring up the elevation of the

11.5 acres to that of the current piece, an estimate of 500,000 tons. Mr. Aubrey pointed out the location of the plant and the five acre lot. He explained the process of moving the material from the plant site to this storage site. Mr. Aubrey said the plan is to open up on the new acreage to give them more room to work and store the material. He noted that the existing road on the lot will be removed. Roy Merrill asked if they will still haul out of the site or just fill. Mr. Aubrey stated that they will still haul to Plourde in Hooksett. He said they will be using the treated soil for fill on this property, and they figure it will be a four to five year project. He stated that ESMI is working with the State to develop other products and they would be able to use part of this area for that, giving them an area for screening or crushing oversized material. Howard Pearl asked to clarify that they will continue to do the same thing, just on a bigger lot. Mr. Aubrey said that was correct. George Saunderson asked how far this lot is from the river. Jeff Green stated that it is 460' from the river to the boundary line. He pointed out the tree line along the river, some field area, and a swampy area where there are more trees. Marc Aubrey stated that there would be a retention pond at the top of the slope.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Mr. Aubrey. Bradley Thompson of Northern Precast Design said that his business has been an abutter to ESMI since 1999. He said they have found ESMI to be quality people who do what they say they will do. Mr. Thompson said he sees their operation daily and supports this application. Roy Merrill stated that ESMI is regulated by the State and has always done exactly what they have said. He said he would have no problem giving them more space to work.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the application as presented and to allow the placement of 500,000 tons of ESMI reprocessed soil; seconded by Howard Pearl. A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

Application #Z13-01, Bradley Thompson/Northern Design Precast — Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement, C/I District, Map 50, Lot 23. The applicant was present as was abutter Marc Aubrey for ESMI.

Mr. Thompson explained that they are applying to the town to construct a new building for finishing, curing, and shipping of their product. He said it was discovered in the process of doing a site plan that a small shed is in the side setback. Mr. Thompson said the 10' x 20' shed is used as an area for cutting rebar on a daily basis. He said it is entirely within the setback, has no plumbing, is insulated, and has a little electric heater and light. Mr. Thompson explained that there is no other place to do the rebar cutting that would work with the full manufacturing process. He said the shed is somewhat concealed and would not appear to be a problem to other properties.

The chairman went through the points of the application with Mr. Thompson. Marc Aubrey stated that ESMI did not realize the shed was within the setback until this came about. He said the shed fits in the area and is not an obstruction. There was brief discussion about the location and how it is best suited for the shed.

Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the application as presented; seconded by Ned Lizotte. A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

Roy Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
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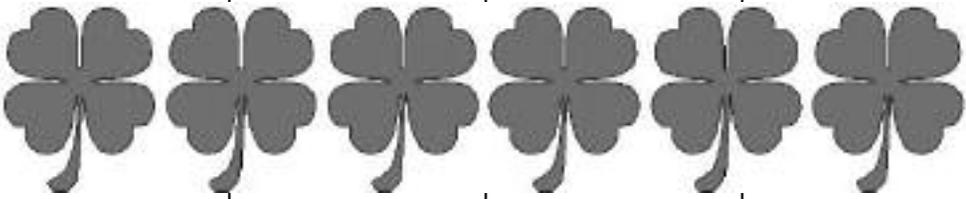
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Winter Carnival Events at Merrimack Valley High School						
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18	19 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Communications Council Meeting @ Community Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library 7pm•Instrumental Concert @ MVHS Auditorium	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2pm•Storytime @ Library 2-4pm•Art Time @ Library 5:30-8pm•Senior Project evening showcase @ MVHS 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library 	21 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Community Bldg. 7pm•Book Group @ Library	22 8-11am•Senior Project senior presentations at MVHS	23 MAPLE WEEKEND
24 MAPLE WEEKEND Palm Sunday 	25	26 9-Noon•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ VOANNE 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 2:30pm•Classics Book Group and Writers Workshop @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library 	27 2pm•Storytime @ Library 5pm•DARE PIZZA NIGHT @ LES! 6:30pm•Recreation Com. @ Library 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	28 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 2pm•JO Cate Van @ Van Office 7pm•Zoning Board	29 	30 9-1•Book Sale @ Library
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