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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.

DARE Graduation

By Sergeant Barrett J. Moulton

On April 13, 2006 the Loudon D.A.R.E. program held its graduation. This year we had 64 fifth grade students graduate the program. For the past 10 weeks the students have learned about the dangers and consequences of drug use. They have also learned how to deal with peer pressure and avoid dangerous situations.

As part of the program the students were required to write an essay on their commitment to stay drug free. This is the major part of the program and three essay winners were chosen one from each class. All the students did a great job on the essays and should be very proud.

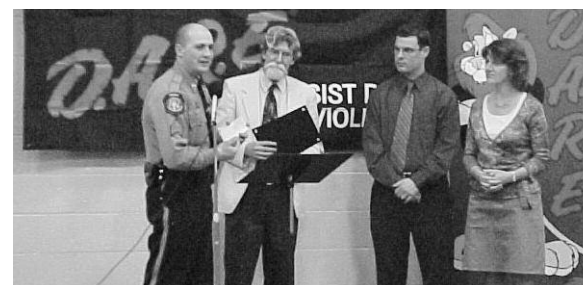
D.A.R.E. essay winners

- Mr. Herrick's class — *Kaitlin Smith*
- Mr. Satterfield's class — *Amy Carboneau*
- Mrs. Klapproth's class — *Colby Tierney*

Guest Speaker from Monarchs

This year our guest speaker was Josh Nason, the director of marketing for the Manchester Monarchs. Josh spoke to the kids about being drug free and the Monarchs player made a video that was played and directed to the D.A.R.E. class. The players spoke about how they would not be were they are today if they had chose to use drugs. They also gave all the students a special gift as they graduated. The Loudon Police Department would like to thank the Monarchs organization for all they have done for the D.A.R.E. program.

Myself and the Loudon Police Department would like to thank everyone who has helped to make the program a continued success. We would also like to congratulate all the students on a job well done and wish them the very best. ■



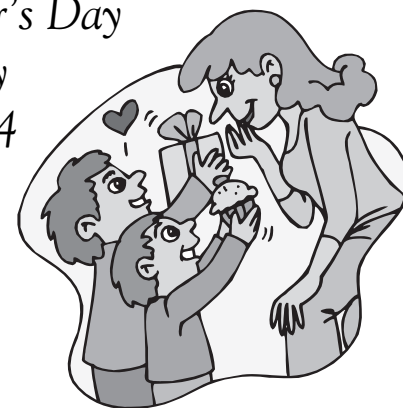
Merrimack Valley Students Chosen to Attend Leadership Conference

Jeffrey Moore and Chelsea Tierney were chosen to represent Merrimack Valley High School at the 14th Annual Student Athletes Leadership Conference in Nashua, NH.

Moore, a Junior at Merrimack Valley is an honor roll student, and a member of the varsity football and basketball teams. He was selected to the class I Football All State First Team.

Tierney, a Junior and honor roll student is a member of the varsity field hockey and basketball teams. She was selected to the class I Field Hockey All State First Team. ■

Remember Mom...
Mother's Day
Sunday
May 14



Groundbreaking Ceremonies at LES

Loudon residents are invited to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony to be held at the Loudon Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on May 8, 2006.

Much has been accomplished since the bond was passed in March of 2005. The architects/engineers have completed detailed designs of the project,

the board invited and interviewed qualified general contractors to bid on the project, the project was successfully bid with an opening and an award in February 2006, and currently, the successful contractor is scheduling and hiring the specific sub-contractors for the Spring start. The project is scheduled for completion by September 2007.

This ceremony marks not only the beginning of construction, but the work of the board and support of the community for the needed improvement of the facilities. This may be the most significant moment in history for the Merrimack Valley School District since the period of time when the district was formed almost forty years ago. ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tuesday evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

Monday: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tuesday: 3 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–3 p.m. • Tuesday evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

Tuesday: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wednesday and Thursday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department

Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department

Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter Hours)

Tuesday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thursday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer Hours)
Saturday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$1.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Monday–Friday: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Monday–Wednesday: 1–9 p.m. • Thursday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

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

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

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Classified Ads Policy

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

“The Loudon Ledger” 2006 Schedule

January 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/16	Council Meeting: Mon. 12/19
February 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/20	Council Meeting: Mon. 1/23
March 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/17	Council Meeting: Mon. 2/20
April 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/17	Council Meeting: Mon. 3/20
May 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/14	Council Meeting: Mon. 4/17
June 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/19	Council Meeting: Mon. 5/22
July 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/16	Council Meeting: Mon. 6/19
August 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/14	Council Meeting: Mon. 7/17
September 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/18	Council Meeting: Mon. 8/21
October 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/15	Council Meeting: Mon. 9/18
November 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/13	Council Meeting: Mon. 10/16
December 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/17	Council Meeting: Mon. 11/20

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

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Join the Loudon Communications Council!
Help spread the word! Would you like to write articles?
Collect stories? Take pictures? Interview interesting
townspeople? Our next meeting is
Monday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.
at the Community Building. Plan to join us!

Where to Worship in Loudon

Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. • *Sunday School:* 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evenings: 5:30 p.m. • *Wed. Women's Group:* 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Young Men's Group: 7:00 p.m.



Faith Community Bible Church

Pastor Jeff Owen

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

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Winter:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • *Worship:* 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Sunday: 6:30 p.m.
Sept.–June Friends Program: Ages 3–5. Wed. 6:30 p.m.



First Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Stanfords Rd, Loudon NH 03307

Ph: 603-224-1311

phyllish@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays:

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

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

Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

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

Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday:

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

Other:

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

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



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

Mailing address:

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

pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

Mailing address:

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



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

Searching for Loudon's Oldest Resident

A search is underway to locate Loudon's oldest citizen to bestow the ceremonial **Boston Post Cane**.

The recipient must have been a resident for a minimum of five years. If you know of someone who qualifies, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 798-4541. Business hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Tuesday evening from 7:00 until 9:00. ■

May Happenings at The Church of the Nazarene

May Sunday Morning Message Titles with Pastor John White:

- 5/7 You Never Walk Alone...in God's Plan
 5/14 Living in Difficult Times...in God's Plan
 5/21 Where Are You, Lord?
 5/28 Equipped to Live the Christ-Life

May Events

- Sun., 5/7 **Baby Day** 10:30 a.m.
 We Celebrate & Recognize our Infants and Toddlers.
 Sat., 5/13 **Mother Daughter Brunch** 9 a.m.–12 p.m. \$6/person.
 Guest Speaker will be Suellen Foreman. Suellen is the wife of Rev. Brian Foreman of Cornerstone Community Church in Concord. She is also a coordinator with Community Bible Study. Call or stop by the church to pre-register.
 Fri., 5/19 **OASIS Pot Luck & Meeting** 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 OASIS stands for Older Adults Still In Service. If you are at least 50 years old, you are welcome to come have fun and fellowship with this very active group!
 Sun., 5/14 **Mother's Day** 10:30 a.m.
 We Honor & Recognize our Mothers. ■

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A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse

Last month's mystery photo was a picture taken of the village before the year 1904. We know this because the Maxfield Public Library was built in 1904 and is not in the photo. I received two phone calls on this mystery and would like to thank Bob Ordway and Janet Brown for sharing their stories about the buildings in the photo.

The building on the right in the photo (with the porch and sign over it) is the Robinson-Sanborn Store. The building on the far left, with the set of stairs on the side, was known as Amity Hall. That building sat in the middle of the triangle in front of the Maxfield Public Library. Amity Hall was a long building that had a function hall and two apartments in the front.

Mr. Ordway knew that Addie Edmonds had lived there and then Harrison Smith, who repaired cash registers for a living, had his business there.

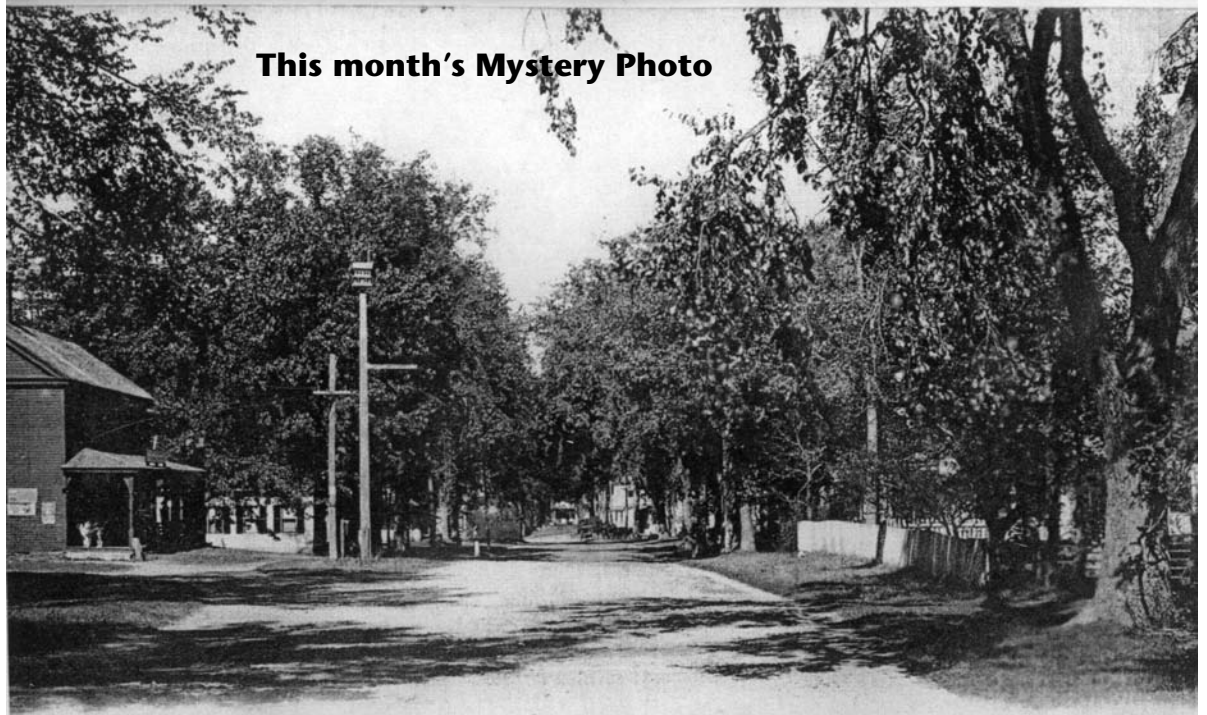
Janet (Maxfield) Brown was born there in 1931. Doctor Mitchell, who lived in a white cape in the village (Isabelle Prescott's house), assisted in her delivery. In 1949 Janet's bridal shower was held in the function portion of the building. The building was torn down in the late 50s or early 60s. There was also a large building behind Amity Hall that burned in 1932 or 1933.

In the photo, just above Amity Hall, you can also see the top of The Loudon Congregational Church. Just in front of the church, but not shown in the photo, was a small ice house along the river. They would cut ice from the river and store it in the sheds with sawdust and deliver the ice through the year to people for their iceboxes.

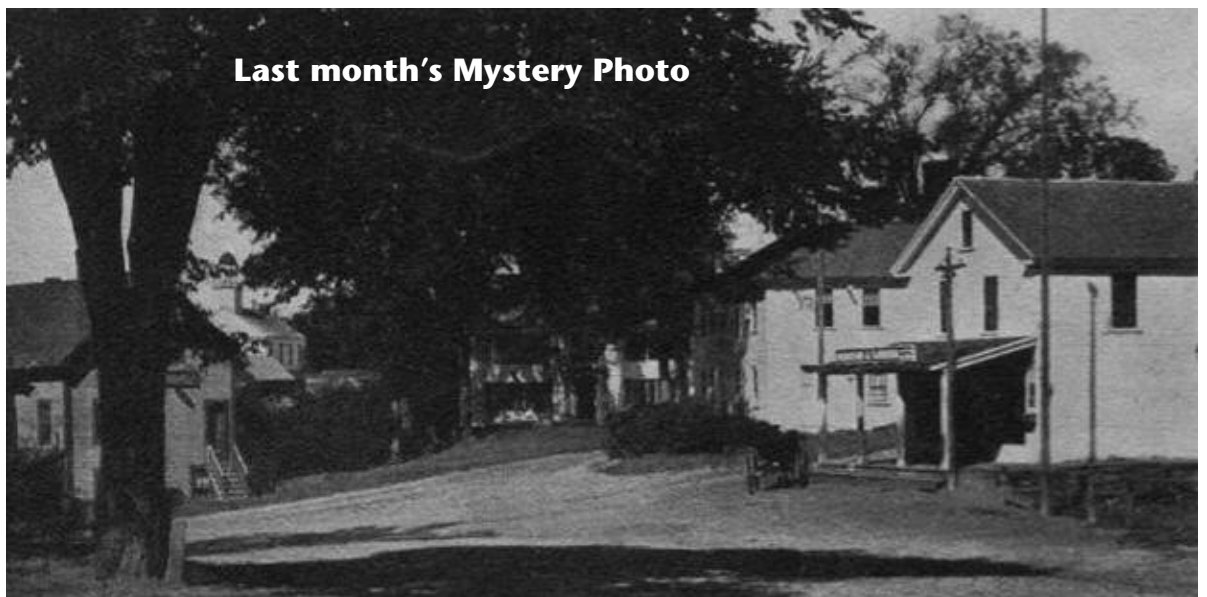
The house in the middle is currently owned by Jeremy Smith and is the home and antique shop that sits at the top of the hill just across from the library. At one point in history, it was a rooming house known as "The Elms," most likely due to the giant elm trees in the vicinity. Others who resided in the home through the years include Annie Sanborn and Bill Perry. The other homes shown in the photo are located where the driveway is now for the Safety Building. Forrest and Peg Buzzell's home was located near where the store is as well, though it isn't clearly shown in the photo.

Thanks again to those who shared their knowledge of this area! If you have more details, give me a call and we can run an update.

This month's mystery is another easy one for some but will become a great story when I hear from all of you with your details! If you know where this is or have a picture from another time period, let me know! I will be including numerous photos next month along with all your stories.



This month's Mystery Photo



Last month's Mystery Photo

If you have information to share on these mysteries, just contact me, Amanda by e-mail at jaelmasse@comcast.net or by calling 783-0227. Remember — the more information I receive, the more interesting the story behind this photo becomes! I have had several people give me photos and will be including them in

upcoming issues, but am always looking for more. Your interesting historical photos can be shared here. It doesn't have to be a home, it could be any structure or item that has a great story to go with it that would be fun and interesting to share. Find some photos and give me a call. ■



The Loudon Communications Council is looking for a reliable computer-savvy person to collect and enter information into the Council's web site. Information needs to be gathered from various organizations in town and kept up to date.

If you are interested, please contact Rodney Phillips at 603.848.4375

Yard Sale to benefit the Loudon Elementary School PTA

Saturday, May 6

Rain or Shine

8:00 am to 12:00 noon

School parking lot or inside if it rains.

YARD SALE

Mother's Day — Sunday, May 14, 2006

By Kris Tripp

The Origin of Mother's Day

The concept of celebrating motherhood has been around since ancient times. The ancient Greeks paid tribute to Rhea (the Mother of the Gods) and motherhood in springtime — the most fertile time of year. Later, in the 17th century, England honored mothers on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This celebration was known as "Mothering Sunday," and in England it is still observed. With the coming of Christianity, this developed into worship of "Mother Church," the celebration occurring on mid-Lent Sunday, when children returned home with gifts for parents, especially the mother.

In the United States, Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace. Howe failed in her attempt to get formal recognition of a Mother's Day for Peace. Her idea was influenced by Anna Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker who, starting in 1858, had attempted to improve sanitation through what she called Mothers' Work Days. She organized women throughout the Civil War to work for better sanitary conditions for both sides, and in 1868 she began work to reconcile Union and Confederate neighbors.

Anna's daughter also named Anna Jarvis (1864–1948) of Philadelphia continued where her mother left off. The idea came to her when she was asked by the superintendent of the Sunday school in the Virginia town, in which her deceased mother had long been the moving spirit, to arrange a memorial service. With the carrying out of this sacred duty, in 1908, she came to this realization: "the growing lack of tender consideration for absent mothers among worldly-minded, busy, grown-up children; the thoughtless neglect of home ties and of the loving consideration, engendered by the whirl and pressure of modern life; the lack of respect and deference to parents among children of the present generation; and the need of a reminder of the loving, unselfish mother, living or dead, and also to those who never gave birth but were 'mothers' to others." At this memorial service for her mother on

May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the United States.

On May 8, 1914, by Act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May, a national day, to be known as — Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of the country." The *white carnation*, signifying sweetness, purity and endurance, was adopted as the floral emblem. Later, it became customary to wear a *white carnation* to honor deceased mothers, and a *red carnation* to honor living mothers.

There is a Jewish saying that, "God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers." Abraham Lincoln, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." John Quincy Adams, "All that I am, my mother made me." Napoleon, "The future of the child is always the work of the mother." Napoleon, "Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons."

MOTHERS DAY — A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas, By a Joint Resolution approved May 8, 1914, designating the second Sunday in May as Mothers' Day, and for other purposes, the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings, and the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country;

And Whereas, By the said Joint Resolution it is made the duty of the President to request the observance of the second Sunday in May as provided for in the said joint Resolution:

Now, Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the

authority vested in me by the said Joint Resolution, do hereby direct the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings and to invite the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country. In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Done at the city of Washington this ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and the Independence of the United States one hundred and thirty-eight.

By the President:
Woodrow Wilson
William Jennings Brown
Secretary of State



Facts for this article were obtained from the following: www.historictrinity.org, www.nzgirl.co.nz, and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother's_Day. ■

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TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, BS

New Column!

I would like to introduce a new section for the *Loudon Ledger*. Each month I will be discussing a health issue. My mission is to educate and empower Loudon residents to take charge of their health.

What is Radon and why should I be concerned?

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It is considered a carcinogen and has been determined to cause cancer in humans. Indoor radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Radon is formed from the radioactive decay of uranium, which is found naturally in rocks and soil. Some of the radon produced in the ground rises and becomes part of the air we breathe. Radon is found at very low levels in outdoor air. Higher levels are found in indoor air in homes, schools, and buildings. Radon can seep into a home through cracks in the basement or foundation and this is usually the source that is responsible for most of the radon in a home. Radon can also be found in drinking water and may be higher in well water. You can be exposed by ingestion of radon in drinking water or from inhalation of radon that escapes from the household's water supply during normal water use.

EPA estimates that 14% of all lung cancers in the US are related to radon exposure. Data suggests that elevated radon levels in homes are more common in NH than in much of the rest of the country and that in

NH the percentage of lung cancer attributable to radon exposure may be appreciably higher than the national estimate.

How much is too much?

Concentrations of radon in air and water are measured in units of picocuries per liter. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a guideline of 4.0 picocurie per liter (pCi/L). EPA recommends homes should be fixed if the radon level is 4 or more.

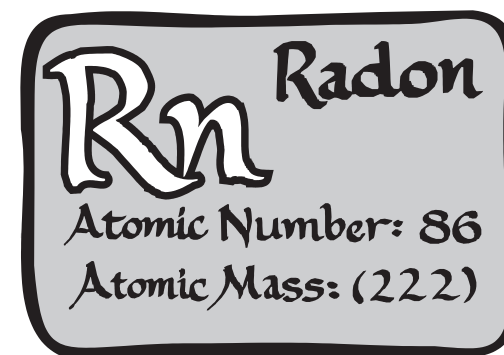
NH is taking Action

For several years the NH Radon Program has conducted a program to distribute free radon test kits to residents of the state, concentrating on different areas of the state in different years. This year 2200 kits were distributed. As for Loudon specifically, over the years 162 homes have been tested through this program. Approximately 25% of those test results equaled or exceeded the concentration that EPA suggests warrants taking steps to lower radon levels in the home.

How can I test my home?

Testing is available to detect if radon is present and at what levels. Test kits for indoor testing are inexpensive, most are less than \$15. You can find these at major hardware stores and online at www.radon.com. Testing can be done in the basement or first floor. Testing in the basement level could yield higher results.

Radon can seep into a home in several ways; cracks in floors, construction joints, cracks in walls, gaps in



suspended floors, gaps around service pipes, cavities inside walls, and the water supply. There are ways to reduce the radon in your home by sealing foundation cracks, venting radon from beneath the basement floor, and installing aeration devices on water supplies that have elevated radon levels.

For more information contact David Chase, NH Radon Program at 271-4764.

Facts for this article were obtained from the following: Centers for Disease Control, NH Radon Program, Environmental Protection Agency.

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



With Appreciation...

The John O. Cate Memorial Van Association would like to thank the voters of the town for supporting our effort for permanent housing of the van at Town Meeting. Thanks also to the Selectmen and Dave Rice for working extremely hard getting all the quotes on materials needed to keep the project cost as low as possible for the townspeople.

We take great pride in helping those in need of our service and we would like everyone to know that without this service, so many would be unable to maintain the good quality of life they deserve. ■

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



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

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

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

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

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

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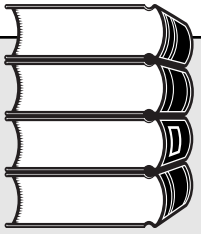


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Maxfield Public Library News

By Dale Gregory

Children's Room

The library has been creating a bright and cheerful Children's Room just waiting for young visitors this spring. Flecks of color in the carpeting reflect the purple hues to be found in the tile and laminates, and the creamy paint brings the sun indoors. Flooring has been installed, the elevator is ready for use, and the space awaits the arrival of shelving and other fixtures.

Fundraising

With artwork provided by the New Hampshire chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art, the library is holding a fundraiser to benefit the Children's Room Fund. Artwork donated from various artists in the Caucus will be displayed during June. Anyone can place a bid for these vibrant and original works of art. All bids must be made at the

library by 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st. High bidders will be notified by Monday, July 3rd.

The Fifth Annual Memorial Open Golf Tournament, scheduled for Sunday, June 25th, at the Loudon Country Club, will also help to raise funds for the Children's Room. Flyers are available at the circulation desk and interested players may contact Ron Trott at 228-2407 for more information. Business and memorial hole sponsorships are available, and raffle donations are needed. A delicious barbecue will mark the end of the day's festivities.

The library has continued to collect coin as part of the penny drive initiated by Loudon Elementary School students. The latest batch of coins to be deposited totaled \$157.24. This brings the student's grand total to \$966.19.

Story Time News

Story time this May will introduce the children to new picture books that have been added to the library's shelves. On Monday, May 8th, and Thursday, May 11th, the children will enjoy the mixed-up animals of *Cook-A-Doodle Moooo!* by Keith Duquette and will create their own mixed-up animals. *La La Rose* by Satomi Ichikawa will remind the children of their own loved animals on Monday, May 15th, and Thursday, May 19th. Finally, on Monday, May 22nd, and Thursday, May 25th, children will look to see what will appear in *The Hello Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster.

Events

Loudon Brownie Troop #45 will have a bake sale on Saturday, May 13th, from 9 a.m. until noon in the meeting room. Please come show your support and pick up a delicious dessert at the same time.

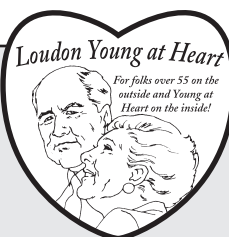
Plans are in progress for this year's Summer Reading Program, "**Treasure Reading.**" Singer Jody Gourlay will kick-off the summer with her interactive program which includes puppets and a bubble machine. Scheduled for June 24th, this performance will be held outside in the amphitheatre.

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

What's New

Some new fiction titles on the library's shelves include *Gone* by Jonathan Kellerman, *Dark Tort* by Diane Mott Davidson, and *Blue Shoes and Happiness* by Alexander McCall Smith. If non-fiction is more to your liking, try *Life Happens* by Connie Schultz, *Send in the Idiots* by Kamra Nazeer, or *Ride of Our Lives: Roadside Lessons of an American Family* by Mike Leonard. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsnault

We assembled at the Community Center at 8:45 a.m. on April 11th and departed for Pleasant View Gardens' greenhouse on Pembroke Road at 9:00 for a tour of their facility. Henry Huntington led us through a huge greenhouse and explained some of the whys and wherefores of their extensive operations. We arrived back at the Community Center around 10:15, where Lynne, a representative from Pleasant View, had a slide presentation for us. The flowers were fabulous and she was very knowledgeable. Good show, Lynne!

Vice President Dottie Mulkhey opened the meeting with the salute to the flag. We had 38 members present for the meeting, some of whom were not able to attend the greenhouse tour. Two door prizes of a \$10.00 bill were won by Bob Ordway and Peg Rice.

In May, we will have Arthur Welch (not Jim), play the accordion for us. We thoroughly enjoyed his talents last year and have asked him to join us again on May 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for our June 14th bus trip to Anheuser-Busch. There will be some seats available (for a small fee) for non-members or non-Loudon residents. We will have box lunches, and of course, the requisite ice cream stop at Dudleys.

Bob Ordway gave a short update on the proposed Senior Housing facility, along with a copy of the engineer's drawing. Our CAP lunch consisted of pasta with chicken and gravy, spinach, and vanilla pudding.

"Let's Go Hollywood" is the theme for Old Home Day in August. We would appreciate any and all suggestions for the float we plan to submit for the parade. We need volunteers and ideas. Do a good deed and help us old folks out. ■

Word Scramble

Have fun with this word scramble. Hint: think spring.

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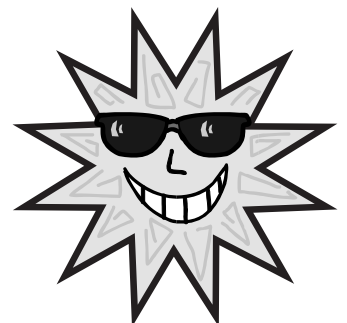
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Answer: What does the sun drink out of?

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— JOE RYAN

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LOUDON OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION

Individual Supporter Form

Dear Loudon Resident,

As the temperature begins to rise, the Old Home Day committee is already planning for this year’s annual event, scheduled for Saturday, August 12th. The unseen details, both large and small, are in the early stages. We need your support!

Have you ever attended what has come to be known as Loudon’s biggest one-day community event? This fun day offers something for everyone: a parade, crafts, baking contest, games, horseshoe tournament, tractor pull, bingo, a barbecue dinner, and plenty of entertainment. Let’s not forget the fireworks! This year the committee has increased the budget for the fireworks in order to bring you a more spectacular display.

As part of our activity guide and supporter directory, we have an individual supporter page for Loudon residents to show their support for this awesome event. It’s easy to see your name on this page.

Would you consider a donation of \$10.00 or more, and add your name to our growing list of supporters? Please take the time to complete the form below and return it with your check, made payable to the Loudon Old Home Day Association (LOHDA), PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307. The deadline for the booklet is June 15th. We appreciate your assistance in meeting that date. We are always looking for new members to help in the planning stages, or just at the Old Home Day booth, so won’t you consider joining us?

Thank you in advance for your support. Please come and join us on Saturday, August 12th and enjoy Loudon Old Home Day 2006 with a friend.

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Amount of donation:

Thank you in advance for your support!

Please send your donations to Loudon Old Home Day Association

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF LOUDON

Effective Monday, April 17,

2006 School Street will be open

to one-way traffic only from

Oak Hill Road southeasterly to

North Village Road.

This will remain in effect until

Tuesday, August 1, 2006 or

until the completion of the

construction at Loudon

Elementary School.

Signed: LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

NOTICE POSTED 04/13/06

Citizen of the Year Nomination Form

The Loudon Old Home Day Committee is seeking your help in determining the Citizen of the Year. This person will serve as grand marshal for this year’s event. We would very much like for you and/or your organization to choose a worthy recipient for this year’s “Citizen of the Year” award. A special selection committee will then take all of the candidates nominated, see if they fit the criteria, and use this information to choose this year’s “Citizen of the Year.” This person would then become this year’s grand marshal at the Loudon Old Home Day event on Saturday, August 12th.

Please return your nomination to any committee member or mail to the LOHD, PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307 as soon as possible, but not later than June 25th. Our committee was very proud of our 2005 selection of Karon Maxfield. Please use the criteria included to help you with this year’s nomination.

Thank you for your help.

LOHD Committee

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

1. Must have been a Loudon citizen no less than 3 years.
2. Must be of **good character** and a **volunteer** of the community. Reasons for nomination may not include the person’s job description.
3. A nomination must be by written application, from an individual or organization of Loudon, and the application must list a brief background of the nominee, including names of organizations he/she is a member of, or has been a member of.
4. Applications must be received by the selection committee (to be chosen on a yearly basis, as necessary) no later than the designated date chosen for that particular year.
- A member of the LOHD committee, accompanied by a written letter will notify the person chosen by the committee. The person chosen has the option to decline, and the selection committee would choose an alternate.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

Nominee

Person or Organization submitting

List people (including yourself) making this decision

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Nominee has lived in Loudon years.

Nominee has volunteered on committees and organizations (please list).

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Please write a brief summary why you have chosen this particular person. Attach extra sheets as necessary.

Date requested by the LOHD committee: June 25, 2006

Date submitted

Signature (group representative)

Please note: Since, in many cases, this person may not know of his/her nomination, confidentiality is essential. The committee will announce its decision publicly or by newspaper article. ■



Loudon Youth Athletic Association

By Kris Tripp

In Memory of William "Bill" Birks

We would like to thank all the families that made donations in loving memory of Mr. William Birks. Mr. Birks coached and played many sports in Loudon. Donations were made by Bertie Combs, Barton Lumber Company, Diane and Tom Churas, Susan and Kevin McElroy, John Osgood, Steve, Sally, Paul, Lisa and Dorothy Taylor and Phillip and Beverly Mock. "He will be sadly missed but our happy and fun memories of him will be with us forever."

Loudon Baseball

By now, the Loudon Baseball season has officially started as our opening day was scheduled for April 29th. We look forward to a fantastic season! Game schedules to be posted on our town website soon!

Volunteers: We need you! We are still looking for volunteers to participate in the baseball program. For more information about the baseball board and volunteer efforts, please contact the L.Y.A.A. Baseball Commissioner, David Meeken: phone: 798-5266 or e-mail: dkameek@comcast.net.

Spring Soccer

The L.Y.A.A. spring soccer season will soon commence! The format should run as follows:

- Each age group has a scheduled time for games which will be held either weekly or bi-weekly
- Participants will be required to show up fifteen minutes prior to allotted time to sign up and to split up into teams
- We will be asking parents to volunteer to help with the coaching / referee duties
- The children may not be on the same team each week so that the teams will be fair
- All games will be in Loudon

This will allow the parent and child to decide whether to play every game or not. The spring/summer soccer program will be run right up until the start of the MLS soccer camp which will be held during the week of July 31st, 2006. For additional information about the spring soccer program, contact soccer commissioner Al Rattee: 783-4481 or e-mail: ANBFIREPRO@comcast.net.

Concord Hospital Prescription Assistance Program Tallies Over \$21 Million in Drug Cost Savings

Since its inception nearly six years ago, Concord Hospital's Prescription Assistance Program has provided more than \$21 million in needed medications for low-income families in 47 local communities. The program accesses prescription drugs that pharmaceutical companies offer free of charge to people who meet specific eligibility requirements.

Established in October 2000, the Prescription Assistance Program was originally funded through charitable contributions and is now a key community benefit service. To date, the program has obtained 84,036 medications for 3,939 patients. Sixty-two percent of the enrollees in the program are between the ages of 19 and 64.

"This program is a wonderful example of how people's contributions to Concord Hospital have made a direct and meaningful difference in the health of people in need," said Pamela Puleo, FAHP, vice president of philanthropy and public affairs. "We are proud that philanthropy played a key role in making the program a reality and that the Prescription Assistance Program continues to bring a significant amount of medication support to so many people."

Prescription Assistance is available to individuals who reside and/or have a primary care provider in the area. To qualify for assistance, a person cannot be eligible for state or federal prescription drug coverage or have any private prescription drug coverage. A person's household income must also be less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (\$18,000 per year for a household of one, or \$24,000 per year for a household of two). If a person meets the guidelines, they may be able to get free medications for their chronic conditions.

To enroll in the program, contact your primary care provider or call the Prescription Assistance office at 227-7000, extensions 3340, 7008 or 7009 to receive an application. The Prescription Assistance office will review your list of medications and proof of income to determine your eligibility in the program. ■

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

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

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

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

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

New Soccer Fields

Coming soon! The L.Y.A.A. has also teamed up the Merrimack Valley School District to provide addition soccer fields in Loudon. The fields will be built in back of the Loudon Elementary school. A committee of volunteers has been formed to coordinate activities regarding the Loudon elementary school fields. Anyone interested in participating or helping can contact Rick Latham at thelathams@comcast.net.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Maxfield Public Library. Our May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00. We hope to see you there! ■

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Loudon Wildlife

By Kris Tripp

The Spring Peeper Sings a Spring Time Song!

One of my favorite sounds of spring is the chorus of Spring Peepers (*Pseudacris crucifer*) happily singing in the forest. We are not the only ones that get to enjoy this sweet little frog — the peeper can be found in Quebec, Ontario, throughout New England south to eastern Texas, and throughout the eastern United States except Florida and southern Georgia.

This frog lives in marshy woods, non-wooded lowlands, and near ponds and swamps. Although it is a good climber, spring peepers seem to prefer to be on the ground or hiding in leaf litter. Peepers breed in permanent or temporary fresh water so you will not find them in extreme dry areas. They love marshy and swampy areas.

Even though they have a very loud song, the Spring Peeper is a very small frog. They are less than an inch long and weigh only 3 to 5 grams (or 3 to 5 paperclips!). They are usually some shade of brown, gray or olive and occasionally may be a yellow or reddish color. Its belly is cream or white, and is marked by a dark cross on its back and dark bands on its legs.

The spring peeper is usually around three years old before it reaches the breeding stage. The breeding period lasts from March to June, when 800 to 1000 eggs are laid in shallow ponds. The eggs hatch within 6 to 12 days, and tadpoles transform during July.

Spring peepers are known for their high piping whistle consisting of a single clear note repeated on intervals. The males sing, normally doing so in trios, the one who starts each round is usually the deepest voiced. During the daytime, peepers often call during light rains or in cloudy weather. They are usually silent during the end of summer, but call from forests during the fall.

If you hate ants, you will love the Spring Peeper!

The *Pseudacris crucifer* is insectivorous — that means it survives by eating mainly small insects including ants, beetles, flies, and spiders. It is believed that food is chosen more by availability and size than by actual preference.

For more information about the Spring Peeper, visit your local pond or the following website: http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Pseudacris_crucifer.html, and www.npwrc.usgs.gov/narcam/idguide/speeper.htm.

Facts for this article were obtained from the following: <http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu>.

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

BOATING EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

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

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

05/06/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	St. Joseph Hospital	Nashua
05/13/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
05/13/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Manchester University of NH	Manchester
05/20/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Squam Lakes Association	Holderness
05/20/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall Bldg.	Ossipee
05/27/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Dept of Safety –33 Hazen Dr.	Concord
05/27/06	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham

TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

05/01/06 and 05/03/06	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Moultonborough Safety Bldg.	Moultonborough
05/08/06 and 05/10/06	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
05/15/06 and 05/17/06	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Londonderry Police Dept.	Londonderry
05/22/06 and 05/24/06	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
05/22/06 and 05/24/06	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Exeter Library	Exeter
05/22/06 and 05/24/06	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Wolfeboro Huggins Hospital	Wolfeboro
05/23/06 and 05/25/06	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Derry Running Brook M.S.	Derry ■

Promising Outlook for New Hampshire Turkey Hunt

CONCORD, N.H. — Things look good for a successful 2006 New Hampshire spring gobbler season, says New Hampshire Fish and Game Department turkey biologist Ted Walski. The state's turkey hunting season runs from Wednesday, May 3, through May 31.

There are good flocks of turkeys throughout most of the state this year. Last year, spring turkey hunters in New Hampshire took a total of 3,042 turkeys during the spring season, a 12 percent increase over 2004. Walski predicts an even higher record number for the spring 2006 season. "The turkey hatch during spring 2005 was above average, and the 2005–2006 winter was perhaps the easiest for turkeys and deer in 30 years or more," said Walski. "So we have a lot of turkeys out there in the field."

A New Hampshire hunting license and \$6 turkey permit are required for all hunters 16 years and older. Youth hunters need a turkey permit, but don't need a license. (Hunters under age 16 always must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult 18 or older.) Hunters can buy their license and permit from license agents statewide. In 2005, about 18,000 hunters purchased turkey-hunting permits in New Hampshire.

Walski was pleasantly reminded of the amazing restoration success story of wild turkeys in New Hampshire earlier this year when he was in the field monitoring turkeys at a farm in the western part of the state. As he walked up a steep, wooded embankment to a cornfield, he encountered an impressive mass of 150 turkeys — many were gobblers with tails fanned out. The sky darkened as they took off into the air. That farm was less than a quarter-mile from the place where Walski had helped release 25 turkeys in New Hampshire during January of 1975. The original release was part of an effort to restore wild turkeys — birds that had disappeared completely from the state for more than 100 years. That initial flock of 25 turkeys has grown to about 30,000 birds across the state today, a true wildlife restoration success story — funded through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration program — and the reason we can look forward to an exciting spring gobbler season in the Granite State.

All hunters should keep in mind some basic safety tips when turkey hunting:

1. Never stalk a turkey. It rarely works and increases the risk of an accident.
2. Never wear red, white, blue or black over or under-clothing, as these are prominent colors of displaying gobblers.
3. Never call from a tree that is thinner than the width of your shoulders.
4. Never jump or turn suddenly in response to a suspected turkey.
5. Never call from a site where you can't see at least 40 yards in all directions.
6. Never imitate a gobbler call while concealed in a stand.
7. Never presume that what you hear or what responds to your call is a turkey.
8. Never think that your camouflage makes you totally invisible. To ID yourself to other hunters, wrap an orange band around the tree nearest you.
9. Never hide so well that you can't see what's happening around you.
10. Never move or wave to alert approaching hunters; shout "stop" instead.

For two first-hand accounts by fathers who took their sons hunting on a youth turkey weekend, download the March-April 2005 Wildlife Journal Magazine feature, "Turkey Tales" at http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife_Journal/WJ_mag.htm.

For more information on turkey hunting, including regulations for the 2006 hunt and a list of available hunter education classes (first-time hunters who need the required hunter education course should sign up soon if they want to get a license this spring), visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunting.htm>.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>. ■

**The Loudon
Communications Council
invites you to its 2006
Annual Meeting
Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at
The Community Building**



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association News

Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages on Monday, May 1 from 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, May 16 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. These Clinics are held at the Downtown Health Clinic in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

A FREE walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Wednesday, May 3 from 10–Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord. These blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. Blood pressure screenings are free of charge. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620.

May Senior Health Clinic

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic on Tuesday, May 16 at the Community Center between 9 a.m. and noon. Please note the change from its normal date. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information, call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203.

Pre-Register for Grief Support Group of Concord Regional VNA

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer an eight-week Grief Support Group for adults beginning May 10. The group will meet Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. from May 10 through June 28 at the Centennial Senior Center, 37 Regional Drive, Concord. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required by May 8. For more information or to register, please contact Laurie Brooks, Concord Regional VNA, at (603) 224-4093 ext. 2826 or laurie.brooks@crvna.org.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

Annual Hospice Memorial Service

Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m.

BOW MILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
505 SOUTH STREET, BOW

Reception following

For information, contact Laurie Brooks

224-4093, ext. 2826

or laurie.brooks@crvna.org



REAL ESTATE TIPS:

How to Determine the Price of Your Home

By Jack Prendiville, Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Why is it that some homes sit on the market for a year while others sell like hot cakes? Frustrated sellers will blame a bad market, while a good real estate professional will tell you that many times a slow sale is often attributed to the listing price.

If a home is overpriced, buyers will stay away. Buy, if the price is competitive with similar homes in the area and "shows" better than the competition, it will have a better chance of being sold quickly.

The secret is perfecting a technique that's as American as apple pie: comparative shopping.

Although comparing houses with different styles, square-footages, and locations is challenging, real estate professionals still feel it's one of the best methods to use when determining a home's market value.

A responsible real estate agent will effectively evaluate a home's worth through a process known as Comparative Marketing Analysis (CMA). Taking a look at assets, such as a swimming pool, bigger than normal living spaces, a fantastic view, adjacent city parks, and other attractions, the agent will begin to compare your home with similar properties, called "comparables," that have sold in the area within the last six months. Typically, the agent is able to recommend a realistic price range that will ensure you top dollar. However, factors such as the amount of time needed to sell your home can alter the agent's price recommendation dramatically.

Typically, people should check with real estate offices in the community to determine the typical duration that listings are on the market. Sales associates will explain that the marketing "norms" vary with prices and properties. Based on this criteria, the agent feels confident that he or she will be able to sell it for a price that both you and the buyer will be happy with. However, if you're under time constraints because of unexpected job changes or moving agreements you've made on another property, this will narrow your chances of selling the home for top dollar in the market.

Assuming you have sufficient time to market the home, here are a few small steps you and your agent can take to finding the right price for your property.

The best comparisons can be made with similar homes that have been sold within the last 45 days as opposed to the standard six months. Any longer and other factors, such as the economy, could cloud your view of how much your home is really worth.

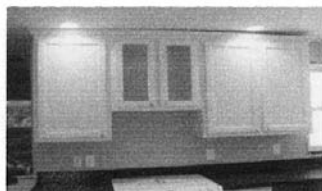
Another good benchmark is to review the selling prices of homes that have just been sold and are pending closes. Most MLS services provide information on deals pending that most real estate agents should be able to share with you.

A good rule of thumb before setting a price is to make comparisons of comparable properties within a reasonable geographic region of your house. Once completed you can feel comfortable that the price you've picked is a good gauge of the home's worth and won't discourage qualified buyers.

Being open and honest about what you see as the home's greatest strengths and biggest weaknesses will also help an agent get a better feel for how to best evaluate (or assess) and market your home. Think of your home as if *you* were the buyer. If your home is listed at the right price, you're well on your way to a speedy and fruitful sale. ■

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Boy Scouts Cross Over

On March 23 the Loudon Cub Scout Den 7 Webelo II's, led by Rick Latham and assisted by Shawn Wayman, crossed -over from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts. It was quite a blow-out the likes of which had never been seen before thus ensuring it was a spectacular time for all. The first part of the meeting was held indoors in the American Legion Hall which is the home/sponsor to Boy Scouts Troop 247. All of the Cub Scouts of every level came as this was also their monthly meeting so the place was packed (no pun intended).

After Cub Master Gary West completed all regular Pack business he discussed the importance of the cross-over and the stage was literally set for the Webelo II cross-over. After some silly dancing by entire Den 7 on stage to favorite crowd-pleaser "brown squirrel," the boys cleared the stage in anticipation of receiving their "Arrow of Light" award which is the only award from Cub Scouts that may be carried over into Boy Scouts.

Archer Jean Fife, leader of the Boy Scout Troop 247's companion co-ed group called "Venturers Troop 247," performed the highly skilled task of using a bow to shoot an arrow for each Scout into a designated target with impeccable precision. After all arrows were discharged, the Webelos and their parents went on stage to be awarded

their actual arrow and an arrow patch to be sewn on their Boy Scout uniform. Following everyone's return to their seats, the lights were dimmed and a giant screen illuminated with a beautiful 15 minute movie, lovingly prepared by Deb Latham, comprised of pictures of the boys from Den 7 covering their entire career in Cub Scouts. The pictures brought tears to the eyes of many especially as accompanied by wonderful music about "the best time of our lives." It was adorable and moving to see the boys grow from baby-faced first graders to 11 year-old preteens.

As the lights came up, everyone except the 9 Webelos were ushered outside to begin the actual "Cross-Over" ceremony. The outdoor ceremony had a "Survivor" theme and was a huge success. The Webelos all walked out of the Legion building in a line, each carrying their own tribal flag totem (Den flag which each boy made himself using tree branches and cloth). They wore their neckerchiefs as "buffs" pirate style on their heads. They had to walk through a river of fire (burning fires in tin cans) and take their seats in the "tribal council area" (tree stumps in a half-circle).

One-by-one each boy was "voted-out" of Cub Scouts: this consisted of removing their "buffs" and relinquishing their totem flag. Their Den Leader, Rick Latham, then gave a short speech about a memorable incident involving

Bike Helmets are REQUIRED

By Tricia Ingraham, BS

It's that time of year when kids are finally able to dust off their bikes and take them for a spin. Don't forget effective January 1, 2006 a new law was passed (RSA 265:144). This law requires that all children under the age of 16 wear a bike helmet when riding a bicycle. Wearing a helmet at any age is recommended for riding a bike, skateboard, scooter or using skates.

Bicycle crashes are a major cause of brain injuries. Helmets prevent 85% of these injuries and 75% of the deaths. Helmets should be buckled and worn properly to protect your brain. Safe helmets can cost less than \$10. Look for a sticker from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to be sure that it meets safety standards.

If you have safety related questions, call Safe Kids NH at 1-877-783-0432. ■

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Date: Wednesday, June 7th

Registration: Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: NHIS, Loudon, NH

There is no cost for this event although donations to CHaD will be gratefully accepted. For more information and to let us know you are coming contact SAFE KIDS NH at 1-877-783-0432 or e-mail at IPC@dartmouth.edu. ■



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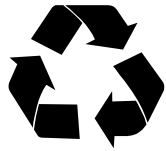


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each Scout — from wins in the Pinewood Derby through muddy bike hikes to winning big bucks at a Monarchs game. The Scout then “crossed-over” the bridge into the land of Boy Scouts. Max McConnell was waiting for them on the other side to hand them a ceremonial torch to represent their new life in Boy Scouts. Each Boy Scout then walked under a military-style row of crossed oars held aloft by Troop 247’s older Scouts/Venturers. These oars were then given to each new Troop 247 Scout for their upcoming 50 mile canoe trip.

Seven Scouts: Cody Ellis, Kevin Latham, Jake McConnell, Jack Minery, Logan Osgood, Cullen Rodrique, and Craig Wayman, entered into Troop 247 led by John Rice and two — Ritchie Bittle and David West — entered into Troop 30 led by Mike Williams. Once they had joined their new “tribe,” they were bestowed their new Boy Scout neckerchiefs, tied on by an elder member of their Troop. Finally their torch was lit and they took their place in line with the rest of their new Troop who also held torches. It was a really moving sight to see all those Boy Scouts in uniform holding torches so seriously and solemnly lighting up the Loudon night. After a brief welcome by their new Boy Scout Troop Leaders the event was concluded.

All in all it was a really wonderful time and it is surely an event all the boys will remember for the rest of their lives. ■



Recycling in Loudon

Recycling Glass Paves Roads

By: Karen Thurber

Finally we are coming to the end of winter and in New England that means crews will be out repaving many of our roads. This year Clough Pond Road and Old Shaker Road have been approved for repaving. It may seem strange but recycling your glass can help both with the repaving of our roads and reducing the costs of trash disposal at the transfer station.

You may wonder what recycling your glass containers and your roads have in common. The town of Loudon recycles all colors of glass and does not separate them by color. It is not necessary because they are not sold. Instead the glass is crushed and will be used as an aggregate in place of gravel under sidewalks and roads. Using crushed

glass in place of gravel saves the town on trash disposal fees and on gravel purchases. Glass aggregate is said to be as good or better, than gravel when used in road construction. The Cold Reigns Research and Engineering Laboratory found that glass actually holds up better to frost than gravel. Another way glass can be used on roads is in the paving process. Glass can be crushed very fine and used as a substitute for sand in the asphalt, making a product known as “glasphalt.” Glasphalt leaves roads sparkling.

Loudon transfer station accepts all colors of glass bottles and jars. Glass should be rinsed with all caps and stoppers removed. Windows and glass bake ware are not recyclable at the Loudon Transfer Station at this time. Recycling our glass saves us money in two ways, by reducing trash disposal costs and by reducing gravel purchases. In the end it helps reduce taxes. ■

Beautify Loudon!

The Loudon Recycle Committee would like to encourage everyone to get out this spring and help make Loudon beautiful. Trash along the roads is most visible and easily picked up in the spring. Walking the road in front of your house with a trash bag can make an enormous difference in the appearance of our town. Thanks for helping clean up our roads and making Loudon a beautiful place to live. ■

Thanks to All Who Ordered Composting Bins and Pails!

The Loudon Recycle Committee is happy to announce that as of March 24th, we have sold 48 composting bins and 33 composting pails, raising \$322.50. The Recycle Committee plans to purchase Clear Stream recycling containers for use at town functions. Be on the look out for places to recycle your bottles and cans at sport games, Old Home Day and Town Meeting. If you missed the sale and are still interested in purchasing a composting bin or composting pail, you may still be able to get one. Contact Alex at 783-8028. ■

WANTED:

Someone who loves to cook! (Or someone who loves to eat!) The Communications Council needs someone to coordinate the recipe page each month.



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Loudon Girl Scouts: What have they been up to?

By Michelle Drago

Loudon Girl Scout Junior Troop 2641

Sue Kowalski and Annette Blake

To earn their Winter Sports badge, the 10 to 12 year-olds in Troop 2641 followed an Olympic sport in February and went ice-skating at the Laconia Ice Rink in March. They also learned about different fabrics used in winter clothing and about frostbite and hypothermia. The troop enjoyed two field trips to Petco and Borders. After doing some activities at home with their own pets, they were able to earn their Pet Care badge. They had a great time at the "Lock-In" at the Goffstown YMCA in April. They were able to stay up late, swim, rock climb and eat pizza! In May, they plan to do some community service by helping the Maxfield Library and the Loudon Elementary School PTA. Trips to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and Polar Caves will finish out the year before they bridge up to Cadette Girl Scouts in June.

Loudon Girl Scout Junior Troop 361

Samantha French

Junior Girl Scout Troop 361 has been very busy lately!! They just finished up 2 more badges entitled "Let's Get Cooking" and "Jeweler."

For the Jeweler badge they made beaded macramé hemp necklaces during a troop meeting. They also went on a field trip to "Bead-it" in Concord. There they made a friendship bracelet. They were also shown many different styles of jewelry and beautiful beads. The woman who gave the tour was also the artist and all the girls were impressed with her beadwork!!!

The girls LOVED the 'Let's Get Cooking' badge!!! We were lucky to have been given a behind the scenes tour of Brookside Pizza. They learned about sanitation and the health code, how food is stored, where everything was made, and they even made a pizza box. They especially loved it when Mike gave them a lesson in how they make all the pizza dough!!! They watched Jenn make a large cheese pizza-which they loved eating!!! THANK YOU BROOKSIDE PIZZA!!!! At one of their troop meetings they made milkshakes with Mint Girl Scout cookies. They also made an ice cream pie with layers of Tag-a-longs and Do-si-dos in chocolate ice cream. Needless to say they were a little hyped up when they went home. For the last requirement of the badge, they created a make believe Italian restaurant. They called it "Bella Bambina's." They designed a menu and came up with all the delicious dishes they would serve.

Troop 361 is now working on the "Toymaker" badge and will have a tour of a private antique toy and dollhouse collection. Thank you Martha and Pete!!

On May 9th troop 361 one be working on a science badge with other Girl Scout troops in Loudon-that should be a lot of fun. In May we will start and complete our last badge of the year, the "Clay and Ceramics" badge. We will start off with a tour of clay artist Melissa Zych's pottery studio in Deerfield and end the badge with a trip to "Your Fired" in Concord to paint your own pottery.

Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse & Michele Paquette

The girls of Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop #300 were really movin' last month! We have finished our "Girl Sports" Try-It doing new stretches, throwing, catching and understanding the importance of physical activity in our daily lives. We also finished our "Dancercise" Try-It. The girls made up dance moves and taught them to each other, we took turns following dance patterns and listening to the music for the rhythms and beats. We rounded out the try-it activities with a dance party where we all had a blast – we almost talked school custodian Mr. Larry into joining us we were having so much fun!

Most of the girls went blasting off into space by visiting the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and learning about the night sky and various constellations and asterisms, just ask one of our girls and they will tell you the difference. This was a very exciting trip and everyone walked away learning a great deal about the wonders of space. If you have never been to "The Night Sky" planetarium show, the girls and leaders of Troop #300 highly recommend it! Next we will be moving on to the wonders of the great outdoors to do some exploration with nature, our environment and animals. We will start out by making underwater viewers which are made from large tin cans and plastic wrap to explore vernal pools or small patches of water and discover the life within them. We would like to thank the kitchen staff at Loudon Elementary School for saving enough cans for each person in our group to make their own viewer – THANK YOU VERY MUCH LADIES!

We will be working with NH Fish & Game experts from Loudon exploring vernal pools and learn about some of the amazing creatures and things that can be found right here in our town. We are still planning on cleaning up a color spot in town and then planting flowers when it gets a bit warmer as a community service



project. We are going to be participating in a program called Lost, But Found Safe with Loudon Brownie Troop #45. This program includes a video about staying safe in the woods and what to do if you become lost. It educates everyone on the important things to have with you for survival and reminds everyone to stay close to their group. The girls will be watching the video, discussing the material, making a hip-pack or daypack from a bandana and going on a small hike. The leaders are very excited about this program and look forward to educating everyone on the safety skills required to stay safe while in the woods.

Our troop will also be working with the Daisies of Loudon (Troop #955) who are bridging into Brownies. We will introduce them to what Brownie Girl Scouts are all about. We have some fun activities planned and look forward to meeting them. Loudon Troop #300 can look forward to a special surprise at the end of May...and in addition we will wrap up our first year together with a pizza and pool party at Steele Hill Resort in June. Please stop by at our Loudon Bridging and Awards Ceremony to see what we are all about. We are just so busy and are running out of time with all the fun we are having!

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Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop 2651

Heather Herter and Darlene Conte

Our troop has had a busy but very fun couple of months so far! Some of the activities we have done include going to Borders and Shaws for field trips. We had a cookie booth sale in March at the Fox Pond Plaza. We did awesome! We sold 11 cases (136 boxes) of cookies! We would like to thank everyone who stopped by and purchased cookies from us. Thank you to the girls for doing a great job out there! An extra special thank you goes out to Meyer's RV of Chichester for donating a camper for us to use at our sale and to Mark Herter for setting it up and taking it down. The day was chilly and it helped us a lot!

We will be very busy the rest of the school year. Our plans include participating in the YMCA Lock-In with other NH Girl Scouts, visiting the Audubon Center in Concord to learn about pond life, finishing our work to earn more Try-Its, and having a pizza/pool party to end our wonderful year together.

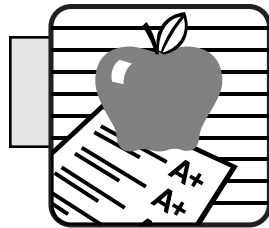
Heather and Darlene will be "moving up" to Juniors next year with their daughters, so Troop 2651 is in need of a leader and an assistant.

Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop 45

Michele Holbrook and Linda Elkins

Brownie Troop 45 would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who purchased Girl Scout cookies at our booth sale. We sold 10 cases of cookies!! Thanks also to some wonderful customers who also purchased cookies to be sent to the US troops overseas and thank you to TD Banknorth for allowing us to sell cookies on their property.

Troop 45 will be holding a Bake Sale on Saturday, May 13th at the Maxfield Public Library from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. This sale is one of the requirements of the Brownie Girl Scout Try-It "Penny Power" which the girls are working on. All proceeds will go towards two community service projects so we hope you will be able to drop by and purchase a few delicious home baked goodies. ■



Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School Kindergarten Registration and Information Night

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Loudon Elementary School will have and incoming Kindergarten parent information night at 6:30. Registration for students entering Kindergarten this fall will be held on May 11th and May 12th. Students must be age 5 on or before September 30th. For additional information please call Mrs. Muzzey at 783-4400.

Important Dates

May 2	Incoming Kindergarten parent information night, 6:30
May 4	PTA Meeting, 6:30
May 5	PTA staff breakfast 8:00 AM
May 6	PTA yard sale
May 11-12	Kindergarten Registration
May 12	Mid-term marks close
May 19	Mid-term grades issued
May 25	Move up day for 5th graders
May 29th	Memorial Day observed. No school.
June 16	Last day of school
August 30	First day of school

Merrimack Middle and High School Calendar

May 18-20	Musical production of <i>Once Upon A Mattress</i> , MVHS auditorium
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National Visual Arts Winner

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

Entries were judged on the following criteria:

- 1) Historical accuracy of Timeline as reflected by its incorporation of facts about da Vinci's life and the broader historical context in which his life can be viewed (25%)
- 2) Creativity of Timeline's concept and design (25%)
- 3) Representation of diverse aspects of da Vinci's talents and accomplishments (25%)
- 4) Originality and quality of presentation (25%)

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

Recreation Department News

By Kris Tripp

Swim Lesson Sign Up

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

Sign ups will be held at the Maxfield Public Library on May 24th from 6-8pm. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193.

Community Fun Night Returns in July & August

The Loudon Recreation Department will once again sponsor Community

Fun Night in July and August. We have some very exciting events planned! Ice Cream Social, Bands, Theater groups and a Petting Zoo are all in store! For additional information, look in future editions of the Loudon Ledger and on the town website: www.loudonnh.org under Recreation.

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

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

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

The Loudon Recreation Committee meets on the first Monday of every month at Charlie's Barn. Our May meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1st at 7:00 and our June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5th. We hope to see you there! ■

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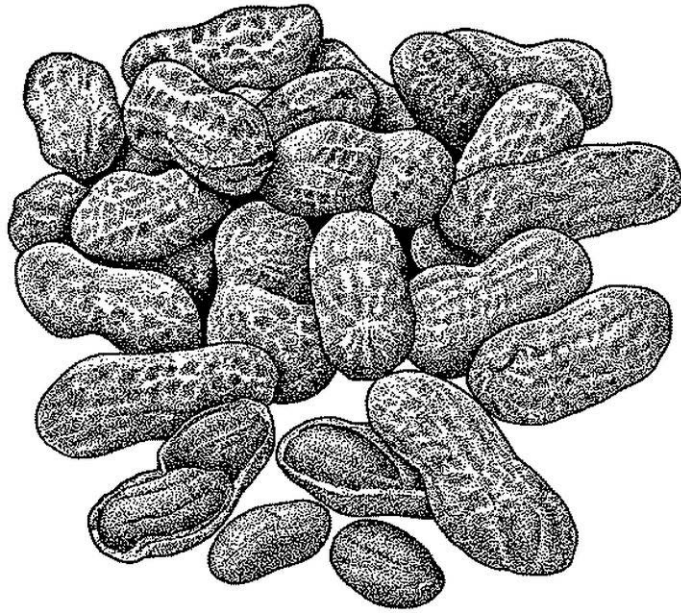
I hope this finds everyone happy and well during this exciting time of year, Spring! Everyone is getting outside, baseball season is under way, and the kids seem to be bursting with new-found energy. To support this energy and provide them with healthy fuel, it's important to provide them with healthy sources of fats and protein. One of the most common staples in today's household that can be a beneficial source of fuel is peanut butter. I can't think of one household that doesn't use peanut butter on a daily basis. For some, it is the only source of protein for their kids or the only lunch they have ever known or choose to eat. So, let's look at the type of peanut butter in your cupboard and how you can upgrade to ensure your child is getting the best for your buck and their good health.

What's in peanut butter? Take a look at the ingredients — some peanut butters have added oils, specifically hydrogenated oils which can't be broken down by the body. It's actually like swallowing plastic. What would your body have to do to break down plastic? You'll also find other additives like high fructose corn syrup, food dyes, etc. which are not necessary or beneficial to the body.

What should you look for? My rule of thumb: your ingredients should be less than the size of your thumbnail. More is not better. Peanut butter is made with peanuts. Truly, that is all it takes. You could make your own by putting peanuts in a food processor and blending. There you have it: homemade, natural peanut butter. If this seems a little daunting, look for peanut butter with just peanuts, no additional oils, sugars or additives.

For those of you who are long-time Skippy and Jif users, you may want to switch to the more natural brands gently. Some people switch gradually by mixing their peanut butter half and half or putting the old brand on one slice of bread and the natural peanut butter on the other slice. After a week or two, your little ones won't even notice you've upgraded on them, but their bodies will.

What are the more natural brands? "Teddies" carries an old fashioned peanut butter with just roasted peanuts. "Hannaford" carries creamy peanut butter with



peanuts and salt, as does "Smuckers." Check out the other store name brands to see if they have natural peanut butters with just peanuts added. Remember, less is more. The brands I have mentioned also have other versions of peanut butter with the added ingredients, so be sure to read the labels. They do this to stay competitive and to supply you with what you demand, so it is important to educate yourself. Do not buy reduced fat versions, because they are adding artificial sweeteners to make it less caloric. However, in the long run, this is not healthful for your body. Artificial sweeteners can cause many health issues and removing the fat leaves us not feeling satisfied, therefore we tend to eat more.

If you're already doing this, you may want to upgrade to an organic peanut butter, such as "MaraNatha," "Once Again" or "Arrowhead Mills." Peanut crops are highly sprayed with pesticides, which become very concentrated in nuts and seeds.

If you want to jazz it up a bit, try other nut butters like almond and cashew. Not all kids

like peanut butter but enjoy the sweet taste of other nuts.

Storage of peanut butter is important, too. Oils can become rancid more quickly if not stored in a cool, dark place. If you do not have a space like this, store your peanut butter in the fridge. Often, with the more natural brands, you will have an abundance of oil on the top. Don't remove this oil; stir it in. This will make the peanut butter creamier and more satisfying.

When eating peanut butter and any food, remember: variety and moderation are always important for our good health.

If you require additional facts, information, or how to's regarding your peanut butter, please email me at affimhealth@yahoo.com.

As always, I hope these suggestions are helpful to you and the health of your family.

Be well! ■

Sweet News — Strawberries Are Part Of A Heart-Healthy Plan

(NAPSI)-The road to a healthy heart runs through the kitchen. Just ask Joe Piscatella, who had coronary bypass surgery at the early age of 32. Told that he wouldn't live to see his two young children graduate from high school, Joe decided to take a crash course in heart-healthy eating and learned a few things along the way.

Thirty years later, Joe is now the President of the Institute for Fitness and Health and best-selling author of "The Road to a Healthy Heart Runs Through the Kitchen." Full of facts and sound advice, this book is an easy-to-follow lifestyle plan that combines the newest guidelines from the USDA with 300 easy and delicious recipes.

Joe knows the importance of eating foods that you love and explains how to include them in a heart-healthy diet. Take America's favorite fruit: the Strawberry. Strawberries are a superfood that Joe recommends to increase levels of folate, a B vitamin important for heart health. Studies have shown a reduction in artery-damaging inflammation and lower blood pressure after eating a serving of strawberries every day for eight weeks. Luckily for your heart, fresh, sweet strawberries are available year-round from California!

According to Joe, "This book is easy to follow and will engage your head along with your stomach in the quest for a lifestyle that will really make a difference."

Spinach, Strawberry and Walnut Salad

4 servings

- 4 cups of fresh baby spinach leaves
- 1/4 cup wine vinaigrette
- 1 cup thickly sliced California strawberries
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1/4 cup walnut halves, chopped

Toss spinach with vinaigrette. Add berries and walnuts. Toss again.

Nutrition Note: The antioxidants in strawberries and the omega-3 fatty acids in the walnuts help keep artery walls healthy.

You *can* include the food you love in a heart-healthy diet. ■



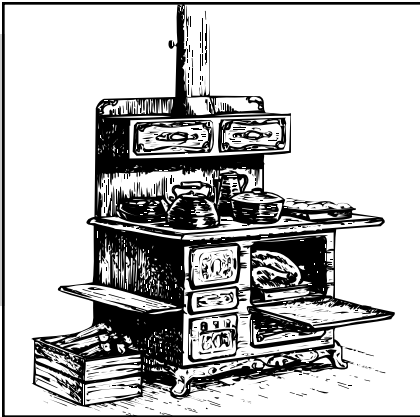
Girl Scout Bake Sale

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9 a.m.–12 p.m.



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

This month: Easter Recipes

We hope our international recipes will encourage you to try something new! There are some wonderful options here.

NEXT MONTH: The weather is warming up and it will be time for graduation parties and cookouts. Does your family have a picnic or family gathering favorite? How about Grandma's jell-o salad that she made every year? Or a special cake that only got made for special family parties? Please share your recipes with us. You may email your recipes directly to the *Ledger*: debbie@debbiekgraphics.com, or mail them to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. We look forward to hearing from all of Loudon's great cooks.

The following recipes and information are from *The Usborne Children's World Cookbook*.

RECIPE FROM HOLLAND

Holland is also known as The Netherlands, which means the low lands. Most of the country is flat, especially the polders, which are areas of land reclaimed from the sea. The landscape is also criss-crossed by canals and dotted with windmills. Dutch food is famous above all for its cheeses, especially Edam and Gouda.

Cauliflower in cheese sauce

- 4 oz. cheese (one cup grated)
 - 1 large cauliflower
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup milk
 - a pinch of salt and black pepper
 - a pinch of grated nutmeg
1. Grate the cheese. Take the leaves off the cauliflower, and then cut out the core. Cut the rest into four pieces.
 2. Melt the butter in a pan over a low heat. Add the flour and stir it with a wooden spoon to make a smooth paste.
 3. Cook the mixture gently for a minute, then take the pan off the heat. Stir in the milk, a little at a time.
 4. Put the pan back on the heat. Let it cook over a low heat for 5–10 minutes, stirring from time to time.
 5. Meanwhile, heat a large pan of salted water. When it boils, cook the cauliflower for 5–6 minutes, until tender.
 6. Dump the cauliflower into a colander standing over a sink. Let it drain. Put the cauliflower into an ovenproof dish.
 7. Stir most of the grated cheese into the sauce to melt. Season it with a pinch of salt, pepper and grated nutmeg.
 8. When the cheese has melted, pour the sauce over the cauliflower and sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top.
 9. Turn on the broiler. Put the dish into the broiler for a few minutes, until the top starts to bubble and turns brown.

RECIPE FROM AUSTRIA

Austria is a small country in central Europe. It is famous for its strudels. These are layers of wafer-thin pastry filled with different kinds of fruit, poppy seeds, or meat. Other specialties are dumplings, bread, noodles, smoked ham and Wiener schnitzel – slices of veal, fried in breadcrumbs.

Sachertorte

- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup of softened butter
- 1/2 a cup of sugar
- 8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate squares
- 1/2 cup of flour

For the icing:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder

Two 8" sandwich cake pans, greased and lined with a circle of wax paper. Oven temperature: 325°F

1. Separate the eggs. Put the whites in one bowl and the yolks in another. Beat the yolks until smooth.
2. Beat the butter and sugar together with a wooden spoon until creamy. Stir in the egg yolks gradually.
3. Break half the chocolate into pieces in a small heat-proof bowl. Heat a saucepan of water over a low heat.
4. Stand the bowl over the pan and stir the chocolate until it has melted. Stir it into the creamy mixture.
5. Put the egg whites into a large bowl. Whisk them until they are firm and form soft peaks when you lift the whisk.
6. Mix the flour into the cake mixture, then gently fold in the egg whites with a metal spoon. Fold in one spoonful at a time.
7. Pour the mixture into the cake tins. Smooth the top with the back of a spoon. Bake the cakes for 35 minutes.
8. Run a knife around the edge of the cakes to loosen them. Turn them out onto a wire rack and leave them to cool.
9. To make a thick icing, melt the rest of the chocolate in a bowl. Mix in a tablespoon of powdered sugar and the butter.
10. Use a knife to spread the chocolate icing onto one half of the cake. Then, put the other cake on top.
11. Melt the preserves in a pan over a low heat. Spread it over the top and sides of the cake with a blunt knife.
12. Sift the cocoa powder and the rest of the powdered sugar into a bowl. Add water a little at a time. Spread it all over the cake.

RECIPE FROM NORWAY

Norway is part of Scandinavia, a group of the most northern countries in Europe. The winters are long and very cold in Norway, so the Norwegians preserve plenty of food to last them until spring. Many types of berries grow in the Norwegian forests. People make special fruit puddings, like this one to celebrate the short Scandinavian summer.

Red Fruit Pudding

- 1 lb. raspberries, blackcurrants or redcurrants, or a mixture of all three
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 2 cups cold water
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
1. Put the fruit, sugar and water in a pan. Cook them over a low heat for five minutes, until the fruit is soft.
 2. Let the fruit cool, and then use the back of a spoon to push it through a sieve into a bowl. Throw away any bits left in the sieve.
 3. Put the cornstarch in a cup. Mix it with a tablespoon of the juices from the cooked fruit, until it is smooth.
 4. Stir the cornstarch mixture into the fruit. Then, pour the fruit back into the pan and bring it to a boil.
 5. Turn the heat down low. Cook the fruit for five minutes, stirring it with a wooden spoon all the time.
 6. Take the pan off the heat and let the mixture cool. Pour it into some glasses or bowls. Chill them in a refrigerator. ■

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News Items From Concord Hospital

Interactive Workshop for Parents or Caregivers With Cancer and Their Children

CONCORD, N.H. — The Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care in conjunction with CancerCare for Kids will present “We’re Talking About It” on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This free, 2-1/2 hour workshop for parents or caregivers with cancer, their partners and their children, ages 6–11 will help families learn to cope with the challenges of cancer, and communicate with each other more effectively.

Professional oncology social workers will facilitate this interactive program, where parents and children meet both separately and together. Parents will learn how to talk to their children about cancer; give support to their child emotionally; and understand how to provide accurate information to their children regarding their diagnosis. Children will play games such as *Game Show of Knowledge*, *The Solar System of Support*, and *The Feelings Blanket*.

For detailed information and to register for the program, call the Payson Center for Cancer Care HOPE Resource Center at (603) 230-6031. Upon arrival, park in Lot A and enter the hospital through the main entrance. The program is being held in the Payson Center for Cancer Care Conference Room on the first floor.

Wise Choices II Lecture Series

Wise Choices II, a free health lecture series for women age 50 and over, is designed to help you take control of your future. The series began on Friday, April 21 and continues through June 2 at Concord Hospital and is presented by the Concord Hospital Office of Philanthropy, the Planned Giving Advisory Committee and the Center for Health Promotion.

All four lectures will be held on Fridays at Concord Hospital beginning at 11:45 a.m. *You do not have to attend all four.*

- **May 5 — Care for the Caregiver** with Patti Nichols, MSW, Director of Concord Hospital’s Patient and Family Services (*Conference Room B*)
- **May 19 — Nutrition & Supplements: Sorting Fact from Fiction** with Dr. Jane Sullivan-Durand, Center for Integrative Medicine (*Conference Room A*)
- **June 2 — An Integrated Approach to Accomplishing Your Estate Planning Goals** with Marcia Hennelly Moran, Esq., Flood, Sheehan & Tobin PLLC (*Conference Room B*)

A light lunch will be provided. Space is limited, and **registration is required**. Please call the Center for Health Promotion at (603) 230-7300. Upon arrival, park in Lot A or B and enter the hospital through the main entrance.

Concord Hospital Recognizes Top Medical Staff

Five Concord Hospital physicians were recognized as Top Doctors by their peers in the April issue of *New Hampshire Magazine*.

The annual listing named *Stephen Del Giudice, MD*, dermatology; *Gerard Smith, MD*, radiology; *Denis Hammond, MD*, oncology/hematology; *N. Ross Jenkins, MD*, neurosurgery; and *Hoke Shirley, MD*, rheumatology as Top Doctors. In addition, *New Hampshire Magazine* named *Drs. Del Giudice and Smith* to its Hall of Fame, which recognizes physicians who have been selected as a Top Doctor by their peers for five consecutive years.

“We would like to honor and congratulate all of our outstanding physicians,” said Concord Hospital president and CEO Mike Green. “They work hard every day to ensure New Hampshire residents receive the highest quality of medical care and have access to the latest in technological advancements.”

Concord Hospital is a regional medical center that provides comprehensive acute-care services and healthcare programs to people throughout New Hampshire. The hospital currently has 280 active medical staff in 50 specialties and subspecialties and offers leading-edge technology and equipment not available anywhere else in the state. In 2005, the charitable, not-for-profit organization provided more than \$21.6 million in community benefits to the residents of central New Hampshire. For more information, visit www.concordhospital.org. ■

The deadline for the June issue of *The Loudon Ledger* is Friday, May 12.
The next Communications Council meeting is Monday, May 15.
A production meeting will be held at 6:30 followed by a Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen’s Minutes — Thursday, March 7, 2006

Present: Selectman Maxfield and Little.
 Selectman Bowles was not present.

Also present: Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson.

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

Selectman Little moved to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 28, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor: Motion carried.

The Board met with Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson and Jessica Storey.

Mrs. Robinson introduced Jessica Storey. Ms. Storey stated she works at Orr and Reno in Concord and graduated from law school in May. Ms. Storey is interested in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission. *Selectman Little moved to appoint Jessica Storey to the Loudon Conservation Commission effective March 7, 2006 for a term to expire March 31, 2009. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor: Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield discussed the soil placed by ESMI on a lot on Currier Road. He provided Mrs. Robinson with copies of the test results relative to the metals in the soil. Mrs. Robinson asked if the property that this treated soil is being placed on is going to be developed. She stated she thought ESMI treated soil could only be placed on commercial land. Selectman Little explained the differences between a “virgin spill” and “used oils” and what the Town allows for residential applications. Mrs. Robinson agreed this issue should be looked into. Chairman Maxfield gave a brief background on the treatment plant. Discussion ensued regarding the parcel on Currier Road where the soil is being placed.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Deedee Maratea regarding her property on Berry Road.

The Board received a copy of a letter from the Planning Board to Alvin Davis III.

The Board received information from NH State Police to place a tower on Oak Hill.

The Board received a copy of the preliminary well siting report from Volunteers of America for Elderly Housing on South Village Road.

Selectman Little discussed the cell phones that are utilized by the different departments of the Town. The Board will look into cell phone plans and possible use of the Nextel phone.

Selectman Little stated he had noticed the ambulance fueling up at the Transfer Station instead of fueling up at the Huckleberry Oil pumps. The Board will look into this and check with the department heads to find out why this took place.

Chairman Maxfield stated this was Selectman Little’s last formal meeting as Selectman and he wanted to thank him on behalf of the Town and Board for filling in over the last six months. The Town appreciates his dedication and service. Selectman Little stated it has been a pleasure.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Selectmen’s Meeting for Tuesday, March 14, 2006 has been cancelled due to first session of Town Meeting, but the Board members still need to review and sign paperwork at the Office. He went on to explain that the newly elected Selectmen’s term would begin after the drop of the gavel at the end of Town Meeting on Saturday.

Selectman Little moved that the Town of Loudon, in accordance with Article #6 of the Loudon Zoning Ordinance, non-conformities section 601.1 contiguous lot rule, take the steps necessary to enforce this rule and direct our assessor to join all non-conforming lots of record that are in the same ownership or two or more adjoining lots in single or joint ownership and of record at the time this ordinance takes effect, do not meet the requirements or lot area or frontage established by this ordinance, the lots involved shall be considered as a single undivided lot of record for the purpose of this ordinance. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Selectman Little discussed non-conforming lots on Hilltop Drive, Terry Drive, Lesmerises Road, Route 106, and stated there were a few others in Town. All in favor: Motion carried.

Selectman Little moved to adjourn at 6:59 PM. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor: Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Bowles, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Tom Dow Planning Board Vice-chair, and David Powelson ZBA member.

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

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

Chairman Maxfield stated there was one Hawker's and Peddler's Permit for the Smoke Shack Southern Barbeque, LLC owned by Joshua Davis. This business is located on Heffron Materials property on Route 106 South. The business is run from April–October, 7 days per week, 11:00 AM through dusk. He stated it was the same application as last year. There were no issues with this permit.

Chairman Maxfield closed the Board of Permit.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice stated he had been contacted by the EPA regarding Berry Road issues. Mr. Rice was advised that a plan needed to be prepared showing steps that would be taken to deal with the issues. Discussion ensued regarding the fact the Town will not be the only ones having to deal with this issue, the landowners who's properties are contributing to the issues will be responsible also.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he had gone to Liberty to order the new truck for the Highway Department as the price will go up at the end of the month. He discussed the packer trailer and the Board agreed he could place the order for it.

Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew had been patching roads. He advised the Board he had spoken with Mark Page and he should be able to begin working on the grader next month and hopefully get it back running.

Selectman Bowles discussed a letter forwarded to the Planning Board regarding Wayne Thistle and Young's Hill Road from Mr. Rice. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Rice getting letterhead made up for the Road Agent so it does not appear a letter is coming from the Selectmen's Office as well as the intent of what the letter was about. Roy Merrill was recognized from the audience. Mr. Merrill stated that someone misconstrued the letter at the Planning Board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding widening the road as well as an issue with a culvert.

The Board acknowledged members of the audience wishing to express their concerns regarding Loudon Fire Department issues.

Selectman Bowles stated the Selectmen are not obligated to say anything at this point based on advice from Town Counsel. He stated the Board was advised if anyone from the fire department wanted to talk about this subject, they should be allowed to express their concerns and they would be on

record in the minutes. However, the Selectmen will not discuss the conversations they have had with Town Counsel. Rob Morin asked how a volunteer fire department could kick off a member. Stacey McNeil stated there are rules and regulations the Loudon Fire Association follow as well as by-laws. Selectman Ives stated he is a member of the Loudon Fire Department and while he has information on the fire department side, he has not been part of the information and discussion on the Board of Selectmen's side. He stated he could not make any decision until he is brought up to speed by the Selectmen and asked for some time to get the answers. Mr. Morin said he felt if something was not done soon to address the issues; the department was at risk for losing more members. Jeff Leonard said he felt if there were members of the department causing the problems they should be the ones to go. Mr. Leonard stated he has been trying to stay neutral during this whole thing but after Town Meeting and the issue of removing the Fire Chief salary came up, he has decided to speak up. He feels this should have been handled at the fire department. Rick Wright stated the issues had been brought to Chief Burr's attention, but nothing was done to fix the problems. Now it has been brought to the Selectmen and the Town. He briefly discussed his feelings relative to the issue of the handout that was at Town Meeting. Mr. Morin stated he had received a phone call asking that he attend tonight's meeting and advise members of the department of the outcome. He stated it is not just the volunteers that have concerns. Mr. Wright said he had received the same type of calls. Mrs. McNeil discussed the handout that was at Town Meeting. She said she felt it was up to the Selectmen to investigate each issue or allegation, they should find out from everyone on the fire department how they feel and not just take the information that was available at Town Meeting. Mrs. McNeil went on to discuss the issue of each person on the fire department, whether they are volunteers or fulltime employees, needing to speak for themselves and not have other members speak for them. She said she felt that whether a member was a volunteer or a full-time employee, they would be facing the same consequences if there were to be any. Chairman Maxfield said the new Board needed to get together and discuss this issue and they can do that now that Town Meeting is over. Mr. Leonard discussed his concerns regarding the Moderator and Selectmen allowing a personal issue to go to a vote. Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Leonard that the Selectmen have no control over that issue. He stated the Selectmen are there to bring the articles forward and they each have one vote. The meeting is run by the Moderator, and it is up to the Moderator to keep the meeting under control. Delena Leonard said she felt that since most people do not have all the facts of this issue, many

have only heard rumors. Due to not having all the facts, it should not have been a vote at Town Meeting. She went on to say she feels that no matter what the outcome of the situation is, there will still be a divided fire department. Mr. Morin stated he did not want to see Chief Burr be fired, he wanted to see things get cleared up. Selectman Ives said he felt the idea of getting the members of the fire department together with the Selectmen and Chief Burr and hash things out was a good one. He stated he wanted to get both sides working together again and he feels it is not too late to bring the department back together again. Vicki Leonard discussed her concerns for the damage that has been done. Mrs. McNeil said there are good people on the department and she feels there have been good decisions and bad decisions on both sides of this issue. She thinks that getting everyone involved together with the Selectmen and Chief Burr to talk would help. Brian Ramsay stated his opinion relative to management style. Mrs. McNeil said since Chief Burr took the position, there have been members in the department that have stepped up and taken officer positions, because of management style issues. No matter what department or job someone has, there will always be conflicts and issues because of management style. She does not feel the issue is exclusive to Chief Burr. Mr. Leonard asked the Board if Chief Burr's position requires him to work 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board has directed Chief Burr to work 8–4, sometimes longer, and be available during the day. Mr. Leonard stated if Chief Burr works for the fire department during the day he should not be expected to be at every call at night or on the weekends. Selectman Bowles said the Board will be working on resolving these issues. They will bring Selectman Ives up to speed and they will be working with Town Counsel, but they do not have an exact date for a resolution.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Bob Fiske regarding electrical code requirements at Town Hall.

The Board received a copy of an e-mail regarding a traffic stop complaint.

The Board received a letter from Dick Wright regarding the new fire truck specifications.

The Board received the January and February monthly reports from ESMI.

Selectman Bowles moved to forward past due ambulance bills account #31609 in the amount of \$46.20, account #20312 in the amount of \$988.22, and account #30165 in the amount of \$371.00 to collections. Ambulance bill account #20111 in the amount of \$62.41 is to be written off. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Cross Country Appraisal Group for 2006 assessing and update services in the amount of \$99,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2006 Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association contract in the amount of \$4,250.00, representing no increase from last year. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Septage Facility Permit renewal application for the Louis Berger Group, Inc. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield moved to nominate Selectman Dustin J. Bowles as Chairman of the Board of Selectman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles moved to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

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

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 21, 2006 as printed. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Fiske presented the response from Moderator Phil Nadeau regarding material available at Town Meeting.

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

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the Highway Crew was busy with spring cleanup. He stated he has contacted the person who sweeps the roads and he is not available until the end of April. Chairman Bowles discussed having the Highway Crew cleanup the heavy sand areas. Mr. Rice stated they are working on cleaning up bridges in Town.

Chairman Bowles stated he would like to see the mower on the John Deere tractor and some of the brush taken care of. Mr. Rice said they have been working on East Ricker and will be working on Ricker Road next.

Chairman Bowles said that if the Town is going to start with the treatment-composting project at the Transfer Station, the pile of loam needs to be moved. Mr. Rice stated they would be moving the loam. Mr. Rice also stated he has placed two phone calls to Public Service for power supply hookup and has not received a return call from them. He will contact them again.

Mr. Rice said the price range for the pick-up is around \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00. He stated there are a few to choose from at surplus right now.

Discussion ensued regarding the sewer dewatering facility that is going to be constructed at the Transfer Station.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Sr.

Chief Burr stated he did not have anything new to report.

Chairman Bowles thanked all the people and departments involved with Town Meeting and DARE pizza night. Selectman Ives said he felt the accessibility at Station #2 was better than the Town Hall.

Selectman Maxfield stated the meeting room in the Fire Station in the Village has turned out nicely. Chief Burr said most of the funds for the project came from the Fire Association. The Board agreed it looked very nice.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of RSA 669:7.

The Board received cemetery maintenance material for review. Chairman Bowles stated the Board needed to come up with the bid package information so this can go out to bid as soon as possible.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding Lee Eddins litigation. Selectman Maxfield stated if the plates from Lee Eddins are not returned, it will cost the Town an extra \$6,000.00 to have Cartographics produce the Tax Maps.

The Board received copies of draft Town Meeting Minutes from Town Clerk Terry Hamel.

The Board reviewed the list of appointment papers to expire on March 31, 2006. *Selectman Maxfield moved to reappoint the committee members listed on the appointment expirations sheet as submitted by Office Manager Jean Lee. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of legal correspondence from Volunteers of America for their review.

The Board received two proposals to provide portable toilets for the summer season. *Selectman Ives moved accept the contract from Best Septic to provide the portable toilet services for the ball fields and the Clough Pond Beach parking lot, providing one regular and one handicapped unit per facility and to provide three regular and one handicapped unit for Loudon Old Home Day on August 12, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield noted the contract total is for \$5,750.00. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a request for reimbursement for supplies purchased by Tom McCue for Town Meeting. Selectman Maxfield stated the supplies were to display the Town Office Building options researched by

the Town Office Building Study Committee. *Selectman Maxfield moved to reimburse Tom McCue in the amount of \$43.98 for supplies and to pay it from the Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with John Lavigne from the H.L. Turner Group regarding a bridge repair proposal.

Mr. Lavigne said based on his discussion with Selectman Maxfield last week, he put together a preliminary schedule of the tasks that need to be done in order to see if the bridge project can be accomplished this year. He stated this is for repairing the bridge abutment and a section of the bridge abutment wall that extends just as far as where the existing dam is. Mr. Lavigne went on to say the corner of the dam is breached and part of this work is to repair 12-15 feet of that existing dam that is partially breached. All of the water is moving on that abutment now. Mr. Lavigne discussed the projected task schedule and discussed the need to obtain a boring behind the existing abutment. He said a testing company with a boring rig, tractor mounted or truck mounted would need to take a four-inch core sample to be able to identify the type of material behind the abutment to determine the type of footing that would be needed behind the wall. Mr. Lavigne also discussed the issue of necessary easements relative to this project. Discussion ensued regarding a construction easement as well as who would be responsible to obtain the easement. Mr. Lavigne stated they had not included cost figures for his company to obtain the easement. He asked the Board about their preferences for the contractor selection. Selectman Maxfield said, he felt a pre-qualified list of contractors, including local contractors, would be best. Mr. Lavigne stated his company would prepare the construction contract information. He discussed the wetlands permit and stated they will advise Wetlands Bureau that the project will be smaller than what was originally thought. Mr. Lavigne said he will ask for a letter of review and recommendations from Wetlands Bureau even though a project of this size does not require a permit. He also stated he would be forwarding a copy of the plans for this project to Wetlands Bureau. Mr. Lavigne explained the process once the bid documents are in place. He stated if all goes as planned, worst case scenario would be to start work after July 4 and best case would be sometime in June. Mr. Lavigne said he felt something that should be in-

cluded in the bid request should be bids for the dry hydrant. He stated because of the unknown issues with the footing, there is a large contingency figure, if the footing is not as expensive, the dry hydrant could possibly be included in the total project. Discussion ensued regarding the fire department having money in their budget for dry hydrants. Selectman Maxfield will be the point of contact for this project. Mr. Lavigne stated they would try to keep the bridge open to traffic during the construction project. Ray Cummings discussed the issue of keeping the money separate from the bridge repair and the dam repairs. Mr. Lavigne said they would be making sure the two accounts are tracked separately. Roy Merrill asked about the sluiceway. Mr. Lavigne stated the price includes going in and removing the old wooden boards, taking out the two steel slots, replacing those steel slots with channels, and putting in new boards. He stated at least once per year somebody will need to go out and check the boards that are replaced to be sure they are not getting punky or need to be replaced again. Mr. Lavigne discussed the porta-dam, sandbagging, and placing fill during the reconstruction phase. Roy Merrill asked about draining the water down to cut costs. Mr. Lavigne said the wetlands permit does not allow draining the river. He discussed the plan for keeping the area dry.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Dee Dee Maratea. Selectman Maxfield stated Ms. Maratea had contacted him at home last week.

The Board received a letter from Alvin Davis III regarding Kinkadee Haven.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Deb Latham from the Recreation Committee. The Board thanked Mrs. Latham for her service on the Recreation Committee and commended all the Committee members for their efforts.

The Board received a second e-mail regarding a traffic stop.

The Board received draft copies of the Scholarship applications for review and updates. Chairman Bowles will contact NHIS.

The Board received information on State Transportation Plan public meetings.

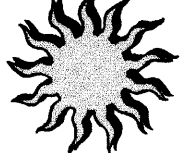
Selectman Maxfield stated Moderator Phil Nadeau had requested Police Chief Bob Fiske investigate the origin of a letter that was available at Town Meeting relating to controversy in the fire department. Chief Fiske has completed the investigation and found that two individuals, through their own admission, put the literature on a table.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board has received two proposals for the work to be completed for the downstairs portion of the Town Hall/Loudon Center Free Will Baptist Church building. Discussion ensued regarding the two proposals. Chairman Bowles said he spoke with Steve Fifield. Mr. Fifield has the belfry pretty well assembled and once the roof is ready, it should be moved back on site. *Selectman Maxfield moved to award Target New England the contract for restoration of the interior of the Town Hall in the amount of \$62,175.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Sr.

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

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 28, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice stated Pete Elliott would begin working for the Highway Department on Monday, April 10, 2006 at a rate of \$12.50.

Mr. Rice stated Greg Fillmore has agreed to the use of his grader again. He went on to say the Town's grader will be in the shop sometime this week and once Clark Page can schedule it in he will begin working on it.

Chairman Bowles stated Target New England will begin working on the Town Hall/Free Will Baptist Church building and he asked Mr. Rice to have a truck available for demo debris during construction. Discussion ensued regarding moving some items from the building and storing them at Station #2.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping the granite from the dam reconstruction project.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Sr.

Chief Burr stated someone had hit the building at Station #2 over the weekend and the Police Department has been contacted and have taken photos. He stated once the photo's were taken they were able to remove the rubber.

Chief Burr addressed the name of the road for the Merullo subdivision on Map #58, Lot #10. He asked if the Selectmen have looked into naming this road further. Chief Burr stated he and Road Agent David Rice reviewed the current road names in Town and feel that Mr. Merullo's suggestion of Meadow Lane does not conflict with any Town road. He stated he understood the Town needed to check with Concord Post Office also. Chief Burr asked if the Board wanted Mr. Merullo to come in and meet with the Selectmen. The Board advised Chief Burr to have Mr. Merullo put his request in writing to the Selectmen.

Chief Burr discussed the Public Risk Network's progress and stated they are trying to get volunteers involved in their communities with this project.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a reminder that the Transfer Station summer hours (11:00 AM – 7:00 PM) begin on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding the new fire truck purchase.

Selectman Maxfield read a letter from Senator Judd Gregg to Selectman Ives into the record.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding Lee Eddins and the tax maps.

The Board received copies of the right to know law.

The Board received copies of a letter from Town Council regarding Kinkade Haven.

The Board received a resignation letter from Recreation Committee member Deb McLean. The Board thanked her for her service to the Town.

The Board received Legislative Bulletin #15, which includes amendments to the Right to Know Law.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to enter into executive session at 7:01 PM with Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Maxfield yes, and Bowles yes. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of executive session at 7:40 PM and the results of the executive session were to discuss fire department personnel issues and to seal the Meeting Minutes for a period of five years. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint the following individuals to a one year term to expire March 31, 2007: Deputy Town Clerk Eileen Maxfield, Deputy Tax Collector Dorothy Mulkhey, Recreation Committee members Rebecca Osgood Chairman, Alicia Grimaldi, and Kris Tripp, Solid Waste and Recycling Committee members Arthur Colby, Norman Bowles, Steve Bennett, David Rice, Alexandria Colflesh, and Karen Thurber, Emergency Management M. James Tranfaglia – Admin. Planning, and Brian Grimaldi – Communications. For three year terms to expire March 31, 2009 Conservation Commission members Julie Robinson Chairman and Robert Butler. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 8:27 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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

Planning Board Minutes — March 16, 2006 (DRAFT)

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

ATTENDANCE:

Gary Tasker, Chairman; Tom Dow, Vice Chairman; Dustin Bowles, Ex-Officio; Stanley Prescott, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore and alternate Clem Lyon were present. Bob Ordway and alternate Jason Masse were not present. Clem Lyon will be a voting member to replace Bob Ordway.

Conservation Commission representative Dan Geiger was present.

Fire Department representative James McNeil was present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

February 16, 2006 Public Hearing. Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Clem Lyon. Stanley Prescott corrected the word "meets" to "metes" in three places on page 10 in reference to metes and bounds. All were in favor.

DISCUSSIONS:

Gary Tasker congratulated Tom Dow and Henry Huntington on their election victories and stated election of officers will take place next month. Mr. Tasker stated state RSA mandates this take place after the Friday following Election Day.

Dan Aversa – Mr. Aversa stated he is here in reference to the sprinklers on Wellington Lane versus the cistern. Mr. Aversa stated they were here two meetings ago with a letter from the fire department stating they are receptive to sprinkling the houses on Wellington Lane and placing a cistern on Chichester Road and Bee Hole Road. Mr. Aversa stated the subdivision on

Wellington Lane was approved with a cistern. Gary Vermette stated the board was concerned last time about where to place the cistern at the Loudon Woods site. Gary Tasker stated the question is to change from a cistern to sprinkle on the first subdivision, and what is done on the second subdivision is immaterial at this point. Lorraine Duprez stated she was just informed yesterday Loudon requires monitored sprinkler systems. Mr. Tasker stated this is not a requirement. Mr. McNeil stated it is recommended but not required. Mr. McNeil stated the fire department is okay with sprinkling the houses but the cistern is required because the first house has nothing. Stanley Prescott stated the board had a problem with the location of the cistern because of the width of Bee Hole Road; it should be off the road so traffic can still pass by. Mr. McNeil stated the placement of the cistern is up to the Planning Board. Mr. Aversa stated he was going to get the Road Agent's opinion on where to place it. Mr. Prescott stated the board can discuss this when the plan comes in. Mr. McNeil stated the board also had maintenance questions and as far as he knows there is no maintenance involved. Mr. McNeil stated the developer will build and fill the tanks; the fire department would like to have a concrete cistern. Dustin Bowles asked if the cistern would be pushing the 1000' and he is not happy with changing the plan. Mr. McNeil stated it is 800+ feet from the house on Wellington Way to the corner of Bee Hole Road. Mr. Aversa stated there is a house being built

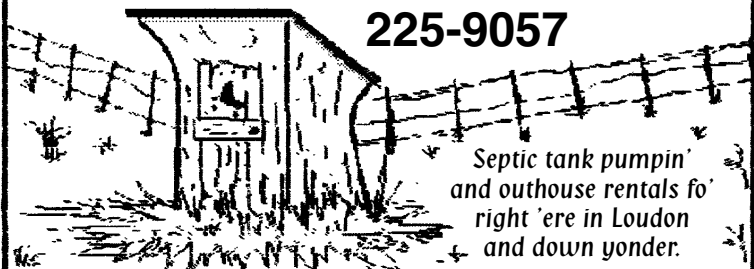
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now and the plumber is doing pipe work, so he would like to know if it is okay to sprinkle the houses. Tom Dow stated he does not see any reason why not to sprinkle as long as the cistern is within 1000' of the house. The board concurred. Henry Huntington stated the issue may be if the board does not like the placement of the cistern and forces it more than 1000' away an additional cistern may be needed. Mr. Aversa stated he understood.

DESIGN REVIEW:

Application #06-10, Volunteers of America, Major Site Plan, Located on South Village Road, in the Village District. Map 20, Lot 9. Abutters Frank and Donna Trombley, Edward Dumais, Roy Merrill, and Edward and Cate Estefan were present. Julia Wilcock from Volunteers of America and Tony Marcotte from Bedford Design Consultants presented the project. Mr. Marcotte stated they feel this meets Town regulations for setbacks, landscaping, storm water control and they have not heard from Tony Puntin at Louis Berger. Mr. Marcotte stated since this project benefits the public interest there is no waiting period for DES site specific; the plans for the septic system will be submitted to DES subsurface this week. Mr. Marcotte stated the architect has meet with the fire department and is working on NFPA standards; a cistern will be added to the plans and the fire department wants to have access to the back corner of the building. Mr. Marcotte stated they have submitted a lighting plan with downcast lighting and 0.1 foot candles or less at the property lines. Mr. Marcotte stated they have prepared a landscaping plan and are locating all the trees within the buffer; if there are any trees that can be left they will try to keep them. The board reviewed the driveway location. Gary Tasker asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. Pauline Touzin inquired what the project was for. Julia Wilcock stated this is an affordable senior housing project with 32 one bedroom units and 1 two bedroom managers unit on two floors. Mr. Marcotte stated the VOA is willing to share the garage with the Town to house the Cate van and obviously something will have to be discussed regarding the cost of the building. Mr. Tasker stated the VOA is providing the land but the building is something we will have to come up with. Mr. Marcotte stated half the building; the VOA has to have something for the lawnmower, snow blower and outdoor equipment. Frank Trombley inquired to the location of the site. Tom Dow stated there is a warrant article for the van this Saturday and thought last month the building was going to be provided at the VOA's expense. Ms. Wilcock stated she cannot use HUD funding for this use, however HUD has agreed to provide the land as long as the Town pays a percentage of the building cost. Mr. Tasker stated the landscaping around the building is sparse and could use some larger trees; the back is fine, the front can use some trees. Mr. Dow stated it seems

the cistern would be better suited in the front of the building to utilize it for the neighborhood. James McNeil stated it will depend on the location of the sprinkler system outlet. Mr. Marcotte stated they are working with Chief Burr on cistern issues. Mr. McNeil asked how far in the building is from the street. Mr. Marcotte stated 230'. Mr. McNeil stated it would not be an issue to bring fire trucks in from the street to fill up. Mr. Tasker inquired about sidewalks. Mr. Marcotte stated there is one leading to the road and for the one along the road he was unsure how large a strip of grass to leave between the road and sidewalk. Mr. Tasker stated between 3'-5'. Edward Dumais stated he lives at lot 7 and does not want to be looking at a parking lot. Mr. Dumais stated Ms. Wilcock told him she would cover it up as much as possible and would like this on the record. Ms. Wilcock stated after the building is built if there are still issues they will continue to work with the neighbors. Henry Huntington stated the board had discussed a berm here. Mr. Marcotte stated they are trying to leave the existing vegetation and water from the abutting property drains downward through this area; if a berm is built the neighbor's backyard will pool water. Mr. Tasker asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Mr. Marcotte stated Ms. Wilcock will be at zoning next week and would like to not have to come down next month. Mr. Marcotte stated he would be present for the meeting next month. Mr. Tasker stated the questions the board has asked are for Mr. Marcotte. Ms. Wilcock stated she is meeting with the abutters directly. Mr. Tasker stated this application will be heard on April 20, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application #05-11, Wildwood Sanctuary Association, Inc. — Major Subdivision, Located on Youngs Hill Road, in the AFP District. Map 34, Lot 2. No abutters were present. Property owner Len Lapadula presented the application. Mr. Lapadula presented a new conventional conceptual plan and a letter of a rational nexus for the road improvements. Mr. Lapadula stated his goal is to get direction from the board on whether to do a conventional or open space plan with 9 or 10 lots. Mr. Lapadula stated he brought Mike Bean with him who will be doing the upgrades to the road. Mr. Lapadula stated the rational nexus formula is recognized by the NH Supreme Court for figuring out what is a fair share for a developer to do for off site improvements; it takes six different equations and averages them together. Mr. Lapadula stated the numbers for a 9-lot development come to about \$70,000. Mr. Lapadula stated he is willing to put in \$100,000 for a 9-lot development and \$160,000 for a 10-lot development. Mr. Lapadula stated he had Ray upgrade the conventional plan and it shows 10 buildable lots. Mr. Lapadula stated this 10-lot conventional plan is not as desirable as the 10-lot

open space. Mr. Lapadula stated he would like to bring the 10-lot open space lots closer to 2 acre lots to give it a more rural feel. Mike Bean stated he questions the length of the off site improvements and wants to know what the Town considers upgrading. Mr. Tasker stated there is a standard to upgrade to Town specifications and this is what has been asked for of other developers. Mr. Tasker stated the board asked the road be upgraded from his development to Clough Hill Road. Mr. Bean stated if the road is built to Town specifications it will cost a lot of money per foot; would the Town consider different specifications. Mr. Tasker stated it is up to the developer to tell the Town if the road material is up to our standards. Mr. Bean stated if the Town wants to walk the road, six inches of gravel and three inches of pavement is far superior to what is there now. Mr. Tasker stated the issue is treating all developers the same and the board's position is in the best interest of the Town. Mr. Tasker stated the best way is to set a standard and it is not the board's decision to consider a developer's ability to pay. Roy Merrill stated he hopes whatever distance the Town deems fair, the road is done right. Mr. Merrill stated he does not want to see a band-aid thrown on a longer stretch. Mr. Lapadula stated he is okay with that but he would not be able to do all 3,400', it is not economically viable. Stanley Prescott stated he agrees the road has to be done right. Clem Lyon asked if any test pits have been done. Mr. Bean stated no. Mr. Tasker asked the board what type of development they would like to see. Mr. Tasker stated a waiver will be needed on the size of the lot. Dan Geiger stated the interior wetlands had only minor impacts but the 9th lot on the conventional plan negated all the positive things that have been done with the interior lots; for that reason the Conservation Commission supports the 10-lot open space plan. Dustin Bowles stated the developer could barley get a 9-lot conventional and now is asking for a 10-lot open space; he would support a 9 lot open space plan. Mr. Lapadula stated his upgraded conventional plan has 10 buildable lots that works within the regulations; the 10-lot works, it is just not a desirable lot. Mr. Prescott stated the topography has still not been completely corrected on the plan; it needs to be done everywhere that the aerial could not see. Mr. Lapadula stated he thinks they thought just the areas they were building on needed to be done and he will talk to Ray about it. Earl Tuson stated the board would not approve the 10-lot conventional because there is no cul-de-sac. Mr. Tasker stated the board is in favor of the open space plan and the 9-lot seems more favorable to some than the 10-lot. Mr. Tasker stated the topography needs to be rechecked. Henry Huntington asked what the distance from the proposed subdivision to Clough Hill Road is and the estimated cost to upgrade. Mr. Lapadula stated 3400' with a cost of \$265-\$275,000; he is offering around 1200' of upgrades. Mr. Tasker asked if there is developable land between Clough Hill Road and this develop-

ment. Roy Merrill stated not really any land. Mr. Prescott stated you could spend \$70,000 and not put any pavement down and still improve the road. Mr. Tasker stated maybe widening the road and getting up to paving standards is a better option. Mr. Bowles stated the developer should give the board the option of the 9 and 10-lot open space plans and the road engineer needs to get involved. Mr. Tasker stated the board needs a completed application and a waiver for the 75 acre issue. Mr. Lapadula asked Mr. Bowles to accompany the engineer on a site walk. *Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Tom Dow. All were in favor.* This application will be heard on April 20, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

Application #06-03, Peter & Gary LLC, Major Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 8. No abutters were present. Mark Sargent from Richard D. Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant. Mr. Sargent stated this is a four lot subdivision; they have requested and received waivers, have State subdivision approval and their wetland issues have been resolved. Mr. Sargent stated last month the issue was a fire cistern and they have added a 30,000 gallon cistern with an easement to the plan. Mr. Tasker asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Mr. Sargent stated the cistern is 25' off the edge of the road in a fairly flat area; the easement for this is up against the Town right-of-way. Stanley Prescott asked what the developer is going to do to the area. Mr. Sargent stated they will build it to fire department standards; the stonewall will be removed and his client is in contact with Chief Burr. *Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the application as presented. Seconded by Tom Moore. Dustin Bowles stated next time the board sees this piece they will want to see total build out. All were in favor.*

Application #06-05, H. Wayne Thistle, Lot Line Adjustment & Major Subdivision, Located on Young's Hill Road, in the RR District. Map 25, Lots 11 & 23. Abutters Earl Tuson and David Trow were present. Web Stout from FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Stout stated he has not seen the engineering drawings. Tammy Davis stated she received a letter from the Town Engineer today. Mr. Stout stated he has not seen this yet to address them. Mr. Stout stated he has shown proposed locations for the driveways, there is a letter from the road agent concerning the upgrading of Young's Hill Road. Mr. Stout stated the approach from 129 to Young's Hill Road is being upgraded by the Town and State and Wayne will upgrade from there to his property. Mr. Tasker stated any widening to the road should be on Mr. Thistle's side; he would like a test done on the road and reviewed by the town engineer. Mr. Tasker added the road should be done to Town specifications. Roy Merrill stated he would

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like to reiterate that what is under the road may not be good. Mr. Stout reviewed the path of the road. Mr. Tasker stated he is trying to prevent the taking of front yards that are already short. Roy Merrill stated as far as permitting for the road it is just something that will have to be done. Mr. Stout stated the board will need engineering drawings then. Earl Tuson stated the road is already lifted up and drops off about four feet. Mr. Stout stated the houses will be sprinkled with a monitored system and a note is on the plan. Mr. Stout stated Mr. Tuson's wetlands have been identified; there are approximately 150' not protected by the Shoreland Protection Act. Mr. Stout stated they talked about a no cut on the west property line and Mr. Thistle says no. Mr. Stout stated the house on Young's Hill Road will face Young's Hill; the distance to the driveway from the intersection of the new road is approximately 100 plus feet. Mr. Tasker stated Mr. Whitney was concerned with headlights coming out of the driveway at his home. Mr. Tasker asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. The board reviewed the roadway plans. Henry Huntington stated the letter concerning the road sounds like the improvements to Young's Hill Road will be done but not paved until the subdivision road goes in. Mr. Stout stated the road improvements will not be done until the subdivision road goes in. Mr. Tasker stated he does not agree with the letter. Mr. Stout stated he thinks the Town and Wayne are trying to work together. Dustin Bowles stated the pavement should all be laid at once. Mr. Stout stated he will add Young's Hill Road to the bond. Mr. Huntington stated he is disappointed Mr. Thistle would not move the driveway on lot 23-1. Mr. Tasker stated he is disappointed as well. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Tom Dow. All were in favor.* This application will be heard on April 20, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

Application #06-06, George & Lorraine Duprez, Major Subdivision, Located on Bear Hill Road, in the RR District. Map 22, Lot 32-1. No abutters were present. Web Stout from FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Stout stated there are minor revisions, sold has been changed to donated on note #9; the engineering drawings have been revised and the road estimate needs revision based on the changes. Mr. Stout stated he spoke with Chief Burr and a note that the houses will have monitored sprinklers has been added. Lorraine Duprez stated nobody ever said anything about monitored before; that is \$30 a month to the homeowner. Ms. Duprez stated she has received an estimate for \$4,062 a year to post a road bond, her cost. Mr. Stout stated there has been a note added to the plan stating no lot may be issued a CO until a bond is in place; this situation is different in that the lots are on an existing town

maintained road, so they are asking to hold a CO instead of no lots may be sold. Ms. Duprez stated it is going to cost her over \$8,000 to bond the road and she does not even have building permits until 2008 to get any revenue back. Stanley Prescott stated if you do not have any history it is expensive to get a bond; if she can build a house and sell it she can pay for the bond. Roy Merrill stated if she sells all the lots and leaves, the homeowners cannot occupy the houses. Ms. Duprez stated it is going to read in their deed they cannot move in without the bond in place; she is not trying to mislead the buyer. Dustin Bowles stated they are going to become the board of creativity and it is unfortunate this is a land owner and not a developer but they still have to abide by what they have done in the past. Tom Moore stated the lack of available funds from a developer is not the board's problem. Mr. Tasker stated she can get a purchase and sales and then place the bond. Mr. Tasker asked for the note to be changed back to the way it originally read. Ms. Duprez inquired about the monitored sprinklers. Mr. Tasker stated there is no regulation to require a monitored system. James McNeil stated it is recommended and he cannot speak for the Fire Chief. Tom Dow stated the sprinklers can be installed and if it becomes mandated later a monitor can be added. Mr. Stout stated he will change the note to read houses to be sprinkled. Mr. Tasker asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. *Tom Dow made a motion to approve the application with two changes to the notes, one for the road bond and the other for the sprinklers. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Application #06-07, William Taranovich, Minor Subdivision, Located on Bee Hole Road, in the RR District. Map 21, Lot 23. Abutters Kendall and Kary Gay were present. Mr. Gay stated his parents just bought Chip Davis' lot and were not notified. Gary Tasker stated Alvin Davis was notified. Alvin Davis stated he sold the lot on March 2 and he received his abutter letter on March 6. Stanley Prescott stated the transfer would not be into the Town yet and the board notified the existing owner of record. Dave Dolan from David. M. Dolan Associates, PC represented the applicant Dan Aversa. Gary Tasker stated this application is not complete. Mr. Dolan stated this property is 10-1/2 acres; the wetlands have been delineated by Peter Schauer and they did test pits on the site. Mr. Dolan stated it is a two lot subdivision; lot 1 has 300' of frontage and 3-1/2 acres; lot 2 is 7.5 acres with 275' frontage on Bee Hole Road with access from an easement over lot 1. Mr. Dolan stated 20% slopes are highlighted on the plan and the right-of-way for lot 2 will need to be reconfigured around these. Gary Tasker asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Dan Geiger stated the Conservation Commission has a 75' setback with a 50% allowance to cut the

basal area; if the driveway is clear cut through here they will need a variance to access the back lot. Mr. Dolan stated the slopes as hatched on the plan are actually 20% and the legend is improperly labeled 25%. Mr. Tasker asked if there were any more questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Dustin Bowles stated there is no sense in discussion until they can see if they can access the back lot and it meets regulations; it looks like a future subdivision when Wiggins Road is upgraded. *Tom Moore made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.* This application will be heard on April 20, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

Application #06-08, Golden, Bennett, Champagne & LaBrecque, Major Subdivision, Located on Loudon Ridge Road, in the AFP District. Map 65, Lot 9. Abutters Cheryl and Stephen Bennett, Patrick Golden and Craig Warner were present. *Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete. Seconded by Tom Dow. All were in favor.* Web Stout from FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Stout stated this lot is about 6/10 mile from Route 106 on Loudon Ridge Road; it is a 64.9 acre proposed three lot subdivision with extensive wetlands. Mr. Stout stated there are two 16.225 acre lots and one 32.45 acre lot. Mr. Stout stated the 240 x 180 box is in each lot and the shaded area is 25% slopes; they will get slightly bigger with the 20% slope regulation. Mr. Stout stated lot 9-1 has 438' of frontage, lot 9-2 has 403' and lot 9-3 has 693'. Mr. Stout stated he thinks the regulations state try to maintain a 4 to 1 ratio and only one lot line is off. Mr. Stout stated there are three separate property owners on this piece, two of which about this property. Patrick Golden stated the Bennetts

have lived on the ridge most of their lives and he has been here since 1985; Jared and Sondra are new and would like to build in Loudon and raise their family here. Mr. Golden stated when the property came on the market a year ago they bought it to keep it protected; the only lot proposed for a home is the Champagne lot in the center; the rest will stay under current use. Mr. Stout stated they are requesting two waivers; one for the topography and the other is for wetlands. Mr. Stout stated he identified the wetlands and he is not a wetland scientist. Dan Geiger stated he does not have a problem with it since they will need a jurisdictional line if they are going to do a septic design. Mr. Golden asked if that is for the center lot. Mr. Geiger stated yes and if the other lots are going to be developed in the foreseeable future it would be just as easy to have them all done at once. Mr. Tasker asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. Mr. Tasker stated waiver one is to waive contours being shown on the entire parcel and to allow contours to be shown only on a portion of the lots being subdivided due to the size of the proposed lots; topography has been shown to verify the 1.5 acre contiguous buildable area. *Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the waiver. Seconded by Clem Lyon. All were in favor.* Mr. Tasker stated waiver two is to allow the average length of the lot to be 1860 feet +/- instead of the required 1600 feet. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the waiver. Seconded by Tom Dow. All were in favor.* Mr. Tasker stated the Town just changed the wetland regulations to require a wetland scientist. *Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Tom Dow. Stanley Prescott stated they need*

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a waiver to allow the wetlands to be shown per the licensed land surveyor. *Stanley Prescott made a motion to approve the waiver. Seconded by Clem Lyon. All were in favor. Mr. Tasker stated there is a motion on the floor to approve the application. All were in favor.*

Application #06-09, Elmer & Marilyn Green, Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Lower Ridge Road, in the AFP District. Map 53, Lots 34 & 11. Abutter Jeff Green was present. Jeff Green from J.L. Green Enterprises represented the applicant. Mr. Green stated both lots are owned by Elmer & Marilyn Green and the adjustment will not affect the road frontage; this will bring a well back onto the lot and bring a building into the setback requirements. Mr. Green stated the 31 acre lot is being sold. Tom Dow asked how the house on the large lot is accessed. Mr. Green stated there is an easement deed through the smaller lot. Mr. Tasker asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the board only. *Clem Lyon made a motion to approve the application as presented. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.*

BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

Land Development Regulations — Gary Tasker stated a committee needs to be set up to review the zoning regulations and incorporate them into the Land Development Regulations. Mr. Tasker stated someone needs to go through the land development book and clean it up based on the new zoning regulations. Stanley Prescott stated he can work on it. James McNeil stated he would like to see the issue of subdividing lots in pieces at a time addressed. Mr. Tasker stated he does not know how you will prevent that. Mr. McNeil stated you could ask anything over ten acres to show total build out. Dustin Bowles, Tom Dow and Henry Huntington volunteered to help. Mr. Prescott stated he feels the board should work on impact fees for the police and fire department. Tom Moore stated these should be easier to breakdown than the road impact fee. Clem Lyon stated he will check with CNHRPC for what needs to be done to start that.

Mr. Tasker stated the board received a letter from Alvin Davis III, and asked the board if they would like to address this letter. Mr. Tasker asked Stanley Prescott if he felt his motion was right. Mr. Prescott stated yes that is why he made it. Dustin Bowles stated he stands by the motion and this is an important issue as far as what was needed on that piece. Mr. Bowles stated he was not at last month's meeting. Tom Dow stated the board tries to make the best decisions that they can based on why they are here, which

is to look out for the best interest of the Town of Loudon. Mr. Dow stated if looking out for the interest of the Town means asking an applicant to go in the avenues the board suggests then he feels he is doing his job. Mr. Tasker stated he takes that as the board has done their job and is sticking by the decision they made. The board concurred. Mr. Tasker stated no action will be taken on the letter. Alvin Davis addressed the board. Mr. Tasker stated he will give him a few minutes to address the board civilly. Mr. Davis stated if you have a motion that was not on the tape and you change the minutes the following month for the meeting prior that is not on the tape; it is just not there, he did not lie. Mr. Davis stated the way that it happened was incorrect; it was not implied during the two meetings prior. Mr. Davis stated it may have been implied somewhere back during the one on Currier Road but by the time they got to this one Julie was very clear the Town was going to own the land and she was going to come up with something for how they would do it. Mr. Davis stated that is how he remembers it; it is not in either of the minutes from June or July. Mr. Davis stated he understands the board may have had it in their heads but it was not correct, it was not one of his conditions and it was amended improperly. Mr. Davis stated he requests this meeting's tapes be held in perpetuity.

The board reviewed correspondence. Mr. Tasker stated there is a Planning and Zoning conference on Saturday, April 1 and asked if anybody would like to attend. Mr. Tasker inquired about the Fire Department letter concerning Greenview Drive. Dustin Bowles stated there are bonds in place.

Report of the ZBA — Tammy Davis stated the Volunteers of America are on the agenda for a variance for an 8 acre lot instead of the required 10 acres, a variance to allow 33 units under one roof, and a special exception to allow elderly housing. Ms. Davis stated the VOA will also be withdrawing a variance and special exception on lot 10 which they no longer need. Paul and Darlene Johnson will be in for a major Home Occupation on Flagg Road for their septic service business.

Report of the Board of Permit — Tom Dow stated there was no Board of Permit because it was Election Day.

Gary Tasker stated all the amendments passed; some were very close. Mr. Tasker stated the board may find the wetland scientist issue may be tough. Dustin Bowles stated 414 people voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Moore at 10:33pm. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Davis, Secretary*

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — March 23, 2006 (DRAFT)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Roy Maxfield called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on March 23, 2006 to order at 7:30 PM at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2006 MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Roy Merrill stepped down from the Board. George Saunderson will be a voting member.

Case #06-01 – Volunteers of America – Variances & Special Exception. South Village Road, Map 20, Lots 9. Abutters have been notified. Roy Maxfield stated the VOA sent a volunteer last month and she did not have the information the board needed. Mr. Maxfield stated they needed resolution on the well, which they have, withdrawal of the application on the previous lot, which they have, and a letter from the property owner indicating an agreement on the purchase. Mr. Maxfield stated they do not need to know anything about price but that they have reached an agreement on purchase between the VOA, HUD, and the property owner. Julia Wilcock from Volunteers of America Northern New England stated they have and the landowner Barbara Brown is here. Mr. Maxfield asked Mrs. Brown if she agrees she has reached a tentative agreement on the sale of the property. Mrs. Brown stated yes. Mr. Maxfield stated the VOA has submitted a variance and special exception for Map 20, Lot 9 to construct 33 units of affordable senior housing under one roof using the overlay Elderly Housing District regulations. Mr. Maxfield stated the variance is required because they are changing the required 10 acre lot to 8.1 acres. Mr. Maxfield stated the special exception is to allow the lot to be considered elderly housing. Mr. Maxfield stated they will discuss these two items and start with the area variance. Ms. Wilcock stated the VOA is

requesting a variance to develop and construct a 33 unit affordable senior housing building on 8.1 acres on lot 9. Ms. Wilcock stated the reasons for pursuing an area variance as follows:

“Section 701.2 area variance 2ii. The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by some other method reasonably feasible for the applicant to pursue. The funding source for this affordable senior housing is the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. They do not allow land to be purchased at above fair market value. The 8.1 acres that we have under control is enough land to build the project and sustain all the elements associated with it. Any acreage available adjacent to the Map 20, lot 9 property has not been available at fair market value.

b. The approval of this variance does not go against the intent of the ordinance in that developing affordable senior housing on 8.1 acres will promote health and welfare for Loudon citizens in their senior years that may not be able to afford to keep their homes and remain in the community in which they call home.

c. The Loudon Community will benefit from the development of these affordable senior housing units as there are Loudon residents interested in living at this complex which would free up some housing stock in town that younger families may purchase and fix up which increases the value of the home.

d. If this variance is not obtained the HUD funds will be returned and the project will not be developed. Taking this project away from Loudon residents would be an injustice. This project has to go to closing by August 2006 or the federal funds will be returned.

e. The approval of this variance will not result in any decrease in property values for the surrounding homes.”

Ms. Wilcock stated she has a letter from HUD verifying the time line and added HUD is willing to go through an amendment of time to get the VOA through September 30 as long as all approvals are in place. Mr. Maxfield stated he recalled the other property was for 5 acres. Ms. Wilcock stated she had an option for a little over 10 acres but there was only 5 buildable acres. Ms. Wilcock stated the VOA needed at least

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6 buildable acres and because of this they looked at the Brown property. Ms. Wilcox stated about 95% of the Brown property is buildable acreage. Mr. Maxfield stated the special exception conditions for elderly housing (Section 303.4) looking at the proposed location; these include the proximity to support services necessary to meet the needs of the elderly, the proposed site will not have a detrimental impact upon the district in which it is located, adequate and appropriate support facilities, and the parcel area is sufficient, appropriate, and adequate for the proposed use and the reasonable anticipated operation. Mr. Maxfield stated the VOA has septic and water approval from DES. Mr. Maxfield stated the general requirements (section 303.5) state the minimum lot area shall be 10 acres and not more than 10 dwelling units per acre or 50 units for 10 acres. Mr. Maxfield stated the density seems to fit with 33 units on 8 acres. Mr. Maxfield asked the board if they had any questions on the discussions from the last few meetings or the variance to decrease the acreage from 10 to 8.1. Mr. Maxfield stated they are working on two variances because of the minimum lot size. Mr. Maxfield stated the minimum lot size can be argued as being arbitrary and the impact of this unit is consistent with what the board is trying to accomplish within the spirit of the ordinance. George Saunderson asked if the VOA would object if this variance goes away within six months time if nothing happens with the project in that time frame. Mr. Saunderson stated since it is a land deal if something goes awry it would go away in six months time. Ms. Wilcock stated if she meets HUD's guideline and closes September 30 the contractor might take a couple of weeks to actually break ground. Mr. Saunderson stated he understands that but would like to get a definite guideline. Dave Powelson asked the property owner if she objects. Barbara Brown stated no. Dustin Bowles stated the board could stipulate that if the VOA does not follow through the variance would be retracted instead of putting a time frame on it. Mr. Saunderson stated the statute states they can put a time limit on it. Ray Cummings stated the 6 month limit is cutting it very close, a year might be reasonable and asked if it is possible to withdraw a variance once it has been given. Mr. Maxfield stated according to the advice from the attorney an applicant can ask for a withdrawal and the board can rule on that withdrawal. Mr. Maxfield stated in the opinion of the attorney, the board granted a variance for a specific structure with specific reasons and it was so noted in the approval process; if the organization withdraws the variance the attorney states it is permissible. Mr.

Maxfield stated the land could be reapplied for and it would be unusual for the board not to approve a similar variance for that land for a similar project. Mr. Cummings stated then the Board will not have a six month limit and leave the variance open. Mr. Maxfield stated they can indicate that if financing or the land falls through the applicant, VOA, will withdraw their application. Mr. Cummings stated he would like to speak in favor of the variance; the applicant is well within the requirements of Section 303.5. Roy Merrill stated he objects to the fact that the VOA thinks they can pull his variance out from his property and apply it to the next property. Mr. Merrill stated his attorney has submitted a letter that states there are several case laws that say a variance goes with the property and he does not think the town attorney, according to Mr. Merrill's attorney, is aware of all the stuff that has gone on with the board. Mr. Merrill stated the 20 acre piece was granted a variance that the board wants to take away and give two variance's to a piece that does not meet zoning; this does not sit well with him. Mr. Merrill stated the VOA has not had an option on his property after July of last year and now nine months later they want to withdraw a variance he could have sold to anybody but held open to the VOA to help them out. Mr. Merrill stated the VOA was going to negotiate with Mrs. Brown to change the lot line around so the board would not need to grant another variance but the VOA choose to go the route of putting it on the smaller piece. Mr. Merrill stated his letter also says he is disturbed about the fact the board got into contract negotiations in January as to the price of the property and put the liability on to the town. Mr. Merrill stated a planning board member stated the VOA should ask for a variance because he did not feel the property was fair market value, when the applicant 20 minutes earlier signed a purchase and sales with him, is out of order for any board. Mr. Maxfield stated he is not going to respond and the attorneys will address it. Mr. Maxfield stated the town attorney's opinion is a specific variance to a specific organization was granted and has the right to withdraw it. Mr. Merrill stated the variance was granted to the applicant/land owner not the VOA. Mr. Cummings stated he does not see why the VOA would not agree to leave the variance with the land; they have made up their mind to go somewhere else and the variance can stay with Roy's land and he knows there are other people ready to buy that land with the variance on it. Mr. Maxfield stated it will be a hard time fulfilling the purpose of the variance the way it was granted; they could do exactly what the VOA was doing but anything other than that would be a violation of the variance. Clem Lyon stated he is the

Vice-Chairman of the committee to study and carry out a plan to have housing for seniors in Loudon. Mr. Lyon stated the need for housing for our seniors, who are on a limited income and have to face rising costs, seemed a lifesaver to come into our community and give people the opportunity to retain their dignity and live their remaining years in a little bit of luxury. Mr. Lyon stated the need for this was pointed out in the Master Plan. Mr. Lyon stated the committee formed two years ago this April and they had to show there was support for this project before they got any acceptance from HUD. Mr. Lyon stated they had picked out various sites and the land on South Village Road seemed appropriate; they did not anticipate flood plains and wetlands. Mr. Lyon stated he hopes the ZBA sees this as a needed and worthy project and several people are here tonight who will be hopefully moving in and members from the committee. Mr. Lyon stated they will be good neighbors. Mr. Maxfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the applicant. Dustin Bowles stated he does not think there is a soul against this project; his only thought is to get the variance right, so down the road they don't set a precedent. Mr. Maxfield stated that is the reason he sent Bart's letter out to the Board of Selectmen as well. Mr. Maxfield stated he will hold the withdrawal issue until later on and see how the board feels about it. Ronald Moore stated there is enough land for 80 units and is this something that can be added on later. Mr. Maxfield stated not on the application and not what the board would approve; that would be a condition for this. Mr. Merrill stated he questions a selectman voting on this since it is going to legal council. Mr. Maxfield stated they have spoken to the attorney and Mr. Ives cannot run for office but he can serve out his term. Mr. Maxfield stated the selectmen can also appoint an ex-officio to a now elected board. Mr. Maxfield closed this hearing and it will be taken up under unfinished business.

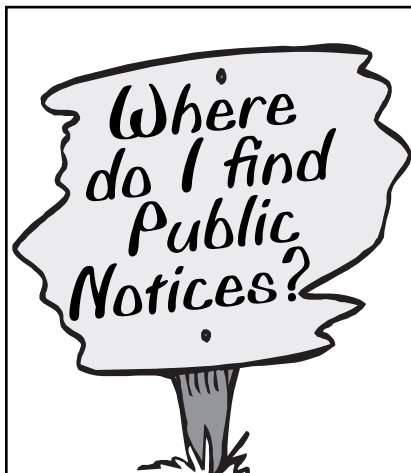
Roy Maxfield stated the second variance is for 32 one bedroom and one two bedroom apartment, affordable senior housing under one roof. Mr. Maxfield read the variance application (on file at the Zoning Board office). Mr. Maxfield stated if he would vote it would be for the reasons they determined the application acceptable before. Mr. Maxfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the application for one 33 unit building. David Powelson added there needs to be a special exception for elderly housing as well. Mr. Maxfield stated if the board grants the variance for a smaller lot size the VOA still needs a special exception to include the lot in the overlay. Mr. Maxfield stated if the board grants the first variance, then the special exception and

second variance applies, but if the board does not grant the first variance, then all of this is moot. Mr. Maxfield closed this hearing and it will be taken up under unfinished business.

Roy Merrill rejoined the board.

Case #06-02 – Paul & Darlene Johnson – Special Exception for a major home occupation. 109 Flagg Road, Map 48, Lot 8. Abutters have been notified. Roy Maxfield stated the home occupation is for the purposes of storing business equipment on the property. Mr. Johnson stated trucks. Mr. Maxfield read the application. Mr. Maxfield stated situations like this are so the board can control the area the business is using, to make sure it does not develop into a full scale business operation and the board has some say in reviewing the footprint later on. Mr. Maxfield stated there are three family employees, one full time, and one part time employee. Mr. Maxfield asked what the hours of operation are. Mr. Johnson stated 7am-5pm unless there is an emergency situation. Mr. Maxfield stated the board generally puts hours of operation in and can say operation during daylight hours and occasional emergency service. Ms. Johnson stated as long as there are provisions for emergency services since that is what their business is based on. Mr. Maxfield asked if there were any questions from the board. Mr. Maxfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the application. Abutter Dustin Bowles stated he surrounds the Johnsons on three sides and has no problem with them. Mr. Bowles stated he would like the business revisited or restricted if it leaves the Johnson name and is sold. Mr. Bowles stated Mr. Johnson does a good job but would not want another contractor coming in and think because he allowed Mr. Johnson to crowd the boundary line there is a pre-arrangement. Mr. Bowles stated he is talking to the Johnsons about purchasing his land around the Johnsons. Mr. Maxfield asked if Mr. Johnson was on Mr. Bowles property. Mr. Bowles stated no, he would allow Mr. Johnson to use his land in an emergency situation but if Mr. Johnson sells tomorrow, he doesn't want somebody thinking they could do that. Mr. Maxfield stated he could do something subject to abutter approval so if at anytime Mr. Bowles decides it is not acceptable, the owner could come back to the board. George Saunderson stated the board could put a revisiting time frame on this. Mr. Maxfield stated the board cannot sunset; if a new owner expands or alters the business they would have to come back for a change. Dave Powelson stated major home occupations have a provision for a yearly review by the compliance officer. Mr. Bowles stated he does not want to put restrictions on Mr. Johnson. Steve Ives stated it would have to

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be specific to a septic business not to have to be reviewed by the board again. Mr. Maxfield closed this hearing and it will be taken up under unfinished business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Case #06-02 – Paul & Darlene Johnson – Special Exception for a major home occupation. 109 Flagg Road, Map 48, Lot 8. Dave Powelson made a motion to approve the application as presented. Roy Maxfield stated with a stipulation if the business changes hands the abutters be notified and have an option to review the operation. Mr. Maxfield stated the intent was to make these operations legal providing the abutters were okay with them. Mr. Maxfield stated the board will review the legal terms for this but the just is, if it is sold they will have to come back to the board along with the abutters. *Seconded by Roy Maxfield. Roll call vote: Roy Merrill – yes, Dave Powelson – yes, Steve Ives – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor, application approved.*

Roy Merrill stepped down from the Board. George Saunderson will be a voting member.

Case #06-01 – Volunteers of America – Variances & Special Exception. South Village Road, Map 20, Lots 9. Roy Maxfield stated the first issue is the area variance to reduce the lot size requirement from 10 acres to 8.1 acres. Mr. Maxfield stated the applicant in this case is the current land owner, Barbara Brown. *Steve Ives made a motion to approve the application for a variance to reduce the lot size requirement from 10 acres to 8.1 acres. Seconded by Ned Lizotte.* Mr. Maxfield stated this is the same scenario as originally discussed, which is looking at a specific use for the granting of the variance and the fact there are 20 acres across the river and 10 acres adjacent that are already senior housing. Mr. Maxfield stated it is not a stretch to extend senior housing out another 8 acres in the overlay district. Mr. Maxfield stated it could be said the 10 acre requirement is arbitrary, it was a guide for 50 units per ten acres. Mr. Maxfield stated there is a good case for granting the variance and the lot is surrounded by elderly housing overlay. *Steve Ives amended the motion to specify one 33 unit building as proposed. Seconded by Ned Lizotte.* George Saunderson asked if they need to make a provision for a time frame or attaching a name to it. Mr. Saunderson stated regulation 701.4 states the board can specify a length of time but he does not see a provision for specifying a name. Mr. Maxfield stated he does not think they need a name but if the property is not developed within a year the variance should be null and void. *George*

Saunderson added an amendment that the project begins within nine months otherwise the variance disappears. Seconded by Steve Ives. Mr. Maxfield stated the area variance criteria are the same as had been previously discussed and this structure will have less impact than a 10 acre lot could have. *Roll call vote: George Saunderson – yes, Dave Powelson – yes, Steve Ives – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor, area variance approved with conditions.*

Roy Maxfield stated the VOA needs a special exception for the elderly housing overlay. *Dave Powelson made a motion to approve the special exception. Seconded by Steve Ives.* Mr. Maxfield made a motion that the nine month criteria would apply to this as well. *Seconded by George Saunderson.* Mr. Maxfield stated a special exception would be granted for the elderly overlay provided the construction begins within nine months, if not the special exception is null and void. *Roll call vote: George Saunderson – yes, Dave Powelson – yes, Steve Ives – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor, special exception approved with conditions.*

Roy Maxfield stated the next issue is a use variance for a 33 unit building; 32 one bedroom, one two bedroom apartments for affordable senior housing under one roof. Mr. Maxfield stated the current ordinance does not allow this and the board similarly found before that the requirement for such a facility could not feasibly be created without the requested variance, which is not merely inconvenient, but rather an undue financial burden. Mr. Maxfield stated the benefits sought by the applicant, creating an affordable assisted living care facility, cannot be achieved by some other method reasonably feasible without securing the requested variance; the board will determine that all density and setback requirements will be met, that granting the variance for a much needed elderly facility close to the village is keeping with the spirit of our ordinance and in the public interest. Mr. Maxfield stated that the board also has a letter from the VOA to withdraw their similar variance on lot 10. Mr. Maxfield stated the board can act on that and should. Mr. Maxfield stated the board can grant the landowner on lot 10 a variance of a similar nature. Mr. Maxfield stated the board granted a variance for a specific reason to a specific organization for all the reasons that were indicated; if the board grants the same variance here it makes sense to honor the request to withdraw the variance for lot 10. Mr. Maxfield stated the board may not have to act on this tonight. Ned Lizotte stated there is a time frame of 24 months; if a project comes up that meets the criteria of the variance the board does not have to do anything, but if the 24 months lapses it goes

away. Mr. Lizotte stated the board was under the idea there was a property arrangement and the board has learned things have to be more specific. Mr. Lizotte stated in fairness to Mr. Merrill, he still has something viable according to our regulations and the board should let it run its course. Dave Powelson stated his opinion of section 701.4 says the board can attach some conditions but they did not do that. Steve Ives stated those conditions are automatically attached. Mr. Saunderson asked if Mr. Merrill agrees that section 701.4.8 stated the variance must be used within 24 months or it needs renewal. Mr. Merrill stated he has not read anything on it and is not going to make any decision on it tonight. Mr. Saunderson stated it may be a good idea to table this for a month. Mr. Maxfield stated the board will get back to the withdrawal after they make a decision on the new variance. Mr. Maxfield stated he is willing to go with the new variance for the same reasons they granted the original variance. Mr. Maxfield stated based on the argument made before the board could make the same argument that this elderly housing complex could not be created without making the allowance. *Roy Maxfield made a motion to approve the variance for 33 units under one roof on the condition the construction begin within nine months or the variance becomes null and void. Seconded by Ned Lizotte. Roll call vote: George Saunderson – yes, Dave Powelson – yes, Steve Ives – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor, variance approved with conditions.*

Roy Maxfield stated on the withdrawal of the variance (application #05-07) Mr. Powelson is probably correct in the stipulation the variance could go on in perpetuity. Mr. Maxfield stated the variance was granted for a specific purpose for a specific building, low income elderly housing; the board has a very tight variance pertaining to that land and based on the advise from the attorney the board should at least accept the letter from VOA that their application be withdrawn. Mr. Maxfield stated if something else transpires and the attorneys agree that variance stays with the land then the variance becomes Mr. Merrill's and not the VOA's. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the Volunteers of America's letter for retraction of the application. Seconded by Roy Maxfield.* Mr. Maxfield stated the attorney's can now talk and the board is saying that the VOA is withdrawing their interest. *Roll call vote: George Saunderson – yes, Dave Powelson – yes, Steve Ives – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor.*

Roy Merrill requested the tapes of the meeting be held in perpetuity. Roy Merrill rejoined the board.

DISCUSSIONS:

Jeremy Minery – Mr. Minery stated he would like to put an addition on the back of his house and the lot is non-conforming. Mr. Minery stated the setbacks on the East side are 10 feet to the existing house and the addition will be 5-1/2 feet from the property line. Mr. Minery stated the house is on Route 129. Roy Maxfield asked how the abutter feels about the setback. Mr. Minery stated the abutter has no problem as long as it is not on his property and is planning to come next month. Mr. Maxfield stated the board only needs a letter from him. Mr. Minery stated the garage sits on the West side of the house so he cannot build on that side. Dave Powelson stated Mr. Minery should include his roofline into the setback measurements.

David Drake – Tony Merullo stated he is representing Mr. Drake. Mr. Merullo stated he has a state approved septic design; the lot is 100 feet wide and 150 feet deep. Mr. Merullo stated they are looking to reduce the 30 foot side setback to 25 feet on each side, to facilitate a 42 foot house. Mr. Merullo stated the original footprint of the cottage, which is to be demolished, is 20x35. Roy Maxfield stated the lots on Clough Pond are tiny and as long as the abutters have no objections, this is a small reduction than most requests. Mr. Maxfield stated the board will be looking at the abutter behind and on both sides. Roy Merrill stated he recommends the board take a site walk with all the issues the town is having with these lots. Mr. Merrill stated there are drainage issues with the lot across from Tony's subdivision. Mr. Drake stated there are two empty lots beside him; he has spoken to the neighbor he can reach and he requested as many trees as can be left. Mr. Drake stated he will build a two bedroom house; the existing camp is too close to the road. Mr. Merullo stated after Monday there will be stakes in the ground indicating the four corners of the house and the four corners of the septic system; four big blue stakes for the house and four small orange or green stakes for the septic system. Mr. Merullo stated the driveway turnaround area may encroach upon the setback. Mr. Maxfield stated the board members may visit the site on their own. Mr. Merrill stated they will have to look at the drainage issues; these houses that take up the whole lot cause runoff onto the neighbors land. Mr. Merullo stated they are building upon the shelf and he does expect the drainage to remain as is; there is an increase in runoff from the increased roof size however it will be graded to maintain all the water on site. Mr. Maxfield stated the board can look at the site and if there are any problems we will let

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Roy Maxfield stated tonight is March election of officers. Roy Maxfield made a motion to nominate Dave Powelson for Chairman. Seconded by George Saunderson. Mr. Maxfield stated he is not planning on running for zoning board again and Dave is the next longest serving member; he is pleased Dave has accepted the nomination. Mr. Maxfield closed the nominations for Chairman and opened the nominations for Vice-Chairman. Roy Maxfield made a motion to nominate Ned Lizotte for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Maxfield stated he would be willing to serve as Vice-Chairman for a transitional period and then turn it back over to Ned in six months. Mr. Maxfield stated he is offering this for legal purposes; a Vice-Chairman has some legal standing whereas a member does not have quite as much. Seconded by Roy Merrill. Steve Ives made a motion to nominate Roy Maxfield as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Maxfield stated he will serve as Vice-Chairman until Dave is comfortable and then he will step down. Seconded by Ned Lizotte. Mr. Maxfield closed the nominations for Vice-Chairman and re-opened

the vote for Chairman. Mr. Maxfield asked for a vote for Dave Powelson for Chairman. All were in favor. Mr. Maxfield opened the vote for Vice-Chairman and stated there are two nominations. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Maxfield's nomination. Mr. Maxfield asked for a vote for himself for Vice-Chairman. All were in favor.

Dave Powelson read Ned Lizotte's election papers. Mr. Lizotte stated his term should expire in 2009 not 2008. Mr. Maxfield stated the paper should be signed by Dave not him. Mr. Maxfield stated the secretary can make those changes and get a new copy for their signatures.

Dave Powelson stated he has received a resignation letter from Steve Ives. Mr. Powelson read the letter. Mr. Maxfield stated the board accepts with regret and wished him luck with his Selectman's position. Mr. Maxfield stated the board looks forward to seeing Mr. Ives in an ex-officio capacity. Dustin Bowles asked if they have to wait until the board is fully elected or can they intervene. Mr. Maxfield stated they can appoint an ex-officio at any time.

ADJOURNMENT:

George Saunderson made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Roy Maxfield. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Davis, Secretary

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	1 2p.m. • Story Time @ Library 6:30p.m. • Happy Hill 4-H Club @ American Legion 7p.m. • Rec Committee @ Com. Bldg.	2 6:30 p.m. • Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 6p.m. • American Legion Bingo 6:30p.m. • Kindergarten Info Night @ LES 7:00 p.m. • Loudon Lions Club @ Library	3	4 10:30a.m. • Story Time @ Library	5	6 8a.m. – Noon • PTA Yard Sale @ LES
7	8 2p.m. • Story Time @ Library 6:30p.m. • Groundbreaking @ LES 8p.m. • Fire Dept. Mtg. @ Safety Building	9 10a.m. • Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. followed by a Board mtg. 6p.m. • American Legion Bingo 6:30 p.m. • Selectmen's Meeting & Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	10 Kindergarten Registration @ LES 6:30p.m. • Old Home Day Meeting @ Kim Bean's	11 Kindergarten Registration @ LES 10:30a.m. • Story Time @ Library	12 LEDGER DEADLINE	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 2p.m. • Story Time @ Library 6:30p.m. • Communication Council @ Com. Bldg.	16 9:30 – Noon • VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Com. Bldg. Call 224-4093, x4830. 6p.m. • American Legion Bingo 6:30p.m. • Selectmen's Meeting / Board of Permit 7:00p.m. • Loudon Lions Club @ Library	17 7p.m. • American Legion Post 88 Meeting	18 10:30a.m. • Story Time @ Library 7p.m. • Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	19	20
21	22 2p.m. • Story Time @ Library	23 6p.m. • American Legion Bingo 6:30p.m. • Selectmen's Meeting / Board of Permit 7p.m. • LYAA @ Library	24 6 – 8p.m. • Swim Lessons Sign-ups @ Library	25 10:30a.m. • Story Time @ Library 7:30p.m. • Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	26	27
28	29 2p.m. • Story Time @ Library	30 6p.m. • American Legion Bingo 6:30p.m. • Selectmen's Meeting / Work Session	31			

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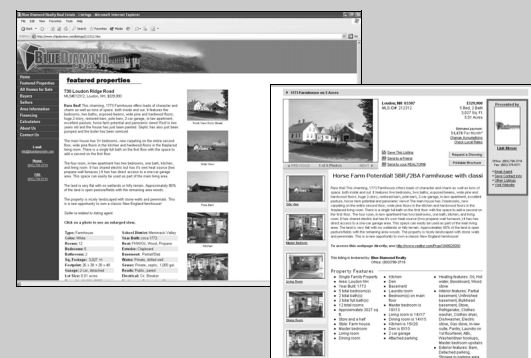
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