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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.

Alicia's School of Dance Students Win Multiple Awards!

Alicia's School of Dance competition students have had a great competition season. Eight students from the dance school competed in solos of jazz, lyrical and open categories, as well as duets and trios at Showstoppers, Starbound, and Just Got to Dance regional competitions. Our award winning dancers consist of Amanda Bullock, Alycia Daniels, Ashley Daniels, Marisa Guy, Emily Masse, Lauryn Masse, Haley Parent, and Talia Ungarelli.

All of our dancers received awards of gold to platinum, as well as special titles and awards. At their last competition, the girls took a high gold, high-scoring Junior II duet for a lyrical number performed by Marisa Guy and Haley Parent, as well as high gold awards for Emily Masse and Alycia Daniels for their solos. Haley Parent took high-scoring Junior II platinum award for her lyrical solo. Marisa Guy and Amanda Bullock were named Superstars, and Alycia Daniels was crowned Diva at this competition, which enables them to perform in the opening number of the National Competition in July.

Miss Alicia, Mrs. Locke, parents and families of our competition students, as well as students and their parents of the dance school are very proud of the girls' accomplishments. The girls will perform their award winning competition numbers at Alicia's School of Dance Recital in June.

Also in the news at Alicia's School of Dance is the arrival of Miss Natalie May Brooks, born Friday, April 17, 2009, to Miss Alicia and her husband Gary. ■



Above, left to right: Ashley Daniels, Lauryn Masse, Haley Parent, Alycia Daniels, Marisa Guy, Amanda Bullock, and Emily Masse. Below, left to right: Haley Parent, Lauryn Masse, Marisa Guy, Alycia Daniels, Emily Masse, Talia Ungarelli, Amanda Bullock, and Ashley Daniels.



Loudon Food Pantry Update

By Sarah & Sue Houck

When we first took over the pantry in July of last year, we were servicing an average of 15 households per week. Due the weakening economy, we are currently servicing between 45 and 50 households every week. This volume has caused considerable wait times and has made it difficult for patrons to schedule their pantry time around doctor's appointments and parental obligations. In an effort to solve the problem, the food pantry will now open a second day to hand out food. Starting Wednesday, May 6, 2009, we will be open on

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to service those in need.

As we have been doing the past several weeks, we split the variety of our stock and spread it throughout the day so that everyone has an opportunity to receive "the good stuff." We will be continuing this practice so that the patrons who come in on Thursday will have the same options as those who come in on Wednesday.

If you already come to the pantry and you have shown up as we first open, you are already aware of the mas-

sive wait time (up to two hours some days) and the parking problems that are all caused by ten to fifteen households arriving at 10:00 a.m. While it will still take between eight and fifteen minutes to service each household, we hope that the extra day will spread out this morning rush and decrease the extreme wait in the morning.

As before, those seeking assistance can only come in once per calendar week. New applicants should come in

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Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Open Wednesdays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. or for emergencies.
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives

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Harold W. Janeway: 225 Tyler Rd., Webster, NH 03303. 271-7585

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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August 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/20

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Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • *Sunday School:* 9:30–10:30 a.m.

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Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. • *Youth Group:* Sun. 6:00 p.m.

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries. Please call the church office for more details. Office Hours: 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Tues., Weds., Thurs.

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for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

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

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. • *Master Club:* Weds. 6:30–8 p.m. (ages 5–6th grade)

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

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • *Saturday Youth Group:* 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional PrayerWatch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details)

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

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church.

GraveRobbers is a safe, fun setting for everyone! Coffeehouse concerts are held the **first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m.** featuring accomplished musical artists of various styles in a casual, café setting (doors open at 6:30). There is no admission to the concerts; however, donations for the artists are encouraged. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices.



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Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

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

phyllish@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) *Jr. Kids Church* (2-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

Early Evening: House Churches. (Call the church or visit our website for a location near you.)

Tuesdays: Children's Bible Quizzing (Grades 1–6). 5:30–6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. [Brian Bollinger/Rick Smith]

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS. Please visit our website or call the church office for details.



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. *First Sunday of Every Month:* Discovery Series Bible Lessons



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

Graverobbers Coffeehouse Upcoming Performances

Open Mic Night Sat., May 9 at 7 p.m.


GraveRobbers Coffeehouse, a community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church, is pleased to announce its first Open Mic Night on Saturday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Singing, poetry reading, short drama, comedy or some other performance talent are all welcome for a 10-minute maximum time slot. Please remember that this is a family venue, so please choose your content accordingly. If you are interested in performing, please email the coffeehouse at earthonfire69@yahoo.com. Walk-ins may also be accommodated as time permits.

Raging Grace To Perform Sat., June 6 at 7 p.m.

Raging Grace, a successful New England band, will come to GraveRobbers on Saturday, June 6. They debuted in 1994 with their first release, "Up All Night," followed by their second disc, "Worried 'Bout My Brother" in 1996. More recent CDs have been "Bittersweet" (1999) and "Strand of Three Cords" (2002). Their latest project, (a double CD with studio and live recordings) "Without Restraint" is now available. Their music style is solid, guitar-driven rock steeped in the blues, and they have played numerous coffeehouses, festivals, biker rallies, retreats, and outreach projects throughout the northeast to rave reviews. You can hear their sound at www.raginggrace.com. Doors open at 6:30 and the music starts at 7:00 p.m. Come on out for a great time!



GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is a fun, safe, substance-free, positive environment for youth and adults. The coffeehouse is normally open the first Saturday of each month, featuring a relaxed, cafe-style setting, good, simple refreshments, and skilled musical artists of all styles. Loudon Congregational Church and GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is located at 7018 Church Street in Loudon Village. For more information, please call the church at 783-9478, or visit www.loudoncongregational.org and click on the GraveRobbers Coffeehouse link. ■



Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Tracy Koufos

Become a Member of LYAA! LYAA welcomes you to get involved! We are expanding our membership and providing more opportunities for members of the community to help. Becoming an LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings, which are scheduled every fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. You can also contact Tracy at tkoufos@msn.com to request to be on our email list to stay informed!

Current Happenings!

The Baseball and Softball season is in full swing and we invite you to head on down to Landry Fields on Staniels Rd. to catch a game or two. All levels have games throughout the week and on Saturdays you're almost guaranteed to catch a game at any time of the day. Visit www.lyaanh.org to see a schedule of all our teams.

We'd like to thank everyone who came out for Field Maintenance Day and helped us get the fields in great shape for the season.

A big "thank-you" to our coaches: Without them the season would not be happening. As parents and guardians please help out our volunteer coaches. Some simple ways that help a lot are: Offering to bring drinks for the players, checking the field after the game for trash, offering to rake/drag the field after games, having players arrive on time for practices and games, and simply just being there to cheer on the team.

With the nice weather upon us, LYAA's Grounds Committee has been meeting again to get things ready for the next phase in the Loudon Soccer Fields Construction Project, out behind Loudon Elementary School. If you would like to offer your help with this project please contact Rick Broider at rick@weblinkinternational.com. The Committee is currently looking for people interested in helping with the coordination and fundraising efforts.

Come get involved! **Next LYAA meeting is Tuesday, May 26th at 7 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library.** For more information visit www.lyaanh.org. ■

The Broider Family Gives "Sunday Service" a New Twist

Rick and Melody Broider got the entire family and a few neighbors from the Nash household out into the sunshine on April 19 to do some roadside cleanup along Lower Ridge Road. For all the hard work, the gang came up with bags of trash and loads of laughs.

THANKS TO DAVID AND MARY ANN STEELE FOR THE PHOTOS.



T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

The month of May has been dedicated nationwide as **Viral Hepatitis Awareness Month**. During this month, activities are planned across the U.S. to raise awareness of hepatitis A,

B, and C viruses, three very different viruses that harm the liver. The good news is that there are vaccines available, which will prevent hepatitis A and

B. However, there is no vaccine yet for the prevention of hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C infection is a major public health problem. Currently, approximately 4 to 5 million Americans have been infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV) and at least 2.7 million are chronically infected, nearly three times the number of individuals infected with HIV/AIDS. Most of these people have never been diagnosed and may not know that they are infected. Approximately 80% of those infected have no signs or symptoms for years, even decades, therefore are unaware that they could be transmitting the disease. Further, approximately one-third of persons living with HIV/AIDS are co-infected with HCV, and complications from liver disease are emerging as the leading cause of death among people with AIDS.

In total, chronic HCV is responsible for 40 to 60 percent of liver disease and is the leading cause of liver transplantation in the U.S. HCV currently causes approximately 10,000 deaths per year, and without increased resources for counseling, testing, and medical referral services, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) predicts that number will double by 2020.

Hepatitis C is most often transmitted through direct blood-to-blood contact, including mucus membranes or broken skin, and is not spread through casual contact. Persons who received a blood transfusion or transplant prior to 1992 (before the blood supply was routinely tested) or who have ever injected illegal drugs should get tested for hepatitis C. Other ways hepatitis C is spread include contact with the blood of someone who is infected, (such as an occupational exposure through a needlestick), birth to an infected mother, and unprotected sexual practices.

For more information regarding the prevention and control of viral hepatitis, contact NH Department of Health & Human Services, Viral Hepatitis Program at 603-271-5720. Free educational materials are available at www.cdc.gov/hepatitis.

Source: www.nastad.org and www.cdc.gov.

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured?

Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or Email: Tricia Ingraham: dtingraham@comcast.net. ■

Payson Center for Cancer Care Celebrates Cancer Survivors Day on June 7

Concord Hospital will celebrate Cancer Survivors Day on Sunday, June 7 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Payson Center for Cancer Care.

Bring your circle of support and have a portrait taken by Art Swenson Photography and Mindy Butler and create a personalized frame. Festivities also include guest speaker and cancer survivor Tom Kemp, as well complimentary therapies such as Reiki, acupuncture and chair massage, giveaways, light refreshments, and music by Performers Who Care and Songhealers beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Participating exhibitors include A Wig Center, American Cancer Society, Capital Orthotics and Prosthetics, Center for Integrative Medicine, Concord Hospital Breast Care Center, Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care Nutrition, Concord Hospital Rehabilitation Services, Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Image Enhancement Studio, Local Harvest NH, National Cancer Institute, and the Prescription Center. The HeartGifts Boutique and Joan K. Farrel Cancer Resource Library are open during the event.

In-kind support is provided by Art Plus Inc., Café Indigo, and Pleasant View Gardens. This annual event is supported in part through a grant from the American Cancer Society.

Please register by calling (603) 227-7000, ext. 6937 or e-mail pccinfo@crhc.org by May 29. Upon arrival, park in Lot A or B and enter through the Radiation Oncology entrance to the Payson Center.

As one of Concord Hospital's cornerstone Centers of Excellence, the Payson Center for Cancer Care, approved by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Center, provides personalized treatment and support for cancer patients and their families, including radiation oncology, medical oncology, and surgery. Board-certified physicians and nationally certified oncology nurses are dedicated to providing quality health care in a warm and caring environment. The Payson Center offers the latest in advanced technology such as Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and the 3D Ultrasound Targeting System, and conducts multiple clinical research trials through New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA, (NHOH) and the Concord Hospital Radiation Oncology Department for eligible patients. The full-service Center features the HOPE Resource Center that offers programs and services to assist patients with all aspects of their cancer care including financial, emotional, spiritual, and dietary needs. ■

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with proof of residence for every member of the household that they will be obtaining services for.

We would like to thank Dave and Tracy Huckins for their generosity and The Ivory Rose, The Beanstalk, Loudon Girl Scouts, and First Colebrook Bank for collecting donations on our behalf, as well as the numerous individuals and businesses who have given since the pantry's inception, all of which make it possible to feed so many people each week and enable the pantry to expand its hours. Everyone who comes to the pantry truly appreciates all the help you've been giving them. We would also like to proudly announce the addition of a new and very much needed freezer, purchased with the donations we received in memory of Levi Ladd.

If you're interested in helping the pantry, we can always use volunteers, food, clothing, household goods, and monetary donations. Any funds donated are used to purchase items that are needed (oftentimes at an extreme discount) and for operating expenses such as supplies. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to: Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, NH 03307. Our phone number is (603) 724-9731.

This is also the time of year when we are planning and planting our gardens. If you have a garden that overproduces or would like to plant an extra row, the Loudon Food Pantry would be more than happy to distribute your fresh produce to those in need. ■



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Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsenault

Our regular meeting was held on Tuesday, April 14th at the Community Center. Police Chief Fiske spoke to the group regarding scams via mail, e-mail, and telemarketers. Elderly people are especially targeted, and should be aware of those people pretending to be something that they are not. Chief Fiske states that if you are contacted in any way to buy something or send money with the promise of a reward of any kind, be suspicious and contact the police. The chief also left grab bags for the members along with free cushions.

Dorothy Mulkhey described the handmade squares on the quilt that hangs in the Community Center, which was made by Loudon ladies in the 1970s. Different sites around town are depicted and are very interesting.

Door prize winners of Eggshell certificates were Harriet McLaren and Irene Jeffers. We enjoyed pizza from Brookside Pizza, and followed it up with apple pie and ice cream.

Our Tuesday, June 23 get-together will be a bus trip to "The Fells" in Newbury. A sign-up sheet was passed around and 28 people have signed up. We have reserved a 55-passenger bus, so call your friends and join us. The tour of the mansion will be \$10.00. We will have a bag lunch on the veranda of the mansion, provided by the Community Action Program. Those attending will be able to wander through the grounds and gardens at their leisure, if they so choose. We will have a coffee stop in Warner on the way to Newbury at each person's expense.

At our May 12 meeting, we will be entertained by a barbershop quartet. All seniors are welcome. ■

The Pittsfield Area Senior Center Activities for May

The CRVNA presents: Care and Comfort at End-of-Life. May 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

This topic offers a description of the end-of-life services that hospice can provide. The hospice team, volunteer opportunities, and the Hospice house are discussed.

Advance Directives: Planning for Your Future. June 17, 2009 10:00 a.m.

This is a presentation that begins the discussion of Advance Care Planning. This session provides information and resources to begin thinking and talking about plans for the future.

NAMI of New Hampshire presents Side-by-Side

NAMI is partnering with the Pittsfield Area Senior Center where they will present an 8-week educational interactive program for people who are or may someday be a caretaker. Beginning July 8th through August 27th, Thursday's from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program includes lunch.

Topics to be covered: Needs of the Caregiver, Wellness and Healthy Living, Mental Illness - Myths and Facts, Mental Health Issues, Types of Treatment Availability, Medical Care, Coping with Challenging Behaviors, Diversity Issues, Domestic Violence and Abuse, Legal Issues, On Aging, Death, and Dying. Attend one or all 8 programs.

Knowledge and understanding of the afore mentioned topics will help alleviate some of the stress during a crisis! Don't put it off. Learn it today.

If you would like to have lunch following any of these programs please make a reservation no later than 7 days prior to the presentation.

Lunch is a \$2.00 donation.

Trip Ticket

May. Boston Duck & Science Museum. \$99.00. Meals will be on your own. Full payment due May 1st. Non-refundable.

June 26. Barbeque and Games at the Gregoire's. \$3.00

July 25. Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island. \$125.00. Meals will be on your own. \$65.00 deposit due June 1st. Non-refundable. \$60.00 balance due July 1st. Non-refundable.

August 4. Yankee Commons. TBA.

September. Cape Cod, MA. \$348.00. \$175.00 deposit due July 15th. Non-refundable. \$175.00 balance due September 1st. Non-refundable.

October. Deerfield Fair. TBA

November. Tilton Outlets. \$7.00.

December. TBA.

PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED ON ALL TRIPS AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE. Trips and dates are subject to change or cancellation depending on participation. ■



Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinics in Loudon at the VOANNE Senior Housing on May 26 from 9 a.m. until noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call 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.

Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages in March: Monday, May 4, 2009, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic: Wednesday, May 6, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and Wednesday, May 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m. at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow

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

Concord Regional VNA Receives \$2,500 Grant from Arthur Getz Foundation

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Arthur Getz Foundation, RBS Citizens, NA, Trustee, according to Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO of Concord Regional VNA.

The grant funds will be used toward the purchase of an LCD projector and computer for the agency's Hospice House in Concord. This will ensure up-to-date education and training for staff of the Hospice House.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, incorporated in 1899, is a home health and hospice care provider. The agency's service area includes more than 30 communities in central New Hampshire, in which skilled nurses, therapists, social workers, home health aides, homemakers, volunteers, and support staff provide both preventive and supportive health care services. Concord Regional VNA serves 7,000 patients annually and provides 150,000 homecare hours and 16,000 hospice days annually, including a 10-bed Hospice House in Concord.

Concord Regional VNA Receives \$5,000 Grant from Bank of America Charitable Foundation

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, according to Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO of Concord Regional VNA.

The grant funds will be used for the Concord Regional VNA Parent Friend Program, which helps families learn to become self-sufficient through modeling of learning, mentoring in parenting, and constant support, encouragement and guidance for up to one year of weekly in-home visits.

The Parent Friend Program goals are:

- To mentor parents in developing the knowledge and skills needed for effective parenting.
- To support parents in achieving independence and economic self-sufficiency.
- To motivate families to embrace lifelong learning and education as a family.
- To establish measures to improve nutrition planning and prevent obesity and to improve dental health of families.

"The grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will strengthen families, enable them to get off to a good start and, in the long run, strengthen our communities," said DeVeau. ■

Cole Gardens Named One of Today's Garden Center's "Revolutionary 100"

Cole Gardens joined the ranks of the horticulture industry's top independent garden centers when it was named one of *Today's Garden Center's* Revolutionary 100.

Sponsored by Activant Solutions, Bayer Advanced, Goldsmith Seeds, and Nexus Greenhouse Corp, Today's Garden Center's Revolutionary 100 program, now in its fourth year, surveys garden center owners and managers and culminates in a listing of the 100 most revolutionary garden centers in the nation. It is open to all independent garden centers, large and small, and is based on leadership and innovation, not on size or revenue.

"This is very exciting to be named a Revolutionary Garden Center for the second year. We have been working hard in the past four years to bring a garden center into Concord like ones that we see and visit around the country that are fun to visit, educational, and offer premiere product and selection. With each new spring we try to bring something new to the store. We don't want customer's coming back each spring to a tired looking display. For spring 2009 we are completely changing our outdoor sales area. We hope that it will be easier for customer's to shop and find what they need to make them successful in their gardens at home," says Charlie Cole, General Manager.



Garden center owners and managers across the United States fill out the online questionnaire covering topics such as employee training, industry involvement, profitability, marketing, use of technology, purchasing, and customer and community service. The entrants are ranked according to a point system, and the 100 top entries make the list.

The Cole family purchased Gateway Gardens in the spring of 2005. Doug Cole started D.S. Cole Growers in Loudon, in 1987 and grows most of the annuals and perennials that are found at Cole Gardens. "It is a perfect situation to have our own growing operation where we know we are getting our product from and can ensure top quality. We are able to keep the store stocked and refreshed with annuals and perennials on even the busiest weeks with our trucks going back and forth from both locations keeping our benches full with fresh inventory," explains Charlie.

This year Cole Gardens is focusing on supplying organic herbs and veggies from an organic grower, but also growing our own vegetables pesticides free. "We are seeing vegetable gardening being another big trend for the second year. For most this will be the first year

growing a vegetable garden, says Charlie.

"Cole Gardens has demonstrated excellence and unique innovation in marketing, retail business practices, and outreach to employees, customers and the community," says Richard Jones, Group Editor of *Today's Garden Center*. "We are honored to recognize them for their revolutionary achievements throughout the industry."

More information on the Revolutionary 100 including the complete rankings can be found in the January issue of *Today's Garden Center* magazine (www.todaysgardencenter.com).

Loudon Community Yard Sale!

Where: Loudon Elementary School
When: May 16, 2008 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Rain Date: May 17
Cost: Rent a space for \$20. Bring your own table if you have one.

A great way for you to make some extra money! Keep the money you make on your sales and the \$20 table fee will be donated to families in Loudon who need assistance with medical bills.

For more information, e-mail Pam Potter ppotter@mv.k12.nh.us or Carolyn Viani cviani@mv.k12.nh.us or call Sue Staples at 225-0418.

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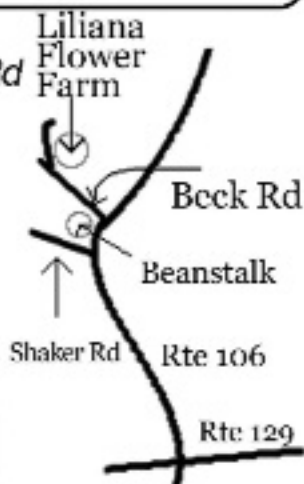
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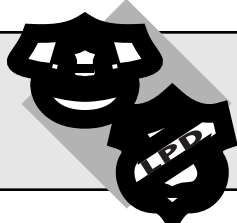
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Loudon Police Dept. News

By Chief Robert N. Fiske

On April 18th, we held our annual Bicycle Safety class behind the Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex (Loudon Safety Building) in conjunction and support of the Loudon Recreation Committee and Boy Scout Troop 30. Once again we had an phenomenal turnout! This class included reviewing the rules of the road, bicycle maintenance and helmet use. Free helmets and safety material were provided to each child along with a coupon for a free ice cream at Dudley's Ice Cream! Many thanks to all of the volunteers that assisted with this program! The Loudon Police Department will remain proactive in the use of bicycle helmets. It is a law that children under the age of 16 wear a helmet to avoid a summons. We encourage everyone to wear helmets regardless of age. If your child is in need of a helmet, please stop in at the police station to receive a free helmet while supplies last.

D.A.R.E. Scholarships

This year, the Loudon Police D.A.R.E. will be awarding two \$500 scholarships. This is available to any Loudon Senior attending Merrimack Valley High School. You can access the application at www.loudonpolice.com, www.loudonnh.org, school website www.mv.k12.nh.us, or pick one up at the police station during regular business hours. Again, we thank our community for supporting this program and helping to make this scholarship possible!

Summer News

As summer is just around the corner, don't forget to let us know when you leave for vacation so that we may make extra checks of your property. Check out our website for our suggestions for security while you are away.

We have been notified by the U.S. Census Bureau that they will have

employees going door to door starting in April until the end of July. All personnel will wear official identification and will carry hand-held computers to capture physical addresses and the GPS coordinates. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

The race season is right around the corner! A reminder that there will be a road closure plan for Route 106 on Sunday, June 28, 2009. As we near the dates, these closures will be advertised. The **only** day the road closes is on Sunday, however, be prepared for heavy traffic up to one week prior to the race as well as the Monday following the race. As always, I appreciate the resident's patience and as well as concerns during these times.

Our lifeguard, Lisa Halterman will be on duty again at Clough Pond Beach starting June 20th! The Lifeguard will be on duty Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Although

there is a lifeguard on duty during these times, we ask that you take responsibility of your young children and do not drop them off on their own. Improper behavior will result in them being asked to leave.

Use of the town beach requires a resident sticker which may be purchased at the transfer station and needs to be affixed to the vehicle. Vehicles without resident stickers may be asked leave the beach. No dogs or alcohol are allowed on the beach. All town owned properties have a curfew and no one is to be on these properties between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or chieffiske@loudonpolice.com. ■



Loudon Police Department News D.A.R.E. News

By Cpl. Jason S. Fiske, D.A.R.E. Instructor

On March 21st, the fifth grade D.A.R.E. classes attended a Monarch's Hockey game at the Verizon Arena. A total of 63 students and 8 chaperones enjoyed the game!

On May 5th at 6:30, D.A.R.E. graduation will be held at the Loudon Elementary School. We look forward to our guest speaker, Kelly Ayotte who is the New Hampshire Attorney General.

We have scheduled our community clean-up for May 19th (with a rain date of May 26th). The students spend an afternoon picking up trash and raking around the Police and Fire station, the town offices as well as the recreation field.

Congratulations to the fifth graders for a great year! I encourage my students or anyone to stop in to say "hi" or to call if they have any concerns.

This year, the Loudon Police D.A.R.E. Program will be awarding two \$500 scholarships. This is available to any Loudon Senior attending Merrimack Valley High School. You can access the application at www.loudonpolice.com, www.loudonnh.org, the school website www.mv.k12.nh.us, in the column to the right or pick one up at the police station during regular business hours.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or jfiske@loudonpolice.com. ■

LOUDON POLICE ASSOCIATION D.A.R.E. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Loudon Police Association D.A.R.E. Program will be awarding two \$500 scholarships. The criteria for eligibility for this scholarship is as follows:

1. A graduating senior of Merrimack Valley High School
2. A Loudon Resident
3. Entering an accredited post-secondary school
4. Student must be a full-time status
5. Scholarship will be paid upon receipt of documentation from post-secondary school certifying student enrollment.

Include with the scholarship application:

1. 250 words or less essay stating: how the D.A.R.E. program has helped you make positive decisions, how you will remain a positive role model in the future, and what your future goals are.
2. Official copy of high school transcript
3. Current letters of recommendations from school representative (principal, guidance counselor, teachers).

Scholarship application deadline is May 18, 2009.

Completed application must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked SCHOLARSHIP to:

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Deb Drake has enthusiastically chosen Countryside Realty for the following reasons:

-  Countryside Realty has a full-time team of dedicated agents
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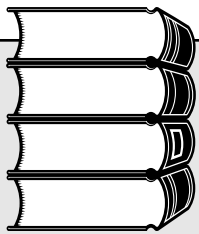
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

STORY TIME

The month of May is filled with animals both big and small. On May 5th, 6th, and 7th, story timers will listen to books about animal mothers in *Llama Llama Misses Mama* by Anna Dewdney and *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey. The children will construct a flowerpot filled with flowers for Mom.

May 12th through the 14th, the animals of the week will be of the aquatic kind. *My Visit to the Aquarium* by Alikei and Denise Flemings' *In the Small, Small Pond* will get us geared up to make fish spinners to hang in the breeze.

Where Do Frogs Come From? and *Tadpole Rex* by Alex Vern and Kurt Cyrus will be the stories for May 19th through the 21st. Since frogs are the animal of the week, we will end story time by creating a frog that comes with his very own lunch.

Join us May 26th, 27th, and 28th as we read *Big Chickens Fly the Coop* by Leslie Helakoski and *Welcome, Brown Bird* by Mary Lyn Ray. Every child will leave craft time with their very own "fine feathered friend."

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Child, Lee	<i>Gone Tomorrow</i>
Clark, Carol Higgins	<i>Cursed</i>
Ford, Jamie	<i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>
Robards, Karen	<i>Pursuit</i>
Scottoline, Lisa	<i>Look Again</i>
Verghese, Abraham	<i>Cutting for Stone</i>

Nonfiction

Ansary, Tamim	<i>Destiny Disrupted</i>
Gordon, Sandra	<i>Best Baby Products</i>
Schofield, Jo	<i>Go Wild!</i>
Skenazy, Lenore	<i>Free-Range Kids</i>
Stanton, Doug	<i>Horse Soldiers</i>
Weber, Bruce	<i>As They See 'Em</i>

NEW DVDs

Australia, Bolt, Changeling, Doubt, Flash of Genius, Ghost Town, John Adams, Marley & Me, Milk, Revolutionary Road, Slumdog Millionaire, The Tale of Desperaux, Twilight, Wall-E

VOLUNTEERS

You'll be seeing some new faces around the library with additions to our core of volunteers. Darla Jarvis, Melissa Minery, Kim Mitchell, and Laura Vincent are taking on special projects. We appreciate their willingness to pitch in and help.

ART EXHIBIT

On display now through the end of May is the photography of Loudon resident, **Byron Moser**. Many of his shots feature local scenes. Stop by for a special reception at the end of the exhibit to meet the artist and hear about his camera choices, techniques, and inspirations. Please call the library for details.

"SUMMERTIME AND THE READING IS EASY"

Mark your calendars! This year's summer reading program will be starting soon! Sign-ups will start at the end of June, and will continue throughout the summer. (More information will be coming in the June issue of the *Loudon Ledger*.)

The Summer Reading Program is a fun way to keep your children reading all summer long! Children preschool through sixth grade are welcome to sign up and if you are a middle school or high school student looking to fulfill a few volunteer hours call Mrs. Ingerson at 798-5153 to see how you can get involved.

BOOK GROUP

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and alternates from month to month between books of fiction and nonfiction. Please call the library for information about the next selection. Newcomers are welcome.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Tuesdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



Top right: Craft time in the Children's Room.

Bottom right: Snack time.

Below: Mary Villaume, photographer from Gilford, poses here with a photograph of the Old Man of the Mountain. Ms. Villaume's work was exhibited at the Library during April.





- **Town Office**
- **Maxfield Public Library**
- **Beanstalk Store**
- **Ivory Rose/USPS**
- **Transfer Station**
- **Web Site**



American Legion Post 88, Loudon

By Jim Dymont

The American Legion, along with the VFW Post 4405 and the town of Loudon, will be sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 25. We invite all organizations to participate in the parade. Line-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Legion parking lot. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. sharp!

The route will be the same as last year, going north on South Village Road to the memorial at the Maxfield Library, continuing north to the bridge, then north on North Village Road, turning right onto the north entrance to the Loudon Congregational Church. The ceremony at the cemetery entrance will mark the end of the parade. There will be water stations at the Legion and at the cemetery.

There will be an open house at the American Legion after the parade. ■

Memories Needed!

Many parents and former students of Loudon Elementary School will remember Miss Kathleen Graham, AKA Mrs. VanWagner. Well, after 20 years with Merrimack Valley, Miss Graham is retiring to warmer pastures. We are hoping to collect funny stories, memorable assignments, or any other recollections you have, to put together a memory book for Miss Graham.

Please send written pieces, pictures, or other artifacts to Loudon Elementary School, 7039 School Street, C/O Mrs. Klapproth. You may also email them to eklapproth@mv.k12.nh.us. Please put "memory book" in the subject line. We would like to collect everything by May 22nd. Thank you in advance for your help.

Loudon Artist Featured at NH Technical Institute Library

Loudon visually-challenged artist Richard Lee Clark will be exhibiting his original art work and photography at the Library at the NH Technical Institute in Concord during the month of June. The library is open week days.

Dick is progressively losing his vision to Retinitis Pigmentosa, a disease that causes deterioration of the retina, causing an individual nearly total vision loss and leaving only the ability to see light perception, until finally, vision is lost completely.

Dick started his business named Inland Prints back in 2002, selling original art work in the form of all-occasion cards, note cards, prints, gift tags, in both wholesale and retail markets. Local area gift stores offer some of Dick's favorite works depicted on Christmas and note cards.

Mr. Clark's wife, Linda, recently retired, will pursue her interest in photography, as well as flower gardening.

Please mark your calendars for the June exhibit and plan to stop by to sign guest book, partake of refreshments, and meet Dick and Linda. Many thanks to Claudette, curator of the Library and the Library itself. ■

**Deadline for June issue:
Friday, May 15, 2009**



What 11-letter word in the English language does everyone spell incorrectly?

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April Word Scramble Answers
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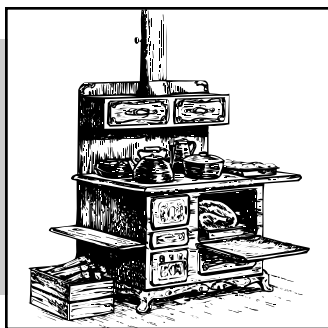
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Gluten-Free!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

According to the Mayo Clinic, Celiac disease is a digestive condition triggered by consumption of the protein gluten, which is found in bread, pasta, cookies, pizza crust and many other foods containing wheat, barley or rye. If you have celiac disease and eat foods containing gluten, an immune reaction occurs in your small intestine, causing damage to the surface of your small intestine and an inability to absorb certain nutrients. Eventually, the decreased absorption of nutrients that occurs with celiac disease can cause vitamin deficiencies that deprive your brain, peripheral nervous system, bones, liver and other organs of vital nourishment. This can lead to other illnesses and stunted growth in children. No treatment can cure celiac disease. However, you can effectively manage celiac disease through changing your diet. If you have any questions about Celiac disease or to get a list of companies that offer Gluten free alternatives please visit www.celiac.org.

You would be amazed at some of the products that contain gluten. For your next party be sure to ask your guests if they have food allergies and add a little something special for that someone special that all your guests will enjoy. All of the wonderful recipes in this month's edition can be found at *Best Gluten-Free Recipes* on the internet (<http://www.members.ozemail.com.au/~coeliac>).

Easy Gluten-Free Salmon Fritata

The exact ingredients and proportions don't matter too much in this recipe, which is easily adapted to suit your taste buds and the ingredients you have. You can use canned corn instead of frozen, tuna instead of salmon, and shallots instead of the onion. If you don't have fresh mint or basil, you can use a tablespoon of dried basil. For vegetarians, the salmon is optional — it still tastes great.

- 4 eggs
- 6 oz. can salmon
- 14 oz. frozen corn kernels
- 1 onion, halved and then sliced
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 bell pepper chopped
- several sprigs fresh mint or basil, chopped
- freshly ground black pepper
- salt
- 1 teaspoon olive oil

In the heavy fry pan, heat the olive oil and cook the chopped onion till it softens. Add the corn, salmon (drained), chopped tomatoes and chopped bell pepper. Stir to combine but don't be too vigorous, you don't want the salmon mashed — try to keep it in small pieces. Sprinkle with pepper, herb salt and chopped mint.

Beat the eggs lightly and pour over the mixture. Cook at very low heat until the eggs are cooked, which will be about 12 minutes. Serve with fresh green salad.

Joanna's Gluten-Free Cheese Scones

- 1 egg
- 3 cups gluten-free (commercial mix) flour
- 5 teaspoons gluten-free baking powder
- 2 cup grated tasty low-fat cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated parmesan
- pinch cayenne

Beat the egg with three-quarters to one cup of milk. Mix with as little handling as possible. Mix the dough to a stiff consistency and roll or pat out on a floured surface, to a thickness of about half to three-quarters of an inch. Bake at 450F for 10 minutes.

Joanna's Chicken Casserole

This recipe has been handed from friend to friend so many times that we have no idea where it originated. My wife, Joanna, as usual, has made her own improvements.

- 3-1/2 Lbs chicken pieces (for best flavor, leave the skin on)
- 4 teaspoons oil
- 2 large onions OR dried onion
- 4 cloves garlic OR garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons oil, extra
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice

- 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
- 2 cups gluten-free tomato sauce (ketchup)
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons gluten-free curry powder (some isn't GF)
- 4 teaspoons wine vinegar (NOT malt vinegar)
- 2 teaspoons teriyaki or gluten-free soy sauce (may be hard to find)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Sauté chicken in hot oil until golden brown, remove from pan, drain. Pour off oil from pan, add all other ingredients. Stir until pan brownings are dissolved. Add chicken. Cook on low heat until tender. Nice served with rice.

Gluten-Free Rice Tomato Pilaf

Every good cook seems to have his or her own ideas on how rice should be cooked. Some say it must be washed first, some say it should never be washed, or rinsed after cooking, and some suggest soaking it in water for at least two hours before it is cooked. Which ever way you prepare it, here's a way to add lots of flavor.

- 1 oz. butter
- 2 cups white rice
- 1/2 cup wild rice
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon coriander

Bring water to boil, add rice and wild rice. Add everything else. Simmer gently until all the water is absorbed — about 15 minutes. Cover and let it stand a few minutes.

Fruity, Nutty, Ginger, Cherry Macaroons, Gluten-Free

Best macaroons in the galaxy, and gluten-free, too. For lactose-free macaroons, see below.

These delicious macaroons are my all-time favorite food. Yummy, chewy and sweet, these macaroons have enough substance to let you know you've had a good snack.

- 2 cups coarsely shredded coconut
- 2 cups desiccated (finely shredded) coconut
- 1 can sweetened condensed skim milk
- 1-1/2 cups mixed dried fruit
- 6 oz. hazelnuts, crushed (OR your favorite nuts)
- 3 oz. candied cherries, halved
- 3 oz. chopped preserved ginger in syrup OR 1 teaspoon ground (powdered) ginger

Turn the oven on. In a large bowl, stir everything except the condensed milk. Add the condensed milk and mix thoroughly.

Dollop teaspoonfuls of the macaroons mixture on to a non-stick baking tray. Bake for 300°F until slightly golden — about 25 minutes. Macaroons burn easily, so watch them for the last five minutes. Turn off oven and leave the macaroons in oven for another half an hour. (That stops them from going soggy.) We have an old oven bought for \$30 in a garage sale, and it helps to bake macaroons high in the oven.

Leave the macaroons on the baking tray to cool slightly — well, OK, you're allowed to eat ONE now — before putting on a cooling rack.

Note: Use preserved ginger in syrup if you can. Much better than ground ginger. Crystallized ginger, chopped small, also works OK. The macaroons look really tempting if you put half a cherry on top of each one, before putting them in the oven. You'll need about 40 cherry halves.

Lactose-free macaroons: Replace the condensed milk with 3/4 cup of caster sugar, two large beaten eggs and two teaspoons of lemon juice. Bake at 350 F for about 16 minutes. Rescue them just before they burn. Makes about 40.

Next Month: Summer Salads! If you have any recipes or suggestions send them to me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986.

Census Workers to Verify Addresses in First Major 2010 Census Operation

The U.S. Census Bureau has launched a massive operation to verify and update more than 145 million addresses as it prepares to conduct the 2010 Census.

Nationwide, more than 140,000 Census workers will participate in the Address Canvassing Operation, a critically important first step in assuring that every housing unit receives a 2010 Census questionnaire in March 2010. Throughout the Census Bureau's Boston Region (New England, upstate New York, and Puerto Rico), approximately 13,000 temporary employees will carry out the operation.

"A complete and accurate address list is the cornerstone of a successful Decennial Census," said Kathleen Ludgate, Regional Director at the Boston Regional Census Center. "Building on the

achievements of the 2000 Census, we have been testing and preparing for the 2010 count all decade, and we're ready to fulfill our constitutional mandate to count everyone living in the United States."

The first publicly visible activity of the 2010 Census is now underway. New England and Upstate New York residents could see address canvassing listers in their neighborhoods and communities from April until late June. The Census listers have been trained to use new hand-held computers equipped with GPS to increase geographic accuracy. The ability to capture GPS coordinates for housing units will greatly reduce the number of errors caused by using paper maps as was done in previous Census counts.

"The primary goal of the Decennial Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place," Director Ludgate said. "Because the Census is used for reapportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and the distribution of more than \$300 billion in federal dollars every year to state and local governments, it's essential to get this first step right."

The local Address Canvassing Operation will be conducted out of 12 Early Local Census Offices located throughout the Region. The Concord, New Hampshire Local Census Office has hired 650 employees to begin address canvassing on April 20, 2009. In most cases, Census workers will knock on residents' doors to verify addresses and inquire about any additional living quarters on the premises.

Census workers can be identified by the official Census Bureau employee badge they carry. During the Address Canvassing Operation, the listers will only ask residents for information related to a housing unit address and any additional living quarters in the residence. No personal information will be collected during this operation.

Over the last several years, the Census Bureau has been actively working on updating its geographic databases and master address files. From implementing the Local Update of Census Address

(LUCA) program — where more than 11,500 tribal, state and local governments participated in a review of the Census Bureau's address list for their area — to increasing the precision of the GPS mapping, many advances have been made to compile the most comprehensive listing of addresses in the nation.

This is the first Census to include group quarters (such as dormitories, group homes, prisons and homeless shelters) in the Address Canvassing Operation, which should improve both the accuracy and coverage of the final count. There will be one final opportunity to add new home construction in early 2010 prior to the mailing of the 2010 Census questionnaires.

All Census information collected — including addresses — is confidential and protected by law. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with the FBI, the IRS, CIA, Welfare, Immigration, or any government or law enforcement agency. All Census Bureau employees — including temporary employees — take an oath for life to keep Census information confidential. Any violation of that oath is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison.

For additional information contact the Boston Regional Census Center at (617) 223-3610 or Boston.PDSP@census.gov. ■

June 6 Is Free Fishing Day In New Hampshire

Free Fishing Day is coming on Saturday, June 6, 2009, so make plans to get out and try your luck on New Hampshire's ponds, streams and lakes. State residents, and nonresidents, too, can fish any inland water in the Granite State that day without a fishing license. Take advantage of the event to hit the water for a relaxing day of fishing with your friends and family. Bring your camera, because fish sure are photogenic!

"Most people who hook a fish once can hardly wait for the chance to do it again. Free Fishing Day is your chance to give it a try!" says Karina Walsh, New Hampshire Fish and Game's Let's Go Fishing program coordinator.

Free Fishing Day kicks off 2009 National Fishing and Boating Week in New Hampshire (June 6-14, 2009), a nationwide observance encouraging families to have fun together on the water.

Free Fishing Day is the perfect chance to introduce non-angling friends and family to the sport, especially if you fish for something easy to catch, like bluegills or yellow perch. "Make an adventure out of it, grab your rod and make a picnic lunch you'll surely have a great time catching these fish," Walsh says. "For just a few dollars, you can buy an inexpensive rod and reel and a few hooks and nonlead sinkers to get started on an activity people of all ages can enjoy."

Adults just get one day to fish free in the Granite State, but kids under 16 do not need a license to fish in New Hampshire. Season dates, limits and all other fishing regulations must be followed on Free Fishing Day. Anglers fishing for brood stock Atlantic salmon in the Merrimack and lower Pemigewasset rivers must have a fishing license and a special permit.

For specific details on fishing rules, consult the 2009 New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest available at www.fishnh.com/Fishing/fishing.htm, or wherever fishing licenses are sold. The Fish and Game website www.fishnh.com has tackle tips, lake depths, info on where fish have been stocked, and fishing forecasts for various parts of the state.

The website also has regional fishing guides with suggestions on where to fish from the shoreline, currently available for Manchester/Nashua, the North Country and southwestern N.H.

If you get hooked on Free Fishing Day, enjoy the fun year round. Licenses are available online at www.fishnh.com or from any of 250 friendly local license agents statewide.

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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

Fifth Grade Move Up Day is May 21st!

Students going into the 6th grade will get a chance to visit the Merrimack Valley Middle School on Thursday, May 21st. A parents "Info Night" will be held at the Middle School on May 28th to answer any questions parents may have. Congratulations Fifth Graders!!!

Joli White and Friends Raise Money for the Concord-Merrimack SPCA!

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009, Joli White presented the Concord-Merrimack SPCA a check for over \$300. A fifth grader, Joli, along with friends Shenaugh Tripp and Mariah Elkins started a fund raising campaign at the Loudon Elementary school. Not only did they raise money for the shelter but they also presented over 50 various items for the shelter to use. Congratulations girls!!!

Important Dates

May 7. PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; 1st Thursday of every month.

May 8. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

May 21. Fifth Grade move up day.

May 25. School closed for Memorial Day.

May 28. Parent info night for 5th graders moving up at the Middle School. 6:30 p.m.

June 22. Last day of school (tentatively).

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

MVMS News

On March 5th, the following middle school students performed the National Anthem at the Annual School District Meeting. Abigail Blake, Rachael Howell, Arianae Lemire, Claire Guimont, Maddi Jaquith, and Logan Kenney. They were accompanied by HS students Zach Blanchard, Becca Hashem, and MS Music Teacher Mrs. Blanchard.

The First Annual MVMS Academic Showcase was held on March 26th. The building was open from 6–8 p.m. allowing parents to browse the school.

While at the school they were able to view student projects as well as interactive displays in the gym, library, music room and 101. The gym had the climbing wall and omnikin ball. The library hosted the international cafe that served a Spanish treat and French treat. The new music room was open and was alive with the beat of the African Drums. The Drama Club held 2 performances of the "Trojan War."

The MVMS 6th Grade Chorus and the LES 4th and 5th Grade chorus sang *The Star-Spangled Banner* at a Monarch's game on Friday 4/3. The Monarchs won 3-0! Go Monarchs and Go Pride!

Bonjour Québec! On April 15–17, 2009, forty-six French students and nine adults will be participating in an overnight excursion to Québec City. While visiting Québec, students will be able to meet their penpals from the école Horizon (Horizon School) in Saint-Jean-Chrysostome, as well as take part in various tours of Quebec. While learning about the city's impressive history, students will be able to practice their French speaking skills, as well as experience first-hand the foods, dances, and atmosphere of this magnificent city on the St. Lawrence Seaway! Bon Voyage à Tous, Madame Veiga.

The National Junior Honor Society sponsored a coin drive to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during the month of March. MVMS raised over \$1000.00 to support this important organization. Ms. Heins's 7th grade Guided Study raised over \$245.73 and earned a Pasta Party from the Olive Garden. Thank you to all you help to make this coin drive a huge success. Mr. Irving got a Mohawk to support his GS contribution to the drive. He challenged them to raise \$50.00 and they raised \$100.00.

NJHS will also participate in another service project in May. We will once again participate in the Concord Hospital's Rock 'N Race to support the Payson Center for Cancer Care. The Rock 'N Race is a 5K race or walk to raise money for this worthy organization. The Race takes place on May 20th and students are busy fundraising to support their efforts.

On April 18, PE Teacher Miss. Hammell will be taking some students climbing to Vertical Dreams in Manchester NH.

7th Graders will be going on a field trip to see the NH Fisher Cats on 4/30/2009.

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Child Left Behind (NCLB). This means that our school has been labeled as a School In Need of Improvement (SINI). Here is a side-by-side comparison of how all MV students did compared to required target scores and state composite scores:

Test	MVHS	NH	Target
Reading	95.0	89.2	84.0
Math	68.7	65.2	58.0
Graduation Rate	89.7	87.9	75.0

As a whole school, we well exceeded both the required target scores and the state composite scores, and in each case showed improvement over the scores posted the previous year. However, this does not matter when it comes to making AYP. There are 7 "sub-groups" that must also show progress. In our case, we do not have enough students in the 4 racial subgroups to calculate AYP, nor enough students in the non- or limited-English proficient sub-group. We do have students that are considered "economically disadvantaged" (free & reduced lunch) and with an "educational disability." Last year, the economically disadvantaged students scored below the target score in math and this year it was the students with an educational disability who did not achieve the target.

The NH Commissioner of Education indicates that he is pleased with the information that the NECAP assessment provides, and he offered the reminder that while the "NECAP is an important measure of academic progress, it is only one of many ways that schools measure the progress of our students. Schools must be accountable for the growth of each child personally, physically, socially, and academically." In evaluating the success of students and schools, it is essential that parents, educators, and community leaders consider multiple forms of assessment, community involvement, attendance, and graduation rates, the number of children pursuing further education after high school, school safety, discipline records, and other relevant information.

The sky is not falling. Of the state's 78 high schools, 45 are now labeled as schools in need of improvement based on the federal NCLB law. This does not mean that 58% of our NH schools are failing based on this single measure of achievement. It does, however, mean that we need to continue to strive to ensure that all students can demonstrate that they are making progress toward proficiency in reading and math. *Submitted by Dr. Michael Jette, Principal*

Senior Projects. We had great success with our Senior Showcase last week! Over 90% of our seniors completed the presentations and products, and have now advanced to completion of their portfolios. Students will be meeting with their primary assessors

MVHS News

School In Need Of Improvement. For the second year in a row, one of our sub-groups (students with an educational disability) at MVHS did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the state NECAP test required by No

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the week of April 27th to evaluate the portfolio.

Target: Take Charge of Education. Two times a year, MVHS receives a check from Target's Take Charge of Education program. Our March award was for \$334.12! The money represents 1% of the charges made on a Target REDcard. Please consider using this card and making MVHS your selected school. To enroll or get information, call 1-800-316-6142 or visit www.target.com/tcoe

Equestrian Team. The Merrimack Valley High School Equestrian Team did extremely well April 5th at their first of three competitions. Briana Miligan (Frosh) and Jocelyn Tanner (Senior) were 1st in their classes for the day. Kaitlin Leonard (Frosh) pulled two 1st place rides and was top 5 in the remainder of her individual events. Kaitlin Ryan (Junior) and Ed Dempsey (Junior) each placed on top in one of their individual classes and also placed top 5 for the day. Kate Fife (Junior), Lindsey Galliher (Senior), Danielle Emrick (Sophomore), Angela Davidson (Sophomore), Taryn Galliher and Shauntee Currier assisted the Team by placing top 10 in their classes. For the Team events, MV continued winning by placing 1st in two events and pulling 3rd in a Spirit class. Those scores put the MV Equestrian Team 2nd place overall and 1st place for the North District Large Division Team. Congratulations to all! *Submitted by Stacey J. McNeil, Coach MVET*

Granite State Scholars. Commissioner of Education, Lyonel B. Tracy, has announced the 2009 Granite State Scholars. Representing 84 high schools around the State, 835 students earned the status as a Granite State Scholar. The qualifications for designation are: student must be a high school senior, under the age of 21; student must be ranked in the top 10% of the senior class; and must have scored at least 1200 on an SAT exam taken on or before January 31st of the student's senior year (or an equivalent score on ACT). This year 835 high school seniors were designated as Granite State Scholars, up from 750 last year and 381 in 2007. "This steady increase shows a great commitment on the part of New Hampshire's high school students," said Commissioner Tracy. "It is an honor for these seniors." Each recip-

ient will receive a certificate signed by the Governor and the Commissioner. MV is proud to have Newell Moser (Loudon) and Jessica Sprague (Salisbury) listed among the best NH students in this elite program. Congratulations!

Greetings from MVHS Guidance! Term 4 is underway and we are well into the process of scheduling students for next year's classes. The Guidance Department has met with all students, including incoming 9th graders, to go over required courses and credits for graduation, elective options, college admission requirements, and the process of selecting courses on Web2School. Any student who has not entered course requests at this time should do so ASAP, as we will be adjusting the master schedule to accommodate student requests very soon.

Attention Seniors — Please check out scholarship opportunities on the MV website! There are several scholarships that nobody has applied for! Don't let money for college pass you by!

At this point, every senior should have met with his/her guidance counselor for an "exit interview."

This is a quick discussion to go over any concerns that may impede graduation as well as confirm student plans for next year and make sure students have everything in place to continue their education after they graduate (whether they are planning to attend a four year or two year college, certificate program, or the military).

Juniors who recently took the ASVAB should plan to attend the follow-up session where scores will be interpreted and a career interest activity will take place to help you develop career plans and goals. Submitted by Mark Ciarametaro, Guidance PR Director

Up Coming Dates:

May 16th. Prom, Courtyard By Marriott. 7-11 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Grand March

June 9th. Senior Trip, Camp Mi-Ti-Na. 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

June 15th. Senior Awards Night. 5:30 p.m. Banquet (seniors only). 7:00 p.m. Awards Night (family)

June 20th. Graduation. 10:00 a.m. (outdoors, rain or shine). ■

Young North Hampton Artist Earns Top Honors In State Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Samuel Gray, age 13, of North Hampton, has taken top honors among young New Hampshire artists in the 2009 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest. Gray's oil painting of a wood duck, entitled "Solitude," was chosen from among 48 entries as New Hampshire's State Best of Show in the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest. New Hampshire's portion of the contest was coordinated by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

The young artist, a student of The Barn Art Studio in Exeter, will be New Hampshire's contestant in the 2009 National Junior Duck Stamp Contest held on April 22 at the National Postal Museum in Washington D.C. Gray wrote the following conservation message to accompany his artwork: "If we make the commitment to sustain nature, it, in return will sustain us."

"Samuel's painting is a wonderful winning effort and at only 13 years of age, he shows a lot of promise," said Victor Young, a wildlife artist and publications designer for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the state's Junior Duck Stamp Contest coordinator.

New Hampshire's first place winners for their age groups this year were:

• **Grades K-3:** Brianna Garrison, age 7, a student of Barn Art Studio in Exeter; Emily Heidler, age 9, of Pen & Palette Art Studio in Hampstead; and Paul Hynes, age 9, of Windham.

• **Grades 4-6:** Sammy Merrill, age 9, a student of Barn Art Studio in Exeter; Veronica Morrier, age 10, of Plaistow; and Renee Morrisette, age 9, a student of Birchwood Studio in Shelburne.

• **Grades 7-9:** Samuel Gray, age 13, a student of Barn Art Studio in Exeter; Taylor Henry, age 14, of Hanover; and Michaela Wiss, age 14, a student at John Stark Regional High School in Weare.

• **Grades 10-12:** Niki Marion, age 17, a student of Pen & Palette Art Studio in Hampstead; Sylvianne Shurman, age 17, a student at Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey.

New Hampshire's first-place winning entries can be seen at Fish and Game's website at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Education/Jr_Duck/Junior_Duck_Gallery_09.htm.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service initiated the Federal Junior Duck Stamp program in 1994 to showcase the talents of the nation's young artists while teaching youngsters about the value of wetlands and waterfowl conservation. The contest creates an opportunity for teachers to connect conservation issues with artistic expression. ■

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News From the Girl Scouts of Loudon

We are very busy planning our Starry Night event that will be held in May for all Loudon Girl Scouts. The girls are excited to explore the wonders of astronomy and have a great time with their friends. Troops are very busy working on badges, projects and community service. We are also starting to plan for our end of year bridging and awards ceremony to be held in June. Thank you to all those support the Girl Scouts in Loudon.

We are always looking for adult volunteers. Providing the girls of Loudon with the great Girl Scout experience can't happen without volunteers! You don't have to have a daughter in Girl Scouting to volunteer, there are many ways you can help us! All it takes is the desire to help enrich the lives of young girls with great experiences, a \$10 registration fee, a background check and a little training and you will make a huge difference!! If you have questions about volunteering or would like to help, please contact Amanda Masse, registrar for Loudon by calling 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net.

Thank you for continuing to read about what the Girl Scouts in Loudon are up to and all that they can accomplish! *Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.* Here is an update on a few of our great Girl Scout troops in Loudon, the girls and

adult volunteers are so busy that all of them don't get a chance to update each month:

Brownie Troop #10454

Julie Segien & Karen Thurber

The girls are half way thru there Brownie Quest with guidance from an E - L - F. The girls have gotten into the spirit of the games, worksheets, along with the chapters we read and discuss at each meeting. These activities come straight from the books and are age appropriate. By the end of the quest the girls should understand how to E — explore; L — link arms and F — fly into action. We will finish the journey in the fall. In June we will have a ceremony and a potluck dinner with all the Girl Scouts of Loudon to wrap up the Girl Scout School year.

Junior Troop #12641

Amanda Masse, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz & Michele Paquette

Some of the girls and adults in the troop went on a Just Us Juniors overnight adventure at the NH Children's Museum in Dover. We had a great time and met new friends from other towns. Our group is working on several badges including Plants and



Animals; Outdoor Creativity; and Wildlife. We will also complete Sky Search

at Starry Night and with activities we do as a troop while camping. We are planning a very fun camping trip for our troop to wrap up our year and finish our outdoor badges. Thanks for continuing to read what we are up to!

Cadette Troop #12356

Christine Campbell, Samantha French & Amanda Masse

The girls finished up their Reading interest project. The girls worked together and came up with some great activities for the Starry Night event and will be helping out the younger girls. We decided to plan a day trip for our end of year celebration and hope to head out to the seacoast of NH for some fun together as a troop. ■

Fly-Fishing A-Z: Beginner Workshop May 16-17 In Hillsborough

As you start daydreaming about warm summer days, why not consider learning about the traditional and timeless sport of fly-fishing. An upcoming free weekend workshop offers a chance to explore fly-fishing, an activity that will provide you with hours of enjoyment in the outdoors. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" Program is pairing up with the New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands to host "Fly-Fishing A-Z" on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at Fox Forest in Hillsborough, N.H. There is no charge for the class.

To sign up, you must print out and return a registration form, which can be found on the Fish and Game website at www.fishnh.com/Fishing/lets_go_fishing_class_schedule.htm. Registration forms can also be obtained by calling Lisa Collins at 603-271-3212 or emailing aquatic-ed@wildlife.nh.gov.

Applications must be received by May 1 to reserve your spot in the workshop. Class space is limited, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The class is open to anyone age 13 and over; however, those 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Designed primarily for first-time fly-fishers, the workshop will cover the basics of equipment, fly casting, stream ecology, knot tying, safety and how to find those "hot spots" along New Hampshire's rivers and lakes. The highlight of the two days will be Sunday, when we'll pull on our waders and head out to a local fishing hole to put our newly learned skills to the test! Participants should plan to bring their own or borrowed equipment. A limited number of rods will be available for use; when you register, please let Fish and Game know if you will need to borrow their equipment.

Over the past ten years, the Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit www.FishNH.com. ■



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Breakfast at the Brown House

Letty Barton and Mike LaBonte organized a pancake breakfast at the Brown House for the residents, with the help of Mike's wife Chris and Sandy and Jim doing the cooking and serving. The residents had a great time being waited on and cooked for.

We only had to kick two out of the kitchen who thought they could do a better job! Here are some pictures of the crew. ■



Clockwise from top:

Letty.

Left to right: Alan and Jim.

Chris.

Left to right: Marie, Sandy, Alan, and Mike.



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Let's try it again!!

The Loudon Historical Society PHOTO MEMORY NIGHT

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Charlie's Barn

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LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee

Last month's mystery photo remains an absolute mystery. I didn't receive any calls or e-mails. Thank you to Randy Cummings for sharing it with us. Hopefully, this month's photos are more popular! I thought they were perfect for the month of May. The photos were provided by Harriet McLaren. Any information is great. Please call or e-mail me, Tina, at 783-0483 or trattee@comcast.net. Will you share your old pictures with us?? We are always looking for a great mystery.

Do you have an old photo you'd like to share? Or a photo that is a mystery to you? Please contact Tina Rattee and your photo can be included in "Loudon History & Mystery."

This month's mystery photos.



Last month's mystery photos.



Summer Youth Outdoor Skills Activities Offered At Owl Brook Hunter Education Center

Youth age 10–15 will have a chance to learn about the shooting sports, bowhunting and other outdoor skills at summer youth activities being offered in July and August at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H. Sessions are open to individuals, as well as area recreation departments, scout troops, and other youth groups.

Pre-registration is required and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited — enrollment is capped at 20 youth per day — so register early. To sign up, call (603) 536-3954. There is no charge for the sessions. Participants must bring a bag lunch.

This year, the summer youth programs at Owl Brook will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning July 7 and ending August 6. Tuesdays will be for youth ages 10–12 only, and Thursdays will be for youth ages 13–15. Each week focuses on a different outdoor skill. Participants may register for one or more of the sessions. Sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each program is hands-on, and all participants will be encouraged to be involved.

In addition, a special four-day Hunter Education Certification week will be offered for youth ages 12–15, in which youth who attend and meet all requirements will earn their Hunter Education Certification card. This session will be held August 11, 12, 13, and 15; participants must attend all four days.

The schedule for the weekly summer youth programs at Owl Brook is as follows:

WEEK 1:

BOWHUNTING/ARCHERY SKILLS. Tuesday July 7 (10–12 year olds). Thursday July 9 (13–15 year olds)

WEEK 2:

SHOOTING SPORTS. Tuesday July 14 (10–12 year olds). Thursday July 16 (13–15 year olds)

WEEK 3:

MUZZLELOADING. Tuesday July 21 (10–12 year olds). Thursday July 23 (13–15 year olds)

WEEK 4:

GIRLS ONLY SHOOTING SPORTS. Tuesday July 28 (10–12 year olds). Thursday July 30 (13–15 year olds)

WEEK 5:

OUTDOOR EDUCATION / WILDLIFE CONSERVATION. Tuesday August 4 (10–12 year olds). Thursday August 6 (13–15 year olds)



Here's an extra photo for our mystery buffs. If you recognize this house and barn, please email Debbie Kardaseski at debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. We'll have the answer in next month's *Loudon Ledger*. Please contact *Ledger* staff or the Loudon Historical Society if you have an old photo you'd like to share.

WEEK 6:

*Must attend all days listed.
HUNTER EDUCATION WEEK (*Certification Issued upon completion) August 11, 12, 13, and 15 *(age 12–15)

"The Owl Brook Hunter Education Center would like to inspire young people to become involved in the outdoors, so we are offering these skill-based summer workshops to help them discover what it's all about," said Josh McKay, Hunter Education Program Assistant at Owl Brook. "Research has shown that more and more youth are becoming removed from the outdoors way of life, so there is a great need for these programs."

The mission of the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center is to educate people in the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to become safe and responsible hunters, trappers and stewards of the state's natural resources. Its facilities include shooting ranges, classroom space and interpretive trails. To learn more about Owl Brook and find directions to the center, visit www.wildnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_center.htm.

Activities at Owl Brook are made possible by Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration funds.

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Loudon Recreation Committee News

In the last month we have held a successful Youth Karate program, a Safe on My Own Class through the American Red Cross, and a Tai Chi class. Please see details below on the upcoming programs Spring Golf and Theater Camp for kids. We are working on swim lesson program at Clough Pond. There are 2 two-week sessions — one in July and the other in August. We are hoping to provide tennis lessons again this summer, but need an instructor — if you know someone with experience, please let us know. Also in the works is the schedule for the Community Summer Fun nights that are held on Wednesday nights in July and August. We would appreciate your feedback on what you have enjoyed in the past or ideas of what you would like to see included. Be sure to check the website between issues of The Loudon Ledger for additional events or program opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

Always Looking For Ideas!

We always welcome program ideas — you can go to the website www.loudonnh.org print and return the event/activity survey form. If you have been thinking of volunteering for something...we have a place for you! We are a small group of volunteers that is interested in providing all sorts of affordable programming to citizens of all ages in Loudon. We would really enjoy having you join us! The Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Maxfield Public Library at 6:30 p.m. If you can't attend the meetings, but would like to get placed on our email contact list for volunteering at specific events, please email Alicia Grimaldi at affirmhealth@yahoo.com.

Survey Responses

The Parks and Recreation Development Subcommittee is very thankful to have received so many responses to the survey — we had 72 responses! We have three winners for the Brookside Gift Certificates that were drawn from those who responded to the survey! The winners are Robert Schmidt, Donna Gordon, and Cynthia Babonis. Thank you to Brookside Pizza for the donation of these gift certificates. The Rink Park Subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on May 6th at 6:30 at The Community Building — Charlie's Barn in the village. The committee will be reviewing location possibilities for a year round skating rink at our next meeting. We are inviting anyone who may be interested or curious about this potential project to attend.

We want to share the information we received from the surveys with the community. An overwhelming majority of those who responded use the recreational field area or attend events held there. Those who don't responded that they are new to the area or occasionally use it. 61 of the respondents to the survey stated they enjoy ice skating and 34 rollerblading. If a multipurpose rink was built, 65 respondents stated they would be likely or somewhat likely to use the rink to ice skate and 57 said they would be likely or somewhat likely use it to rollerblade. The questions moved on to discuss the option of a covered pavilion area that could also be used for gatherings. 58 of those responding said they would be likely or somewhat likely to use that building.

What was most helpful to the committee, were the additional comments and suggestions from those who responded. We compiled about two pages of these comments! Many of these ideas have been talked about through the years by the Recreation Department and will take additional volunteers to become a reality. It is the group's intent to initially focus on the rink and to continue to expand on the plan in the future. If there is an area you are interested in working on please contact us and share your ideas.

A few of the ideas for the recreation field area include:

More bleachers and seating: the Recreation Committee asked and was approved for additional funding for equipment so that we can improve the grounds of the recreation field over the years to include more playground equipment, benches, and picnic tables. Many people were concerned about the need for renovations/maintenance

on the tennis courts and basketball courts — This is a high priority for the Recreation Committee as the courts are in need of immediate attention. Walking trails, park benches, picnic areas, bike paths were all mentioned multiple times in surveys.

We want to let everyone know that the playground equipment that was at the Recreation Fields has been taken down and replaced with a new play structure, we hope the kids enjoy this. Several people mentioned a toddler safe area, more swings, climbing structures, slides, etc. It is the intent to expand on this play space in the future. There is also a skate park located adjacent to the parking lot at the Recreation Fields in the village. Several people mentioned skateboarding, this space is available for this use — please remember to use your helmets, it is the LAW!!!

Additional parking for the recreation area was noted on several surveys and we will take that into consideration in planning for the space. Multiple surveys noted the benefit of a community recreation building for use by civic groups, meetings, functions with a kitchen area that can be rented for private functions that also has running water and indoor plumbing. Other ideas included on the surveys were: horseshoe pits, long jump, track, swimming pool, cross country skiing trails, intermittent ground fountain system with colored lights for cooling people on hot days. We appreciate all ideas and will take all into consideration in the future plans — thank you all again for responding. ■

SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

The Loudon Recreation Committee is offering Red Cross Swim Instruction Levels 1–6 at Clough Pond taught by Water Safety Instructors through Swim NH, LLC. There will be two, two-week sessions offered. The first session will be July 20–July 31 and the second session August 3–14. Classes will be held M–F rain or shine for a half hour each in the morning. All Loudon children ages 5 and up are eligible for lessons. The cost \$25 per session per child and the family rate is \$75 maximum. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print the registration form and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Alicia @ 435-5193 or email affirmhealth@yahoo.com. Once classes are formed from registrations, you will receive a call informing you of your child's/children's lesson time.



SPRING GOLF

Spring Golf Instruction at the Loudon Country Club will begin May 18th and run for 5 weeks for adults and kids ages 5 and up.

Adults, ages 14 and up meet on Mondays from 5:30–6:30 p.m. **Cost is \$60 for 5 weeks.**

Juniors, ages 8 to 13 meet on Thursdays from 5:15–6:15 p.m. **Cost is \$60 for 5 weeks.**

Kids, ages 5 to 7 meet on Tuesdays from 5:15–6 p.m. **Cost is \$30.** (Parents are requested to stay through the lesson.)

If you have your own equipment, you are encouraged to bring it and if you do not, clubs will be provided for you. If you aren't a Loudon resident, please add \$10 processing fee. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org, print the form, and follow instructions to register. If you have any questions please call LeeAnn @ 396-4950 or email la_childress@comcast.net. **Registration deadline is May 11th.**



THEATER CAMP FOR KIDS

The experienced New Hampshire Theater company, Children's Stage Adventures will be back again this year for a Children's Theater Camp the week of July 6–10th at Loudon Elementary School. **Cost is \$75 per student and includes the entire program from 10:15–4:45 (children need to bring their own lunch, snacks and drink).** Non-Loudon resident children will be accepted if space is available. Children learn, practice, and perform a live theatrical play with a performance for families and the entire community at the end of camp on Friday night.

A registration form with more information can be found on the website at www.loudonnh.org. Please print the form and follow the instructions. Registrations will be accepted until the program is full. For more information about Children's Stage Adventures visit their website at www.childrenstageadventures.org. If you have any questions, please call Christine at 783-9838 or email camps06@aol.com.



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 the grand marshal at the August 8, 2009 Loudon Old Home Day event.

Please return your nomination to any committee member or mail to Loudon Old Home Day Association, PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307 as soon as possible, but not later than June 15, 2008. Our committee was very proud of our 2008 selection of Billy Lazos. 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 the 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 organization 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:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Nominee has lived in Loudon _____ years.

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

Date requested by the LOHD committee: June 15, 2009

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.

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 8th. 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, a barbecue dinner, and plenty of entertainment. Let's not forget the fireworks!

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.

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 bottom portion of this page 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 making our list in the book is June 15**, anything received after that date will be included on a poster at the Old Home Day Booth. 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 8th and enjoy Loudon Old Home Day 2009 with a friend.

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How to Give Your Home a Face-Lift: The Seller's Guide to a Quick Sell

By Jack Prendiville,
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

One of the great challenges to selling a home can be showing all of its space, decor, and natural light potential. For example, every home has crowded closets and dead space. Sellers should be aware that areas such as these are easy to spruce up with a little elbow grease and old-fashioned innovation.

Begin by evaluating your closet/storage space and determine which areas can cut down clutter. Go through old clothes, shoes, etc., and get rid of anything that will not be used and in turn create more space. Consider organizing shelves and other areas to make better use of your storage space, including your garage and basement. Also, try to throw out or give away any old furniture that is not longer of use. All of the discarded items can be given to Goodwill, Salvation Army or even sold at a yard sale.

Although most sellers keep their homes clean and well-decorated, it can be difficult to convince a buyer of a home's potential when clutter is noticeable. Once you've eliminated the unwanted items and furniture, begin the "renovation" process. For non-storage spaces that could use a little more decor, consider adding a small bookshelf complemented with a cozy reading chair. Always be sure you're filtering as much light into your property as possible. Open or replace curtains. For example, light from a window overlooking the backyard offers a room more color, a great view, and the illusion of more space.

Always maximize the potential of existing decor, wash old curtains, re-stain old wood casings, anything that refreshes and emphasizes all the potential of the space and decor of the home.

Prospective buyers are often more drawn to homes with features that they don't have, those with clutter-free closets, open sunny rooms, and cozy little corners. To ensure you've realized all of the above characteristics, the last step should be to bring in a friend and observe their reaction. Make sure it's an honest friend who will offer suggestions as well as notice the improvements. Seeing your own home through someone else's eyes is a great way to make a home optimally attractive and more sellable to prospective buyers.

Be diligent in your efforts and be sure the renovations improve the aesthetic appeal of the home. All the hard work will be worth the reward of a successful sale.

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Historical Society Meeting Minutes — March 4, 2009

Attendance: Carissa Carrow, John Plummer, Beccy Smith, Ron Lane, Bob Ordway, and Michele York.

The meeting came to order at 7:10 p.m.

Ron started us out with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the February meeting were read and accepted.

Next Ron explained that he had been in contact with TDS in Chichester about getting a phone line and computer hookup for us. They cannot go any further until we have a physical address. Bob said it is 4 Recreational Drive. Ron will call them back and we should be hooked up by next week. He is also making a list of what we need in a computer, media center, etc. And he wants to make sure it will be sufficient for a few years.

We then discussed the work that will need to be done to restore the "Town Pound." We will probably need some heavy equipment for some areas; some we can do ourselves with the help of volunteers. We will collect bids from local stoneworkers for some of the work.

We really need to get our hands on four crystal-clear, colored pictures to use for the puzzle we want to have made to sell at Old Home Day. We will try to work on that more next month. The money made will go towards fixing the town pound.

We read the letter that was put into the Town Report. Everyone thought it was very good.

March 14 is town meeting. Ron and Michele will be there in case there are any

questions about the remaining money in our account and what we will be using it for in the coming months. Ron suggested we bring a sign with our upcoming presentations listed. Carissa put March-July on the dry erase board for us to bring. Our calendar is really filling up nicely:

- March 18 will be Colin Cabot;
- April 15, Loudon "Farms" (many farms have been handed down through the generations and some have just begun, we are looking for people to come share their stories with us and maybe bring some examples of their products, or photos of their farm life);
- May 20, Photo Memory night (to make up for the one in February that had low turnout because of weather);
- June 17, Rebecca Rule from the N.H. Humanities Council (telling her ever-popular "that reminds me of a story");
- July 18, picnic (location to be announced at a later date);
- August, float for Old Home Day;
- September 16-?;
- October 21, Loudon's own "Ghost Stories" (looking for those who have stories about haunted houses around town-should be scary);
- November 18, our second Loudon "Expo."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele York
Vice President

MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations

2009-2010

MEETINGS START AT 7:15 PM

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
May 11, 2009	Loudon Elementary School
June 8, 2009	Salisbury Elementary School
July 13, 2000	Merrimack Valley High School
August 10, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
September 14, 2009	Webster Elementary School
October 5, 2009	Merrimack Valley Middle School
November 9, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
December 14, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
January 11, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
February 8, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
March 8, 2010	Penacook Elementary School

**Deadline for the June issue of the Loudon Ledger is:
Friday, May 15, 2009**

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — March 5, 2009

This meeting was rescheduled from March 2, 2009, due to snow.

Minutes

4:30 p.m. In attendance: Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Greg Silva and Sue Kowalski, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

The minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting were approved.

Preparations for Town Meeting were discussed.

Director's Report:

Recently done building maintenance work includes: sanding cabinets in Children's Room (CR) meeting/craft area in preparation for adding door and drawer handles, installing CR meeting/craft area sink, moving steel shelving near mechanical room to allow for placement of CR furniture, checking and replacing burned out bulbs throughout the building in exit lights and ceiling fixtures, moving two large wooden tables to meeting room, installing employee coat rack and shelf in former

entrance foyer, relocating storage cabinet from CR bathroom to make room for diaper-changing station, moving large wooden bookcase to Children's Librarian's office, relocating Shaker storage cupboard to main floor, and continuing snow and ice removal from roof and walkways. Volunteers and staff assisted with several of these projects.

Amanda Masse will bring the Girl Scouts in this coming week to visit and learn library skills.

Kelly Pedersen volunteered last week and helped with data entry on spreadsheets.

Byron Moser will have his photographic work on display in April. We continue to encourage local artists to contact us about showing their work in our monthly exhibits.

A number of books on tape were weeded to make room for the more widely-used books on CDs. We will keep children's books on tape at this time in the CR.

Several people have asked whether we will offer art classes again soon. The cut in

hours open has made this impossible in the past year.

Letty Barton has arranged time for me in the coming week to talk about library services with residents of the Richard Brown House on South Village Road and look for potential volunteers.

Alicen Twardosky is seeking sponsors to donate funds for library passes.

The next book sale will be on April 4. The Library sends e-mail or postcard notifications to anyone who asks.

The Loudon Safety Committee (Joint Loss Management Committee) met at the library on March 5. A representative from the Local Government Center came to provide information and answer questions about services available through their organization. After discussion emergency lights and fire extinguisher maintenance, the Loudon firefighter present said the Fire Department would inspect the Library's emergency lights and tell us which needed new batteries. They came back later that day

and did an inspection. We will check the fire extinguishers ourselves.

Children's Librarian's Report:

February 3rd, sofas and chairs were delivered for the Children's Room.

February 10th, the changing table and handicap rails were installed in the children's bathroom.

February 10–12, Storytime held its annual Valentine's Day Party.

Story time numbers for the month of February: 129 children and 88 adults. (There was one snow day in February which cancelled one story time.)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Sandra Blanchard
Gregory Silva
Susan Kowalski

Merrimack Valley School Board Meeting Minutes — March 9, 2009

PUBLIC SESSION

Roll Call and Call to Order — Superintendent Presiding: The regular meeting held at Penacook Elementary School was called to order by Superintendent Mike Martin at 7:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Mary Estee, Tracy Murch, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister, Tom Laliberte; Associate Principal Jim Gorman; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Pat Severance; Assistant Principal for Special Education Maureen Gross

Others Present: Bill Heinz, Boscawen Resident

Election of Chairperson:

Audrey Carter nominated Mark Hutchins to serve as Chairperson; Will Renauld seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The board unanimously elected Mark Hutchins as Chairperson.

Election of Vice-Chairperson:

Mark Hutchins nominated Audrey Carter as Vice-Chairperson; Normandie Blake seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The board unanimously elected Audrey Carter as Vice-Chairperson.

Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer:

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to appoint Sally Welch as Clerk. Motion passed unanimously. The board decided to appoint a treasurer at next month's board meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to approve the February 9, 2009 meeting minutes (pages 1–4 in the packet). After reviewing the minutes and making some corrections, the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Robin Heins reviewed the NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 6 in the packet). Robin reported that everything is

going well and explained that some of the overages are because we are still waiting for the IDEA grant money. Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to approve the financial report as presented (pages 8–18 in the packet). After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Assignments:

The board discussed committee vacancies. Mark Hutchins asked board members to let him know if they are interested in serving on a committee. The board will finalize committee assignments at next month's board meeting.

Public Participation:

None

Good News:

Superintendent Mike Martin reviewed the good news items on pages 20–25 in the packet. Mike reported that we received a letter from NHDOE (page 53 in the packet) confirming that the Merrimack Valley High School project has qualified for the High Performance School Incentive of 3% in additional School Building Aid. We will receive an additional \$403,000 over the next ten years.

Committee Reports:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Normandie Blake reported on the February 16, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting (minutes on page 26 in the packet). The committee will review maps of the area of concern at the next committee meeting.

Next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the February 16, 2009 Wellness Advisory Committee meeting (minutes on page 27 in the packet).

Next Wellness Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

OTHER:

Next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office

Next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU office

Mike Martin discussed needing to be prepared for using stimulus money when it is received.

Old Business:

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS:

The board discussed the letter from the Commissioner (NHDOE) regarding waiver of the 180-day requirement.

E-MAIL:

The board discussed the use of email by the board. The board decided to send this issue to the Policy Committee. Administrators will consult with district counsel.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT (IB):

Chris Barry reported on the February 5, 2009 and February 12, 2009 Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) meeting (minutes on pages 49–50 in the packet). Chris then distributed and reviewed results of an IB survey (MV Faculty Response to IB) and an information sheet (Why the International Baccalaureate Program) developed for the Annual Meeting.

Next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. at the SAU office

IB TRAINING:

Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Laura Vincent, to go forward with IB training in August 2009. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

MV POLICY IIC — INSTRUCTIONAL TIME-SCHEDULE:

Policy IIC (Instructional Time — Schedule) is included in the packet (page 48 in the packet) for a second read. Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to

approve the policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

None

New Business:

GUIDANCE PRESENTATION:

Deferred to the April meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renauld, to authorize Chris Barry, Assistant Superintendent, and Robin Heins, Business Administrator, to approve and sign the OBM Form 1's, Form 3's and Form 4's in the event the Superintendent is not available. Motion passed unanimously.

FIELD TRIP TO FERRY BEACH:

Received request from Nancy Dobe for Webster & Salisbury Elementary Schools' fifth grades to attend Ferry Beach Ecology School in June of 2009. Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Thomas Godfrey, to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

3% BUILDING AID:

Mike reported that we received a letter from NHDOE (page 53 in the packet) confirming that the Merrimack Valley High School project has qualified for the High Performance School Incentive of 3% in additional School Building Aid. We will receive an additional \$403,000 over the next ten years.

OTHER:

Robin Heins reported on the timeline/process for obtaining oil bids. Oil bids are due by Monday, March 16, 2009

MVSD — cont. on 24

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MVSD — cont. from 23

The board scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 5:45 p.m. at the SAU to review the bids. *Motion by Will Renauld, second by Laura Vincent, to authorize the Finance Committee to accept an oil bid on behalf of the board. Motion passed with one abstention (Thomas Godfrey).*

Thomas Godfrey reported on a conversation he had with the student representative regarding the impact of the high school renovations on student learning.

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

Troy Cowan reported that the Finance Committee met before tonight's board meeting and voted to recommend that the board approve the manifests and journal entries. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.* Manifests and journal entries were circulated for board member signatures.

Board Chairman's Report:

Mark Hutchins reported that he continues to be amazed at district meetings by the tremendous community support. The board discussed thanking the community. *Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Lorrie Carey, to approve sending a letter of thanks to the community. Motion passed unanimously.* A draft letter will be sent out in the weekly newsletter to board members for preview.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reported that when she attended a workshop on high school redesign she realized that we are doing well as we are pretty far ahead of other schools. Mike Jette commented that educators around the country are watching what New Hampshire is doing.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin commented on the support we have from Administration and the Board; we had answers to all the questions at the Annual Meeting. Mike also commented that he too was truly amazed at district meetings with the support of the public regarding bonds, contracts and budgets.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Audrey Carter, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Break at 8:40 p.m.

See Non-Public Session Minutes.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to go out of non-public session at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Welch
Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 17, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Selectman Dustin J. Bowles as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield clarified the wording should be "nominate." *Majority vote. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 3, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles stated he wanted to congratulate all of the candidates on their re-election, including Selectman Ives. He said he would also like to thank all of those who came out to vote and attend town meeting. The Board agreed it is important to continue to look to ways to cut expenditures to hold the tax rate down.

Selectman Ives advised the board of a request from Recreation Committee chair Alicia Grimaldi to appoint LeeAnn Childress as a member of the Recreation Committee. *Chairman Bowles moved to approve the appointment of LeeAnn Childress to the Recreation Committee through March 31, 2010. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles expressed his appreciation to Ms. Childress for stepping forward and offering to serve on the committee. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Maxfield moved to award the 18 month assessing contract to Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC, in the amount of \$64,410.00. Second by Chairman Bowles. Payments to be made monthly in the amount of \$3,347.50. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Cynthia Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental to discuss the wetlands application for NH Motor Speedway. Ms. Balcius explained that the proposed work for replacing the culvert contained in the application requires an authorization from the town be included with their application in order for NHMS to proceed with the project. She explained that approximately 800 square feet of grading will take place within the town's right-of-way. Selectman Ives stated the minutes will reflect the Selectmen have signed the authorization for Stoney Ridge Environmental to proceed with the wetlands application to Department of Environmental Services on behalf of NH Motor Speedway. Chairman Bowles authorized Selectman Maxfield to sign on behalf of the Board as he must remove himself from any action on this proposal due to a business association with the applicant.

Selectman Ives stated the Tax Collector has provided the Board with a preliminary list of properties included in the deed list for their review.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from contract assessor David Wiley regarding building permit values.

The Board received a list of committee members and officers due to be reappointed for another term. Once approved, appointment papers will be prepared for signature by the Board.

The Board was advised that an approval has been requested from Pentucket Bank regarding the Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Wellington Way Properties, LLC. This letter of credit will serve as the maintenance bond for Wellington Lane. The Board agreed to have town counsel review the wording prior to approval.

The Board received the 2009 traffic count program from Central NH Regional Planning commission.

The Board received the scholarship applications for review and updates if necessary. Selectman Maxfield will provide additional information to the Board for next week.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Comcast regarding the franchise renewal as well as a second letter regarding rate changes.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a second letter from Dennis Lampman regarding a tax payment he mailed which was not received by the town.

The Board received two past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Maxfield moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection; Account # 38202 in the amount of \$501.60, and Account #41472 in the amount of \$510.10. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board acknowledged certificates of completion for Robert Fiske and Janice

Morin, one for Homeland Security Exercise Program Evaluator training, and one for Sex Offender Registry training.

The Board received the current 2009 building permit list for review.

Selectman Maxfield shared information with the Board regarding the NHMA membership meeting he attended. He referenced Senator Peterson's proposal to implement a homestead exemption.

Selectman Ives stated the Board had received a request to meet with a resident in executive session to discuss a personal matter. *Selectman Maxfield moved to enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. Second by Selectman Ives. Due to the content to be discussed Chairman Bowles was asked to recuse himself. Roll call vote; Maxfield yes, Ives yes. Motion carried.*

The Board recognized John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer stated he had received information that Comcast would be offering combined packages that would include telephone, internet, and cable. Mr. Plummer said he contacted Comcast the following day, as he was interested in the telephone package, and was told it was not available. Selectman Maxfield said the Board would be looking very closely at Comcast's current options that are available to the residents of Loudon and their overall performance with the current franchise agreement.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 24, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 17, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles noted for the record five pistol permits were signed for approval.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the road grader was down with transmission problems. He said the transmission had been removed from the grader today and depending on what parts will be required to fix it, the department will try to make do with use of the loader and back hoe. If necessary, Mr. Rice will try to secure a loaner grader to maintain the dirt roads. The Board asked to be kept informed of the progress.


Mr. Rice said he was in receipt of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission 2009 traffic count program material. Mr.

Rice said he would like to include Ricker Road, Lower Ridge Road at Ridge Road, and any other roads the Selectmen would like to include. The Board suggested comparing the list with Planning Board/ZBA Administrative Assistant Donna White for input. Mr. Rice said maybe adding Chichester Road and East Ricker Road would be good too. Chairman Bowles said adding Bee Hole Road would also be good. Selectman Maxfield asked about adding Route 129 at the Gilmanton Town Line.

Mr. Rice discussed the groundwater monitoring summary report for 2007-2008 from The Louis Berger Group Inc. Due to revisions in DES regulations; Engineer Judith Houston has recommended implementing additional groundwater mitigation plans. Mr. Rice will arrange a meeting with Ms. Houston and the Board so that she can review her recommendations and what, if any, additional costs would be added to the current contract.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice about purchases for the Highway Department. He

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said the Board has noticed several payments to out of state vendors for supplies, some that involve freight charges, and whether the products could be obtained locally to save on the additional charges. Mr. Rice said he checks with local vendors to see if they can supply the products he needs before going elsewhere. Both Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives said it is important to keep expenses as low as possible and everyone has to be aware of that.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr said the department is working on ordering the ambulance. He said he will be submitting a bill for the chassis relatively soon. By paying for the chassis first, the department will save approximately \$1,000. He said this was how they proceeded with the purchase of the last fire apparatus.

Chief Burr said they are working on the details for advertising the new position. Selectman Ives asked if a committee would be established to review applications. Chief Burr said yes that is the procedure. Selectman Ives said he would like to see a town resident and a member of the Board of Selectmen included in the committee. Chairman Bowles recognized Roy Merrill from the audience. Mr. Merrill asked Chief Burr the cost of the ambulance chassis. Chief Burr said he did not have that information available. Selectman Maxfield said he would like that information as well.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a Highway Safety Grant Application for the Police Department for signature. The amount of the grant, if approved, will be \$4,074.89. The purpose of the grant is for highway enforcement patrols. *Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the application to the State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency for a grant in the amount of \$4,074.89 for additional highway enforcement patrols and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield stated the Police Chief and his department should be commended for taking the initiative to apply for and receive these grants. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Ives moved to approve the proposal for professional engineering services from the Louis Berger Group, Inc. for the 2009–2010 fiscal year, for the post closure of the landfill and septage lagoons, in the amount of \$11,800, and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the public utilities assessing contract for 2009 to George E. Sansoucy PE in the amount of \$3,300.00. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield stated the public utilities are the second highest taxpayer in the town and Mr. Sansoucy does an excellent job of ensuring the taxable values assessed on these properties are equitable.

Chairman Bowles said Mr. Sansoucy is excellent in defending these values when challenged by the utility companies. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Concord Regional Visiting Nurses for the continuation of their services to the Town of Loudon for the year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$4,250.00, representing \$1.25 per person for a population of 3,400, the 1988 census. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles said a lot of people benefit from this service. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received several appointment papers for various committee members for approval. *Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint the following individuals; Deirdre Littlefield, Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk, David Rice, Norman Bowles, Steven Bennett, Sandra Blanchard, and Barbara Parent to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, Julie Robinson, Robert Butler, and Jessica Storey to the Loudon Conservation Commission, Alicia Grimaldi, Christine Campbell, Amanda Masse, and Jennifer Pfeifer to the Loudon Recreation Committee. All are one year appointments to March 31, 2010 except for Robert Butler to expire March 31, 2012, Julie Robinson March 31, 2012, and Jessica Storey March 31, 2012. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Bowles expressed his appreciation to all those who have volunteered to serve on the various committees. He also acknowledged the feedback he has received from residents on the good rapport of having Mrs. Littlefield in the Town Clerk's office in Mrs. Hamel's absence.

The Board noted receipt of revised scholarship applications. Selectman Maxfield said Karon Maxfield had suggested the revisions to clarify the application requirements. Chairman Bowles said he hoped the Board can keep a member of the McNeil and Cummings families involved with the scholarship program. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the new format for the Arthur E. McNeil/Raymond C. Cummings scholarship applications. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Ives said he would like to clarify the adoption date and effective date to March 24, 2009, with a revision to take place annually. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Trustees of the Maxfield Public Library informing the Board that Trustee Greg Silva has submitted his resignation effective March 31, 2009. The Trustees have recommended three individuals for the Board's decision of a replacement to fill the vacancy for the remaining year of Mr. Silva's term. The Board agreed they would like to receive a copy of Mr. Silva's resignation letter before making a decision on a replacement.

The Board noted receipt of a communication from Michael Harris. Chairman Bowles noted the Board would take this correspondence under advisement.

The Board was presented with correspondence from town counsel regarding the litigation on Greenview Drive. A hearing has been scheduled for April 15, 2009. Attorney Mayer is requesting the presence of at least one Selectman at the hearing. Selectman Ives said he would appear at the hearing on behalf of the Board.

The Board received a bulletin from NH Retirement System regarding pending legislation that would increase the town's cost for those participating in the Group II Police and Fire employees.

The Board acknowledged John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer said he had contacted Comcast regarding the telephone package promotion. He said he had finally reached Brian Christianson at the Concord office and was told that it would be at least one year before this option was available to Loudon residents. Mr. Plummer said the rates that are being advertised for the internet and telephone package are nowhere near accurate. He said Comcast told him the delay has to do with TDS Communications. Mr. Plummer said he contacted TDS and they said they are waiting for additional funding through the federal stimulus money.

The Board received a notice regarding an April 7 meeting at UNH to discuss the Governor's stimulus monies.

The Board received information from Department of Environmental Services on draft priority list projects that would be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

The Board noted a receipt of communication from Dennis Harrick of East Hampstead regarding the utility companies' response to the December ice storm.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil to discuss past due taxes.

Chairman Bowles advised the Board he had requested a meeting with Assessor David Wiley to review an abatement request for Tax Map 20, Lot 009. Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Ives agreed this would be the best way to proceed.

John Plummer asked the Board if they had seen the article in the *Concord Monitor* regarding the Mayor's decision to discuss the possible closure of the Concord City Library.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Ives congratulated Chairman Bowles on his handling of tonight's meeting and wished him well for the ensuing year. Chairman Bowles stated he would like to compliment all those involved with the DARE Pizza Night held on March 17. He said there was a fantastic turnout with over 450 meal tickets being sold and over 200 prizes awarded. It is a huge undertaking and everyone works long hours to ensure the program's success. They are to be congratulated. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman*

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 31, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 24, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske.

Mr. Fiske reviewed details of the application from NH Motor Speedway for an improved driveway permit from the State of NH for Gues Meadow Road. He said the approval should be received by mid-April and requires the Selectmen's approval, as Gues Meadow Road is a town Class VI road. Mr. Fiske said he will be notifying residents of McKenzie Road of increased bus traffic during the two NASCAR events due to the proposed changes in the traffic patterns. Chairman Bowles said it was important to ensure traffic safety in that area.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record one pistol permit was signed for approval.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr.

Chief Burr presented the board with the price for the chassis portion of the new ambulance.

Chairman Bowles asked Chief Burr if the 1999 ambulance could be advertised for sale, such as on the internet. Chief Burr said it was up to the Selectmen if they wanted to proceed in that way. He also said it would increase the purchase price of the new ambulance as a trade-in value had been included in the quotation. Chairman Bowles said the trade-in value is only \$5,000. If it was sold outright for \$25,000, the proposal for the new unit can only increase by the \$5,000. Chief Burr said the true trade-in value is \$6,500. Chief Burr will contact Sugarloaf Ambulance/Rescue Vehicles for additional information.

The Board noted receipt of an email from Deputy Chief Robert Botcher regarding the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009, in which it was discussed that a Selectman and possibly a resident of

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the town would be included on the interview committee for the new Firefighter/EMT. Selectman Maxfield said he did not feel it was necessary to create a policy regarding who would be included in the hiring process. Chairman Bowles said the final decision lies with the Board of Selectmen when approving a new hire. Selectman Ives said he was not too happy with the email or the Deputy Chief. Selectman Ives said he had made the comment during the Selectmen's meeting to get conversation started on the make-up of the hiring committee and since the position was approved at Town Meeting, he felt it would be good public relations to include a member of the public on the committee. He said during the meeting there wasn't any response to his comment, so he just left it where it was. Selectman Ives said he had received a telephone call from one of the Captains on the department. He said they had a good conversation, and agrees that maybe it would be better if only those involved with the workings of the department were involved in the hiring process. Selectman Ives said he does feel a Selectman should be included, and

since he has a background with the department he was selected. Selectman Ives said he hopes this clarifies the issue and it can now be put to rest. Chairman Bowles said personally he has been involved with the last two hires in the Highway Department and he feels it is important for the Selectmen to be involved in this process. He said as elected officials it is important to look out for the best interest of the residents and to also work together within all the departments. Selectman Maxfield said there is no policy in place, the fire department has their set of rules, and now the Selectmen are stating their rules. Chairman Bowles said all that is being asked is a Selectman to be included on the committee to review the applications for the position. Chairman Bowles said he does not feel anyone is being singled out. He said it is the Board's intention to work together with the department and hopefully select a candidate who will be an asset to the department and will stay in the position for a long time.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the appointment of Kimberly Therrien to the Loudon Recreation Committee with her term to expire March 31, 2010. Second by

Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield stated he feels Recreation Committee Chairperson Alicia Grimaldi has recruited excellent volunteers to serve on the Committee. The Board concurred and thanked all the volunteers who are willing to give their time to serve on the committees. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles thanked Bob Fiske and his department for a very successful DARE night, and noted that Loudon is one of a very few communities who do not use town funds to support the DARE programs. Selectman Maxfield said the Board agrees with Chairman Bowles comments.

The Board received an expenditure report through March 31 for their review.

The Board acknowledged receipt of Library Trustee Greg Silva's resignation letter. The Selectmen had requested a copy of Mr. Silva's letter.

The Board received an email from town counsel with the time of the April 15 hearing on Greenview Drive. Selectman Ives will represent the Board at the hearing. Selectman Maxfield said he will also attend the hearing, as he is interested in the process.

The Board acknowledged receipt of information on upcoming training sessions

for Trustees of the Trust Funds, Library Trustees and Cemetery Trustees. These training sessions are provided by the Attorney General's Office.

The Board received a copy of the annual NH Motor Speedway bond in the amount of \$10,000 which was received on March 30th.

The Board noted correspondence received from County Commissioner Leo Bernier.

The Board received promotional information from Comcast regarding their internet, telephone and cable packages. As has been noted previously, this package is not yet available in Loudon.

The Board reviewed the site walk minutes from NH Motor Speedway. Both Planning Board and Zoning Board members attended to review the project.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil to review unpaid taxes.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman*

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — April 7, 2009

Present: Selectmen Bowles and Ives. Selectman Maxfield was absent from the meeting. *Also present:* Road Agent Dave Rice.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 31, 2009 as printed. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the grader should be up and running by Wednesday.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the cover of the catch basin located at the bottom of the Transfer Station has deteriorated. He said he will have to pull the existing cover to get a measurement, and then he will replace it.

Mr. Rice said he will be removing the weight limit posting from the tar roads by the end of the week but will leave the dirt roads posted.

Mr. Rice said the highway crew has been busy cleaning culverts.

Selectman Ives asked when sand cleanup will begin. Chairman Bowles said he would like to see some hand work done to perhaps

save money on the overall clean-up. Chairman Bowles said he would like to have some brush clean-up done as well, especially at the intersections.

Mr. Rice discussed an upcoming meeting with Dept. of Transportation to discuss salt procurement for the 2009-2010 winter season. Mr. Rice said he would prefer to stay with the current vendor, as prices are comparable and the town is sure of getting the product when needed.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record four pistol permits were signed for approval.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board noted receipt of tax deeding information from LGC Property-Liability Trust.

The Board received notification of the State Auction to be held May 16, 2009. Police, Fire, and Highway Departments have also been provided this information.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr said he had obtained a web site location from Sugarloaf Ambulance regarding the discussion of putting the old ambulance on the internet. The site is Ambulancetrader.com. Chairman Bowles asked if Chief Burr had any additional infor-

mation about this site. He said he didn't have any other information. Chief Burr will provide the company name to Office Manager Jean Lee for the Board's use.

Chief Burr said he had attended the Recreation Committee meeting and it had been brought up to meet with the abutters of the Recreation Field to discuss the proposed plans for the site. The Board agreed this would be an excellent idea.

The Board resumed their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board noted receipt of correspondence from Attorney Bart Mayer.

The Board received a letter from Earl Tuson regarding reconsideration of his sign request. Chairman Bowles said this request can be discussed at the April 14 Board of Permit meeting.

The Board received the final 2007-2008 Summary Groundwater report from The Louis Berger Group for review.

The Board received the official approval of the Police Department Enforcement Patrols grant. This grant begins May 1, 2009. Chairman Bowles thanked Bob Fiske for his efforts in obtaining these grants.

The Board was presented with the compliance reports for December, January, and

February from Environmental Soils Management.

The Board received quotations from Vermont Tennis Courts for repairs to the courts at the Recreation Field. One quote is to repair the cracks only and the other would include resurfacing. The Board will research this further before making any decision.

The Board was given materials from Local Government Center for the upcoming local officials' workshops.

The Board received the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #14.

The Board recognized John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer asked at what point do the roads get striped. He mentioned Lovejoy Road and School Street. Chairman Bowles said it really depends on the availability of funds.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes — March 19, 2009

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

Attendance:

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

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Gary Tasker.

Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Henry Huntington.

The Conservation Commission was represented by Bob Butler.

Acceptance of Minutes:

February 19, 2009 Regular Meeting — Tom Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Dan DeHart — Impact Fee — Mr. DeHart stated that he was not aware of an impact fee being due on his property until the builder went for the Certificate of Occupancy (CO). Chairman Dow explained to the Board where the lot is located and the date of the subdivision. Builder Tony Merullo said that the notice of the building permit did state that an impact fee would be due but that notice went to the then property owner and the information was not transferred. He said the fee was not on the actual building permit. Mr. Merullo said that Mr. DeHart felt that the fee was developer related, not the builder or home buyer. Tom Dow said that the information was on the notice of the building permit. Mr. Merullo said that he had just seen a copy of that letter when he went for the CO. Tom Moore asked if it is the Board's job to decide who pays the fee. Dustin Bowles said that it is between the parties involved. Tom Dow said this should have been part of the negotiations, and though he appreciates Mr. DeHart's situation, it should be worked out with the builder. Dustin Bowles said it is not in the Board's hands to resolve the matter caused by a lack of communication. Mr. Merullo asked the purpose of the impact fee. The chairman explained that information on impact fees is available at the Planning Office. Mr. DeHart stated that the fee should be on the building permit so that people are aware of it upfront.

Leonard LaPadula — Fire Pond vs. Cistern — Mr. LaPadula said that he has been trying to find ways to reduce costs at his subdivision on Young's Hill Road. He said one thought would be to change from having a cistern to a fire pond. Mr. LaPadula said that the fire department is in agreement with a fire pond as long as he meets the regulations and gets all of the necessary State permits. Steve Jackson asked where the fire pond would be located. Mr. LaPadula said that it would be halfway down the new road, on the right, opposite where the cistern was proposed. He said he has to have an engineer

look at the area to know for sure if that would be the best location. Stan Prescott said that Mr. LaPadula would have to come back with revised subdivision plans. Mr. LaPadula said that he would work with his engineer and the town regulations but wanted to be sure that the Board was agreeable before pursuing the idea. It was agreed that the Board would not be opposed to a fire pond as long as all regulations were met.

Kim Call — Wiggins Road — Ms. Call explained that she would like to subdivide her ten acres on Wiggins Road so that her son could have a lot for a home in the future. She asked what would be required with regard to the road improvement. There was discussion of the Land Development Regulations that outline what is needed to subdivide and the criteria for road improvement. Ms. Call spoke of the culvert that is needed at the end of Wiggins where it meets Route 129 and asked who to see about the culvert work. She was directed to see Tim Landry at the State shed or contact District 3 in Gilford. There was discussion about the Bee Hole end of Wiggins Road where the property owner has blocked access. Ms. Call and others asking about the situation were advised to see the selectmen about the matter.

Conceptual Review:

Fortier — Mark DeGrace of Holden Engineering spoke on behalf of Hermel Fortier about Map 28, Lot 12, a 95-100 acre parcel on Oak Hill Road. Mr. DeGrace stated that there is an existing house and septic system on this parcel. He explained how they have provided frontage for Mr. Fortier's daughter's house to create a separate lot from the large piece. Mr. DeGrace asked if the Board is flexible about leaving the road gravel. Chairman Dow said that the Board likes to stay with the standards. Mr. DeGrace said that the purpose of the subdivision would be to create that one lot and the owner would like to hold off on paving until there is further development. Mr. Fortier stated that he would keep the road private. Mr. DeGrace said that they are looking for some flexibility to leave the road finish for later on. There was discussion about the intent and the proposed layout. Stan Prescott said that he did not feel it would be in the best interest of the Town to allow the road to be gravel. Dustin Bowles said that the problem is setting a precedence, referring to private roads and maintenance problems. Tom Moore said that they are not in control of future sales of lots and the road not being paved could be a problem later on. Steve Jackson referred to Section 23.2 of the Land Development Regulations. Discussion continued about potential problems with not keeping the road to the regulations.

Mark DeGrace asked if the Board would be agreeable to doing the road to the standards, less the pavement, if the owner was willing to post a bond. Chairman Dow stated

that the Land Development Regulations require engineered drawings and a bond. Mr. DeGrace said that the owner would provide the road to Town standards, minus the paving. He asked if the Board was agreeable with the layout, noting that they have met the two acre minimum and frontage requirements. Steve Jackson asked if the proposed road is running along the property line. There was discussion of the road location and the required width, setbacks for the abutting property, and other related items. Stan Prescott stated that they need to see some topography on the abutting lot for drainage purposes. Mr. DeGrace was advised to show buildings on the abutting lot and meet the Land Development Regulations.

Old Business:

Application #08-16, Peter & Margaret Schauer — Minor Subdivision, Located on Cross Brook Road in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 44. Jeff Green stepped down from the Board. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants. There were no abutters present. Mr. Green gave an overview of the plan and showed changes made on the revised plans, per comments from the Board at the February meeting. He said that he noted 25% slopes after the zoning amendment that was passed on the ballot earlier this month. Dustin Bowles said that changes could not be made to the plan after it was accepted as complete. There was discussion. Mr. Green stated that he is still showing the 20% slopes in the buildable area and that he only put the 25% slopes to show their location. The consensus of the Board was to remove the 25% markings. Mr. Green stated that monuments have been set, with rebar at the corners for now. Per note #10, the rebar is to be changed to granite bounds. Note #9 reads that the lot may not be further subdivided unless and until Cross Brook Road is extended to intersect with another existing Town maintained road. Tom Dow said that the intent is for the road to stop there, not continue through. There was discussion about the spirit of the original subdivision and it was agreed that the majority of the Board did not like the added wording to the note about no further subdivision of the lot. Steve Jackson said that he was in agreement with the note as written. Stan Prescott said he was not. Mr. Green said that the note was worded to be beneficial to the Town because they have been trying to reduce the number of dead-end roads. Mr. Jackson said that no further subdivision would affect a lot of landowners in the area and he does not like the restriction. Mr. Green explained the slopes and wetlands of this piece. He said if property owners below this piece wanted to bring the road in from the other end the note would give that option to all of the abutters. Bob Ordway stated that he liked the way that the note was written. Dustin Bowles said that he felt the note should go with the Board's

suggestion from last month. Discussion continued about how to word the note about further subdivision. Bob Ordway said he would vote to leave it as Mr. Green has it worded. Dustin Bowles said he would vote to change it back to what the Board wanted. Steve Jackson said he would leave it as currently worded. Stan Prescott and Tom Moore said they would like to see it changed back to the Board's original intent.

Mr. Green showed the driveway profile that he did at Mr. Prescott's request last month. Mr. Prescott said that the profile looked good. Mr. Green said that he met with the road agent about the drainage easement and has a letter from Mr. Rice stating that the easement is acceptable.

Mr. Green explained the construction estimate that was submitted to the Louis Berger Group (LBG) for review and comment. The initial estimate was for a total of \$58,154.25 which included the 10% buffer amount. Robert Saunders of LBG reviewed the estimate and had some comments, which Mr. Green addressed. Mr. Green changed the estimate to include four headwalls as pointed out by Mr. Saunders. He said that his engineer does not recommend the rip rap that was suggested by Mr. Saunders. Mr. Green pointed out that there is currently a grass swale. He said that Dave Rice does not like rip rap as it is harder to maintain and clean. Mr. Green said that he had the engineer look at the material prices and has made some adjustments. The revised construction estimate is \$70,199.25, which includes the 10% buffer amount. Mr. Green said that the revised estimate meets all of the comments of LBG. He said the only change not made was the rip rap. Mr. Green noted that the drainage has been split so it will be less than before.


Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Stan Prescott stated that the estimate is just that, an estimate. Tom Moore said that the only matter remaining is the rip rap. Tom Dow said that Mr. Green has talked with Dave Rice and that there will not be a lot of flow. Stan Prescott said that he would agree. He said the road plan needs to be cleaned up. Tom Dow said that Mr. Green has to change the slope designation, fix note #9, and let his engineer know to clean up RP-1. Steve Jackson noted that there was a letter received from an abutter. The chairman said that a note would be made of the letter and the letter added to the file.

Tom Moore made a motion to approve the subdivision with the conditions that note #9 be modified, the 20% slope line be cleaned up, and RP-1 of the road plans be cleaned up; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Jeff Green returned to the Board.


#09-01, Sceptre Custom Homes — Minor Subdivision, Located on School


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Street in the RR District, Map 38, Lot 7-3. Tony Merullo represented the owner. There were no abutters present. Steve Jackson recused himself from this application. Mr. Merullo stated that he further investigated the culvert matter that was discussed at the last meeting and found that Fish & Game guidelines dictate the size and placement of a culvert and it is enforced by DES. He said that note #9 was added to address the location of the cistern and he has a letter from the fire chief with regard to the cistern being operational. The retaining wall will be constructed in the spring and the connector pipe will be extended at that time.

Chairman Dow stated that the new lot would be subject to an impact fee. Dustin Bowles said that the driveway needs to meet the Town's standards. He said he is not asking that it be put on the plan, just that it needs to be addressed. The chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the subdivision as presented with the new lot subject to an impact fee, the driveway built correctly, and the wetland scientist and surveyor stamps on the final plans; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.*

New Business:

#09-02, NH Motor Speedway — Major Site Plan Review, Located on Route 106, in the C/R District, Map 61, Lot 5. Dustin Bowles said that he would recuse himself from any votes on this application but would be speaking for the Board of Selectmen. Abutter David Pritchard was present. Also present were Tyson Miller of the Canterbury Planning Board and Hillary Nelson who was appointed by the Canterbury Board of Selectmen to attend the hearing.

Chairman Dow said that the first order of business would be to decide if this application would be of regional impact. He said his own thought would be that it would be because of the flow of water and it would be worth sending out a few notices. Stan Prescott asked if the Board could vote on this question since the application was not yet accepted. Mark Sargent stated that it was his opinion that the application is not of regional impact since the majority of the work will be done in the infield, there are no new seats or traffic. He said the water flows in and out of the property now and that is not changing. Bob Ordway said that he would agree with Mr. Sargent. Other Board members agreed. Donna reported that Jim Snyder of the Canterbury Planning Board had called the office and in the discussion he stated that he did not feel the project was of regional impact. After brief discussion the Board agreed that there is no regional impact with this application.

Mark Sargent of Richard Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant. Also present were Jerry Gappens, John Zudell, Cindy Balcius, Naomi Praul, and Tim Andrews. Mr. Sargent stated that they have made application to the State for site specific and wetlands permits. He said they have met numerous times with state and federal

agencies. Mr. Sargent said they expect to get the permits soon and would like to get started on the construction as soon as possible. He said they have an ambitious construction schedule and would like to have the infield work completed by the June 28th race.

Mr. Sargent explained the project. He said there are four areas that they will be focusing on: 1) where Gues Meadow Road enters the facility; 2) infield; 3) access road behind the Concord grandstands; and 4) where Gues Meadow Brook crosses Gues Meadow Road. Mr. Sargent said the purpose of the project is to increase the functionality of the corporate area and the infield area. They will be reducing some flooding and providing better pedestrian access along the back of the Concord grandstands. He said that they hope to have their site specific permit within the next couple of weeks and would like permission to work on those areas only at this time.

Naomi Praul of Nobis Engineering explained the drainage and stormwater flow portion of the project. She pointed out where all of the underground piping would be and the areas that would be filled and grassed. She explained that they replaced the Vortex system that was discussed at the conceptual consultation with water quality units. There will be three chamber systems that were recommended by the DES Alteration of Terrain Bureau and will serve better in this application. Ms. Praul explained that the system will separate the flow of the brook and stormwater runoff. She said they will be removing the weir to alleviate flooding in two parking lots and culverting across a driveway. Ms. Praul said that they have to provide additional flood storage area down at Gues Meadow Road. The additional storage area will be offsetting the storage area previously used at the upper area. She said they will be upgrading the existing culvert at Gues Meadow Road.

Cindy Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental explained that there would be a total of 85,246 sf of wetland impact, with 17,792 sf being temporary impact. She said the main impact is in the oval where 70% is already disturbed or man-made wetland. Ms. Balcius explained that they will be providing treatment of the flow, noting the enclosed culvert that separates the water from the iron of the ground, which was of concern. She said the weir removal is being done at the recommendation of NH Fish & Game, the EPA, and US Fish & Wildlife.

Ms. Balcius said part of the project is to widen Gues Meadow Road for Homeland Security as emergency egress. She said they are creating floodplain with natural flora. Ms. Balcius pointed out that there will be a fairly large conservation easement as part of the mitigation. She said they will be protecting 6,031 linear feet of stream and have a 54 acre deed restriction on another section of a parcel. Ms. Balcius said there will be a 62.37 acre permanent protection and upland buffer. She stated that the Loudon Conservation Commission has been very helpful in locating lands for conservation. They are hoping to have NH Fish & Game hold the easement.

Tom Dow asked where the conservation easement is located. Ms. Balcius pointed out that the easement is on Taylor Haines Road.

Tyson Miller asked what effect the culvert at the upper end of the project would have on the Canterbury side of Route 106. Naomi Praul stated that they are not touching anything within the DOT right-of-way. She said they are picking it up at that point.

Tom Dow asked if Gues Meadow Road is being widened. Mark Sargent said that it is not at this time. He said they are replacing the culvert that falls on Speedway property. John Zudell said that he was told that a former owner of property in that area put the pipe in to be able to access his property. Mr. Sargent said that some upgrades were needed as part of the Homeland Security plan and the road gives the buses an easier way to get in and out. He said that Gil Rogers has talked to the selectmen about paving the apron at the end of the road where it meets Route 106. Stan Prescott asked if the road is subject to gates and bars. Tom Moore said that it is subject to gates and bars.

Tom Dow said that he knows that they are anxious to get started on the project. Mark Sargent said that this is their big project for 2009 and it is important to have it ready. He said they have a short construction season and would like to get started sooner than later. He explained that they would like to start the areas in the site specific only when they receive that permit, not in the wetland areas. He pointed out the upland areas and explained that there is a lot of material to be hauled in.

Jeff Green asked if there is a way to show a phased plan. Naomi Praul said that they could give the Board a plan that highlights the areas. Tom Dow said that he understands what they are trying to do, noting that they have been working with the state and federal agencies right along. Bob Ordway asked if a site walk should be scheduled. Chairman Dow said that it would be a good idea and that the ZBA should be included since they will be seeing a wetlands application at their next meeting. Bob Butler stated that the Conservation Commission had an onsite presentation last fall and has gone over all of the plans. He said the Commission is comfortable with the mitigation plan and feels it has been worked out very well. Bob Ordway asked if the corporation owns the Taylor Haines piece. Mr. Sargent stated that they have a purchase and sale agreement on the parcel.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m.; members should meet at the main office at the track.

ZBA Chairman Dave Powelson spoke about the application submitted by NHMS that the ZBA will be reviewing at their next meeting. He said that the Zoning Ordinance Wetlands Overlay District outlines what is permitted and prohibited in the district. He noted that filling and excavating are prohibited activities. Mr. Powelson said that it is permissible to fill to cross to usable land. He noted that he does not object to the project, he is just not sure that it fits the Zoning Ordinance.

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue the application to April 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Dustin Bowles returned to the Board.

#09-03 AAM Builders/Peter & Gary, LLC — Minor Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District, Map 38, Lot 8. Tony Merullo represented Peter & Gary, LLC. Abutters Kristin Anderson and Jeffery Zerbinopoulos were present.

Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Mr. Merullo explained that the proposed plan was to create a 4.06 acre lot out of the 80+ acres. He said there is adequate road frontage of 400+ and no wetland on the proposed lot. Mr. Merullo pointed out the 1.51 acres of contiguous buildable area, using 25% slopes in the lot calculation. Stan Prescott noted that there is 617' of frontage left on the remaining piece. He said that he is concerned that they are taking the frontage off. Mr. Merullo said that they have shown a proposal for the rear acreage in the past. He said there would be a road to go out back, depending on the wetland. Dustin Bowles said that he was not sure that the previous build-out had a road. Mr. Prescott said that the Board needs to see it. He said the owners need to make it so it can connect to other lots. There was discussion on cul-de-sacs. Mr. Bowles said that the Board wants to see a concept of build-out. Mr. Prescott said that it needs to be somewhat realistic, based on some topography. There was discussion of what the Board is expecting. Mr. Merullo pointed out that he cannot do anything with other people's property. He said the Board closed the door to further subdivision and road continuation on another case earlier in this meeting and now they want a concept to put a road through for further subdivision. Stan Prescott said they are totally different matters. Mr. Merullo stated that the Board is sending a mixed message. Tom Dow said that he does not feel this is the same type of property as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Stan Prescott said that the plan should show the dimensions of the cistern easement. Tom Dow asked if the calculations of the buildable area are on the plan. Mr. Merullo pointed out the proposed lot wording. He explained that they have applied for a driveway permit and have reviewed the location with the road agent.

Hearing no questions from the public, Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Stan Prescott said that the lot itself should be blown up to 1" = 50' so that it would be easier to read. Jeff Green said that they could make it one page with the lot shown as 1"=50' and the rest shown as 1"=200'. Mr. Merullo is to provide the following for the next meeting: dimensions of cistern easement; build-out concept; lot calculation block; driveway location; correct the proposed lot arrow; lot blown up to 1"=50'.

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Tom Moore made a motion to continue this application to April 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Steve Jackson returned to the Board.

Board Discussion:

Donna reminded the Board of the wetlands application that will be heard by the ZBA at the March 26th meeting. The Board had no comments to submit to the ZBA.

The Board was informed of regional impact notices received from Weare and Goffstown.

A letter was received from Five Rivers Conservation Trust with regard to the Bronnenberg property on Pittsfield Road. It was agreed that there is no reason for Mr. Bronnenberg to see the Planning Board.

Correspondence was received from CNHRPC in reference to this year's traffic count. There was discussion of using previous counts to determine what roads should be addressed for improvements. Dustin Bowles spoke about plans that the selectmen have with regard to road improvements and the availability of impact fees for the projects.

A memo on residential fire sprinkler requirements was received from Fire Chief Burr. The Board felt that the outline should be handed out with building permits for new construction requiring residential sprinkler systems.

The Zoning Ordinance has been updated with the amendments that were passed earlier this month. Copies will be available within the next week. Donna made a couple of changes to steep slope references in the Land Development Regulations so that they are the same as in the Zoning Ordinance. Dustin Bowles said he was not sure that the changes to the LDR could be made without a public hearing. Chairman Dow stated that the changes were a result of a vote of the town and were minor definition changes therefore he did not feel that a public hearing was needed.

Election of Officers:

Dustin Bowles made a motion to leave the Chairman and Vice Chairman as they currently stand; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

Report of the ZBA: Donna reported that there are four applications for special exception on this month's agenda. One application is for a home occupation on Bee Hole Road; one is for wetlands impact at the track; one is to change from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use on S. Village Road; and one is for steep slopes which will be withdrawn as a result of the recent amendment.

Report of the Board of Permit: There was no Board of Permit in March.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. was made by Dustin Bowles; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — March 26, 2009**REGULAR HEARING**

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of March 26, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing — Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2009; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

Site Visits — Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes of two site visits on February 26, 2009; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #09-02, Tony Merullo — Special Exception for Steep Slopes, Map 38, Lot 8. Abutters have been notified; none were present. A letter was received from Mr. Merullo to withdraw this application due to a zoning change that was approved at town meeting, making the special exception unnecessary.

Case #09-04, Cathy & Fred Miller — Special Exception for a Home Occupation, Map 12, Lot 35. Abutters have been notified; none were present. Mrs. Miller explained that she would like to have an esthetics salon in their home. She read through the points of the application. Ned Lizotte asked Mrs. Miller what her hours of operation would be. Mrs. Miller said that the hours would be 2–7 p.m. right now as she is working another job and is expecting to keep this part time. Howard Pearl asked Mrs. Miller if she would anticipate more than two clients at a time. Mrs. Miller said that there would be one client scheduled at a time and the only time there would be two clients would be when one was coming in for their appointment and another was leaving. Mr. Pearl asked if she was familiar with the sign regulations and if there was sufficient off-street parking. Mrs. Miller said she is aware of the sign regulations and that there is ample parking. George Saunderson asked if the last client would be out by 8 p.m. Mrs. Miller said that would be correct. Dave Powelson said that he did not see specific hours of operation on the application. George Saunderson asked Mrs. Miller if she would be in agreement if the Board stipulated she was to be done by 8 p.m. Mrs. Miller said that would be fine.

Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak in favor of or against the application. There were none. Ned Lizotte asked if there would be any toxic chemicals used in the salon. Mrs. Miller said that she would be doing organic skin care. The chairman asked the Board if they felt this fit as a home occupation. All agreed that it does. Chairman Powelson closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the application as presented; seconded by Roy Merrill. Mr. Lizotte asked the Board if they wanted to give Mrs. Miller until 8 p.m. Howard Pearl suggested allowing her 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., that way she would not have to come back in the event that she decides to take on more clients. Ned Lizotte said that this is a low impact business with minimal traffic volume. Howard Pearl said that there does not appear to be a need for a site visit. Ned Lizotte amended his motion to include the hours of operation as 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Roy Merrill seconded the amended motion. A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson – Yes; Ned Lizotte – Yes; Dave Powelson – Yes; Roy Merrill – Yes; Howard Pearl – Yes. Unanimous – PASSED.

Case #09-05, Stephen J. Leclerc — Abutters were notified; none were present. Chairman Powelson explained that the property being discussed was an apartment that became a pet grooming shop under the premise that the Village was to become more shops and businesses as stated in the applicant's letter. Mr. Leclerc said that was correct. He read through the points of the application.

Roy Merrill asked how many apartments are in the building. Mr. Leclerc said there are currently three apartments and the dog grooming shop. Ned Lizotte said that there were previously four apartments. Mr. Merrill asked about the septic system. Mr. Leclerc said that the system is adequate, as shown on the paperwork that was submitted with the application. He said there will be less water usage with an apartment than with the grooming business. Howard Pearl asked if a special exception was granted before to put in the dog grooming shop. Ned Lizotte said that there was a previous special exception where they had tried to make a non-conforming property no worse or more non-conforming. He said it was done at a time when the town was trying to bring the Village to something a little more commercial. Howard Pearl asked the applicant if he would be willing to give up the previous special exception. Mr. Leclerc said that he would be in agreement with giving up the previous special exception. Roy Merrill asked if there was anything in the former approval that stipulates that this cannot go back to an apartment. Dave Powelson read from the ZBA minutes of October 2004. Mr. Leclerc said that the ZBA at the time did not want the groomer to be able to live there as well as use the unit for business.

Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of or against the application. There were none. He said that the biggest part of the decision is if the Board agrees that the nature of the Village has changed since the previous decision. Ned Lizotte stated that it was an

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apartment before and it could go back to an apartment but the special exception for a business would be gone. Mr. Leclerc said that he is alright with that. Roy Merrill asked about accesses and egresses. Mr. Leclerc explained that it had to comply to ordinances when the business was put in so it is better than it was originally. Mr. Merrill asked if there are two egresses. Mr. Leclerc said that there are two egresses. Mr. Merrill said his only concern would be that they are not putting it back to an apartment that is not to code. Chairman Powelson asked if a site review and an opinion from the fire chief were needed. Denise Leclerc said that Chief Fiske and Chief Burr have been there. Ned Lizotte said that the building had to meet codes with mixed use. Jim Venne stated that he has been there and the entrance and exit are fine. Roy Merrill said that he would feel better if they had something from the building inspector or fire chief. Mr. Leclerc said that he is not opposed to them inspecting the unit. Mrs. Leclerc stated that there are hard-wired fire detectors, lit exit signs, and fire extinguishers as required.

There was discussion on how to proceed. Chairman Powelson closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the application with the condition that they meet all codes as set forth, letters of approval be received from the code enforcement officer and the fire chief, and the original special exception be removed; seconded by Ned Lizotte.*

Howard Pearl said that Mrs. Leclerc came to the Board last month for discussion and she was advised that this would be changing from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. He said that the Village District is going backward and this would bring the building back to four apartments rather than three, therefore the building would be back to its pre-existing condition. He said it would not be fair to hold them to what they tried to do when the plan of the Village changed.

A roll vote was taken. Howard Pearl — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED.

Case #09-06, NH Motor Speedway — Special Exception for Filling of Wetland Area, Map 61, Lot 5. Roy Merrill recused himself as an abutter of the property. Jim Venne was appointed to sit as a full voting member for this case.

Mark Sargent of Richard Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant. General Manager of NHMS Jerry Gappens, wetland scientist Cindy Balcius, and civil engineer Chris Adams were present. Mr. Sargent explained the four areas of proposed work/impacts. He said they have made application to the State for site specific and wetlands permits. Mr. Sargent said that they anticipate receiving the site specific soon and the wetlands in about one month.

Mr. Adams went through the plans with regard to the engineering aspect of the project. There were several questions from the Board about areas, size, and types of piping. Mr. Adams said that the system would be providing treatment to stormwater before it leaves the field. He explained that there will be three stormwater collection areas before the water pipes to the channel. Mr. Adams said that the stormwater will pass through the water quality units before it merges back with the brook. He said the stone areas are to be used for water storage. Howard Pearl asked Mr. Adams if he felt they have enough storage. Mr. Adams said that they will. George Saunderson noted that there were three treatment areas on the lower pipes shown on the plans but none on the upper section. Mr. Adams explained that the upper section is where the brook is passing through and no treatment is needed. Ned Lizotte asked about the reduction of pipe from 72" to 60" to 42". Mr. Adams explained that the piping currently under the grandstands is 72" (non-perforated) so they have to stay with that for a distance and then go to the 60" (perforated). He said the 42" culverts are already there.

Mr. Adams said that the plan includes adding an additional lane of traffic, another treatment area to treat the runoff from that asphalt, removing the weir as part of widening the road and upgrading the culvert under the road as an egress for Homeland Security, and creating a mitigation area. Dave Powelson asked who owns the land that the culvert is on. Mark Sargent said that the Speedway owns the property. He explained that they went to the Board of Selectmen and found that the area is not part of the Class VI road. Mr. Sargent said that the Speedway has upgraded the road and there is a segment that is still in rough shape. He said they will probably come to the town at some point to upgrade that section.

Cindy Balcius explained the wetland system and gave functions and values of the different areas. She said there will be a 12,000 sf impact at the top of the plan by Route 106 and a 58,000 sf impact at the interior of the track. She said that a lot of the areas being worked on are man-made and parts of previous permits. Ms. Balcius outlined the impacts on the four areas. Howard Pearl asked about the disturbance area of sections 3 and 4 on the plans. Ms. Balcius said that the impact to widen the access road is 9,000 sf. There was discussion of the location of the different areas of proposed work. Ms. Balcius passed pictures around to the Board so that they could see the various areas of impact. She said that federal, state, and NHMS representatives agree that the proposed plan is the best for the area. Ms. Balcius said that they are making an existing degraded site a lot better. She said that they looked at three options to move the brook but there were many issues and constraints that made the options impractical.

Mark Sargent went through the points of the application. He explained the four areas of work: 1) hospitality area is currently bisected by wetland; this will make a safer,

better access; 2) infield, this will make a better productive use by correcting some imperfections, line of sight issues, and better functionality of the entire infield; 3) increase the width of the access road and increase safety; and 4) flood storage area, noting that water impoundment and roadway functions (culvert) are allowed by special exception.

Ned Lizotte said that the site visit was very helpful, making this all come together when hearing the presentation. Howard Pearl asked what the timeline would be. Mr. Sargent said that they have a very aggressive construction schedule. He said that they have asked the Planning Board for consideration to allow a phased approach by starting the improvements outside of wetland areas until they receive the wetland permit. Mr. Sargent said that this is the major project for the 2009 season and they would like to have the bulk of it done by the first race. Howard Pearl asked if the infield was the biggest priority. Jerry Gappens said that the infield and the hospitality area are where the emphasis would be placed in order to get them done before fans arrive. Mr. Gappens spoke about the proposed work, the improvements that have already been made, and the timeframe for the work to be completed.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Hearing none, he asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Powelson said that the Zoning Ordinance requires a thirty day notice to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and health officer. He explained that the Planning Board was present at the site visit and seemed tentatively in favor of the proposal and that the Conservation Commission is in favor of the project. He said there is no need to wait another thirty days for comments but did feel it would be good to go through the Wetlands Conservation District criteria. Mr. Powelson said that most of what is being done is an improvement. Jim Venne said he felt the project was a great improvement. Chairman Powelson read Section 301 of the Zoning Ordinance, pointing out areas that would cover the different sections of work. He said that the work at the three roads (Gues Meadow, Access, and unnamed access) would seem to fall under the section's permitted uses. Mr. Powelson said that the excavation by Gues Meadow Road and the truing up and re-aligning of the brook, as well as most of the infield and hospitality areas, would be considered water impoundment. Dave Powelson asked about notes relative to excava-

tion and fill for pedestrian bridge abutments. Cindy Balcius explained that this was in wetlands area #3 and would be for a future bridge crossing. Ned Lizotte asked when Homeland Security came into play at the track. Mark Sargent said there have been ongoing discussions and changes. Mr. Lizotte asked if they would be using permeable pavement. Ms. Balcius said it is not proposed for this project. George Saunderson asked if they would have all permits in order for the Planning Board next month. Mark Sargent said they are very sure on the site specific but not sure of the wetlands permit, therefore the request to start in the upland areas. Howard Pearl asked to confirm that it would not slow the project down if the Board approved the application contingent upon the receipt of the wetlands permit. Mr. Sargent said that was correct and that they would like that as a condition of approval and not have to come back in April. Mr. Pearl said that the representatives did a great job explaining the project.

Chairman Powelson closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve as submitted with the condition of the wetland permit being forthcoming.* Chairman Powelson pointed out that Section 301.5 A 4 requires that the wetlands permit be submitted. There was brief discussion. *Howard Pearl seconded the motion.* Ned Lizotte said that it was a great presentation. Howard Pearl said that they very much demonstrated hardship and the need to make changes. He said they are doing it in an appropriate manner and there are unique actions needed, noting that the proposal is very ecologically sound. *A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes; Jim Venne — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED.*

Roy Merrill returned to the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman — *Howard Pearl nominated Dave Powelson as Chairman; seconded by George Saunderson. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.*

Vice-Chairman — *George Saunderson nominated Ned Lizotte as Vice Chairman; seconded by Roy Merrill. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.*

ADJOURNMENT:

Howard Pearl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9-1•Book & Bake Sale at Library. Girl Scout Jr. Troop 10361 will have baked goods available for sale at book sale. American Legion Appreciation Day Breakfast
3	4 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ American Legion	5 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	6 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 6:30pm•DARE Graduation @ LES 6:30pm•Rink Park Sub-committee @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Library Book Group 7pm•Historical Society	7 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ LES 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 6:30pm•MVMS PTA in Middle School Library 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	8 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at LES	9 7pm•Open Mic Night at GraveRobbers Coffee House
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	12 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	13 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting	14 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	15 LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR MAY 2009 ISSUE	16 ARMED FORCES DAY 7-11pm•Senior Prom @ Courtyard By Marriott. Grand March at 6:30
17 6:30pm•Old Home Day Com. @ Kim Bean's	18 Rec. Com. Golf Lessons begin at Loudon Country Club 6:30pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg.	19 DARE Community Cleanup Day 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	20 6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library 7pm•Historical Society Photo Memory Night	21 5th Grade Move-Up Day 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED) SCHOOL CLOSED 9am•Memorial Day Parade	26 Rain Date for DARE Community Cleanup Day 9-Noon•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ VOANNE 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	27	28 2pm•JO Cate Van Com. @ Van Garage 6:30pm•Parents' Information Night @ MVMS	29	30
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