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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.

A "Totally Awesome" Loudon Link to the Emmys!

LOUDON-BASED BUSINESS TO PRODUCE 900 BAGS OF POPCORN

Michele's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn will be 1 of 25 products included in the Attendee Gift Bags presented at the 31st Annual Sports Emmy Awards Ceremony on April 26th in NYC. The Loudon-based family operation will literally be on the lips of many sports personalities. "We are thrilled by the chance to contribute to such a high profile event," says Michele Holbrook, who owns the business along with her husband, Dave.

"We feel like we are the award winners and cannot thank Val & Mike enough for the opportunity they offered us."

Val Wilson & Mike Liston, owners of "Off the Wall Gifts" discovered the tasty treat and hand-picked Michele's Gourmet Popcorn to be included in the gift bags for this grand event. They are on a national mission to find undiscovered emerging brands, like Michele's, for inclusion in these gift bags. "Off The Wall Gifts" is the Official Coordinator of attendee gift bags for the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Michele's is truly a family operation. Michele and Dave Holbrook's three children, Jesse LaMontagne, and Seth & Madison Holbrook, pop over 20 flavors of gourmet popcorn in Loudon, NH. "We are so excited for this opportunity, and our son Jesse, who created the savory flavors that will go into the 900 Emmy Gift Bags, can't believe John Madden, who's there to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award, will be snacking on his treats," says Holbrook. For more on Michele's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn, log onto www.michelesweetshoppe.com. ■

Loudon's Second Household Hazardous Waste Day A Success



Despite gusty winds and cool temps, many Loudon residents came to the Transfer Station with their paints, stains, chemicals, and an assortment of toxic wastes considered unfit for disposal in the regular trash hopper. Many residents who did not attend our first event in the fall of 2008 came out on Saturday, April 10th to have their materials unloaded and sorted by the staff of Clean Harbors Environmental Services from Braintree, MA. These people specialize in operating Hazardous Waste Days for communities such as Loudon and do an excellent job. The majority of the materials they collect are reused; paints and stains are re-mixed and reused when possible, other flammable liquids are burned and used for heat, etc. Only items such as insecticides and fertilizers are destroyed by incineration when there is no way to recycle them.

Thanks to all who participated in this event! The next one will be in 2012, so please save your hazardous materials for proper and safe disposal. Please also remember the Transfer Station accepts on a regular basis such materials as latex paint, anti-freeze, and old gasoline and kerosene. Ask an attendant if you're uncertain about disposing of a particular material.

Just a reminder that the Recycle Committee is selling green recycle bins through the month of April at the Transfer Station for \$5.00 each.

Steve Bennett
Transfer Station Manager

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings open until 7 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

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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.
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See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

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For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email
LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

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Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to 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 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/19

September 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/20 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/23

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

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

Worship Hours:

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)

Sunday School Classes for All Ages: 9:30 a.m. • *Bible Study:* Thurs., 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group: Sun. 6:00 p.m. (Grades 6–12) • *Men’s Bible Study:* 2nd and 4th Sat. 7:00 a.m.

Church office hours: Tues., Weds., Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • Secretary: phyllis.minery@fcbc-loudon.org

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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!

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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.

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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).

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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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phyllish@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

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

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

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

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. (Brian Bollinger)

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. *First Sunday of Every Month:* Communion Service followed by potluck luncheon. *Third Sunday of Every Month:* Men’s and Women’s Ministry Luncheon following services.

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

Loudon Church News

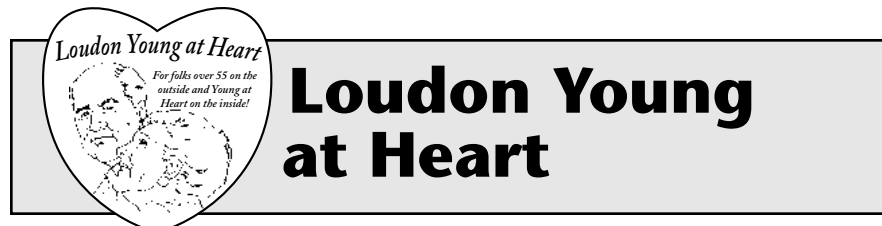
Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church News

The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church will hold it’s final potluck supper and FREE concert of the season on Saturday, May 15. The potluck supper is at 6 p.m. with a concert following at 7 p.m. The performers will be “The Homefolks,” the Muzzeyes and the Whittemores. The Church is located on Clough Hill Road in Loudon.

The Church will also be holding its annual yard/bake sale on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the church from 9 a.m.–2 p.m., early birds welcome!

Don’t forget to call for your tickets to our May 8, 2010 pancake breakfast at Applebee’s in Concord. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and breakfast includes pancakes and hot/cold drinks. Call Stephanie at 848-2080 to get your tickets! This is the day before Mother’s Day, so treat your mom, grandma or aunt to a pancake breakfast and support a worthy cause!

Our Sock Hop will be on Saturday, June 5, 2010. Watch for more information on this event. ■



At the beginning of the Loudon Young at Heart April 13 meeting, Janet Darling, President, was welcomed back. The forty members gathered learned of the plans for the May meeting, which will be a Mystery Ride. It will be to a local site and people are asked to gather on May 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Charlie’s Barn. We will car pool from there. Coffee, CAP lunch, and the business meeting will all be done at the site of the Mystery Ride.

In June the group will travel by bus to the Fuller Gardens in Rye, NH. We plan to tour the various gardens and view the flowers. The rose garden should be particularly lovely in June. Cost for admission to the Fuller Gardens is \$5.50. Lunch will be a bag lunch from CAP eaten at Rye Harbor State Park. Sign-up will continue at the May meeting. Coffee and ice cream stop costs will be on your own. The bus will leave from the Congregational Church at 9:00 a.m.

The speaker at the April meeting was Stephen Godlewski of Bankers Life and Casualty Co. He is a specialist in retirement and aging issues and presented a review of the various Medicare plans and what each covers.

A book exchange among members followed and then the room suddenly became very quiet as everyone dove into the pizza for lunch. ■

Richard Brown House



The thirty-three residents of Richard Brown House, Loudon’s affordable Senior Housing, have kept very busy the past few months. We have enjoyed speakers from Red Cross on Emergency Preparedness, Woman Bird and Runaway spoke about Indian lore, flutes and the Penacook Indians, and the American Diabetes Association representative shared tips on diabetic cooking.

Our hearts were lifted with the wonderful concert by the Home Folks. The singing and instrumentals were outstanding. Some hands have been busy making beaded jewelry. Every couple of weeks residents plan and execute a community meal which is greatly enjoyed by all.

There were lots of laughs, “ohhs,” and “ahhs” when Ms. Linda came to do Glamor Shots with us. She dolled us up in hats, drapes, and boas, added jewelry and flowers and took each person’s picture. Movie stars we were for a brief time!!

Our residents are now enjoying a Wii game. Bowling seems to be the most popular. There are some lively night time games.

We would like to remind the Loudon Community that the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse comes to Richard Brown House the fourth Tuesday of the month to do a clinic, 9:00–noon. They will take blood pressures, trim toe nails, remove ear wax, etc. Please call 224-4093 to make an appointment.

Also Richard Brown House is accepting applications from those 62 and over for our waiting list. Please contact site manager, Michael Totri at 798-3190 for information or an application.

The residents would like to have another raised bed to garden in but we are in need of supplies to build it. We need hemlock timbers, Timberlock screws, and rebar. If anyone can assist, please contact Letty at 491-2312 for the complete supply list. ■

Loudon PTA News

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success again this year. The weather was brisk, but bright and sunny and the kids had a blast! The PTA raised just over \$200 from the sale of donated baked goods and grab bags. The few baked goods that were not sold were donated to The Friendly Kitchen in Concord. Thanks to everyone who donated yummy goodies or their time to help make this event so successful.

Thanks also to everyone who came out for our first annual Earth Day Clean up. Doesn't the school look great? Tasker Landscaping loaned us an edger and a dedicated employee to run it, Kim Bean donated bark mulch and Vision Center Managers from the Walmart stores in Hooksett and Tilton volunteered their time. We picked up trash, raked and mulched flowerbeds and generally spruced things up.

Tired volunteers were rewarded with a hot dog, chips, cookies and a drink also courtesy of Walmart. Pictures of this fun event appear on page 13.

The PTA sent the kids off on April vacation with a Hat and Popcorn Day on Friday, April 23rd.

Plans have been finalized for our spring fundraiser. Watch your children's folders for information about the *Save Around Manchester* coupon books and the return of the LES Water Bottles. Future fundraising projects currently being considered are a neighborhood yard sale, a community cookbook, and a duck race at Old Home Day.

If you have any fundraising suggestions or wish to be involved with the PTA, please contact Jenn Pfiefer at jtpfiefer@comcast.net. The next PTA meeting will be held Thursday May 6 at 6:30. ■

Scenes from the PTA's Easter Egg Hunt. It looks like it was successful hunting for these youngsters.

Bottom right: Lauren Rouse poses with a cake she contributed to the bake sale.



TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Jackson, MPH

May is National Hepatitis Awareness Month

May is designated as national Hepatitis Awareness Month. One in 10 Americans is affected by liver disease, including men, women, and children of every race and age group. Worldwide, one in 12 is living with either hepatitis B or hepatitis C. While this is far higher than the occurrence of HIV or any cancer, awareness is low and the majority of those infected are unaware.

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver. The most common forms of viral hepatitis include hepatitis A, B, and C. Hepatitis A is one of the most common vaccine-preventable diseases reported in the United States and is spread by eating or drinking food or water contaminated with feces of an infected person. Those most

at risk are children in communities with high levels of hepatitis A, travelers to high-risk geographic areas and men who have sex with men. Preventing transmission of hepatitis A is as simple as using good hand washing techniques with soap and warm water, especially after using the restroom. Food service workers, childcare providers and others at high risk should receive the hepatitis A vaccine.

Hepatitis B and C are more serious. Both are blood borne diseases transmitted when blood or body fluids from an infected person enter the body of another person. The disease is most frequently transmitted through injection drug use with a shared needle or through sexual activity. Hepatitis B is very contagious and can live on environmental surfaces up to a month, at room temperature.

Both hepatitis B and C can cause chronic infection which may lead to development of cirrhosis of the liver and /or liver cancer. Some people with hepatitis C initially may not have any symptoms, and may not know they have been infected.

People in the following high-risk groups should be tested for hepatitis C:

- Anyone who has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for hepatitis C;
- Anyone who has ever injected illegal drugs, even if it was only a few times years ago;
- Anyone who received a blood transfusion or solid organ transplant before July, 1992;
- Anyone who has ever been on long-term kidney dialysis;
- Anyone with a history of drug use, has tattoos or body piercings, or has been incarcerated for 6 months or more.

While it is possible to prevent hepatitis A and B by getting vaccinated, no vaccine is available for hepatitis C.

Source: www.cdc.org

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to: tricia0101@comcast.net. ■

What Is A "Town Pound"?

By Michele York



Meghan Smith poses in front of Loudon's Town Pound, located on Young's Hill Road.

Town pounds according to *Sermons in Stone* by Susan Allport and *Town Pounds of New England* by Elizabeth Banks MacRury, were a part of early colonial history. In Massachusetts, pounds date back to 1653. Early pounds were constructed of wood fencing. Wood-fenced pounds often had to be rebuilt. Stone-walled pounds began to replace wood pounds around 1740. By 1800, stone was the favored building material. Pounds were built to hold animals who had become a problem or that were illegally wandering around loose. Stray farm animals were confined here by elected pounders or reeves until ransomed by their owners.

Town pounds were in common use from the mid 1600's to the late 1800's.

The town pounds that have survived represent a number of different time periods and building techniques. Many of the pounds have been restored in the 20th century. The restoration work in most cases involved resetting fallen stones from the pound's walls. The bottom sections of these walls tend to be the most reliable sections of the pound to find original construction work and techniques.

A few pounds have stone lintels carved with the date of construction. Chester and Auburn, NH each have roman numerals used for date. Roman numerals contrast with numbers used on milestones in Chester. It would be interesting to know if this is a widespread trend.

In 1791, the new state of New Hampshire allowed the tax collector "upon neglect or refusal to pay taxes, and after a notice of 14 days, to distrain the goods, or chattels" of the person so neglecting his duties. Goods were kept four days, during which time the owner could redeem them. After that, the goods were sold at auction. In many cases, the most valuable property a person owned was his livestock, and the town needed a place to hold it. ■

Editor's Note: The Loudon Historical Society is currently making plans to restore Loudon's Town Pound. They are looking for help clearing brush and putting the rock walls back where they belong. If you'd like to assist, please contact a member of the Loudon Historical Society. They meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

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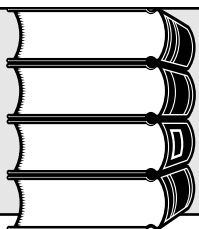
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



STORY TIME

Summer will be the theme for May's story times. We'll start off on the 4th, 5th, and 6th, reading about gardens, with Michaela Muntean's *A Garden for Miss Mouse* and Mrs. Spitzer's *Garden* by Edith Pattou. The children will decorate plant pots and take home a spring flower (for Mom?).

On May 11th through the 13th, story timers will hear about the two F's of summer: friends and fish. *Help! A Story of Friendship* by Holly Keller and Leo Lionni's *Fish is Fish* will be the books of the week. The craft to follow will be a fish with sparkles; one sure to be kept not released.

As the black flies hover about, story timers will listen to *Bugs, Bugs, Bugs* by Bob Barner and *Very Greedy Bee* by Steve Smallman, on the 18th through the 20th. The bees hovering over craft time will be more interested in catching flowers not stinging children.

We'll head to the ocean the 25th, 26th, and 27th of May when we read *Beach* by Elisha Cooper and Kevin Sherry's *I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*. The children will create colorful pinwheel wreaths at craft time to decorate their homes.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Join us the first week of June with your favorite stuffed animal for a **Teddy Bear Picnic** at the library!

Bring your special friend to story time on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, for some stories and a snack. We'll be reading *The Greatest Picnic in the World* by Anna Grossnick-

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Why does it get hot after a baseball game?



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APRIL, TULIPS

When do monkeys fall out of trees?
During APE-RIL showers!



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le Hines and Jimmy Kennedy's *The Teddy Bears' Picnic* as we celebrate the warm days ahead.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS ALMOST HERE!

Look for information about this year's Summer Reading Program in the June *Ledger*!

NEW BOOKS**Fiction**

Baldacci, David	<i>Deliver Us from Evil</i>
Barclay, Linwood	<i>Never Look Away</i>
Black, Benjamin	<i>Elegy for April</i>
Clark, Carol Higgins	<i>Wrecked</i>
Martel, Yann	<i>Beatrice and Virgil</i>
Marlantes, Karl	<i>Matterhorn</i>
O'Farrell, Maggie	<i>The Hand That First Held Mine</i>
Quindlen, Anna	<i>Every Last One</i>
Somerville, Patrick	<i>The Cradle</i>

Nonfiction

Carter, Miranda	<i>George, Nicholas, and Wilhelm</i>
Hinduja, Sameer	<i>Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard</i>
Iyengar, Sheena	<i>The Art of Choosing</i>
Jacques, Martin	<i>When China Rules the World</i>
Lillien, Lisa	<i>Hungry Girl 1-2-3</i>
Poizner, Steve	<i>Mount Pleasant</i>
Remnick, David	<i>The Bridge</i>
Schilling, Shonda	<i>The Best Kind of Different</i>
Shesol, Jeff	<i>Supreme Power</i>
Wouk, Herman	<i>The Language God Talks</i>

NEW DVDs

2012, Anna Karenina, Avatar, Crazy Heart, Five Minutes of Heaven, The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus, It's Complicated, The Last Enemy, The Lovely Bones, Nine, War and Peace, Wild China, Yellowstone, The Young Victoria

ART CLUB

Plans are in the works for a group art show at the library in September. The Village Arts group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and invites artists and art fans to join them. For the May 5th meeting, please bring a sample of your work. Whether you're just beginning or have been working for years, don't miss this opportunity to cultivate inspiration and to get the word out about your talent.

A group trip to the Gardner Museum in Boston is scheduled for May 8th. For details, call Nancy Hendy at 798-5153.

BOOK GROUP

Like many other memoirs, Hemingway's tales of Paris in the 20's and 30's may jumble fact and fiction. But maybe we can forgive him considering the wild mix of talent that was all around him. *A Moveable Feast* is up for discussion on May 20th, at 7 p.m. The group has moved its meeting date to the third Thursday of the month. Newcomers are welcome.

RUG HOOKING DISPLAY AND RECEPTION

The warm, rich colors of the hand-dyed wool Pam Bartlett uses in her rug hooking bring to mind old tapestries. Stop by to see her display from now through mid-May. Meet Pam, enjoy some refreshments, and find out how she translates images into wool at a reception on May 13th, from 7-8 p.m. Also take a look at the new *Rug Hooking Magazine* generously donated by the Woolen Magic Rug Hooking Guild.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesdays	1-9 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m.-1 p.m. ■

Leave Young Animals Alone: Keep Wildlife Wild

With the early spring weather, people are getting outside more, and some are observing young animals. If you encounter wildlife, even young animals that appear to need help, the kindest — and safest — thing to do is to leave them alone and let nature take its course, say officials from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.


Reports have already begun coming in to Fish and Game and local wildlife rehabilitators from people who have picked up young animals, often mistakenly thinking they are orphans. "Picking up fawns, baby raccoons or young animals is an error in judgment," says Fish and Game Lt. Robert Bryant. "People think they're doing a good deed, but they are often removing the animal from the care of its parents and exposing themselves to the risk of disease. What's more, these actions may result in the animal having to be euthanized for rabies testing."

Young wild animals (including mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians) typically have their best chance of surviving when they are in their own natural environment, says Fish and Game Wildlife Programs Administrator Mark Ellingwood. What should you do if you find a young animal? "Give wildlife plenty of space and leave them alone and in the wild, where they belong," he said.

Ellingwood explains that seeing a deer fawn alone, for example, does NOT mean that it is orphaned or that it needs your help; it is normal for a doe to leave her fawn alone while she goes off to feed in the early morning and evening hours. In many cases, the doe will not return until nightfall. "Fawns are not defenseless creatures. Their cryptic coloration, tendency to stay perfectly still and lack of scent are all adaptations that help them survive," Ellingwood said. Does are easy to detect because of their size and scent, so they generally keep a distance from their fawns, except during brief nursing bouts, so that predators don't key in on them. If sympathetic people repeatedly visit a fawn, it only serves to prolong the separation from the doe and delay important feeding.

"This hands-off policy also applies to bear cubs and moose calves," Ellingwood continued. "It's also worth noting that sows and cows can and do actively protect their young. In any case, if you're lucky enough to see a deer fawn, bear cub, moose calf or other wild animal, count your blessings and leave the area."

Only qualified people with special rehabilitator permits, issued through N.H. Fish and Game, may take in and care for injured or orphaned wildlife. Unless you have these credentials, it is illegal to have in your possession or take any New Hampshire wildlife from the wild and keep it in captivity. For a list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators, go to www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/wildlife_rehabbers.htm. ■





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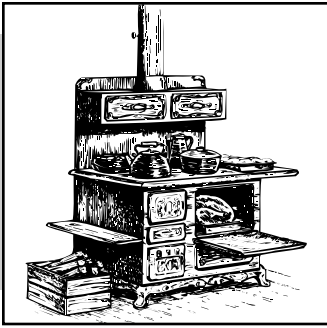
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Be a Gourmet Griller!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

It didn't take long for the grill to get going at my house this spring. The weather has been great for cooking outside.

Your gas grill is not only good for cooking but it is also a good way to reheat leftovers without heating up the house. Pizza reheats nice and crispy. Aluminum foil is your friend...use it to reheat food that might stick, has a sauce, or might fall through the grill. Try warming leftover apple pie in foil, open carefully to let steam escape, and add a scoop of ice cream. YUM!

In addition to the grill all you really need to make a delicious dinner is fresh meat and veggies and maybe a little salt and pepper. If you like something a little more exciting, try the following recipes that came from Weber's Big Book of Grilling™ by Jamie Purviance and Sandra S. McRae the next time you grill.

Sweet and Spicy Grilled Nuts

- 1 cup raw unshelled pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup whole almonds
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

To make the sweet nut crunch: Prepare the grill for indirect cooking over low heat (250° to 350°F). Spread the pumpkin seeds and almonds evenly in a large disposable foil pan. Grill over indirect low heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, until the nuts are fragrant and lightly toasted, about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the pan from the grill.

In a small bowl combine the remaining sweet nut crunch ingredients and mix well. Evenly drizzle the mixture over the nuts and toss to coat. Return the pan to the grill and grill over indirect low heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, for 20 to 25 minutes more, stirring occasionally. Remove from the grill. Allow the nuts to cool in the pan for 1 hour. Break into bite-sized pieces. If not serving immediately, store in an airtight container.

Garlic-Crusted Rib-Eye Steaks with Grilled Broccolini

If you haven't tried the beef from happy healthy cows at Miles Smith Farm right here in Loudon...You have no idea what you're missing. Visit their website: www.milessmithfarm.com for more information.

- 4 large garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 bone-in rib-eye steaks, 10 to 12 ounces each and about 1 inch thick, trimmed of excess fat
- 3/4 pound broccolini, with stalks no wider than 1/2 inch
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt

On a cutting board finely chop the garlic, and then sprinkle with the salt. Use the side of a knife to smash the garlic into a paste. Put the garlic paste into a small bowl and add the remaining paste ingredients.

Smear the paste evenly over both sides of each steak. Let the steaks stand at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes before grilling. Meanwhile soak the broccolini.

In a large bowl of water submerge the broccolini for 20 to 30 minutes so that they absorb water. This will help them steam a little on the grill.

Prepare your grill for direct and indirect cooking over high heat (450° to 550°F).

Pour off the water from the bowl of broccolini. Lightly drizzle some oil over the broccolini and season with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Toss to coat them evenly with oil and salt.

Brush the cooking grates clean. Grill the steaks over direct high heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, until cooked to your desired doneness, 6 to 8 minutes for medium rare, turning once or twice (if flare-ups occur, move the steaks temporarily over indirect heat). Remove from the grill and let rest while you grill the broccolini.

Using tongs, lift the broccolini and allow any excess oil to drip back into the bowl. Grill the broccolini over direct high heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, until lightly charred, 3 to 4 minutes, turning occasionally. Finish cooking the broccolini over indirect high heat for 2 to 3 minutes. Serve warm with the steaks.

Simple Salmon

Marinade

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 6 salmon fillets (with skin), each about 6 ounces and 1 inch thick

In a medium bowl whisk the marinade ingredients until smooth.

Place the salmon in a large, resealable plastic bag and pour in all but 1/3 cup of the marinade. Press the air out of the bag and seal tightly. Turn the bag to distribute the marinade, place in a bowl, and refrigerate for 15 to 30 minutes.

Prepare the grill for indirect cooking over high heat (450° to 550°F).

Remove the fillets from the bag and discard the marinade. Brush the cooking grates clean. Grill the fillets, skin side down, over indirect high heat, with the lid closed, until opaque throughout, 10 to 12 minutes. During the last 2 minutes of grilling time, brush the fillets with the 1/3 cup reserved marinade. Slide a spatula between the skin and flesh and transfer the fillets to serving plates. Serve warm.

Basic Grilled Asparagus

- 1 pound asparagus
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

Prepare the grill for direct cooking over medium heat (350° to 450°F).

Remove and discard the tough bottom of each asparagus spear by grasping each end and bending it gently until it snaps at its natural point of tenderness, usually two-thirds of the way down the spear. Using a vegetable peeler, peel off the outer skin from the bottom half of each remaining spear.

Spread the asparagus on a large plate. Drizzle the oil and salt over the top. Turn the spears until they are evenly coated.

Brush the cooking grates clean. Grill the asparagus (perpendicular to the grate) over direct medium heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, until browned in spots but not charred, 6 to 8 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve warm or at room temperature.

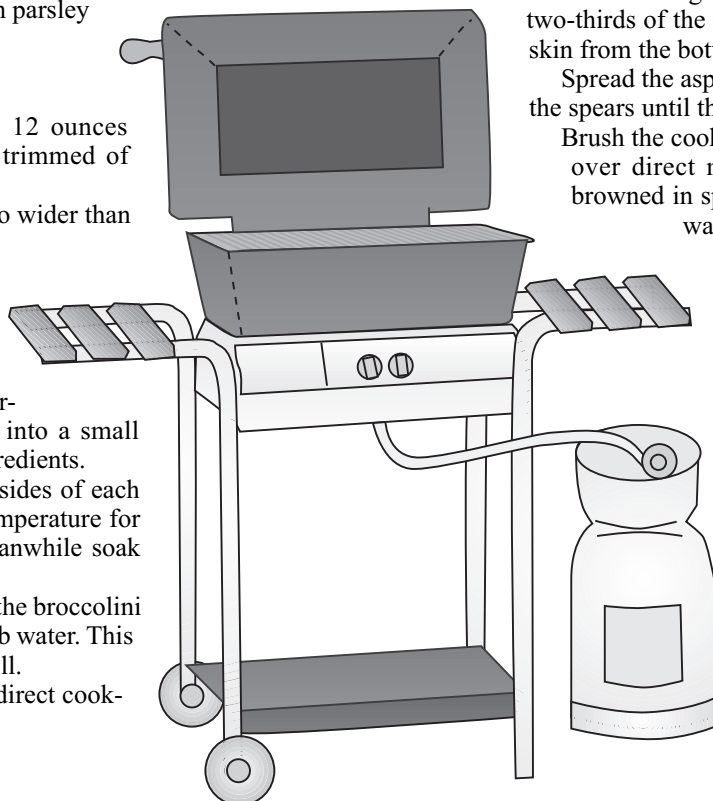
Grill-Roasted New Potatoes

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 pounds new potatoes, each 1-1/2 to 2 inches in diameter, scrubbed and quartered

Prepare the grill for direct cooking over medium heat (350° to 450°F).

In a medium bowl combine the oil, rosemary, salt, and pepper. Add the potatoes and stir to coat them evenly. Brush the cooking grates clean. Grill the potatoes over direct medium heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, until tender and browned on all sides, 15 to 20 minutes, scooping and turning with a wide spatula every 5 minutes or so.

Place the potatoes in a medium bowl and serve warm.



Loudon Youth Athletic Association News

By Tracy Koufos

Our Board is seeking NEW MEMBERS. Membership does not mean you need to hold a Board position. It simply means you support the programs and can volunteer some time. Remember, a little goes a long way when we all participate. We invite you to come to the May meeting on May 25th at Maxfield Library at 7 p.m.

Baseball

Opening Day was May 1st and games are underway for the 2010 season. Please remember: As a parent of a child participating in the LYAA Cal Ripken program, your conduct is seen not only by your child, but also by all who participate in the program. The LYAA Board of Directors' main priority is safety, sportsmanship, and teaching fundamentals. The following are rules and standards of conduct to which all parents and friends must adhere to in order to make this an enjoyable season for all.

Spectators Viewing Area

- All spectators shall be seated in the stands located on their team's dugout side of the field.
- No spectators will be allowed to sit inside the dugout unless he/she is a manager or coach. An exception is made for the T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions to allow Team Moms in the dugout as well.
- No spectators will be allowed to view the game from behind the backstop directly behind home plate. This is a distraction to the players.

Verbal Abuse

- Spectators will refrain from shouting at umpires. We follow the "Zero Tolerance Policy."
- Spectators will refrain from jeering or taunting players, coaches or the opposing team's parents.
- Profanity is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Responsibilities of Parents (Games and Practices)

- Parents will make every effort to bring their children to all scheduled practices and games on time.
- Parents will be required to stay at the field during their child's practice or game or make arrangements with the manager.
- Parents and friends should be cheering words of encouragement to all players, regardless of what team they play for. You should be a positive role model and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Respect and show support of the volunteers and umpires.
- Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited.
- At no time shall any person be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any league functions.
- Smoking will be permitted at the Landry Fields complex.
- Remember, the game is for the players.

What's Cookin' — cont. from page 8

Paradise Grilled

Glaze

- 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 4 slices fresh pineapple, each about 1/2 inch thick
- 1 teaspoon cracked dried green peppercorns or cracked black peppercorns
- 4 scoops vanilla ice cream

In a small saucepan combine the glaze ingredients and whisk until smooth. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Keep the glaze warm or reheat when ready to serve.

Prepare the grill for indirect cooking over medium heat (350° to 450°F).

Season both sides of the pineapple slices with the peppercorns. Brush the cooking grates clean. Grill the pineapple over indirect medium heat until well marked, 6 to 8 minutes, turning once. Keep the lid closed as often as possible during grilling. Serve each pineapple slice with a scoop of ice cream and some of the glaze drizzled over the top.

Next Month: Do you have an idea for What's Cookin' topic? Do you have a question or a great kitchen tip you would like to share? Give me a call 783-8986 or send me a message at jtpfeifer@comcast.net. ■



• As a parent/guardian you should agree to abide by the rules and standards set forth above. Understand that you will be responsible for your family and friends' behavior. Also understand failure to do so will result in removal from the field area. By not cooperating, LYAA Board of Directors reserves the right to remove you and/or your child from participating in the league. We all know wrong from right. Let's make this a great baseball season!

Finally, don't expect the majority of children playing to have strong skills. We hear all our lives that we learn from our mistakes. Let's allow them to make their mistakes, but always be there with positive support to lift their spirits! We want the kids to be given the best opportunity for a memorable season that they'll look back on for years to come for all the right reasons.

If you'd like to support Loudon Baseball and are a race car fan, purchase a raffle ticket for the LYAA NHMS NASCAR Sprint Cup Raffle from one of our 140+ players this season. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Tickets are \$2.00 for 1 and \$5.00 for 3.

Soccer

This year the summer soccer program will be with the British Soccer Camp. Sign-up forms will be coming home soon through school. Visit www.lyaanh.org for more information. Fall soccer sign-ups will be in May or June, details to come.

We are also looking for anyone interesting in helping with the development and building of a new snack shack at the new soccer fields over the summer. If you would like to help please contact Scott Hagerty at scottsparky@comcast.net

Please also contact Scott if you can help with the welding of some older soccer nets we have. These nets are in need of repair.

Lastly, if anyone has a hot dog machine they would like to donate to LYAA to use between the snack shacks it would be greatly appreciated.

Sponsor Field Banner Program

The Loudon Youth Athletic Association would like to welcome you to participate in the 2010 Field Banner Program. The Banner Program is a great opportunity for your business to gain exposure while supporting the youth of Loudon during the baseball and soccer season. Your banner will be prominently displayed on the outfield fence and on the base line fences during baseball season and then on the outside fences during soccer season.

Banners should be 3 feet x 5 feet. The banners are the property of the sponsor. LYAA will not be responsible for damage to banners due to theft, vandalism or acts of God. LYAA reserves the right to refuse any banner with visible damage or wear from being displayed. If you need assistance with having a banner created for your business, one company we can highly recommend is Intreza Design, Gary Brooks in Loudon, NH at 798-5775.

Advertising fee is \$175 for both seasons. The baseball season runs from May to August, the fields are located at Landry Fields, Staniels Rd. The soccer season runs from September to November, the fields are located at the Loudon Recreation Fields, behind the Loudon Legion. At the close of the soccer season we will contact you to arrange return of your banner.

If you are interested in participating in the banner program and need more information please contact Tracy at tckoufos@msn.com or at 798-3103.

Save the Date

Volunteering fulfills a need and gives back to the youth of Loudon. We really hope to welcome new members and see you at the next LYAA meeting: Tuesday, May 25 at Maxfield Public Library. ■

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Girl Scout Year Winding Down

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It is hard to believe that we are winding down our year of Girl Scouting. As we prepare to wrap things up, many troops are focusing on service projects including honoring our veterans and collecting food donations. Some girls are completing the requirements for bridging to the next level of Girl Scouting. Everyone is looking for our end of the year event.

Our End-of-Year service unit gathering will be called "Girls Day Out" The day will incorporate athletics, nature and some Girl Scout traditions. Families are invited at the end of the day to for the bridging ceremony. After the bridging ceremony, the day will end with an ice cream social for the girls and their families

The Loudon Girl Scouts are looking for a few good adults who want to help out. We have several small positions that need an extra set of hands, many, only require short-term commitments. There also an immediate need for adults

who want to work with the girls and other leaders to put together a great Girl Scout float for Old Home Day. Looking forward, there is a need for leaders next year for the Brownie and Junior age groups (grades 2-3 and 4-5). Lastly, there is a need for a volunteer to represent Loudon for the annual meeting and correspondence with GSGWM throughout the year for feedback on program development. If you are available to help with any of these projects, please contact Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz, Service Unit Manager at 783-0218.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information about the Loudon Girl Scouts, or to share your community service ideas or interests please contact Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz, Service Unit Manager at 783-0218.

Daisy Troop #10955

Tracy Koufos, Kellie Goble & Tammy Bourque

We continue to work on our Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout petal. We also used some of our profits from the cookie sale to practice our swimming skills. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts.



Girls from Junior Troop 12641 set sail at the Seacoast Science Center.

Brownie Troop #10454

Julie Segien, Karen Thurber

We have completed our Wonders of Water Journey. The last part of our journey included a study of the Hoover dam and how it provides 4 billion kilo watt-hours of hydro electricity to the states of Arizona, Nevada, and California. Next we created scrapbook pages of our journey with pictures of the girls at our meetings held throughout the year. My how the girls have changed. This is the second journey our troop has taken together. Each one seems a little more interesting to the troop. The girls really stayed focus of our goal this year and we are all proud of our accomplishment. We could not have done it without my co-leader Karen Thurber-Wells. We will be wrapping up the end of a year celebration for our troop in May.

Brownie Troop #10045

Kathleen Fisher, Jennifer Maguire, Kimberley Lowell

We're continuing work on our "Water Everywhere" try-it, learning that water is part of lots of things and have seen the difference between salt water and fresh water. The girls are discussing plans for an end-of-year trip and service project to utilize the funds we earned from our awesome cookie sales this year. They worked hard and use their selling skills to help us earn \$1500! They also collected a total of 56 boxes being sent to our military overseas. The girls gave a hand-made thank-you card to those that donated cookies. We're looking forward to our June event, which will see most of our troop bridging up to become Junior Girl Scouts. Songs have been a favorite activity for the troop and we're hoping to share some with our sister scouts. A big thank-you to once again to everyone who supported our cookie sale.

Junior Troop # 12083

Lysa Crouch, Sandi Abbott

Our troop has set our focus on earning the four Junior Girl Scout Signs before the end of the year. The four

signs correspond to the four program goals of Girl Scouts, becoming your best, building your relationships, building your values and making your world a better place. Earning the Junior Girl Scout Signs involves self reflection, badge work and demonstration of knowledge acquired. Some of the girls are working on the Junior Girl Scout Challenge Award to live the Girl Scout Law. This award involves two a written component where the girls reflect on how the Girl Scout Law impacts their day-to-day lives and a practical component that impact their community. After the PTA clean up, a few of our troop members will be working on planting and improving the school gardens. About half of our girls will bridge to Cadettes this year and they will soon begin working on their bridging requirements including working with current Cadettes to place flags at the Loudon Veteran's Cemetery.

Junior Troop #12641

Amanda Masse, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz, Cecile Merrill, and Michele Paquette

We did some reverse tie dying as a troop in April. This means using bleach and pulling the color out of fabric. We did this with spray bottles of bleach and water mixture using stencils to create patterns. We also used some cleaning gel and bleach pens to write on our shirts and pillowcases. This was a cool technique we hope to do again and experiment more with different fabrics and dark colored shirts. We went to the Seacoast Science Center to work on our Water Wonders badge and had a great time learning and exploring. We have some girls who will be bridging up to Cadettes and they will be working on completing the requirements to do so. We are going to work with the Cadettes and place flags at the gravesites of our Loudon Veterans before Memorial Day. Look for some of us at the Memorial Day parade. We will be going rock climbing in May too! We have just started to plan for a great troop camping adventure in July and are looking for-

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American Legion Post 88 News

By Jim Dymont

I will start with what happened in April. Membership has gone very well, but we need the help of the members who haven't paid. We need you in order to make 100%. April 21 we had a post installation, which went well.

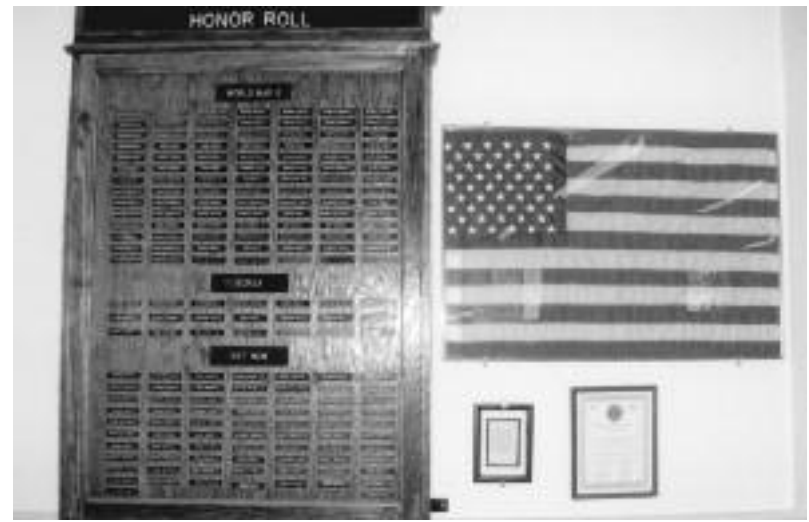
May is going to be a very busy month. First, we are having Appreciation Day on May 1. All veterans and town residents are invited to a free pancake breakfast. This is our way of saying "Thank you"!

Flags will be placed on all veterans' graves along with new markers, if needed, before Memorial Day. There will be a Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31. The parade will begin at the Legion, with the same route and program as last year. After, the Legion will be open for refreshments. Come and relax with us.

We have a new addition in the hall! The old honor roll, which used to be in front of the Library has been installed as a permanent display inside the Legion Hall. Polly and Bob Haines have given us a history of the Honor Roll and we've placed that information next to it. Thank you, Bob and Polly. (The Honor Roll is pictured at right.)

We also have a member who achieved fifty years as a member of American Legion Post 88. Robert E. Burr, Sr. was recently presented with a certificate marking this milestone. He is shown at right with me, Jim Dymont.

Well, I guess that's all this month for the Legion family. ■



This Honor Roll used to be in front of the Library. It is now permanently mounted inside the Legion Hall with a plaque next to it reading: "This Honor Roll was dedicated to the town of Loudon by Robert and Pauline Haines on November 11, 1968. The Honor Roll is in memory of all Loudon Veterans who served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam Wars." (PHOTO BY FRED OSGOOD)

Deadline for the June issue of *The Loudon Ledger*: Friday May 14, 2009

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ward to the End of Year Service Unit event with all the troops together. Thanks for reading about our group!

Cadette Troop #12356

Advisors: Samantha French & Amanda Masse

We took a fantastic trip to PetSmart in Concord. Sarah Martel was our tour guide and she explained all about being a Veterinarian Technician. She showed us all around the exam rooms, operating rooms, medical tools and equipment they use to treat all animals. She showed us the grooming areas in the store and we all had a better understanding about careers and opportunities that relate to animals. Thank you so

much Sarah!!! As of the time of this writing, we are putting the finishing touches on the dinner that we will be putting on for the residents of The Richard Brown house. We look forward to fun evening of food and maybe even some games too! We plan on working with some Juniors to place flags at gravesites of our Loudon Veterans and work on bridging requirements for them to move up to Cadettes. We will also be participating and helping at the end of year service unit event. We are very excited about an AWESOME trip to a hotel with an indoor water park in North Conway in June. Stay tuned to hear about our adventures. ■



Cadette Troop 12356 served dinner to residents of The Richard Brown House.

CORRECTION:

It was brought to our attention that the "Weight Loss Solution" article which appeared in the last issue of *The Loudon Ledger* had two different contact phone numbers listed. The correct number is: 783-9689.



Jim Dymont, left, presents a certificate honoring fifty years of membership in the Loudon American Legion Post 88 to Robert E. Burr, Sr. (PHOTO BY FRED OSGOOD)

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Loudon Recreation Committee Upcoming Events

Olympic style archery lessons are continuing and are well attended. The instructor is hoping to continue lessons in the summer, possibly outside and we would like to know if there is interest?? Line dancing started another session as well. We worked with Salty Dog Pottery in Barnstead on children's pottery classes during April vacation. We hope to have some adult classes too, maybe held some summer nights — let us know if you are interested in that! If you have attended an event, please remember to fill out an event evaluation form located on the website www.loudonnh.org under "Recreation" to share your thoughts or if you have ideas — this helps us to plan.

We are working out the details on a fitness and fun hula hoop class, a jump rope class, and another art class for kids. Stay tuned to the website for more details on these and other events.

Be sure to check the website www.loudonnh.org between issues of *The Loudon Ledger* for additional events or program opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

If you are interested in all that we do for recreation programming here in Loudon and would like to be placed on our email contact list or have additional ideas to share, please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or by email at affirmhealth@yahoo.com. The Loudon Recreation Committee usually meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library. Join us if you are interested! We hope to see you there!! ■

SPRING GOLF

Spring Golf Instruction at the Loudon Country Club beginning May 17th running 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. If you do not, clubs will be provided for you. If you aren't a Loudon resident — please add a \$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 Jenn at 783-8986. Registration deadline is May 10th.

TENNIS LESSONS FOR KIDS

Loudon Recreation Committee will have Tennis Lessons for kids at the Homer LaBonte Memorial Tennis Courts at Loudon's Recreation Field June 21–25. Students should bring their own tennis racket and water bottle, wear properly fitting sneakers, a hat or visor, and wear your sun block! A registration form will be on the website www.loudonnh.org soon. Please print the registration form and follow directions to register. If you have any questions, please call Kim at 435-6266. The ages, time, and cost are still being determined. Check the website and watch the *Ledger* for more information.

SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

The Loudon Recreation Committee will be offering Red Cross Swim Instruction Levels 1–6 at Clough Pond, taught by Water Safety Instructors through Swim NH, LLS. There will be two, two-week sessions offered. The first session will be July 19–30 and the second session will be August 2–13. Classes will be held Monday through Friday, rain or shine for a half hour each in the morning. All Loudon children ages 5 and up are eligible for lessons. The cost is \$25 per session per child with a family maximum of \$75. If you have any questions, please call Alicia at 435-5193 or email affirmhealth@yahoo.com

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 August 9–13 at the Loudon Elementary School. The play will be *Oliver Twist* and there will be a performance for the entire community on Friday, August 13. A registration form with more information will be on the website soon at www.loudonnh.org to register 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 Jenn at 783-8986.

COMMUNITY SUMMER FUN NIGHTS

Save the following dates for our great Community Summer Fun Nights this year: July 7, July 14, July 21, August 4, August 11, and August 18. Look for a tentative schedule next month but on tap are: the famous Ice Cream Social, Next of Kin band, Wildlife Encounters, Dixie Land Band, Army Band, a magician, and talent show.

Scenes From Rec Committee's Kids Archery Tournament



Earth Day Celebrated in Loudon

Earth Day 2010 was April 22 and several families decided it was a great time to make a difference.

Several families worked in their neighborhood, cleaning up the roadside. This was the third year they've done this. The kids really enjoyed making a difference. Those involved included Alicen, Gabryelle, and Colin Twardosky, Deanna, Sierra, and Tammy Bourque and Sammy Kirschner.

Other families worked around the Elementary School as part of a PTA cleanup group. For more information on this cleanup, see the PTA story on page 4. ■



Who said cleaning up has to be all work!?



All smiles after cleaning up their own neighborhood.



Even the dog pitches in to clean up!



Cleaning up around the Elementary School.

Communications Council Looking for Web Master and Writers

Our current web master, Sherry Blanchard, has decided to turn the duties of updating the loudonnh.org web site over to someone else. Sherry's done great work and the Communications Council appreciates all she's done. She will continue through the year and then pass the job to a volunteer.

The job is simple and doesn't consume a lot of time — perhaps one day a month. Duties include keeping the web site up to date by posting minutes from various committees and adding announcements as necessary.

The Council continues to search for volunteers to write articles for the paper. Debra Rattee recently had to give up her "History and Mystery" column due to lack of time. We're hoping the Historical Society will take up the reins but there are other columns we'd like to see written, including a business profile each month.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact a member of the Council or join us at our next meeting, Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. at Loudon Elementary School. ■

**Town Clerk and Tax Collector's
Offices will be closed on
Wednesday, May 26, 2010 due to
the Spring Regional Meeting. Both
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hours on Thursday, May 27, 2010.**



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The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required. Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

05/01/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/01/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Moultonborough Police Department	Moultonborough
05/01/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham
05/02/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/08/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/08/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
05/08/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Moultonborough Police Department	Moultonborough
05/08/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
05/09/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Keene Fish and Game	Keene
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Littleton Fire Department	Littleton
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Plaistow Library	Plaistow
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
05/15/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	St. Joseph’s Hospital	Nashua
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Prospect Mountain High School	Alton
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Milton Emma Ramsey Center	Milton
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Moultonborough Police Department	Moultonborough
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham
05/23/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/29/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
05/29/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/29/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham
05/30/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord

TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

05/03/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
05/03/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
05/03/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Exeter Library	Exeter
05/03/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
05/04/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Milford Police Department	Milford
05/10/10 and 05/11/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
05/10/10 and 05/12/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	White Mountain Community College	Berlin
05/11/10 and 05/13/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
05/11/10 and 05/13/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
05/17/10 and 05/18/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Prospect Mountain High School	Alton
05/17/10 and 05/19/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Bridgewater-Hebron Village School	Bridgewater
05/17/10 and 05/19/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/17/10 and 05/19/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
05/17/10 and 05/18/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Milford Police Department	Milford
05/18/10 and 05/20/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center	Lebanon
05/19/10 and 05/20/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
05/24/10 and 05/26/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Prospect Mountain High School	Alton
05/24/10 and 05/26/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
05/24/10 and 05/26/10	5:00 PM–8:30 PM	Meredith Community Center	Meredith
05/25/10 and 05/26/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia

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Young Artist Wins State Junior Duck Stamp Contest — MVHS Student Earns First in Her Group

Samantha Merrill, age 10, of Stratham, N.H., has taken top honors among young New Hampshire artists in the 2010 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest. Merrill's oil painting of a harlequin duck, entitled "Quiet Waters," was chosen from among 70 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.

A display of the winning artwork in New Hampshire's Junior Duck Stamp contest will open at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, N.H., during Discover WILD New Hampshire Day on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and will remain on display through April 30, 2010.

Best of Show Junior Duck Stamp artist Samantha Merrill is a student of The Barn Art Studio in Exeter. She will be New Hampshire's contestant in the 2010 National Junior Duck Stamp Contest held on April 23, 2010, at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Merrill wrote the following conservation message to accompany her artwork: "When we conserve, we guarantee a future of beauty and amazement for tomorrow."

"Samantha's painting is a wonderful winning effort and, at only 10 years of age, she 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:** Steven Boutin, age 8, of Hampstead, a student of Pen & Palette Art Studio in Hampstead; Ella Erwin, age 8, of Bedford; and Christopher Busi, age 9, of Plaistow, N.H., a student of Pen & Palette Art Studio in Hampstead.
- **Grades 4-6:** Alyssa Felder, age 9, of Kingston, a student of Pen & Palette Art Studio in Hampstead; Samantha Merrill, age 10, of Stratham; and David Michel, age 11, of Greenland, a student of Barn Art Studio in Greenland.



"Days End" — Canada geese by Amelia Evanofski, age 19, of Webster, NH / MVHS

- **Grades 7-9:** Megan Michel, age 12, of Greenland, a student of Barn Art Studio in Greenland; Quinn Morrisette, age 13, of Berlin, a student of Birchwood Studios of Shelburne; and Shelby Merrick, age 13, of Merrimack, a student at Merrimack Middle School.
- **Grades 10-12:** Michaela Wiss, age 15, of Weare, a student of John Stark Regional High School; and **Amelia Evanofski, age 19, of Webster, a student at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook.**

All of New Hampshire's first-place winning entries can be seen at Fish and Game's website at www.wildnh.com/Education/Jr_Duck/Junior_Duck_Gallery_10.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. ■

Loudon Food Pantry Update

Gardening Information

The gardening season is upon us (even though we just had a little snow). We are in the process of starting our plants for our garden. This year the garden will take up the complete front of the building and will be planted in 5-gallon or drywall buckets. We were donated 4 55-gallon barrels so that we can construct water barrels, which will make watering the garden much easier. This year's garden will consist of green beans, yellow beans, carrots, radishes, beets, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers (red and green). The produce from the garden will be given to our patrons. This is much healthier for them and helps us offset canned vegetables. **If you have any 5-gallon or drywall buckets you can donate to our garden, we and our patrons will greatly appreciate it.**

Feinstein Challenge

As of April 16, we have raised \$1,039.41 in food and \$957 in funds towards the Feinstein Challenge. This gives us a total of \$1,996.41. This challenge ends April 30. We would like to thank all of you who have donated food and funds towards the drive. This is the first year we have participated and hope to do so in the future as well. After submitting all the information to the challenge, we'll let you know how we've done.

Transportation Issue

At the pantry we use a Honda Fit to pick up food from the NH Food Bank and the USDA. We can only go to the NH Food Bank once a week to pick up free food (food that does not require a maintenance fee to be paid), but we can go more often for food on which we pay a maintenance fee. Our growing problem is that we cannot fit enough food in the car each trip. In order to make fewer trips and handle the weight better we need a bigger vehicle.

We are asking for a donation of a used ¾-ton pickup truck (full bed) or a cargo or an Econoline van. Fewer trips means more time to log and inventory the food and get it on the shelves, working in the garden, which supplies our patrons with fresh vegetables, etc. **Please Help!**

Where to donate

Loudon Food Pantry is always looking for donations of food and funds. This is our slower donation season but it doesn't mean our patrons need any less.

You can donate to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd. Unit 4, Loudon NH 03307, online at LoudonFoodPantry.org. We always welcome visitors to drop in and check out the pantry and our garden. ■



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Merrimack Valley School District News

LES News

Why is LES offering this event? There is much research that suggests success in life is directly related to one's ability to read. We want to help parents understand how a young child develops reading skills and what they can do at home with their children to develop those skills.

When is it? May 4, 2010

Where is it? LES Gymnasium

What time is it? 6:00 p.m.

Who Should Attend? Any Loudon resident who has a preschool aged child or young couples expecting to have children in the future are invited to attend.

Can the kids attend? Yes! They are encouraged to attend. There will be activities for the youngsters to be engaged in as their parents learn how to help their children's reading skills.

Will there be food at the event? LES will offer a light meal. Parents are asked to come prior to the presentation to enjoy the dinner.

Who do I call with questions? Ms. Bailey at 783-4400

Who do I call to RSVP? Mrs. Muzzey at 783-4400. We do ask that you call if you plan to attend so we can plan appropriately.

MVHS News

School In Need Of Improvement

For the third year in a row, our sub-groups at MVHS did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the state NECAP test required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB). This means that our school will continue to be 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, including how our scores compare to last year:

Test	MVHS	NH Composite	Target Score
Reading	93.7 (-1.3)	89.7 (+0.5)	89.0 (+5.0)
Math	72.2 (+3.5)	66.4 (+1.2)	72.0 (+14.0)
Graduation Rate	96.3 (+6.6)	90.2 (+2.3)	75.0 (+/- 0)

As a whole school, we exceeded both the required target scores and the state composite scores, and in almost every case showed improvement over the scores posted the previous year (see the numbers in parentheses). 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" (based on qualifying for free and reduced lunch) and with an "educational disability" (on an IEP). It is the economically disadvantaged students and the students with an educational disability who scored below the target score in math while the students with an educational disability also did not achieve the target score in reading.

Note that each year, the target scores for math and reading are also increasing. The target math score increased by 14 points over last year. While we showed gains, they were just not enough to keep up with the increasing target scores.

It should be noted that of the state's 78 high schools, 52 are now labeled as schools in need of improvement based on the federal NCLB law. This does not mean that 67% 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

April Student of the Month Nominees:

Congratulations to the March students of the month: Mallory Stickney and Mariah Haley.

Congratulations also to all students who were nominated: Alex Ortega, Hannah Dziezanowski, Morgan Matthews, Jacob Silver, Justin Pierce, Ben Hunton, Jessica Waldo, William West, Katherine Perry, Matthew Michael, Rebecca Hashem, Jacob Hooper, Mackenzie Burton-Williams, Monica Matthews, Scott Vanson, Nate Martel, Melina Caron. Kristi Phillips, Ashley John, Hilary Lorden, Ashley Delano, Dezaray Adams, Abby Blake, Brian Jackson, Sarah Gilbert, Dan Landry, Chloe Wood, Carrie Brewster, Sam Niebling, Jenna Boutin, Eileen Crutchfield, Corey Salisbury, Dylan Howe, Logan Osgood.

Red Cross Blood Drive News:

Katrina White organized a hugely successful Red Cross Blood Drive at MVHS on March 5th for her senior project. They were able to collect 107 pints of blood, mostly from first time donors.

Guidance News:

Juniors. If you took the ASVAB, please plan to attend the follow up workshop on Thursday April 22 to go over your scores and explore career paths matching your interests and strengths. Stay tuned for announcements with more details about this.

Any junior planning to apply to a four-year college should consider taking the SAT in June. The deadline to sign up for the June 5th test is May 5th. Go to collegeboard.com and register.

Seniors. Please check the MVHS website for scholarship opportunities! We have had quite a few scholarships with low numbers of applicants. Don't let the chance to get extra \$\$\$ for college pass you by!! Loudon residents — the Arthur MacNeil/Raymond Cummings Memorial scholarship is now available for you to apply!

Seniors who have not yet applied to college are reminded that many two-year schools, and some four-year colleges have "rolling admissions" and are still accepting applications. Even if you plan to take a year off from school before going to college, you should apply now while you are still in school and have the resources to help you right here! You can always defer your acceptance for up to one year... Plus, a college application is a requirement for the senior project portfolio!

Music Department News:

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!

May 20–22: MVHS Presents *Oliver!* Live musical put on by our very own students and faculty!

Yearbook News:

Yearbooks will go back on sale the week of April 19–23 during break. Checks can be made out to MVHS for \$55. Please be aware that there are a limited number of copies left to buy, and there is no guarantee that there will be any at the end of the year, so buy them now!

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 7, 2010	Midterm Term 4
May 15, 2010	Prom, Courtyard Marriott
	Grand March 6:30–7:00
	Prom 7:00–11:00

May 31, 2010	No School — Memorial Day
June 2, 2010	CHS VOC Graduation
	Concord High School 7:00–9:00
June 7, 2010	Senior Awards Night
	5:00 / Banquet
	6:00 / Pick up cap & gown
	6:30 / Class Photo in Cap & Gown
	7:00 / Award Ceremony
June 8, 2010	Senior Class Trip — Canoe Trip
	9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
June 10, 2010	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
	11:30–2:30 for Seniors
June 11, 2010	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
	8:00–11:00
	For Seniors
June 12, 2010	Graduation — MVHS Game Field
	10:00 a.m.
	Rain or Shine
	Seniors arrive 9:00 a.m.

National Art Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following students for their Spring Induction into the National Art Honor Society at Merrimack Valley High School. Students are recommended for membership in the society if they show outstanding art ability, dedication to the pursuit of art, peer teach other art students and exhibit their own art work permanently or short term in the school/community. Selection is based on student's leadership, character, and love for art.

Loudon: Kaitlyn Audet, Allison Hayes, Lucas Clough, Isaac Ladd, Kate Mulleavey, Olivia Polep

Boscawen: Samantha Crane, Shelbi Meier, Rebecca Miller, Mason Renehan, Victoria Brochu, Emily Davis, Tess Wright

Penacook: Nikki Daniels, Rachel Perelli, Megan Thurber, Kaitlyn Sweeney

Andover: Mariah Haley, Shawna Barton, Brianna Keniston

Granite State Scholars Announced

Each year the NH Commissioner of Education designates Granite State Scholars. The designations are made from lists submitted to the Commissioner's Office by the high school principals within the state.

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.

Student 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). The 1200 minimum SAT score — is the Reading and Math combined.

The following students from Merrimack Valley High School have been recognized by NH Commissioner of Education, Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D:

Alex Cilley of Webster
Jared Ingerson of Loudon
Caitlin Kowalski of Loudon
Tara McDonald of Penacook
Shannon McNaught of Penacook
Ashlyn Rouse of Loudon
Merike Youngs of Webster

Congratulations to each student named above for a distinctive academic career! ■

Fire Permits Required

A Fire Permit is REQUIRED for ALL outside fires, including family campfires, chimineas, fireplaces, etc.

Permits can be obtained at the Fire Station during normal business hours.

Old Home Day — Get a Jump Start!

We know it seems awfully soon to be seeing Old Home Day forms, but the Committee begins working on the program book early in the year! If you or your business would like to advertise in this year's book, please take the time to fill out one of the forms below and return it with a check to the Old Home Day Committee, PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307. The "Citizen of the Year" form appears at right — please start thinking about a suitable candidate for this year. Old Home Day is Saturday, August 14, 2010. See you there! ■

Dear Loudon Business Owner,

The 2010 Loudon Old Home Day Association is writing to ask for your financial support to help make Loudon's only community-wide event a success again this year. Old Home Day will be Saturday, August 14, 2010 and promises to have something for everyone! After you read our letter, please take a few moments to look over the supporter levels listed below and choose your level of support. Attach your ad copy along with the bottom portion of this letter, a check payable to LOHD, and return to the Old Home Day Committee, PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307. **Your ad and payment must be received by June 1, 2010 in order for your ad to appear in this year's book.**

The Loudon Old Home Day committee has two goals: first — to create a day of fun and community pride, and second — to promote our many local businesses. While we are proud of our volunteers and their efforts, our goals can't be met without your help.

The Old Home Day Committee thanks you in advance for your generous donation and we look forward to seeing you at our 2010 Old Home Day celebration.

Please consider supporting this worthwhile community event and respond today!

Contact information: Irene Dow — 798-5872 Junice Sinclair — 798-3158
Kim Bean — 231-5396 Susan Gelinis — 783-9272

2010 BUSINESS SUPPORTER AD AND DONATION INFORMATION

(Please return this portion with your ad copy and payment.)

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Contact Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please circle one: **\$ 25.00** Business Card Ad (5"w x 1-7/8"h)
\$ 50.00 Half Page Ad (5"w x 3-3/4"h)
\$100.00 Full Page Ad (5"w x 7-1/2"h)

**AD COPY AND PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 1, 2010
IN ORDER TO APPEAR IN THIS YEAR'S BOOK.**

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 14th. 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, horse-shoe 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 14th and enjoy Loudon Old Home Day 2010 with a friend.

2010 INDIVIDUAL LOHD SUPPORTER

(Please return this portion with your donation)

Name(s) (as you would like it to appear): _____

Amount of donation: _____

Thank you for your generous support of Loudon Old Home Day.
We hope to see you there!

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 14, 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, 2010. Our committee was very proud of our 2009 selection of Bea Moore. 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, 2010

Date submitted: _____

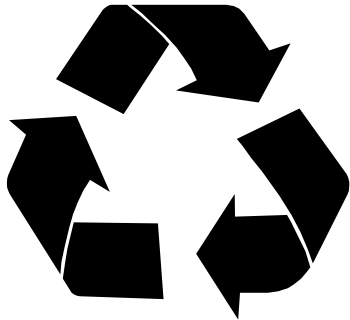
Signature (Group representative): _____

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.

Cub Scout Pack 247 Learns About Recycling

Loudon Cub Scout Pack 247 Wolf Den recently visited the Loudon Recycling Center at the Transfer Station. The boys learned about recycling, what happens with the recyclables after they are dropped off, and how important it is for us to recycle. A big "thank you" goes out to Steve Bennett and the Transfer Station and Barbara Parent of the Loudon Recycling Committee.

If you'd like more information about recycling go to: [http://www.nh.gov/oep/programs/recycling/Recycling Information.htm](http://www.nh.gov/oep/programs/recycling/Recycling%20Information.htm) OR contact a member of the Loudon Recycling Committee. ■



OBITUARY

Janice D. Seaver

Janice D. Seaver, 71, of Loudon died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Born and raised in Brattleboro, VT, she was the daughter of Arthur and Cora (Pratt) Wright. She attended local schools in Brattleboro.

She was a longtime resident of Loudon. She previously lived in Keene.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Seaver, in 2004; and by a son, Wayne Tacy, in 1997.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon St. John of Chesterfield and Cammiejean Caron of Hooksett; two sons, Scott Tacy of East Swanzey and Dale Tacy of Canterbury; two brothers, one sister; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday at Bennett Funeral Home, 209 N. Main St., Concord. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265; or donate online at komen.org.

Messages of condolence may be offered at bennettfuneral.com. ■

**Deadline for the
June issue
of
The Loudon Ledger:
Friday
May 14, 2009**

Winter Surveys Show White Nose Syndrome Significantly Affecting NH Bats

Winter surveys by biologists show that the deadly bat disease called White Nose Syndrome (WNS) is having a dramatic impact on New Hampshire's bat populations. Currently, five of the eight species of New Hampshire bats are affected by WNS, including the common little brown bat. One species, the northern long-eared bat, has now disappeared from hibernacula (bat wintering places) all over the Northeast.

Monitoring bat populations for the devastating fungus has become a necessary regimen in recent years, but biologists dedicated to managing bats and other nongame species in New Hampshire were particularly discouraged by their findings during a February survey of a Grafton County mine that is the second largest hibernaculum in the state. New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Biologist Emily Brunkhurst joined biologist Dr. Jacques Veilleux of Franklin Pierce University and Dr. Scott Reynolds of St. Paul's School for the midwinter survey of bat hibernacula in New Hampshire.

As Veilleux cut a hole in the ice covering the front of the mine, he encountered the first sign that all was not well within — a dead little brown bat encased in the ice. Climbing through the small hole, wearing protective gear to prevent the spread of WNS, the biologists looked down upon a gruesome scene: dozens of dead bats littered the floor or were frozen into the ice. Some 48 dead bats were found near the cave entrance, and more further in. The biologists proceeded with their grim duty — to count every bat in the mine, living and dead; recording the species and any signs of the WNS fungus (*Geomyces destructans*). In all, the biologists found 96 dead and 185 live bats in this mine, with 76 of the live bats showing evidence of WNS. This total of 281 bats was down by 83% from 2009.

"These are the worst indicators I have ever seen," Veilleux said sadly. "It was devastating to see this vibrant colony so decimated, and heart-rending to see a couple of the bats clinging to the walls, but obviously very, very sick."

The second survey of the day was conducted in a mine that does not get sealed in by ice. There, just one dead bat was found. "We could only assume that the sick bats had flown out of the mine and were either under the snow or had been eaten by predators," said Brunkhurst. As with the first site, the numbers of bats remaining in the mine were very low, down at least 50% from last year.

Over several weeks, the team surveyed six other New Hampshire bat hibernacula. Overall, numbers were way down, but a few encouraging signs emerged. In one small mine, which is heavily flooded (researchers wear wet-suits to conduct the survey), the bat population had increased from 48 bats in 2009 to 60 bats this year, with very little sign of WNS. Two very small hibernacula were discovered in old World War II

bunkers, and no signs of WNS were apparent in the 83 bats found there. Statewide, however, bat population numbers were down significantly, for an overall population decline of 66% since last year.

In addition to surveying numbers of living and dead bats, the biologists looked for tiny silver bands on the bats' wings, markers placed during a survey of bats near New Hampshire hibernacula last fall. Individual identification numbers on each banded bat reveal whether the bat was captured at this hibernaculum or another, as bats don't always use the same wintering place from year to year.

One theory as to why New Hampshire hibernacula actually saw increases in bat populations in 2009 was that bats stayed in the state instead of flying to Vermont to hibernate last year. WNS has hit hard in Vermont, which has the biggest hibernacula in New England, Aeolus Cave. Bats from all over New England, including ours in decades past, migrate there to hibernate for the winter. Before WNS, Aeolus cave had an estimated population of 200,000-300,000 bats. Now, bat numbers there have plummeted by as much as 90% — a loss of tens of thousands of bats in a single hibernaculum.

As the winter progressed in New Hampshire, March brought a strange new phenomenon. Though it was much too early for bats to be leaving their hibernacula, many bats were seen flying in the Mt. Washington area, over the trail and base road, in the parking lots and at all altitudes. Several dead bats were collected by volunteers and U.S. Forest Service biologists for testing for WNS. "We aren't aware of a cave or mine hibernaculum in that area," says Brunkhurst, "but we are looking for one now, and it may have more bats than any known hibernaculum." Some of the live bats observed were big brown bats, which are known to hibernate in buildings, including the cog railway buildings, as well as caves and mines. (WNS has not been detected in bats living in buildings.) However, all the dead ones collected were little brown bats, which hibernate in caves and mines and are very susceptible to WNS, and the closest known hibernaculum is over 13 miles away.

Nationally, the rapid advance of the deadly bat disease is gaining attention. States that do not yet have WNS yet are busily planning their response and working with biologists and cave owners on this critical issue. National Geographic magazine dispatched a photographer to join the New Hampshire biologists on one of their recent winter surveys for a future story showing what state biologists, university researchers and the US Fish & Wildlife Service are doing to combat this destructive disease.

WNS first appeared in New York in 2006 and now has been documented in 11 states; it has expanded as far south as

Tennessee and as far north as Ontario, Canada. Some of the spread can be attributed to migrating bats, but it is also feared that humans are transporting the fungus on their caving clothing and gear. Because of this, the US Fish & Wildlife Service requests all cavers to disinfect their gear between cave visits. In addition, do not bring any gear used in an infected state into a cave in an uninfected state, as disinfection procedures are not 100% effective, and respect all cave closures.

Why is the spread of WNS so important? Bats are the biggest predator of night-flying insects. Also, recovery from the onslaught of the disease will be difficult, because bats are slow breeders. They typically live a long life (over 20 years) and produce one, or rarely two, pups each year. As with most young of the year wildlife, not all pups survive, so rebuilding bat populations after such a rapid decline could take decades. "We don't know whether some of these bats will permanently disappear from the landscape, or exactly how the loss will change the ecology of our state," said Brunkhurst. "We may have more forest or agricultural pest issues, but it's just too early to tell."

Hundreds of scientists across the country are working to solve the mysteries of WNS. We know that the fungus is persistent — it remains in a cave and

can infect bats that return there. Two types of treatments designed to control the fungus on the bats have been tested, but the results are not yet in. What is known is that it is extremely difficult to treat bats for fungus without also killing other native fungi in the cave ecosystem. Work is being done to see if surviving bats have slightly different genes than bats that have not yet been affected by WNS. Additionally, research is just beginning to look at why this very same fungus occurs on European bats, but does not harm them.

How can you help? If you have bats in your barn or house or other buildings, please try to leave them there, say biologists. Bats breed much more successfully in large colonies where the combined heat helps the young bats grow. If you have problems with guano, put a ceiling of plastic between the bats and your equipment, but DO NOT seal the bats in. Also, stay out of caves and mines, year round. The fungus can be picked up on clothing and gear, and transported to other sites. If you travel to a state which has not yet detected WNS, do not take any clothing or gear that has been in a cave or mine in the affected states (the entire Northeast and as far south as Tennessee). For more information, visit the N.H. Fish and Game website at <http://wildnh.com/Wildlife/Nongame/bats.html>. ■

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Blue Storm Sports News

Our 2010 Spring Lacrosse program is now underway, with our first games taking place on April 11. Blue Storm has four Lacrosse teams made up of U-9, U-11, U-13, and U-15 players from the Merrimack Valley area. We will be having home games coming up on May 2, May 9, May 16, and June 6. Our home field is located behind the Penacook Elementary School. We invite everyone to come out and watch some exciting lacrosse games and support our local youth players. Blue Storm will also be having concessions at our home games. For more information please visit our website at www.bluestormsports.com.

On May 15, Blue Storm will be holding a Car Wash at Arnie's Ice Cream in Concord from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. There is no set price to have your vehicle washed, but we will accept any amount as a donation.

In June, Blue Storm will be holding signups for Fall Football and Cheerleading. These programs are for boys and girls Grades 3–7. Watch for our Blue Storm flyers with more details, which will be distributed at school and around the Merrimack Valley community. ■

Soccer: New Hampshire Premier Soccer Summer Camp Series

Goalkeeper Camp: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Daily July 10–11. Piscataquog Park, Manchester

Striker Camp: 2 p.m.–5 p.m. Daily July 10–11. Piscataquog Park, Manchester

Skills Camp (all ages): 4 p.m.–7 p.m. Daily July 12–16. Petersbrook Field, Hooksett

Goalkeeper Camp: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Daily July 31–August 1. Petersbrook Field, Hooksett

Defender Camp: 2 p.m.–5 p.m. Daily July 31–August 1. Petersbrook Field, Hooksett

High School Pre-season Camp: 4 p.m.–7 p.m. Daily August 2–6. Petersbrook Field, Hooksett

Directed by: Julie Hemsley, Former England Women's National Team Assistant Coach

Information: 603-540-0165 or newhampshirepremiersoccer@comcast.net or

Visit our webpage: <http://www.newhampshirepremiersoccer.org/camps.htm> ■

UNH Cooperative Extension Workshops Offered

On Friday, May 7, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. UNH's Cooperative Extension will present a workshop titled *"Wine Grape Pruning Demonstration and Grape Disease Management Discussion."* This workshop is free and open to the public. It will be held at Podere San Lorenzo, 334 Emery Road, East Andover, NH.

Howard Jelleme of Podere San Lorenzo will demonstrate grape vine pruning and trellising. He will be joined by agriculture staff from UNH Cooperative Extension who will discuss grape vine disease management.

For more information and directions, please call Amy or Mary at UNH Cooperative Extension at (603) 796-2151.

"Raising Turkeys — The Basics" will be offered on Thursday, May 20 from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at the Pillsbury Free Library, 18 East Main Street, Warner, NH. Information about species, breeds, housing, nutrition, illness, and more will be discussed. This talk is designed to help the beginner get ready for the arrival and basic care of their turkeys. This talk will not be covering butchering.

For more information, please contact Mary West, mary.west@unh.edu at UNH Cooperative Extension, Merrimack County at (603) 796-2151. ■

Loudon Student on Russell Sage College Dean's List

Kyrie Ellison from Loudon, a Musical Theatre major at Russell Sage College, Troy, NY, has been placed on the Dean's List for the Fall 2009 semester. Dean's List students have achieved a semester grade point average of at least 3.4 while carrying a course load of at least 12 credits. ■

Looking for Motorcycle Ice Racing Trophies

The Sanborn family is looking for some older New England Motorcycle Ice Racing Champion Tropies in the mid 60s that were possibly sold to a couple in Loudon several years ago. The name of the winning racer would have been Eugene Sanborn. If anyone has any information regarding these trophies, please contact Barry Sanborn at 603-491-5849. There is a possible reward. ■

Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

Maple Ridge Farm

268 Loudon Ridge Road
Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup
436-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm

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

Ramsay's Farm Stand

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

Red Manse Farm

Corner Route 129 & Pittsfield Road
Organic Produce, Farm Patron Program
Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
www.redmansefarm.com
435-9943

Windswept Maples

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

Miles Smith Farm

56 Whitehouse Road
Locally raised beef, individual cuts and sides
M, Tue, Th 4–9 p.m. W, Sat 8–1 p.m.
www.milessmithfarm.com
783 5159

Hill Top Feeds

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

Sanborn Mills Farm

7097 Sanborn Road
Traditional working farm providing workshops
www.sanbornmills.org
435-7314

Pearl and Sons

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

Aznive Farm

7046 Pleasant Street
Hay, Beef
435-7509

Lyon Berry Farm

986 Route 129
Highbush blueberries
435-7640

B&B Syrup. Barton & Bowles

227 Flagg Road
783-4341, 783-9123

Mudget Hill Mumbling Maplers

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

D.S. Cole Growers

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

Ledgeview Greenhouses

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





Walk-In Immunization Clinics

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

Monday May 3, 2010 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday May 18, 2010 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 5815.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

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

Wed., May 5, 10 a.m. to Noon Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord
Fri., May 7, 9–11 a.m. West Street Ward House, Concord
Wed., May 12, 10:30–11:30 a.m. White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow

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

Support Concord Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice Program

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's "Passion for Caring" is on Thursday, May 6 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. hosted by Company C in Concord. Proceeds from this event benefit Concord Regional VNA's Hospice Program.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, entertainment by the Jazz Dogs, a raffle, and silent auction inside the spacious and comfortable Company C showroom. The silent auction features an 8' x 11" Company C rug of choice, a New Hampshire Technical Institute tuition certificate, Boston Red Sox tickets, and much more from area business supporters. Additionally, Company C will donate 20 percent of all sales that evening during the event to support Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association.

Every year, highly skilled healthcare professionals support and care for terminally ill patients and their families through end of life and grief and bereavement. The Concord Regional VNA's Hospice Program also includes the Hospice House located on the Concord Hospital campus where healthcare professionals provide 24-hour end-of-life care.

The benefit event is hosted by Company C. Founded in 1994 by Walter and Christine Chapin, Company C began creating extraordinary rugs with a refreshing design twist and inspiring color combinations. Company C soon expanded the product lines to include bedding, decorative pillows, throws, and fabric. Today, Company C's products are found at more than 1,000 specialty retailers and catalogs nationwide and at company-owned retail stores in Hingham, Mass., Portland, ME, and Concord, N.H. Headquarters with design studio and distribution center is located in Concord. For additional information or to view the complete product line, please visit www.companyc.com, www.facebook.com/colorfulliving, or call 800.818.8288.

"It is with great pride that Company C partners with Concord Regional VNA," said Chris Chapin, design & creative director at Company C. "Our community is fortunate to have a wonderful organization with such focused, caring people. We are grateful for all that they do for the people in our community, and we are happy to support them in their fundraising efforts."

Other sponsors of the benefit include The Prescription Center, Laconia Savings Bank, Concord Imaging Center, and Concord Orthopaedics, PA.

Kay Sidway and Donor Recognition Awards

The annual Kay Sidway Award and Donor Recognition Award are being presented at the event. The Kay Sidway Award honors individuals who devote themselves to the education, nurturing, and well-being of families. The award was initially presented to Kay Sidway in 1998 for her endless love and commitment to the children of the Concord community. The Donor Recognition Award honors an individual or individuals who go above and beyond in support of Concord Regional VNA services and programs.

Tickets for the Passion for Caring benefit are available for \$50 per person. To purchase event tickets, call (603) 230-5664, ext. 5807 or visit www.crvna.org. ■



FHA Changes Rules for Buyers

By Jack Prendiville
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Planning to get an FHA loan? Then you need to be aware of some upcoming changes that may make your FHA loan more costly. In January, the Federal Housing Administration announced a set of policy changes intended to strengthen its capital reserves. While the changes help FHA better manage its risk, they also have the effect of making FHA mortgages more expensive. That may make it more difficult for some buyers to afford a home.

The announced changes are:

- *Mortgage insurance premiums will be increased to 2.25%. This will be going into effect this spring.*
- *New borrowers will need a FICO score of 580 to qualify for FHA's 3.5% down payment program. Borrowers with less than 580 will have to put down at least 10%. This will go into effect early in the summer.*
- *Allowable seller concessions will be reduced from 6% to 3% effective in the early summer.*

"The FHA's delinquency rate has been spiraling higher, and they're trying to take some steps to tighten qualifying standards," says Mike Larson, a real estate analyst with Weiss Research. "For a buyer at the margin, it will make it tougher to qualify for an FHA loan. You may have to have a better credit score or come up with more money."

Since the FHA loans are particularly popular with first-time buyers due to their low down payment, buyers need to be acutely aware of these impending changes and take appropriate steps to ensure they will qualify. ■

Volunteers Needed

Loudon continues to work with the Capital Area Health Network in addressing health-related needs. During the recent flooding event, it became apparent that volunteers were needed to help staff the Regional Shelters. Therefore, the Capital Area Public Health Network is sponsoring the Capital Region Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). We need volunteers and have initiated a recruiting campaign.

- MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources.
- MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Many community members — interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors, and others — can fill key support positions

We are recruiting volunteers from across the capital region and encourage people to learn more about our MRC. You can even apply online. Visit www.capitalareaprepares.com for details.

If you have any questions, contact the Capital Region MRC Director, Mary Reed, at (603) 848-6155. ■

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Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — March 2, 2010

5:00 p.m.

In attendance: Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Sue Kowalski and Debbie Kardaseski, Library Director Nancy Hendy, Alternate Ken Krzewick, and town resident Laura Vincent.

Minutes from the February 2, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Director's Report:

Registration forms are due for the NHLTA conference on May 3 in Portsmouth. How many Trustees and alternates will be going? Last year's session provided important information and was well attended by our representatives thanks to the scholarships we were awarded. The statewide Friends of the Library group will be represented at the conference this year. Scholarship applications are here to be filled out.

The Suncook Interlibrary Cooperative was scheduled to meet in Allenstown this morning, but the meeting was postponed due to power outages there. Our borrowers

are always eager to check out the newest batch of DVDs and books on CDs from the cooperatively-owned collection.

On February 18, Stanley Elevator and B.K. Systems conducted the annual combined test of the alarm systems. The systems are in good working order. Low batteries for the panel board were replaced by BK Systems.

The Girl Scout cookie sale did well in conjunction with our book sale on February 27. Fifty-one boxes were sold.

Pam Bartlett and the rug hookers are running an instructional program on March 6.

The annual report is due to the State Library by April 19.

Watercolorist Frank Moulin's artwork is currently on display. With the help of volunteers, there will be a reception for him, on March 27, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

The storm and high winds, on February 25, blew down the sign by the Rte. 129 side of the building and damaged the mailbox. Adrian is seeing to repairs.

Our next book sale will be on March 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., preceding the artist's reception

Children's Librarian's Report:

Story time numbers for February were 86 children and 70 adults.

Movie Days (2) attendance during school vacation was 12 children and 8 adults.

Drop in craft day during school vacation attendance was 8 children and 6 adults.

Old Business

There was discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the VFW, represented by the Board of Selectmen, and the Maxfield Public Library, concerning the maintenance of the Veteran's Memorial. Sandy distributed a draft to which members can add their comments. It was also suggested an attorney look it over. Nancy will look through past minutes to record any references to the care of the memorial. Sue will send a letter to the Selectmen letting them

know we are working on a document and suggest a time to meet to discuss it.

Metal roof progress — Sandy is still trying to contact the right person at Rynerson by phone but she does have an e-mail address that the photos can be sent to. Nancy will forward the photographs.

There was discussion of Town Meeting coming up on March 13. The board felt they were prepared to address questions about the budget line increases.

6:35 p.m. the board entered executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The board voted to seal the minutes of the executive session for five years.

6:50 p.m. the board returned to the regular meeting which promptly adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Sandra Blanchard
Susan Kowalski
Deborah Kardaseski

MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — February 8, 2010

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, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake (arrived at 7:58 p.m.), Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Will Renault, Craig Saltmarsh, 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; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Pat Severance; Assistant Principals for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; MVLC Administrator Paulette Auger Fitzgerald; Facilities Director Fred Reagan,

Others Present: Bill Heinz, Boscawen Resident; Alex Cilley, MVHS Student Representative; Ellen Kontinos-Cilley, Parent

Election of Chairperson:

Audrey Carter nominated Mark Hutchins as Chairperson; Laura Vincent seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The board unanimously elected Mark Hutchins as Chairperson.

Election of Vice-Chairperson:

Caroletta Alicea nominated Audrey Carter as Vice-Chairperson; Thomas Godfrey seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The board unani-

mously elected Audrey Carter as Vice-Chairperson.

Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer:

Motion by Audrey Carter, second by Lorrie Carey, to appoint Sally Welch as Clerk, Carmella Dow as Treasurer and Dolores Moore as Alternate Signer. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Craig Saltmarsh, second by Audrey Carter, to approve the February 8, 2010 meeting minutes (pages 1–4 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Business Administrator Robin Heins reported that we are closely watching the seven accounts listed in NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 5 in the packet). Robin also reported that everything is going very well. Motion by Thomas Godfrey, second by Craig Saltmarsh, to approve the financial report (pages 6–19 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Assignments:

The board reviewed the committee assignments (page 20 in the packet). After a brief discussion, the board finalized committee assignments.

Public Participation:

Alex Cilley, MVHS Student Representative, reported on activities and sports at the high school.

Good News:

Sandy Davis, Tom Laliberte, Linda McAllister, Tracy Murch, Mary Estee, and Mike Jette reported on good news items and

upcoming events in their buildings. Mike Martin reported on good news items included in the packet (pages 21–35) and the “yellow folder.”

Committee Reports:

FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Mike Martin and Fred Reagan reported on the February 15, 2010 Facilities Committee meeting (minutes on pages 36–39 in the packet). The board discussed the proposed action plan recommended by the committee regarding the findings of the Life Safety Officer, Fire Department, City of Concord. Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Craig Saltmarsh, to approve the six year plan for improving and upgrading the Washington Street School building in the areas of fire protection and safety, ADA requirements, and energy, as recommended by the Merrimack valley School Board Facilities Committee and approved by the Concord Fire Department, from appropriated funds, fund balance and the maintenance trust, said plan to expend approximately two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) over the six year period. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The board encouraged administrators to pursue state building aid money.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

The minutes from the February 8, 2010 Curriculum Committee meeting are included in the packet (page 40) for board review. (This meeting was reported on at the February 8, 2010 board meeting immediately following the committee meeting.)

Next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the February 15, 2010 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on pages 41–50 in the packet). Included in the packet for a first read is a draft of Policy JICE, STUDENT PUBLICATION (page 42) and a draft of Policy IJK, SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION — MOVIES AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA (pages 43–49). Included in the packet for a second read is a draft of Policy JICEB, HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PORTRAIT POLICY (page 50). Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Thomas Godfrey, to approve Policy JICEB as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

OTHER:

Next Long Range Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

Next Wellness Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Old Business:

IB STEERING COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the March 4, 2010 Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) meetings (minutes on page 52 in the packet). The minutes for the February 4, 2010 Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) meeting are included in the packet for board review (page 51). (This meeting was reported on at the February 8, 2010 board meeting).

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Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — March 8, 2010

Next Meetings:

- Monday, April 12th, 2010, Loudon Community Building/Charlie's Barn, 7:00 PM
- Monday, May 10th, 2010, Loudon Community Building/Charlie's Barn, 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Bruce Dawson, Earl Tuson, Carole Soule, Per Garp
Attendees: None

Minutes:

Minutes of Feb 8, 2010 were accepted as written.

Funding available from the NH Dept of Agriculture can be applied for in November and must be matched. A possible use for this grant would be create a "Scenic Trip" through Loudon guide.

Per Garp to look into possible NH Agriculture funding for up to \$5,000.

The Commission now has copies of the current zoning ordinance and site development.

Bruce investigated Internet access in Charlie's Barn. The Historical Society has a "secured" WIFI router in the other half of the barn. Ron Lane (of the Historical Society) will make this available at the April meeting.

Local Food Funding Opportunity was discussed.

Carole tried to get information about the Loudon Maple weekend in the *Ledger* but was unable to locate information before the *Ledger* deadline.

Capital Area Farm Community sent out a request to be listed to Loudon farms.

Other zoning ordinances to be considered in the future might include sign regulations.

May speaker could be recruited to discuss Farm Energy including solar options.

Bruce will send out a "meeting reminder" 1 week before each board meeting to the board mailing list.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK:

Chris Barry reported that the second draft of the March/April issue of *The Community Pride Link* is in the packet (pages 53-54) for the board to review. This issue will be published and distributed this week.

OTHER: None

New Business:

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Craig Saltmarsh, 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.

OTHER:

Caroletta Alicea relayed comments from Candidates Night in Loudon regarding school lunch menus in the local newspapers.

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 Will Renauld, 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 surprised and pleased at district meetings by the support of the public. The board decided to send a thank you letter to Charlie Niebling.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris reported on the kindergarten numbers and said that we are watching the numbers closely. Chris also reported that copies of thank you letters sent at the board's request are included in the packet (page 56-60) for the board to review.

The board and district administrators discussed bullying/harassment throughout the district.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin reported on the turnout at the recent Alumni basketball game. A copy of a letter to the editor by the organizer is included in the packet (page 61) for the board to review.

Mike Martin reviewed and discussed a Dashboard model included in the packet (page 62) for the board to review.

Break at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed.

See Non-Public Session Minutes.

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Caroletta Alicea, to go out of non-public session at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Caroletta Alicea, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch
Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 16, 2010

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, Ives and Road Agent David Rice.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 2, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles explained the Board did not meet on March 9 due to the first session of Town Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles expressed the Board's appreciation to all those who worked on and helped to set up for the election, and the Saturday session of Town Meeting and everyone who came out to vote and attended the Saturday meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to appoint Roger Maxfield as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil presented the Board with the list of properties that will be going up for tax deed. Mrs. McNeil advised the Board she will need their decision by April 1st.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board of the current status of various town roads following the heavy rains.

Mr. Rice said the crew will start spring clean-up. He said they will be trying to clean up some of the sand on North Village Road.

Selectman Bowles said he had called Mr. Rice to discuss various culverts that need attention.

Selectman Ives asked how the dirt roads are holding up. Mr. Rice said they are holding up fine and there were no wash outs after the rains of last week.

The Board met with Dale Kilmister to discuss the bridge over Wiggins Road that was washed out during the flood of 2006. Mr. Kilmister said he was told the bridge would be replaced with something that would accommodate his tractor and allow him access to his property on the other side of the brook. Chairman Maxfield explained the events that necessitated the bridge being removed. Selectman Ives asked the weight

of the tractor. Mr. Kilmister said 3,000 pounds. Mr. Kilmister said he feels the snowmobile bridge would hold the weight if it was just one telephone pole length wider he feels he could cross with no problem. Chairman Maxfield expressed concerns for the town's liability and the DES requirements involved in removing the culverts. Selectman Ives said Mr. Rice will talk with representatives of the snowmobile club to see if they will add enough width to the bridge to accommodate Mr. Kilmister's tractor and allow him access to his land.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the annual traffic count program from Central NH Regional Planning Commission.

The Board was given a list of committee appointments that expire on March 31st for review. The Board will place an article in The Loudon Ledger asking for volunteers to serve on the various committees.

The Board received the invoice from Kase Printing for printing of the town report in the amount of \$3,255.00, which was in accordance with the bid submitted.

The Board received a copy of the payment for police coverage from NH Motor Speedway for the Sno Bowl event held in February in the amount of \$2,120.00.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2009 Forest Land reimbursement from State of NH in the amount of \$1,115.61.

The Board reviewed an invoice from Gerald Coogan for services rendered in the Greenview Drive litigation.

The Board received three invoices from The Louis Berger Group for review.

The Board received a memo from Donna White requesting to purchase the old computer from the Planning/Zoning office. Selectman Bowles said he would like to check with Steve Bennett at the Transfer Station to see if this would be something he would like to use as an upgrade to his current computer.

The Board received an abutter notice for a Zoning Board hearing for the Milligan property next to Dunkin Donuts.

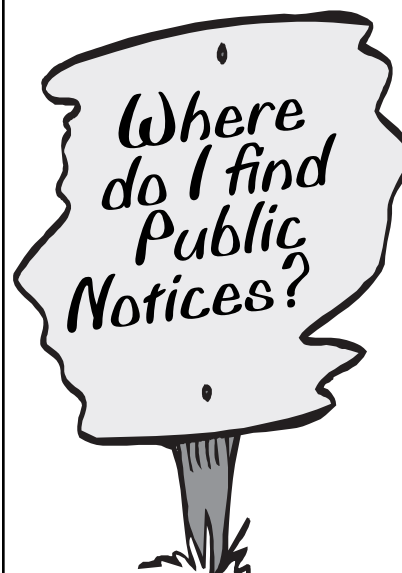
The Board received copies of the February property transfers for review.


The Board noted receipt of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #12.

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Notices for all Public Meetings are posted at the following sites:

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- Maxfield Public Library
- Beanstalk Store
- Ivory Rose/USPS
- Transfer Station
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The Board received a packet from the Merrimack County Delegation on the proposed budget for 2010.

Chairman Maxfield thanked Selectmen Ives and Selectman Bowles for their vote of confidence in appointing him Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Bowles reminded those present DARE Pizza Night was being held at the Elementary School and expressed the Board's thanks and appreciation to all those involved with this event. He said it is a lot of hard work organizing and putting this event together. Chairman Maxfield said he seconds those words. Selectman Ives agreed and also expressed his thoughts on how well Town Meeting went.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

**Deadline for the
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Friday
May 14, 2009**

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 23, 2010

PRESENT: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 16, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield noted for the record seven pistol permits were signed for approval.

Chairman Maxfield stated there are several appointments to various committees that are to be renewed. Selectman Ives moved to appoint Deirdre Littlefield to the position of Deputy Tax Collector, with the appointment to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Ives moved to appoint Helen L. McNeil to the position of Deputy Town Clerk, with the appointment to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Steve Bennett to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with a term to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Norman Bowles to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with a term to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Barbara Parent to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with a term to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint David Rice to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with a term to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to appoint Alicia Grimaldi, Amanda Masse, Jennifer Pfeifer, Christine Campbell, Leann Childress, and

Kimberly Therrien to the Loudon Recreation Committee with the terms to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Per Garp and Corey Clark as alternate members of the Loudon Agricultural Commission with terms to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles stated he would like to thank all these individuals for volunteering to serve on these committees. He said they put in a lot of time and effort. Chairman Maxfield echoed those words as did Selectman Ives.

Chairman Maxfield stated the next item is the agreement form for Federal Surplus Property which is due to be renewed. The Board will submit the agreement to Federal Surplus with the revisions noted.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Selectmen received information on establishing a revolving fund for the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee. This has been discussed by the Committee and will be addressed for Town Meeting 2011.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding review of the Arthur E. McNeil/Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship applications for 2010. The Board discussed the refunds that have been returned to the Town this past year and setting a policy on how this needs to be accounted for. Selectman Ives said he feels it is the Board's responsibility to set policy and feels the Board should review the current application for possible revisions.

The Board received additions to the traffic plan submittal for Central NH Regional Planning Commission for review.

The Selectmen received weekly expenditure reports for review.

The Board received the minutes of Town Meeting for review and comment.

The Board received notification of the rescheduling of the Greenview Drive litigation to May 24, 2010.

The Board received an email from Vincent Marabella regarding the culvert under his driveway on Hollow Route Road. Road Agent David Rice has been advised of this information as well. Selectman Bowles will follow up on this information.

The Board received a request from the Girl Scouts to do spring clean-up at the town cemeteries. Mrs. Masse will be advised to contact the Cemetery Trustees to make arrangements.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Bowles moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collection: Account #9205 in the amount of \$489.00, Account # 30101 in the amount of \$218.27, and Account # 44764 in the amount of \$605.10. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of the Cate Van Committee minutes for December and January for review.

The Board received the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #13 for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 30, 2010

PRESENT: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present are Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Road Agent David Rice, Planning Board Chair Tom Dow, Planning Board Vice Chair Stanley Prescott, and Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair David Powelson.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 23, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit meeting and explained the objective of the Board of Permit is to serve as an advisory board and assist applicants on the direction in which they should proceed.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow. Mr. Dow referred to a letter he received from Fire Chief Jeff Burr in regards to the site plan approval for Huckleberry Heating Oils. Chief Burr stated in his letter his concerns for the approval given by the Planning Board for the Huckleberry Heating Oils Chichester Road storage facility. Chief Burr stated as Fire Chief of the Town of Loudon and the authority having jurisdiction, he does not approve the plans set forth and approved by the Planning Board. He went on to say the plans submitted do not meet the requirements for fire protection as set forth in the Fire Safety analysis submitted by Huckleberry Heating Oils or the National Fire Protection 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code 2001 edition that has been adopted by the State of New Hampshire as fire code.

Chairman Dow reviewed the process undertaken by Mr. Huckins in seeking approvals through both the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board. Chairman Dow read from a summary of events beginning with the application for a special exception for two 30,000 gallon propane tanks which came before the Zoning Board of Adjustment on September 24, 2009. In October 2009, Mr. Huckins appeared before the Planning Board for an amended site plan for the removal of the gasoline tanks and installation of propane tanks. The application was continued to the November meeting, during which the plan was given conditional approval. The conditions required references to boundaries be removed or the plan had to be stamped by a licensed land surveyor and a letter of approval from the Fire Department needed

to be submitted. On November 30, 2009, the Planning Office received a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Huckins by the Fire Department stating a 15,000 gallon cistern is required. On December 3, 2009 the Planning Office sent a memo to Chief Burr asking for an explanation on the cistern requirement. December 7, 2009 the Planning Office received a copy of a letter from Mr. Huckins asking Chief Burr for the same explanation on the cistern requirement. On December 10, 2009 Chief Burr replied with the explanation the requirement was based on the applicant's fire analysis and NFPA 58 2001 edition. On December 17, 2009 Firefighter John Reese appeared before the Planning Board at Chief Burr's request, for further discussion on the cistern requirement. December 24, 2009, Mr. Huckins was noti-

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fied the Planning Board wants engineered plans for the cistern to be approved by the Fire Department. On February 18, 2010, the applicant appeared before the Planning Board for lengthy discussion of cistern/piping and location. Fire Department would provide letter approving the plan if the draft pipes were 100 ft. from the tanks. Planning Board took Fire Department recommendation into consideration during approval process and approved the amended site plan as drawn with 80 ft. distance between pipes and tank in an effort to avoid going into paved driveway area/changing traffic pattern, etc. On March 3, 2010 Planning Board Office receives memo from Chief Burr stating the cistern should not be any closer than 100 ft. from tanks. Chief Burr asks the Board to reconsider their approval. March 16, 2010, Chief Burr sent letter from Chairman Dow stating the Planning Board granted final approval of the plans as submitted. On March 24, 2010 the above referenced letter received stating Chief Burr does not approve the plan. Chairman Dow said, with all due respect to those involved, he feels the applicant came in with due diligence to do what had to be done to get the approvals for the tanks and get his business running. Mr. Dow said there was ample opportunity for the Fire Department to express their concerns early on and it wasn't until the applicant was asked to obtain a letter from the Fire Department that the cistern even came up. He said unfortunately it now looks as if the Planning Board has approved an application that the Fire Department feels is not in the best interest of safety. Chairman Maxfield asked if ZBA Chairman David Powelson would like to comment. Mr. Powelson said he was not at the initial ZBA meeting when the applicant sought the special exception for the tanks. He said it is obvious that safety concerns are taken into account when going through the approval process. Chairman Maxfield stated the Department Heads are always encouraged to participate in the review of plans submitted. Chairman Maxfield asked Fire Chief Jeff Burr for his comments. Chief Burr said he has no objections to the tanks. He said under RSA 154:2-II, the fire chief shall have the authority to enforce any local or state laws or rules pertaining to the control of combustible or hazardous materials, or both, the design of exits, and any other fire safety measures including the state fire code enacted pursuant to RSA 153:5. Chief Burr said part of the state fire code is *NFPA 58*. He said not all of *NFPA 58* is being adhered to. He said there are plans that have to be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction and there are a lot of things that need to be done, that are not being done, and they need to be before construction begins. Chief Burr read from *NFPA 58*, outlining the requirements for submission of plans for the installation of the containers and associated equipment. He said none of this has been submitted to the Fire Department at this time. Chief Burr said all he wants is for the applicant to adhere to

NFPA 58, which is state law. Chairman Maxfield recognized Simon Leeming, who is representing David Huckins and Huckleberry Heating Oils. Attorney Leeming said his client does not want to get drawn into a jurisdictional issue. He said his client appreciates what the Zoning Board, the Planning Board, and the Fire Chief have done. Attorney Leeming said the Fire Safety Analysis has been submitted. He said his understanding is the main issue is the distance between the cistern and the tanks. He said he feels a short discussion could resolve these issues. Chief Burr said all he wants is for the applicant to present an engineered set of plans as required by *NFPA 58* prior to beginning any construction. Chief Burr said it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the project meets all regulations. He said he would be glad to step out and meet with the applicant and his attorney to review the requirements and discuss a resolution. Discussion ensued regarding the participation from Department Heads in applications coming before the various boards. Chairman Maxfield said maybe the Selectmen need to reinforce the importance of this participation.

Chairman Maxfield moved to the next item on the agenda which is a letter from John and Lynn Cochran. Selectman Ives gave a brief overview of the ongoing situation regarding a property located on Route 129. Chairman Maxfield asked Chief Fiske about a noise ordinance for daytime activities. Chief Fiske said no there is not, however if it continues late into the night the Police will speak to those involved. Chief Fiske went on to discuss the other issues of parking, loud noise and interference with traffic flow. Selectman Ives said it appears the tenants of the property have been advertising activities at the property on a web site. He said under the Town of Loudon Zoning Ordinance club houses are only allowed by special exception. Selectman Ives said he feels it would be beneficial to have the tenants apply to the Zoning Board for a special exception, which would then allow for conditions to be applied and that would give code enforcement and/or the Police Department additional options for enforcement of town regulations. Chief Fiske said he does not feel requiring them to appear before the Zoning Board will deter the loud noise issue. Chairman Maxfield said the Selectmen could discuss advising the individuals they need to apply to the Zoning Board for a club house exception. Selectman Bowles said he would like to see Chief Fiske meet with the tenants and discuss the issues that have been brought forward. If changes are not put in place then require them to apply for a special exception. He said conditions have been put in place at other establishments. Roy Merrill suggested requiring police presence during events taking place at the owner or tenant's expense. Selectman Bowles said he would like to see these issues addressed before someone gets hurt.

Chairman Maxfield addressed Attorney Leeming on the Huckleberry Heating Oil's issue. Attorney Leeming said the results of

the discussion with Chief Burr are that Chief Burr will go back to the state to determine the required distances and both Chief Burr and Mr. Huckins will continue to work together to be sure everyone is aware of the requirements that must be met to get the project completed.

Chairman Maxfield said he would now close the Board of Permit meeting and resume the regular Selectmen's meeting.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice said all seems to be going well, no significant water problems as a result of all the rain.

Mr. Rice said they have reconstructed the old broom from the Case tractor to enable the crew to use it with a dump truck or the new tractor.

Mr. Rice said he is preparing a list of culverts that will need to be replaced so he can obtain prices. Selectman Ives asked if Mr. Rice has any thoughts on how to fix the water problem on Country Hill Road. Mr. Rice said he has received permission from the landowner to place a catch basin at the end of the town's culvert.

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

Chief Fiske advised the Board he has received a letter of intent from NH Motor Speedway for a fan appreciation day scheduled for Saturday, April 3. He said the letter states no police details will be required for this event.

Mr. Fiske discussed the Timberman Triathlon scheduled for August 22nd.

Chief Fiske reminded the Board there was supposed to be a meeting of the Governor's task force to review security options for NH Motor Speedway Sprint Cup events the first part of March. He said the meeting has not happened. Selectman Bowles said it is getting down to crunch time and that Chief Fiske and Chief Burr need to schedule the needed manpower. He said he feels a letter needs to be sent to the track with a deadline to respond. Chief Burr said he does not feel the town should take the first step. Chairman Maxfield said he would telephone Mr. Gappens to get a status report. Selectman Bowles urged caution in verbal communication and advised Chairman Maxfield to put any questions or comments in writing. Chief Fiske said the town has been told the cap on expenditure for police and fire protection is \$75,000. If the town is to provide the required safety personnel, the cost will most likely be the same as the September race or approximately \$170,000.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr addressed the flooding issues. He said the state had opened the emergency operations center and the Soucook River is supposed to hit 12.2 feet above flood stage at approximately 2:00 P.M. Wednesday.

Chief Fiske addressed the fireworks training that will be taking place on May 1. Chief Burr said that this training will not be open to the public, but a notice of the training is going to appear in the *Loudon Ledger* as well as being posted. Selectman Bowles

said he would like to address the issue of communication of these training sessions with both the Select Board and Chief Fiske. Chief Burr said the training at the track last year was not sponsored by his department and he thought all parties had been notified. Chairman Maxfield said he had spoken with Chief Burr on another matter and had been advised of the training session March 9. He apologized for not including the other Selectmen in this information.

Chairman Maxfield noted for the record four pistol permits were approved for signature.

Chairman Maxfield asked the Board for their input regarding the request for abatement for repairs of damages from the water issue on Country Hill Road. Due to the size of the culvert on the homeowner's property, it is not the town's responsibility and therefore it is the Board's decision to deny this request.

Selectmen Ives addressed the parking permits obtained through the Planning Board as this has been discussed during the recent Planning Board meeting. He said he did not realize the \$100 fee was a one-time only payment. He said he suggested this be changed to an annual fee. Additional comments regarding campers, porta johns, parking diagrams etc. ensued.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board noted receipt of a letter from the Library Trustees regarding appointment of alternate Trustees. *Selectman Ives moved to appoint Marilyn Sylvester and Steven DelDeo as alternate Library Trustees with terms to expire March 31, 2011. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church for \$17,563.00. This represents one half of the most recent invoice for the repairs at the Town Hall/Church and the remaining balance that will be due on completion of the painting this spring. Selectman Bowles will check with Mr. Fifield and if needed, the church will be refunded one half of the \$1,100 balance or \$550.00.

Chairman Maxfield reviewed the letter of intent for NHMS fan appreciation day April 3rd.

Selectman Bowles received a congratulatory letter from Sen. Judd Gregg for his re-election.

The Board received the draft March Planning Board and Zoning Board minutes for review.

The Board received the most recent price adjustments from Comcast for review.

The Board received NHMA *Legislative Bulletin #14* for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — April 6, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 30, 2010 as written. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record three pistol permits were signed for approval.

The Selectmen acknowledged Thadius Wells, who was in the audience to observe how a Selectmen's Meeting is conducted, and to take notes for his senior project. Chairman Maxfield explained the procedure, starting with the meetings in which the Department Heads such as Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Road Agent meet with the Select Board to discuss day to day workings of their departments and items of importance which may require the Selectmen's input and direction. Chairman Maxfield explained the Selectmen formulate the budget of the town each year. He said the town also pays money each month to the Merrimack Valley School District, which for this school year is approximately \$660,000 per month. Chairman Maxfield said the town is also responsible to pay an annual assessment to Merrimack County which is monies needed to operate the County administration, Nursing Home, Jail etc.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of weekly expenditure reports for review.

Bob Fiske submitted a quotation for repair of a window and screen at the Police Department from Granite State Glass in the amount of \$418.00. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the Police Department's request to repair a window and screen in the amount of \$418.00. Second by Selectman Bowles. This amount will come from Town Building Expense account number 01-41941-400-490. All in favor. Motion carried.* Discussion ensued from the audience on the procedure for approving expenditures.

The Board acknowledged receipt of information regarding disaster declaration meetings from the Office of Emergency Management. It was noted that Road Agent David Rice was given a copy of this information.

The Board received information on the Greenview Drive litigation from Town Counsel.

Fire Chief Jeff Burr submitted information on the May 1 fireworks training for the Board's review.

The Board received a copy of a thank you letter to Deb Kardaseski for her service as Library Trustee. The letter was sent by the Trustees of the Maxfield Public Library.

Chairman Maxfield explained to those present the Selectmen prior to the opening of the meeting signed the Payroll and Accounts Payable manifests as well as general correspondence requiring the Board's signature.

The Board noted receipt of a thank you letter from the Police Department for the DARE Pizza Night participation.

The Board received information on the Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 8:00 AM until Noon.

The Board received a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in the NH Public Radio 2010 Interactive Town Meeting program.

The Board noted receipt of an abutter letter from the Planning Board on the Hermel Fortier subdivision application. Chairman Maxfield noted that Selectmen Ives serves as Ex-Officio to the Planning Board as the Selectmen's representative.

The Board received a request for a response to the March 17 email from Vincent Marabella on his culvert issue.

The Board was given past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Bowles moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection: Account #44816 in the amount of \$684.80, Account #44061 in the amount of \$278.62, Account #27732 in the amount of \$767.80, and Account #12232 in the amount of \$300.10. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received NHMA Legislative Bulletin #15 for review. Chairman Maxfield

noted for those present that the Selectmen receive these bulletins each week during the Legislative Session so they are aware of bills before the Legislature for consideration.

The Selectmen received notification of the annual Local Officials Workshops sponsored by the Local Government Center.

Selectman Bowles received information on the Northeast Resource Recovery Recycling Conference scheduled for June.

Chairman Maxfield reviewed the remaining miscellaneous correspondence.

Chip Cochran asked the Board how they felt about the proposal put forward by New Hampshire Motor Speedway regarding expanded gambling and construction of a hotel/casino on the track property. Selectman Ives said he wanted to go on record that the Selectmen have not been approached by Mr. Gappens regarding this proposal. He

said Mr. Gappens was questioned by Planning Board member Steve Jackson at the last Planning Board meeting as to the track's proposal. Selectman Ives said he feels the town should talk with town counsel regarding the town's position if this proposal should go forward.

Mr. Cochran said he had brought his grandson tonight to see how a Selectmen's Meeting is conducted and he also plans on taking him to the State House to observe the Legislature in action.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE: FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010

Planning Board Minutes — March 18, 2010

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Steve Jackson, Tom Moore, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Henry Huntington, Alternates Jeff Green and Bob Ordway, and Ex-Officio Steve Ives. Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Gary Tasker.

Julie Robinson represented the Conservation Commission; Chief Jeff Burr and Firefighter John Reese represented the Fire Department.

Chairman Dow congratulated Steve Jackson and Tom Moore on their re-election to the Board.

Acceptance of Minutes:

February 18, 2010 Regular Meeting — Bob Ordway made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

Discussion:

NHMS — Jerry Gappens was present to follow up on the Sno-Bowl that was held in February. Mr. Gappens gave an overview of the Sno-Bowl. He said from the Speedway point it went very well in spite of some weather problems affecting the snow.

Mr. Gappens said that they have received a lot of positive feedback, no noise complaints, and positive phone calls from Loudon and Canterbury residents. He said that Chief Fiske and his department had a good handle on the traffic. Mr. Gappens said that NHMS would like to move forward to do this event again next year. He stressed that this would be one event; they are not looking to do anything more than one time a year.

Tom Dow said that he felt everything set well with the neighbors after all that was said and done prior to the approval of the event. Mr. Gappens said they would like to go ahead with the process for 2011. He spoke about the process that was followed this time with regard to regional impact and that he met with the Canterbury Board of Selectmen to clarify a few things. The approximate timeframe would be late January/mid-February. He said they have sponsors interested and would like to be able to begin making arrangements.

Jeff Green said that he lives behind the track and the wind was blowing in his direc-

tion. He said there was no noise from this event at his house compared to being able to hear the PA system during NASCAR events. He said there were no traffic issues on back roads and overall it appeared that people were happy with the event and looking forward to next year. Tom Dow said that there had been a lot of discussion and he felt this was not nearly as intrusive as some were concerned about. Steve Ives stated that he went to the event on the first day and the traffic on Route 106 was normal. He said he sat on Asby Road and could not hear anything from the event. Stan Prescott said the sooner that NHMS gets the plans down, the sooner the process can get going. Jeff Green said that the noise study has already been done and now they have some event history to go on. Chairman Dow advised Mr. Gappens that an application would have to be submitted and the Board would have to determine regional impact. He explained that the determination could be made in April if an application was submitted by the April deadline; the case would then be heard in May if determined to be of regional impact.

Bob Ordway said that he went to the event at peak times and also went to different areas in the vicinity of the track to see if there was any noise. He said the loudspeaker was all he heard. Mr. Gappens said that there has been some discussion of putting the event inside the oval. He thought that might mitigate the loudspeaker sound. He said they are still in the discussion and planning stages. Mr. Gappens stated that he appreciated the Board's and the Town's support in this first attempt and allowing them to try it.

Conceptual Consultation:

Faith Community Church — Rodney Phillips spoke on behalf of the church. Bruce Dow was also present for the church. Mr. Phillips handed out diagrams of the lot and pictures of the house that currently stands on the property across from the church on North Village Road. He gave an overview of the history of the building and church, the church's schedules, and attendance. Mr. Phillips spoke about the many different groups that currently use the church and how church members have been doing some long range planning. He talked of the various events that take place at the

church and the space limitations. Mr. Phillips said he will be meeting with the ZBA next week to see if there are any concerns that have to be addressed with regard to zoning. He explained that the plan is to replace the three bay garage currently on the property with another structure that would include one half dozen Sunday school rooms. He said that the current garage is 30' x 40' and they propose to replace it with a 40' x 60' structure. Mr. Phillips said that they would use white clapboard siding and design the building to look like the existing house. He said it would be a single story with an attic. The plan would be to close the current driveway and open one directly across from the church entrance; the house entrance would be moved to the south side of the house. Mr. Phillips said they want to design the building so that the property could be sold in the future and used as a garage again if desired. He pointed out that the church is in the C/I district and the house is in the RR district.

There was discussion about the permitted uses in the two zones mentioned. Mr. Phillips stated that there would be two bathrooms, noting that the church is designated as an emergency shelter and this would give them additional facilities for that as well. Discussion covered septic system, kitchen facility (small kitchenette), no additional signage, outside lighting, and safety concerns with crossing the road from the church to this building.

Old Business:

#10-02, Russell & Jennifer Stratton — Major Subdivision, Located on Batchelder Road in the RR District, Map 38, Lot 8-1. There were no abutters present. Chairman Dow noted that this application was tabled from the February 18th meeting. Mark Sargent of Richard D Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant. Mr. Stratton was present.

Mr. Sargent gave an overview of the 14.64 acre parcel and its location. He explained that Mr. Stratton has a home on one end of the parcel. The State subdivision approval was handed in for the record. Mr. Sargent stated that there are two waiver requests; one is for the scale being 1" = 60' and the other is for the Site Specific Soil Map. He explained that test pits were done

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and the septic was approved. He noted that the soils are consistent with the Merrimack County soils map.

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

Tom Dow noted that there is a PSNH easement on this parcel. He asked if they had been in touch with PSNH about the location of a house/structure/driveway. Mr. Sargent said that they have talked with PSNH and they cannot locate a structure in the right-of-way. He said the right-of-way can be crossed perpendicularly. He pointed out the proposed location for a house and that they have ample room to locate a driveway outside the easement. Jeff Green pointed out that a special exception would be needed for a driveway on the middle lot if they plan to stay outside the easement as that would put it in the side setback. Tom Dow asked about steep slopes. Mr. Sargent said the slopes are not counted toward the buildable area nor is the easement. Mr. Dow said that he thought there was a recreational trail system on Map 38, Lot 8-1. He said they prefer to maintain continuity of trails. Mr. Stratton said that he spoke with the snowmobile association and he is alright with the trail being there. He said it was mentioned that the trail might be offset with the power lines. Mr. Dow asked if Mr. Stratton was agreeable to a note being placed on the plan about the recreational trail on this lot. Mr. Stratton said he was.

Julie Robinson asked if an owner can do anything in the PSNH easement if PSNH has the right to maintain it. Mr. Sargent explained that it can be used but nothing can be built within the easement. Jeff Green asked if there was any note on the plan about that restriction. Mr. Sargent said it would be conveyed in the deed that there is a PSNH easement. Stan Prescott asked about a section on the plan that is labeled "poorly drained soils." Mr. Sargent explained that the soils fall within the county soils map which is what was used when delineating the parcel. Mr. Prescott asked about the owner's address. Mr. Sargent will correct this as Mr. Stratton is now living in Loudon. Mr. Prescott asked about a label that read "to ledge." Mr. Sargent will correct this to be "no ledge."

Tom Dow asked if the driveway locations are shown. Mr. Sargent said only the driveway for the existing house is shown at this time. He said the others will be approved by the road agent.

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 12.5.4. Tom Moore made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 12.5.12. Henry Huntington moved to approve the waiver; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

Hearing no further questions from the public, Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Stan Prescott asked about the wetland scientist stamp. Mr. Sargent said he will have that on the final set of plans. Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the application subject to the following: 1) wetland scientist stamp; 2) owner address changed; 3) note of no building under power lines; 4) if driveway in setback it needs special exception; 5) note of recreational trail; delineate location of trail, down power lines to corner of Lot 38-1. Seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

New Business:

#10-03, Michael Milligan — Site Development, Wales Bridge Road, in the C/I District, Map 20, Lot 58. Tim Bernier of TF Bernier, Inc. represented the applicant. Abutters present were Matt Smith of the Loudon Garage and Elaine Flick and her son Brian. Mr. Milligan and the owner of the proposed business, Jay Canney, were also present.

Mr. Bernier gave an overview of the lot and location, noting that the access is off Wales Bridge Road. He explained that there is a power line that feeds Dunkin Donuts crossing the property but no easement was ever created. Mr. Bernier pointed out a protective well radius for Dunkin Donuts on the property line. He explained that this lot would be used for used auto sales and light repair. The building would be 1925 sf (1400 sf for maintenance and 525 sf for office) and would be slab on grade. Seventeen parking spaces will be provided per the regulations, with paved access. Mr. Bernier stated that there would be 9825 sf of display space, enough for sixty to seventy cars. A landscape plan was submitted. Mr. Bernier noted that they discovered more landscaping at the Dunkin Donuts boundary once the snow melted so he has added more to this site to keep it level development. He explained the State restriction on tree cutting and that they got an agreement that any trees 4" or greater have to stay.

Mr. Bernier stated that the applicant went to the ZBA for setback relief due to the odd shape of the lot. The front setback was reduced from 100' to 60'; side setback was reduced from 100' (corner lot) to 30'; and

the residential buffer was reduced from 60' to 30'. Mr. Bernier noted that there is a natural vegetative buffer at the residential boundary. He explained that the ZBA set the operating hours as 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and that repairs are limited to the vehicles for sale or that have been sold at this facility. He said this is not a maintenance garage that is open to the public.

Mr. Bernier reviewed the three waiver requests that have been submitted with the application. Site Specific Soils — all one soil type, well drained sand, reviewed by wetland scientist. Stormwater Management Plan — only 15% impervious, all drains away from residential area and Dunkin Donuts; created low area/landscape island; soil very well drained. Erosion/Lighting/Drainage/Landscaping/Utility — incorporated all into the site plan rather than separate sheets.

Mr. Bernier pointed out locations for outside septic and well. He said there will be three pole lights for safety and security. The lights are the same as those used at Dunkin Donuts. He gave an overview of the proposed landscaping, noting that some of Dunkin Donuts' landscaping is on this property. Mr. Bernier noted that sign information was submitted with the application. He pointed out that the sign would be located at the southeast corner of the parcel, with landscaping. He noted that an evergreen hedge would be planted along the front of the building and smaller plantings would be along the other sides.

Matt Smith said that he is in favor of the auto sales portion of the plan but is opposed to the inspection and repair part. He read from a prepared statement and submitted it for the file. Mr. Smith also submitted a list of other repair shops in Loudon and papers showing the population of the town.

Elaine Flick asked if there would be additional runoff from this property that would affect a culvert that currently runs onto her property and causes washouts. Mr. Bernier stated that there will be 12,000 sf of impervious area and the runoff would be minimal. He showed a proposed detention area at the corner and also noted that some of the site pitches to the island in the display area. He said the layout is capturing what used to come through the lot as well as any new runoff. Steve Jackson noted that there should not be any additional drainage to the culvert as that is designed to capture water from Route 106 and Village Road. Stan Prescott asked if a drainage study was done. Mr. Bernier said a study was not done because the lot is so small and due to the natural drainage pattern.

Tom Moore noted that the pavement stops halfway through the lot. He said dust could be a concern. Tim Bernier pointed out that it was a display area and customers would be driving quite slowly. The cost of paving was a factor in leaving that area gravel. Mr. Milligan pointed out that they do not want dusty material in the area with clean cars. He said a hard packed material would be used.

Stan Prescott asked about the kind of soil on the lot. He asked if they would be opposed to putting some sumps on the property. Mr. Bernier said that could be an issue when the ground is frozen. Discussion continued about drainage options and Mr. Milligan said he would be in agreement with open bottom catch basins to avoid runoff concerns. Steve Jackson asked about the construction of the building. Mr. Milligan said it would have vinyl siding and architectural asphalt shingles.

Jay Canney said there would be no wrecker service. He said State inspections would be done for the cars sold on the lot. He talked of customers wanting the assurance that they can come back if problems. He said he would do small jobs onsite but would send bigger jobs out to other shops.

Tom Dow stated that the Board would want to see the building fit in aesthetically. Mr. Milligan said that the siding would be a bluish gray. Mr. Dow read a letter from the fire department which will be part of the file. Mr. Milligan said that he is pricing out an alarm system. Firefighter Reese said that based on codes for auto repair all that is required is a fire alarm system. He said if the business was expanded they would have to look at a sprinkler system.

Chairman Dow said that he could understand Mr. Smith's concern of competition. He said it would be nice to extend repairs to him and maintain good relations. Mr. Milligan noted that Mr. Canney would not be doing any towing or larger jobs but does need to be able to do stickers for those cars being sold on the lot. There was discussion of the conversation held at the ZBA hearing with regard to Mr. Canney's intent. Steve Jackson pointed out that this is an allowed use and he would question if the Board can limit the use, particularly where the ZBA gave its approval. There was brief discussion about the purpose of this application and the Board's role. Stan Prescott said he understood what the ZBA did in its decision and suggested that the different parties trust in that decision, keep an open mind, and each do as they should.

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**NEW PLANNING/ZONING OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8 A.M.—4 P.M. OPEN TUESDAY EVENINGS UNTIL 7 P.M.**

Please note that both Planning and Zoning Minutes are DRAFT minutes, i.e., they have not been approved yet. For a copy of the approved minutes, please contact the Planning/Zoning Office after their monthly meetings (798-4540).

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Elaine Flick asked if there would be junk vehicles on the property. Mr. Canney said that he does not operate a body shop so there would not be any crashed/damaged vehicles on the lot. He said he has someone who does that work for him elsewhere.

Stan Prescott asked about the height of the building. Mr. Milligan said it is 28' to peak, with 16' ceilings. The building would be 35' x 55'. Tom Dow noted that there could be more landscaping along Route 106. Mr. Canney showed pictures of before and after site work was done. There was discussion of landscaping options and what Dunkin Donuts did on their property. Mr. Bernier suggested that they could do some small islands on the inside of the fence with low plantings. Henry Huntington suggested that they soften the building with something small.

There was further discussion of the drainage on and from this property. Mr. Bernier explained the natural drainage flow and how it pitches into the center of the display area. Mr. Milligan said he would be agreeable to adding more drainage if there proved to be any problems in the future. Stan Prescott suggested that a drainage area be located by the driveway to collect the building runoff.

Steve Jackson reminded Mr. Milligan of the driveway regulations with regard to pitching away from the road. Tom Dow reviewed comments to include: add more landscaping, basins, tree by the building, and the possibility of recycled asphalt in display area. Mr. Bernier asked if it had to be recycled pavement or if the Board would be open to other materials if they found something suitable. Mr. Milligan asked if

hard pack was suitable. Tom Dow said they should look at the options.

Stan Prescott advised Mr. Bernier to identify the plantings. Chairman Dow read a letter from the State DOT, as an abutter. Stan Prescott asked about silt fencing. Mr. Bernier will review this with the contractor and update the plan.

Chairman Dow reviewed the waiver requests. The waiver that includes the landscape plan to be on the site plan will have to be amended since a separate landscape plan has been submitted at this meeting. Jay Canney asked if the application could be approved at this meeting with the conditions discussed. The chairman explained the process of reviewing final plans and that he would prefer that the Board be involved in that final review.

Elaine Flick asked what would be done for landscaping on the Wales Bridge side of the property. Mr. Bernier said that the area has been cleaned up since the plan was done and he will look at it again. Mr. Milligan noted that there is a tree, the State fence, and a pole/wire that they have to work around.

Tom Moore made a motion to continue this application to April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

Parking permit review — Chairman Dow explained that it has been brought to the Planning Office's attention that some permit holders have overnight campers. He suggested that the Board could have permit holders come in and tell the Board if their parking plan has changed. He read from 503.3 of the Zoning Ordinance which allows campers on the resident's property

and he noted that parking permits prohibit overnight parking. The chairman offered suggestions on how best to handle this type of situation. Jeff Burr said that he has had some people bring it up to him and that some lots have increased their areas. He said it needs to be the same for all who hold parking permits. The chief suggested that the permit holders be required to submit updated plans every five years, regardless if there have been any changes. He said that would allow the Board and the fire department to be sure the roadways are suitable and accessible. There was discussion of how best to regulate overnight camping at the permitted daytime parking lots. Enforcement was a major concern. This will be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

Fire/Safety impact fees — Chief Burr encouraged the Board to consider a new impact fee to help offset increased demand for services. There was discussion of possible impact should there be further expansion at the track and the existing impact of the elderly housing. There was discussion of what impact fees can be used for.

Traffic count — CNHRPC has asked for the town's input on where to locate counters this year. The Board reviewed the list of locations that the Selectboard and road agent submitted. It was agreed to add Pleasant Street, east of Route 129.

Election of Officers — Henry Huntington nominated Tom Dow as Chairman; seconded by Steve Ives. Mr. Dow accepted the nomination. All were in favor.

Tom Moore nominated Stan Prescott as Vice Chairman; seconded by Steve Jackson. Mr. Prescott accepted. All were in favor.

Appointment of Alternates — Chairman Dow recommended that Bob Ordway

and Jeff Green be appointed to continue as the Board's alternate members. Both accepted. All were in favor. Mr. Ordway and Mr. Green will see the town clerk to be sworn in.

Upcoming vacancy — Chairman Dow said that Gary Tasker will be moving out of town in the near future and will be resigning his position on the Board. He informed the members that Bob Cole is interested in joining the Board and could fill Mr. Tasker's position until the next election. Mr. Cole stated that Mr. Ordway and Mr. Green had informed him that they were not interested in the full position. Mr. Green explained that he has to often step down as a surveyor for clients so prefers the alternate position. The Board will address the matter once Mr. Tasker's written resignation is received.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there is an application for ESMI soil application on the Milligan commercial property and an application for a special exception for automotive services at the Bollinger commercial building on Staniels Road before the ZBA this month.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that the Board of Permit is scheduled for March 30th due to scheduling conflicts earlier in the month.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. was made by Tom Moore; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — March 25, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2010 as presented; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

Chairman Powelson noted that Jim Venne's term as an alternate member expires this month. He said he would like to nominate Jim for another term. Board members agreed that Jim has done a good job and been an asset to the Board. All were in favor of the appointment. Jim will see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

Chairman Powelson said that he has been unable to reach Jonathan Huntington. He will continue to try to make contact to see if Mr. Huntington is interested in another

term as an alternate member. He congratulated the recently re-elected members.

DISCUSSIONS

Rodney Phillips/Faith Community Church — Mr. Phillips spoke on behalf of the church's long-range planning committee. He gave an overview of the church and its needs. Mr. Phillips explained that they would like to replace the three-bay garage that is currently on the property across North Village Road from the church. The garage would be replaced with a 40' x 60', one story structure that would look like the existing house. He stated that they would close the current driveway and open a new one directly across from the church driveway. There would be three or four parking spaces; the building would be designed so that it could be modified if sold in the future. Mr. Phillips noted that the church is in the C/I District and the parsonage is in the RR District. He said he is looking for some feedback from the ZBA on this proposal, noting that he met with the Planning Board the week before. He said the road crossing was the main concern of the Planning

Board. Mr. Phillips said that they would plan to have four to six classrooms for Sunday school in the new building. Ned Lizotte asked if they had thought of adding up on the current church. Mr. Phillips said he was not sure that is feasible on the existing structure. He said there is a second floor that is currently used for education. Roy Merrill said there did not appear to be any setback issues. Dave Powelson said the new location of the driveway would be the only area of concern that he could see. Mr. Merrill said he saw no problem with the setback. He said the traffic safety would be his only concern. He noted that parking could be a long range problem. Mr. Phillips said they realize that and could go to a third service if necessary. Howard Pearl pointed out that the use is permitted by zoning. Dave Powelson stated that the fire department would be interested in the life safety aspect of the project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Z10-03, Michael Milligan — ESMI Soil Application Request, Map 20, Lot 58. Mr. Milligan explained that he is developing his site at the corner of Wales Bridge Road,

Route 106, and South Village Road. He said there is a section in the driveway/parking area that needs fill and he would like to use the ESMI soil for that purpose. He said the area, on the Dunkin Donuts side of his proposed building, will be paved. Ned Lizotte asked if he is using this fill because of its low cost. Mr. Milligan said that was correct. He said the area will be paved so it made sense to get free or low cost fill is possible. Mr. Lizotte asked how many yards will be required. Mr. Milligan said he estimates that he would need approximately 1,000 yards. Mr. Lizotte complimented Mr. Milligan on the work that has been done on the site thus far, saying that he has cleaned it up nicely. Mr. Milligan explained how the work is limited by the State.

Jim Venne asked about the soil tests that were done. Mr. Milligan explained that he met with Steve Raper of ESMI and Bob Fiske when he did the test pits. Dave Powelson explained that the tests were to provide background results of the lot before ESMI

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soil is applied. This gives them a history before adding any reprocessed soil. He explained that ESMI checks the soil before they receive it for processing, then they clean it and certify that there are no issues with it. Howard Pearl said that he feels this is a perfect application for the ESMI soil. Mr. Milligan stated that the area won't be open to runoff as it will be paved. George Saunderson asked if Mr. Milligan planned to use regular pavement. Mr. Milligan said that was correct. Mr. Pearl said that he took a walk at the site earlier in the day and it looks like the perfect site to use this soil and it all seems to be in compliance with the process. Ned Lizotte said this seems to meet the criteria for ESMI soil application.

Howard Pearl made a motion to allow the application of up to 1,000 yards of ESMI soil; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

Z10-04, Peter Johnson — Special Exception for Automotive Uses, Map 1, Lot 58, Units 7 and 8. Mr. Johnson explained that he is an electrician and did the electrical work in the new Bollinger commercial building on Staniels Road. He has two of the units that he will use for his electrical office and warehouse and for automotive diagnostics. He said that the bays have been modified to meet all required fire codes and then he learned that the building was only approved for business use which would accommodate his office and warehouse but not the diagnostics business. Mr. Johnson said that he has met with Firefighter John Reese. Chairman Powelson read a letter that was received from the fire department. The letter states that the use proposed by Mr. Johnson is acceptable based on the fire codes.

Mr. Johnson said that the bays are small so he would have a lift in one and would be dealing with one vehicle at a time. He explained that there is a 14' overhead door, a 20' x 36' bay, small office and mezzanine over the office. Mr. Johnson said that he would be able to do repair in the second bay. He noted that there would be no stored vehicles and that the majority of his customers stay while he is doing the work. Howard Pearl clarified the type of diagnostics to be done. He said this would be more for performance vehicles than regular passenger car service. Mr. Johnson said it is a specialized market. Dave Powelson asked how much time is involved for the diagnostic process. Mr. Johnson said it is typically an hour or two. He said the vehicle is off most of the time. Mr. Johnson said he does this on the side as he is an electrical contractor full time. He said he has been doing this in Concord for six years. Howard Pearl said four to six cars a day could be diagnosed if this was full time and the market was there. Mr. Johnson said it is not a big market. He said the second bay would be used if a customer wanted an exhaust system or some other work done as a result of the diagnostics test.

Dave Powelson asked about Mr. Johnson's contractor business. Mr. Johnson said

that he has two vans and three employees, one being his son. He said they do a vehicle swap in the morning and would be gone all day. Mr. Johnson said that the diagnostic business does not require parking as they bring the vehicle right in. Roy Merrill asked if there would be any retail business. Mr. Johnson said there would not be any retail business; he would simply store his tools and supplies at the unit. George Saunderson asked if Mr. Johnson would be alright with wording an approval that he could work on diagnosing performance vehicles but not do general repairs. Mr. Johnson asked if it would be a problem if he wanted to work on more vehicles. Mr. Saunderson said it runs into more parking issues if general repair is allowed but it does not sound like an issue with what has been described. Discussion continued about what type of repairs would be allowed and how to limit the use. Dave Powelson noted that the application says there would be ten cars a day. Mr. Johnson explained that he has a partner that is his cousin and he is a certified Honda master technician and wants to do some work in the units as well. Howard Pearl said that ten vehicles per day seemed reasonable. Mr. Johnson said that he cannot expand because the Bollingers own bays to the other side of him so there is no concern there. Roy Merrill asked what would be involved with working on Hondas; if Mr. Johnson meant general automotive repair. Howard Pearl said this could be controlled by the number of cars per day. He said this falls within the automotive services category. Ned Lizotte said this started with an electrical business and has now gone to general maintenance. Mr. Johnson said he did not know how particular to get with the application as it all seemed to fall under automotive services which is permitted by special exception. Dave Powelson said that light auto repair could include oil changes, replacement of clutches, brake adjustments, and other minor repairs. Jim Venne said he sees a big difference between what Mr. Johnson is proposing and a business such as the Loudon Garage. Dave Powelson said he sees it that way as well. Howard Pearl and Dave Powelson said that light automotive repair seems to work.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application. Mr. Powelson said when he takes his vehicles for service he will generally leave them overnight and pick them up the next day (point #5). There was discussion of parking limits. It was noted that the condominium association has this set in their documents, based on uses. Jim Venne pointed out that they are here for a special exception for automotive uses and that parking is the business of the condo association. Howard Pearl said he did not feel that it is the place of the ZBA to be policing the parking; the condo association and Planning Board have set that. Ned Lizotte said if they are doing oil changes they would have waste oil (point #6). Mr. Johnson said that John Reese approved the use, noting that waste oil is not flammable like gas.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any questions from the Board. Ned Lizotte asked if there would be six to seven cars on a good day. Mr. Johnson said there would be no more than one a day on his side because he does electrical work during the day. Mr. Lizotte asked about used oil being onsite if Mr. Johnson's cousin is doing repairs on Hondas. Roy Merrill pointed out that the application says there will be no waste fluids and he would like to know that it is alright with the fire department if there is waste oil. Mr. Lizotte said the discussion began as diagnostics and then repairs were brought into the discussion. He said the waste oil triggers the fire department. He asked how much oil and how long it would be onsite. Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Reese did not consider that to be a problem. George Saunderson said that he does not see the special exception as a big issue. Ned Lizotte said this is not a separate building so this business affects all of the units. Howard Pearl pointed out that the fire department submitted a letter of approval. Mr. Johnson said that he paid a consultant to analyze the whole building. He said he worked with Firefighter Reese, noting that auto shops change oil. Roy Merrill again stated that the application says no fluid storage. Dave Powelson spoke about changing oil in his vehicles and the minimal amount from an oil change. He said gas is more of a danger. Ned Lizotte asked if this should go back to the fire department for clarification. Discussion continued about waste oil, fire department acknowledgment of such, and approving the diagnostics part of the business only at this point.

Jim Venne made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that waste oil will be stored no longer than five days. Howard Pearl said that waiting a month for

fire department clarification would be beneficial. There was no second on the motion.

Howard Pearl made a motion to continue until April 22, 2010; seconded by Ned Lizotte. Mr. Pearl said this would allow Mr. Johnson to discuss this further with the fire department and amend his application to be more specific. Ned Lizotte said that he has no issue with approving the application; he would just like more details. *All were in favor of the motion to continue.* The hearing will continue on April 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. There will be no further notification.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Variance application — Copies of a revised application form were handed out for review. Chairman Powelson explained that changes were necessary due to the passage of legislation and subsequent changes to the Zoning Ordinance. He said that he has reviewed the proposed form and compared it to the new language in the Zoning Ordinance. *Howard Pearl made a motion to accept the new application form as presented; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

George Saunderson made a motion to re-elect David Powelson as Chairman and Ned Lizotte as Vice-Chairman; seconded by Howard Pearl. Mr. Powelson and Mr. Lizotte agreed to continue in those positions. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9-1•Yard & Bake Sale @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Creepy Crawly Encounter @ Library
2	3 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4H @ Legion 7:15pm•MVSD School Board Mtg. @ Penacook Elementary	4 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees @ Library 6pm•Preschool Literacy Night @ LES 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	5 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Historical Society 7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library	6 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ LES 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	7 MIDTERM TERM 4	8 Village Arts Group trip to Gardener Museum, Boston, MA
9 MOTHER'S DAY 	10 REC. COM. SPRING GOLF REG. DEADLINE 7pm•Agricultural Com. @ Com. Bldg. 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	11 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg. 7:15pm•MVSD Board Meeting @ LES	12 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES	13 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7-8pm•Artists's Reception @ Library: Pam Bartlett, Hooked Rugs	14 LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR JUNE 2010 ISSUE	15 ARMED FORCES DAY 6•Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Potluck Supper and Concert MVHS Prom @ the Courtyard Marriott. 6:30-7•Grand March 7-11•Prom
16	17 6:30pm•Communications Council @ Elementary School — Note change of meeting site	18 9-12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Richard Brown House 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	19 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Legion & Auxilliary	20 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Book Group @ Library	21	22 9am•Bicycle Safety Class @ Safety Building
				MVHS Presents "Oliver!"		
23	24	25 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	26 TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Rec. Com. @ Library	27 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 2pm•JO Cate Van @ Van Garage 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	28	29
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY (Observed) 9am•Memorial Day Parade NO SCHOOL 					

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NORTHFIELD. NEW PRICE! Very functional floor plan in this 3 bdrm 2 bath Cape on 2.45 acres bilt in '88. Sits back off road, nice private setting. Attached 2 car garage w/ auto open and storage above. Two bdrms and full bath on 1st floor and mstr bdrm w/ lg mstr bath on 2nd. Huge jetted tub in mstr bath. Oil heat, fireplace w/ woodstove insert in liv rm and gas stove in bsmt. Central vacuum. Lg deck and screened porch off back and sm deck off mstr bdrm. Light and bright kitchen with island/bkfst bar. Skylights in liv rm to let in the natural light. Full unfin walk-out bsmt. **\$224,900** MLS #2810458



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PITTSFIELD. NEW PRICE. Brand new 3 bdrm 1.75 bath New Construction on 1.29 acres in cul-de-sac neighborhood. Great location. Spacious floor plan and customized design options. Countertops, cabinets, flooring, window coverings and light fixtures are all there for you to explore. **\$179,900.** MLS# 2797298



CONCORD. Clean as a whistle 4 bdrm 2 full bath 26x34 Cape on .23 acres bilt in 1998. City water, city sewer and natural gas. Beautiful formal dining rm with hardwood flooring. Spacious bdrms, huge master bdrm with his/her closets and a 1st floor bdrm. All appliances convey, including washer and dryer. Oak kitchen cabinets, gas range, garbage disposal. Full unfin bsmt. Ready for immediate occupancy, turn key. **\$208,900** MLS #2817329



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PITTSFIELD. Great potential on this 5 country acres of land, excellent horse property with 2 stall barn w/elec, new floor and roof. 2 bd 1 ba open concept single wide mobile home w/addition. Easy to heat w/woodstove in liv rm. Propane heat also with updated furnace. Nice private location bounded by a Class VI rd that leads to extensive riding trails. **\$109,000** MLS #2814193



BOSCAAWEN. New construction 3 bdrm 2.5 bath 26x36 Colonial on 2.82 acres. Nice quiet country setting. Spacious floor plan with customized design options. Pick your countertops, cabinets, flooring, light fixtures and colors. Energy Star rated low-E argon filled thermal pane glass windows, 200 amp electrical, high efficiency gas boiler, 50 gallon hot water storage tank, two heat zones, drilled well, 1500 gallon private septic, fire suppression sprinkler system and much more. **\$238,900** MLS #2799867



LOUDON. Beautiful 3 bdrm 1.5 bath Cape on .75 acres. Two car 22x28 detached garage with auto open, storage above and workshop area. Updated open concept kitchen, dining and living area with cathedral ceiling. Mstr bdrm on 1st floor with gas fireplace, 1/2 bath and walk-in closet. Loft can be converted from den to bdrm with existing walk-in closet. Metal roof. Wide pine flooring thru-out. Rinnai Energy Saver gas heater plus woodstove heats this home very economically. Nice open backyard. Easy commute to Concord and all the city conveniences. **\$189,500** MLS #2824267



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