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# Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

A reminder that use of the town beach requires a resident sticker, which may be purchased at the transfer station and needs to be affixed to the vehicle. Vehicles without resident stickers may be asked to leave the beach. Also, no dogs or alcohol are allowed on the beach. All town-owned properties have a curfew and no one is to be on these properties between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Please be considerate and pick up your trash upon leaving.

This past winter we had multiple vehicle entries over approximately 10 days. At the conclusion, Loudon Police, was able to catch the individual in progress and we are currently taking court action against the suspect. We thank the residents that called in to report suspicious activity.

I would just like to remind everyone, as well as put your minds at ease, that we certainly would use media outlets and other sources to alert residents of activity of a heightened nature. We are currently working with the State of NH for an emergency notification program. This program will require residents to sign up for the alerts via e-mail, home phones, or cell phones. Stay tuned for more information on this valuable source.

Finally, we would like to thank the many supporters of our annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. It is amazing to see the number of businesses as well as individuals who contribute items to this fundraiser, as well as the number of people who attend and support our program. We are very proud of our program. THANK YOU!

As always, please drop us an e-mail (loudonpd@loudonpolice.com) or call 798-5521 if you have any concerns or questions.



Spring has sprung! With warm weather finally here, the beautiful flowers of Spring can be seen throughout the woods. Take a walk and pay attention to the ground, trees, and shrubs around you. You'll see some amazing things! Photo by Debbie Kardoseski

THE LOUDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE NH HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESENT:

#### Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire

Wednesday, May  $8^{TH}$  at 7 p.m.

Abenaki history has been reduced to near-invisibility as a result of conquest, a conquering culture that placed little value on the Indian experience, and a strategy of self-preservation that required many Abenaki to go "underground," concealing their true identities for generations to avoid discrimination and persecution. Robert Goodby reveals archaeological evidence that shows their deep presence here, inches below the earth's surface.

Robert Goodby has a Ph.D. in Anthropology, Brown University; Associate Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University; over two decades of experience studying Native American archaeological sites in northern New England. Goodby is on the Executive Board of the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture at FPU, where he directs the Monadnock Archaeological Project, a long-term study of Native American sites and history in the Monadnock region.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH AT 7 p.m.
WHERE: HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT CHARLIE'S BARN BEHIND TOWN OFFICE
COST: FREE!!! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

#### **Mission Statement...**

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

#### **Town of Loudon Office Hours**

Selectmen's Office

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

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon.—Thurs.: 8 a.m.—4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.—9 p.m.

#### Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542 • <u>townclerkloudon@comcast.net</u>
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 • <u>loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net</u>
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. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### **Tax Collector**

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543 • <u>taxcollectorloudon@comcast.net</u> Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • <u>Wed.</u>—Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

#### **Police Department: Emergencies: 911**

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • www.loudonpolice.org Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

#### **Code Enforcement**

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 • <u>rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com</u> Monday—Thursday: 8 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Closed Fridays.

#### Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

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

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

#### **Loudon Elementary School**

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

#### **Transfer Station**

783-0170 • townofloudon@comcast.net Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)

Tues.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$4.00. See the attendant.

#### **Highway Department**

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568 • townofloudon@comcast.net Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

#### **Maxfield Public Library**

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

Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Wed.: 1-9 p.m.

Thurs.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Library Trustees meet at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

#### John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

#### **Loudon Food Pantry**

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

#### **Loudon Representatives**

Merrimack County — District 9

**Priscilla P. Lockwood:** PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001 **Howard M. Moffett:** 66 Cogswell Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224-2011

**Merrimack County — District 26** 

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

Senators — District 17

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

# **Loudon Ledger Submission Policy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to <a href="mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com">debbie@debbiekgraphics.com</a>. 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.

ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY AND PAYMENT IS DUE WHEN PICKED UP. COLOR ADS MAY BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS AND ARE SUBJECT TO UP-CHARGES. ADS NOT CAMERA READY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A 10% SURCHARGE.

#### "The Loudon Ledger" 2013 Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

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

Web Site Submissions: Kathy Pitman — Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net

# Where to Worship in Loudon

#### **Family Bible Church**

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Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: sludwick@hughes.net

Coffee & Prayer Time: Sunday 8-9:10 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs. Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade

Sunday Evening: Youth Group — For Grades 6–11: 6–7:45 p.m.

Monday: Men's Fellowship and Prayer 7–8:45 p.m.

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

during worship service. Nursery also Available.

#### Faith Community Bible Church

Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbc-loudon.org
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Children's Worship for ages 3 up to 4th Grade
Youth Group: Sunday 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m.
FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.

#### **Landmark Baptist Church**

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Pastor Paul J. Clow
103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurch.info

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

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

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m. (Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!

#### **Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church**

Rev. Linda Overall, Pastor — 603-875-5822
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Contact Sam Langley, Fellowship Coordinator (848-1455)
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

#### **Loudon Congregational Church**

Rev. Dick Carter, Interim Minister
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time
Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.ccccusa.org).

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#### New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri. office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

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

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

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

Adult Bible Studies: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

To have your Church's information added to this column, please email your information to <a href="mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com">debbie@debbiekgraphics.com</a>

### **Loudon Church News**

# Caregiver's Group Sponsored By Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church is sponsoring a Caregiver's Group to be held on the first and third Tuesday from 6–7:00 p.m. The first meeting will take place on May 7. This group is open to all who are giving of their time in the care of someone else. Time will be spent in discussion, presentations from special speakers, and supporting one another in our specific needs. Leadership will be provided by Jean Fiske, RN of TLC Medical Daycare in Concord, NH. If you are interested, you are welcome. If you have questions, please call Pastor Linda Overall at 875-5822. Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church is located at 433 Clough Hill Road, Loudon, NH. ■

#### **Monthly Potluck Supper To Be Held**

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church will be holding its monthly potluck supper and FREE concert on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The potluck is at 6 p.m. and the FREE concert follows at 7 p.m. While the concert is free, we do collect a love offering for the musicians. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with everyone.

Our annual yard and bake sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Location is 433 Clough Hill Road in Loudon. Rain or shine as the sale is held indoors! For more information call Stephanie at 603-568-5080 or email loudoncenterfreewill<u>baptistchurch@live.com</u>.

For those without a church home our services are 10 a.m. Sundays. Positive changes are happening at Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church, COME GROW WITH US! ■

### **PTA Golf Tournament**

Calling all golfers! The PTA is hosting a golf tournament on June 1st at Loudon Country Club! Cost is \$60 per person, which includes golf, golf cart, barbeque lunch, and prizes! If you are interested in playing please send a check and the names of the golfers to Loudon Elementary School, School Street, Loudon, NH 03307. Thank you for supporting the PTA. Any questions please contact Becky Herrmann at 783-4257. ■

The Annual Meeting
of the
Loudon Communications Council
Will Be Held On
Tuesday, June 17
6:30 p.m.
Loudon Elementary School

#### **ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!**

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

# Sanborn Mills Farm Tours June 15

#### Farm Tours, CSA/Farm Share Signup and Water-powered Sawmill Demonstrations

On June 15th we will be conducting farm tours and water-powered sawmill demonstrations. Farmers Nick and Alina will be available to discuss their farming practices and CSA/Farm Share program. Tours will begin at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. There will be no charge for the tours or demonstrations. Please come and join us. Rain or shine. If you have any questions, please call Tim Huppe at 603-568-7388.

Sanborn Mills Farm is a traditional New Hampshire working farm with agricultural fields and managed forests, timber framed barns and outbuildings still in use for animals, and a sawmill, a grist mill (both water-powered), and a blacksmith shop, all dating from the 1830s. The farm buildings are clustered around two dams at the outlet of Sanborn Pond, and are surrounded by almost 2,000 acres of open space in conservation.

A century and more ago, Sanborn Mills Farm was a bustling, thriving center of agricultural activities that supported an extended family and served the community. Today we have gathered a group of instructors, farmers, craftspeople and historians dedicated to teaching the traditional skills that were commonplace then. We provide opportunities for people to learn old-fashioned ways and explore how they can be integrated into modern life. We believe that these skills and a vital connection to the land continue to be important

# Boy Scout Troop 30 To Host Annual Bike Safety Day

Boy Scout Troop 30 of Loudon will once again be hosting the Annual Bike Safety Day in the Recreation Field parking lot, just up from the Safety Building on Saturday May 11, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

The children in Loudon are encouraged to bring their bicycles and helmets to the event so their helmets can be refitted or replaced and their bikes checked over before hitting the road this

summer. Besides helmets and a bike tune up, there will be safety information, an obstacle course, a goody bag and safety information for the road sponsored by the Loudon Police Association and Loudon Recreation Committee. All of us from Troop 30 hope to see you there.

and relevant. Come join us in this endeavor to preserve and build upon the legacy of those who came before us.

Our mission is to use the restoration of the farm structures to advance the knowledge of nineteenth-century American agriculture, millwrighting, sawmilling, grist milling, timber-framing, black-smithing, and ice cutting through workshops, internships and apprentice programs.

The core of the farm was built in the 1830s by the Sanborn family of Loudon, and represents a successful agrarian enterprise at the dawn of the industrial revolution. People from the neighboring farms came here for their lumber, their grain, and to have their animals shod and their equipment repaired in the blacksmith shop. Such establishments dotted the landscape throughout New England before the Civil War and the advent of the railroads changed forever how far a farmer could travel in one day.

As surrounding mills became larger, and more modern industrial mills were developed in the surrounding towns, Sanborn Mills Farm became more of a small family business rather than a community-wide enterprise and social center. The water dammed in Sanborn Pond was not enough to allow the family to compete with mill owners on larger rivers. The extraordinary thing is that the Sanborn family kept the property intact and its buildings working until the 1990s when Colin and Paula Cabot became the first owners outside the family since 1770.

Sanborn Mills Farm is located at 7097 Sanborn Road in Loudon.

View our website at <a href="www.sanbornmills.org">www.sanbornmills.org</a> for a schedule of the many workshops we offer throughout the summer and fall on blacksmithing, oxen and draft horses. To learn about agricultural program visit <a href="www.facebook.com/sanbornmills">www.facebook.com/sanbornmills</a>.

# **Loudon Freedom Girls U13 Soccer Team Competes**



Front Row (L–R): Becca Howe, McKayla Palhof, Heather Sefton, Gwen Molind, Kaliana Palhof, Maggie Carney, Sara Osborne. Back Row (L–R): Dave Molind, Chloe Sottak, Madison Therrien, Gwen Tupman, Hannah Shirley, Joe Long, Bridget Ehrenberg, Kaeli Dunn, Madison Bourque, Kaitlyn Covell, Jillian Dusseault, Andy Palhof.

The Loudon Freedom Girls U13 Soccer Team competed in the 2013 President's Cup, which is a National Tournament. The girls played some great soccer while also having two shutout wins against other Division 1 teams. The Freedom Girls advanced to the Finals on April 7th where they lost to the Timberwolves 2-0. The team ended up receiving the "Fair Play" Award for the tournament which is given to the team with the best "Sportsmanship."

Prior to the tournament, the girls helped to raise money for team warmup suits so they could stay warm while playing outdoor soccer during the chilly days of March. The Girls would like to thank the local businesses that sponsored them to help make this possible. Sponsors include: ESMI of New Hampshire, Loudon Building Supply, Hungry Buffalo, Jay's Auto + Truck Sales, LLC, Fat Dan's Ice Cream, Northern Design Precast, Inc., Makris Lobster and Steakhouse, JBI Helicopters, Val Parker and Joe Long.

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# **CUB SCOUT NEWS**

The Loudon Cub Scouts held their Pinewood Derby in late March, congratulations to all our competitors and the winners in an exciting race.

Second place: Caden Brian,

Our overall winners were first place: Brian Latham, second place: Caden Brian, third place: Dylan Brien.

First Place **Second Place Third Place** Den **Tigers** Noah Byron Aiden Bondaz Hayden Huson Asher Hilton Wolves Dylan Brien Charlie Gelatt Nicholas Sedgley Abraham Dunn Wade Fisher Bears Webelos 1 Caden Brien Hayden Gardener Cole Sheppard Brian Latham Louis Gelatt Dylan Rivers Webelos 2

The Cub Scouts held a Nerf war at Krazy Kids in Pembroke on Monday, March 15th. The boys had a blast as they played games and strategized. Thanks to the Latham Family for their unwavering support of Scouting in Loudon.

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As part of the Cub Scouts commitment to serving their community, the boys pitched in to lend a hand at the LYAA field clean up on Saturday April 20th.

There's still time to register for Cub Scout camp. Our pack camps as a group at Camp Carpenter in Manchester in late June. The boys play and learn from sun-up to sundown. If your son is interested, please contact Theresa Sheppard at <u>tangel6603@yahoo.com</u> or 783-5969. ■

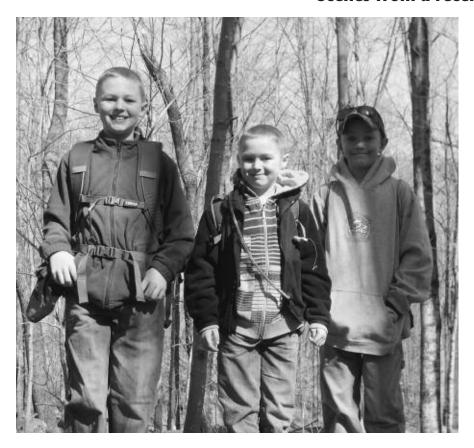








Scenes from a recent Cub Scout hike.





# D.A.R.E. News

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

On March 27, 2013, we held our annual fundraiser, the Loudon Police D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. What an awesome turnout! Our thanks go to the many businesses and individuals who came out to support us and this program.

In addition, we would like to thank the 106 Beanstalk, K & M Drywall, King's Restaurant and Bob & Carol Pike for the scholarship donations! This year we will be awarding six \$500 scholarships to Loudon students graduating from Merrimack Valley High School.

On April 14, 2013, the 5th grade D.A.R.E. class had the opportunity to attend a Monarchs Hockey game at the Verizon Arena in Manchester. Our class was asked to present the flag on the ice for the opening ceremony. It was a rewarding experience for the students!

The year is winding down for the Loudon Police D.A.R.E. Program. We are organizing the annual Community Clean Up Day which takes place tentatively May 22nd. The students give back to the community by raking and picking up trash between the Safety Complex, Town Office building and the recre-

ation field. Afterwards, the students have a picnic lunch and a few hours of fun time at the recreation field.

The D.A.R.E. program will come to a conclusion on May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. with the graduation at the Loudon Elementary School. Our guess speaker will be the former Loudon Prosecutor and Merrimack County Attorney. We look forward to his presentation!

Thank you for your continued support of the Loudon Police Department D.A.R.E. Program. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to stop in or give me a call. ■





# Huckleberry Propane & Oil LLC Hires Andy Warren, Master Electrician



Huckleberry Propane & Oil, a local family owned and operated propane and oil delivery and service company has welcomed Andy Warren, master electrician, as the newest team member.

Andy Warren will be a vital member of the new Kohler Generator installation and sales team. Bringing Andy on board has given Huckleberry the ability to handle both the electrical and the propane side of a new generator purchase.

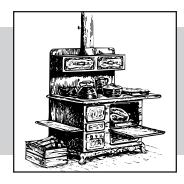
"This commitment to having Andy Warren on staff shows our commitment to our customers" noted David

Huckins, owner. "With Andy on staff our customers won't have to coordinate multiple contractors when purchasing a new generator, which means the customer will save money."

Currently, Mr. Warren lives in Boscawen NH and is originally from Salisbury, NH. Prior to joining Huckleberry Propane & Oil LLC, Mr. Warren was working for Stephens-Marquis Associates. He obtained his Master Electrical license in 2011.

Huckleberry Propane & Oil LLC is now a 12 person company located in Boscawen NH delivering Oil since 2001. Huckleberry significantly expanded its operations in 2009 with the construction of their propane storage facility in Loudon. There will now further expansion with the addition of the Kohler Generator line.





# What's Cookin'!

# This month: Mexican Cooking

As I am frantically packing and trying to tie up all the loose ends before I leave for a Cancun vacation, my mind continues to wander to what I will eat and drink first. I love Mexican food and I always look forward to eating my favorite dishes when I travel. Although everything seems to taste better with white sand and turquoise water, making and eating the following recipes with an ice cold beer or homemade umbrella drink at home is my favorite way to remember vacation. Bring on summer!

#### **CUCUMBER SALSA**

This is a nice change to a tomato salsa.

2 cucumbers, thinly sliced

1/3 cup rice wine vinegar2 tablespoons lime juice

tablespoon jalapeno, minced

2 tablespoons honey

scallions, thinly sliced

2 teaspoons sesame oil

2 tablespoons ginger, minced

1/4 cup cilantro leaves

In a large mixing bowl, combine cucumbers, scallions, jalapeno, and cilantro. Mix well. In a smaller bowl, mix the vinegar, sesame oil, lime juice, sugar, and ginger. Pour over salsa and mix well. Serve immediately.

#### **SHRIMP QUESADILLAS**

- cup cooked shrimp, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup green onion tops, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro
- 4 flour tortillas

salsa

sour cream

Mix shrimp with chili powder then sprinkle half of each tortilla with shrimp, cheese, onions and cilantro. Fold the tortillas in half and cook them in a lightly greased skillet over a medium heat until they are golden brown all over. Cut each tortilla into 4 wedges and serve with salsa and sour cream.

#### **CARNE ASADA**

Carne asada is the thinly sliced, grilled beef often served in tacos and burritos.

- 2 pounds flank or skirt steak
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- jalapeño chile pepper, seeded and minced
- teaspoon freshly ground cumin seed (best to lightly toast the seeds first, then grind them)
- large handful fresh cilantro, leaves and stems, finely chopped (great flavor in the stems)
  - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 limes, juiced
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Lay the flank steak in a large bowl or baking dish. Combine marinade ingredients and pour the marinade over the steak. Make sure each piece is well coated. Cover in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1–4 hours or overnight. Preheat your grill over medium-high flame (you can also use a cast iron grill pan on high heat for stove-top cooking). Brush the grill with a little oil to prevent the meat from sticking. Remove the steak from the marinade. If you are cooking indoors, you may want to brush off excess marinade as the bits may burn and smoke on the hot pan. Season both sides of the steak pieces with salt and pepper. Grill the pieces for a few minutes only, on each side, depending on how thin they are, until medium rare to well done, to your preference. You may need to work in batches. Remove the steak pieces to a cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes. Thinly slice the steak across the grain on a diagonal. We like to eat this in corn tortillas warmed on the grill.

#### **MEXICAN RICE**

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 clove chopped garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

- 1/2 teaspoon taco seasoning
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups chicken broth

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly. Sprinkle with salt, cumin, and taco seasoning. Cook stirring constantly, until slightly translucent (about 10 min). Stir in onions and cook until tender. Stir in tomatoes and chicken broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Fluff with a fork.

#### **SPICY CORN AND CHEESE EMPANADAS**

For the Dough:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 lb. butter, cut into small cubes, plus 2 tablespoons extra
- 1/3 cup cold water
- 1 teaspoon salt

For the Filling:

- 1 tablespoon oil
- tablespoon butter
- tablespoons sugar ears corn, off the cob (if possible)
- onion, finely chopped
- poblano pepper, halved, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 4 oz. Monterey Jack, shredded
- 1 bunch scallions, thinly sliced
- tablespoon chopped parsley
  Salt and pepper to taste

Combine the flour, butter, and salt in a food processor, mix for 30 seconds then add the water. Pulse until it forms a dough and let it rest.

Melt the butter with the oil in a sauté pan over a medium heat. Add the onion and cook for 4 minutes then add the corn. Cook, stirring, for 3 or 4 minutes, then turn the heat down and add the salt, sugar, pepper, and cream. Cook for 3 minutes. Add the scallions, cheese, and parsley. Stir until everything is well combined. Remove from the heat and allow it to cool. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface, making 1/8 thick circles with a 4-inch diameter cookie cutter. You will get eight circles. Divide the filling between 4 of the circles and top with other 4 circles. Press the edges firmly together with a moist fork and bake for 10 minutes or until golden.

#### FLAN

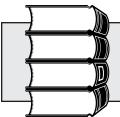
This is my favorite way to end a Mexican meal.

- 1 cup and 1/2 cup sugar
- 6 large eggs
- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 13-oz. cans evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. You will need 6 ramekins or other specialty flan cookware and a large baking pan to put them in. Pour 1 cup sugar in warm pan over medium heat. Constantly stir sugar until it browns and becomes caramel. Quickly pour approximately 2–3 tablespoons of caramel in each ramekin, tilting it to swirl the caramel around the sides. Reheat caramel if it starts to harden. In a mixer or with a whisk, blend the eggs together. Mix in the milks then slowly mix in the 1/2 cup of sugar, then the vanilla. Blend smooth after each ingredient is added. Pour custard into caramel lined ramekins.

Place ramekins in a large glass or ceramic baking dish and fill with about 1-2 inches of hot water. Bake for 45 minutes in the water bath and check with a knife just to the side of the center. If knife comes out clean, it's ready. Remove and let cool. Let each ramekin cool in refrigerator for 1 hour. Invert each ramekin onto a small plate, the caramel sauce will flow over the custard.

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



### **Between the Covers**

By Kate Dockham

# The Importance of Reading

et's talk about the importance of reading. Reading to a child, reading in front of a child, having a child read on a regular basis. It is all important and we know that, but in this busy life of ours sometimes it is hard to remember to fit it in and easy to let go. So let me do more than tell you it is important; let me share some f the research that backs up the idea.

In the research and educational fields it is called the "Matthew Effect." First coined by Keith Stanovich, a psychologist and researcher of reading and language, the "Matthew Effect" refers to the idea that in reading, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. When a child fails at early reading and writing, they begin to dislike reading. They read less and learn less from reading than their classmates who are stronger readers. As a consequence, these children do not gain vocabulary, background knowledge, and information about how reading material is structured. The word-rich get richer and the word-poor get poorer. Testing and research shows us that, over the years, the gap between poor readers and good readers grow. You may ask yourself, "What's the big deal? Some kids just aren't readers and never will be." Let's look at this information in another way and perhaps we will all see

Two children enter first grade. One, we will call him Johnny, was consistently read to as a toddler and sees his parents reading books, magazines or newspapers at home. This reading thing seems important in Johnny's young life. He doesn't know why, it is just something that everyone around him does. The second child, we will call him Matthew, was occasionally read to as a toddler. Matthew's parents sometimes read to Matthew when at home, but life is very busy. To Matthew, reading doesn't seem an important part life. Every night Johnny reads, or is read to, for 20 minutes. Matthew's parents try and enforce the same rule, but Matthew isn't as engaged so he only reads for 5 minutes. By the end of that school year Johnny will have read 1,800,000 words; Matthew will have read only 282,000 words. Johnny sees reading as a part of his life; Matthew sees it as a chore. If this pattern continues from first until third grade, Johnny will have read 5,400,000 words and Matthew only 546,000. The gap between the boys has grown. Johnny has been exposed to 10 times the amount of words than Matthew and his opportunities to learn new vocabulary have also grown exponentially. In fourth grade, when the boys' teacher introduces circles, radius and diameter Johnny starts to make connections in his brain immediately. He remembers that silly book he read, Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi. Matthew doesn't have a clue what the teacher is talking about and soon

So, yes. Reading is a big deal. Now how can we encourage it? First, let your child catch you reading! Don't consider yourself reader? Neither does my husband! I have never seen him read a book! But every night, he sits down and reads the paper. He also reads magazine articles about his hobbies. Pick something short, maybe something you can share and talk about with your child. Just let them see you read. Next, read to your child!!! If your child is still under 10, reading together is a great activity. It is hard with our busy lives, but try to make it a routine

Choices for reading together are plentiful for the under 5 age. Picture books can be fun and are written about almost everything you can think of. Be ready to read them over and over again. Young children enjoy visiting favorite books over and over and the repetition can help them learn to recognize easy sight words. Old favorites will always be a success, but here are some great new choices:



Sofia

Dragons Love Tacos. With a title like this it must be an adventure that follows. Well, dragons love chicken tacos, beef tacos, great big tacos, and teeny tiny tacos. So if you want to lure a bunch of dragons to your party, you should definitely serve tacos. Buckets and buckets of tacos. Unfortunately, where there are tacos, there is also salsa. And if a dragon accidentally eats spicy salsa... oh, boy. You're in red-hot trouble.

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site. The sweet, rhyming text of this book will have truck lovers of all ages begging for more. As the sun sets behind the big construction site, all the hardworking trucks get ready to say goodnight. One by one, Crane Truck, Cement Mixer, Dump Truck, Bulldozer, and Excavator finish their work and lie down to rest—so they'll be ready for another day of rough and tough construction play!



Sofia the First. Meet Sofia, a little girl who lives a rather ordinary life. But everything changes when her mother, Miranda, marries the king. Overnight, Sofia becomes a princess, moves into the castle, gains a step-brother, a step-sister... and the ability to talk to her new animal friends thanks to a magical amulet! Now, life is anything but ordinary for Sofia the First!

I Want My Hat Back. This story is told completely in dialogue, but plenty of visual comedy and a wry sense of humor will thrill kids of all ages to be in on the joke. The bear's hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely,

he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, some more elaborately than others. But just as the bear begins to despond, a deer comes by and asks a simple question that sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance.



This Moose Belongs to Me. What boy wouldn't want a moose? Wilfred is a boy with rules. He lives a very orderly life. It's fortunate, then, that he has a pet who abides by rules, such as not making noise while Wilfred educates him on his record collection. There is, however, one rule that Wilfred's pet has difficulty following: going whichever way Wilfred wants to go. Perhaps this is because Wilfred's pet doesn't quite realize that he belongs to anyone. Fortunately, the

two manage to work out a compromise. Let's just say it involves apples. *Tea Rex.* Just look at the cover — how can one resist? Introducing Tea Rex, a guest that just about any child would love to have to tea!



Scaredy Squirrel. Just like me, Scaredy Squirrel is not too comfortable with the idea of camping... unless it's on his couch! There will be no mosquitoes, skunks or zippers to worry about when he watches a show about the joys of camping on his brand-new TV. But first Scaredy must find an electrical outlet, and that means going into the woods! Will the nutty worrywart's plans prepare him for the great outdoors, or will his adventure end up as a scary

story told around the campfire?

The list could go on and on! Find a book about an interest of yours or your child's and enjoy it! Next month I'll talk about great read alouds for children a little older. Until next time... keep turning those pages! ■

# **Concord Hospital Hyperbaric Treatment Program Accredited**

#### A Boost for Patients with Slow-Healing Wounds

yperbaric treatment is a crucial component of Concord Hospital's Wound Healing Center and brings relief to hundreds of area patients with slow-healing wounds. The Center has recently been awarded national accreditation, making it the only center in northern New England to achieve such a level of excellence.

The Center's hyperbaric treatment facility was accredited in February by the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS), recognizing that the Hospital and Center practice the highest level of treatment and patient safety. The Center joins an elite group of similar facilities in the nation.

Hyperbaric treatment, in which patients breathe 100 percent oxygen, is best known for treating undersea divers, but is more commonly used to treat patients facing the potential loss of limbs because of slow-healing, infected wounds.

"In an accredited center, a patient can feel comfortable that all of the staff, all of policies, all of the procedures, and all of the equipment have been examined thoroughly by outside experts and will continue to be reviewed extremely carefully," said Dr. Joseph Snow, who directs the Wound Healing Center. "Accreditation is not required but it was the right thing to do for the Hospital and for our patients.'

On average, four to five patients are treated daily in Concord Hospital's two hyperbaric chambers. Most often, they have diabetes and poor circulation that frequently leads to deep foot wounds that resist other treatment. Patients typically lie in a phone booth-sized chamber breathing pressurized 100 percent oxygen for two hours a day, every weekday, for six weeks. The oxygen stimulates the body to grow new blood vessels in an injured area, boosting circulation and promoting healing.

The hyperbaric chambers also are used to help repair tissue damaged by cancer radiation treatments and to treat smoke inhalation, complicated bone or tissue infections, carbon monoxide exposure, and scuba diving injuries.

The lengthy UHMS review examined everything from staffing and training to standards of care and the way equipment was installed, operated and maintained. It also included detailed safety plans and continuing drills to ensure safety in an environment at increased risk of fire because of the presence of 100 percent oxygen. "It's beyond saying 'We want to do a good job," Dr. Snow said. "The commit-

ment and the necessity to meet standards set by an outside agency causes you to look at every aspect of the care being provided in the Center to ensure it is being done in a safe, reliable fashion.'

# **Brick by Brick — Help Build the New Outdoor** Classroom at LES

 $\Gamma$  or his Eagle Scout Project, Danny Dockham, a local Boy Scout, is creating an outdoor classroom on LES property for use by teachers and students. Sponsor bricks are being sold to help fund the project.

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#### Hyperbaric — continued from page 8

In addition to accreditation for the Hyperbaric Center, Dr. Snow is one of only three doctors in New Hampshire board-certified for hyperbaric medicine. He has been chosen by New Hampshire Magazine as "Top Doctor" in the field of Wound Care for the last three years. Registered nurse Mabel Niebling is certified in hyperbaric nursing and volunteered for further training as part of the accreditation to become the Center's safety director. As safety director, she has final authority, based on any safety concerns, over whether any treatment session can begin or should be terminated. Nurse Elizabeth Scott also has completed advanced training in hyperbaric treatments and is working toward certification.

"This isn't just a job," Dr. Snow said. "It's a commitment, it's a dedication."

Accreditation is voluntarily, and while not yet widely required by insurance companies, some are beginning to include accreditation as part of their criteria in paying for hyperbaric treatment.

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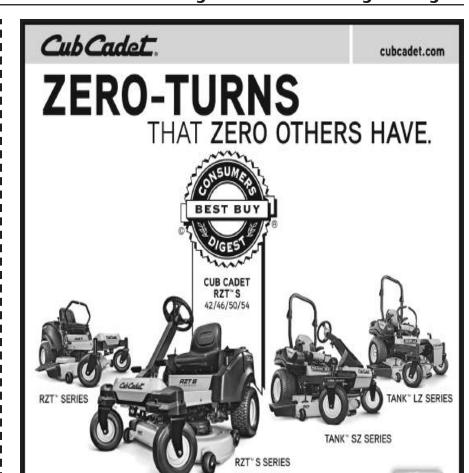
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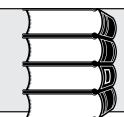
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# **Maxfield Public Library News**

#### **ART FESTIVAL — JUNE 8**

Fine art, booths with hand-crafted work, children's activities, and luscious strawberry shortcake will be part of the fun at the library's first ever Art Festival, on June 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the family and celebrate creativity! The Loudon Village Arts will meet at 7 p.m. on May 1 to finalize planning.

#### **WEEKLY YOGA**

A gentle routine of stretching can enhance your health, make you more limber, and improve your balance. Fran Nash will begin Thursday chair yoga sessions on May 16 at 11 a.m. The sessions will be held on a walk-in basis and cost \$5.00. Please call 798-5153 for more details.

#### **BOOK GROUPS**

#### **Fiction/Nonfiction Group**

The F/NF book group will meet at 7 p.m. on May 16. Please call the library for information about the title to be discussed.

#### **Classic Book Group**

In Theodore Dreiser's turn of the century novel *Sister Carrie*, a poor Wisconsin country girl goes to work in Chicago and eventually makes her way to the glitter of New York City. Her life gets complicated fast as social constraints drive her to unconventional choices. The Library of America says, "*Dreiser's brilliant, panoramic rendering of the two cities' fashionable theaters and restaurants, luxurious hotels and houses of commerce, alongside their unemployment, labor violence, homelessness, degradation, and despair makes this the first American urban novel on a grand scale.*" The group will meet at 2:30 p.m. on May 28. A creative writing sharing will follow the discussion.

#### **NEW BOOKS**

#### **Fiction**

Baldacci, David The Hit Berenson, Alex Night Ranger

Coelho, Paulo Manuscript Found in Accra

Jackson, Lisa
Ready to Die
Kinsella, Sophie
McCreight, Kimberly
Patterson, James
Rutherfurd, Edward
Scottoline, Lisa
Ready to Die
Wedding Night
Reconstructing Amelia
12th of Never
Paris: The Novel
Don't Go

Woods, Stuart Unintended Consequences

#### **Nonfiction**

Moss, Michael Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us Sheff, David Clean: Overcoming Addiction and Ending America's

Snyder, Kimberly
Warner, Melanie

Greatest Tragedy
The Beauty Detox Foods
Pandora's Lunchbox

Warren, Piers How to Store Your Garden Produce



#### **NEW DVDs**

The Bible: The Epic Miniseries; Django Unchained; Gangster Squad; Hamish MacBeth: Series One through Three; Hyde Park on Hudson; Journey 2: The Mysterious Island; The Last Song; A Monster in Paris; Pitch Perfect; Wild Horse, Wild Ride; The Wild Stallion

#### **STORY TIME**

If you venture into the library on April 30 and May 1 and 2, beware of crocodiles leaving after story time. After listening to *I'd Really Like to Eat a Child* by Sylviane Donnio and *My Crocodile Does Not Bite* by Joe Kulka, each child will bring home their very own baby crocodile.

Story time will celebrate Moms and Dads on May 7, 8, and 9. The stories for the week will be *Because Daddy Loves You* and *Meet Me at the Moon* by Andrew Clements and Gianna Marino. There will be a special handprint craft to make in the craft time to follow.

On May 14, 15, and 16, the children will hear *Bedtime is Cancelled* by Cece Ming and Sally Cook's *Good Night Pillow Fight*. A glow-in-the-dark picture will be created by the children with hopes that it will soothe them to sleep.

No need for archeologists at the library on the 21, 22, and 23 of May, since there may be some lively new dinosaurs stomping in the neighborhood. Join us as we read *Dinosaur Dig* by Penny Dale and *Dinosaurs Roar Butterflies Soar* by Bob Barner.

With summer right around the corner, story time ends with a trip to the ocean while reading *Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee* and *Mama, Is It Summer Yet?* by Chris Van Dusen and Nikki McClure. Join us as we make a beachy craft on May 28, 29, and 30.

#### **TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**

Join us for a Teddy Bear Picnic at the library to celebrate the coming of summer! Bring your special friend to story time on June 4, 5, and 6, for stories and games. We'll be reading *Tell Me the Day Backwards* by Albert Lamb and *Do Superheroes Have Teddy Bears?* by Carmela LaVigna Coyle in honor of our stuffed animals. Please bring a treat to share and the library will provide juice.

#### **BOOK SALE**

Some sizeable donations have come in for the next book sale. The assortment is great, but romance readers will be especially pleased. Stop by on May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to stock up for your summer reading. For telephone or email notifications of upcoming sales call Fran at 798-5153.

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

The library will be closed Saturday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

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# **Loudon Recreation Committee News**

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Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website know that we add stuff after the publishing of the latest *Loudon Ledger* so please check frequently!!



#### **ZUMBA FITNESS**

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

#### **CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER CAMP!**

Children's Stage Adventures will be back for the sixth year to offer theater camp for kids in kindergarten through high school. Save the dates of July 29th through August 2nd for the camp, with an amazing performance on Friday night, August 2nd for all to enjoy. For more information about the Children's Stage Adventures program, visit their website at <a href="https://www.childrensstageadventures.org">www.childrensstageadventures.org</a>. The play this year is *Princess and the Pea*. The flyer for the camp is located on the website <a href="https://www.loudonnh.org">www.loudonnh.org</a>.

#### **SPRING GOLF**

The Loudon Recreation Committee is offering Spring Golf Instruction to ages 5 and up at the Loudon Country Club. The five week session will start May 13th and run once a week until June 10th. Adults and children ages 14 and up will meet on Mondays from 5:30–6:30 p.m. cost is \$60 per registrant. Juniors ages 7 to 13 will meet on Mondays from 4:00–5:00 p.m. cost \$60 per registrant. If you have your own equipment you are encouraged to bring it and if you do not, clubs will be provided for you. To register, please see the flyer on the website <a href="https://www.loudonnh.org">www.loudonnh.org</a>. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Pfeifer at 783-8986. Please remember that a fund was set up in memory of Loudon resident Ron Trott who passed away last year. Youth athletics were always very important to Mr. Trott and in particular golf. The fund is available for any Loudon resident youth who need financial assistance with the golf programs.

#### **SUMMER FUN NIGHTS**

For those who may not know, almost every Wednesday night in July and August we have Community Summer Fun Nights. From 6–7 p.m. people start coming down to the Recreation Field in the village for pickup basketball, frisbee, tennis or other fresh air exercise and fun. Then, from 7–8 p.m. we have an event. Sometimes it is a band, at other times we host a performer or an act of some sort — but it is ALWAYS FUN. We start off the Summer Fun nights with our ice cream social and field day events and, traditionally, the last event will be the Community Talent Show. These events are all free and all Loudon residents are welcome. People: bring your lawn chairs or blankets and come on down to enjoy the company of friends and neighbors or to meet new people. DOESN'T THAT SOUND NICE?? We are working hard on the full schedule and will post when it is done, but book your calendars now — each Wednesday from July 10th and running until August 21st. We are thinking of having a Loudon farmers market of sorts during the Wednesday evening festivities from 6–8 and are looking for feedback on that possibility — let us know what you think on facebook!

#### **SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS**

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, LLC. There will be two, two week sessions offered; the first session will be July 15th–July 26th and the second session will be July 29th–August 9th. 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 contact Juliana Brien by email at <a href="mailto:towncast.net">towheadmama@comcast.net</a>.

#### **BIKE SAFETY**

Saturday, May 11th from 8:30–10:30 a.m. in the Recreation Field parking lot in the Village. Need a new helmet? Bike tune-up? Want some goodies for the road? Stop on down to learn the rules of the road, get some air in your tires and ride a safety course. Loudon's Boy Scout Troop 30 will be your pit crew. This is a free event for residents of Loudon — come on down!!

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, May 11th after you go get your bike tuned up, come over to the Loudon Fire Department Station 1 (Arthur Colby Safety Complex) for an open house event. From 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., the Loudon Fire Department Association and the Loudon Recreation Committee will have demonstrations, Q & A, medical screenings, demonstration of the LUCAS machine, bounce house, hot dogs, beverages, cotton candy, balloons, coloring contest, and many more fun activities for all. You can even get your picture taken with Smokey Bear and Sparky. This is a free event for residents of Loudon — come on down!!

#### **TENNIS LESSONS**

If you would like more information, please email Kim at <u>kimsworld5@myfairpoint.net</u>. Watch for details on an info session at the courts on our Facebook page, on the website or in upcoming issues of *The Loudon Ledger*.

#### **INTRO TO SCUBA**

Look for more information coming out about an intro to SCUBA diving being held at Clough Pond in July.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECREATION!!!

We are on a never-ending search for more people who like to have fun and are interested in helping out in our community. Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We are in need of other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. This small group does quite a bit in town and we would like some fresh ideas. We meet once a month to discuss upcoming programming and ideas. If you aren't able to make a meeting but would like to share your ideas, suggestions or comments, please take a moment to fill out the survey on the website <a href="www.loudonnh.org">www.loudonnh.org</a>. We need to hear from many of you — please take a few minutes to jot down your thoughts and ideas, or even better, come to the next meeting!! Recreation Committee meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library.

Remember to check the town website <a href="www.loudonnh.org">www.loudonnh.org</a> or Facebook between issues for updates and watch for updates in every issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. Thank you for your continued support!

Deadline for June Loudon Ledger Friday, May 17, 2013





# **Loudon Girl Scout News**

#### Girl Scouts — Troops and So Much More!

Did you know that there are lots of different ways to experience Girl Scouts? Sure, Girl Scouts earn badges, hike and camp, and participate in the cookie program. They also improve neighborhoods, protect the planet, design robots, and establish sports clinics. Here are the different "Pathways" girls can participate in:

**Events** — "stand-alone" activities, ranging from beach cleanups to visits to local animal shelters.

**Series** — these offerings are a sequence of linked program sessions offered by the Council or community partners. They relate to a specific theme or purpose and feature cumulative, sequential experiential learning.

**Travel** — girls gain cross-cultural understanding through local, regional, national, and international travel. They prepare, plan, money-earn and participate through group travel, Council-sponsored trips or nationally sponsored excursions.

**Virtual** — this online Girl Scout community provides girls the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouting without regard to geographic location. Girls are divided into program level groups and have monthly meetings through a virtual online format.

**Camp** — day, weekend, and resident camps introduce girls to — and explore — the out-of-doors. This Pathway is an outdoor, condensed experience.

**Troops** — this most well-known Pathway offers a group of girls the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, usually over the span of a school year. Girls may join a troop at any time during the year.

So how do you join a Girl Scout Pathway? Start by registering online at www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

#### **Register Now for Camp!**

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains offer so many camping options — choose from day camp or resident camp ranging from 4-day to two-week programs. All programs offer girls a chance to explore outdoor activities in a safe and encouraging environment. Girls have the opportunity to participate in programs featuring archery, horseback riding, rock climbing, swimming, science, technology, engineering, and math. Prices are affordable, but financial aid is available for those who qualify. Visit <a href="http://girlscoutsgwm.org/Camp/camp.html">http://girlscoutsgwm.org/Camp/camp.html</a> for details.

#### **Share Your Talents**

Do you have a special skill, talent, or passion that you wish to share? Volunteers are always welcome to share a skill or hobby with a troop. Contact Amanda Masse at <a href="mailto:jaelmasse@comcast.net">jaelmasse@comcast.net</a> or 783-0227 to make arrangements. Remember, we welcome new girl members at any time of the year!

#### **Brownie Troop 10955**

Lynette LeBlanc & Tammy Bourque

The girls are continuing with their *Wonders of Water Journey*. This month they are learning about water and the world: regions in the world that have plenty of water and those regions where water is scarce. We discussed the scarcity of water in certain countries and practiced traveling with water for long distances — supporting a bowl of water on our heads during our walk. Nearing the end of our Journey,

we've reviewed our different stops along the way and discussed how we would like to present our Water Map. For our Spring Community Serproject, vice made new no-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children in local hospitals and shelters who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets. We had a fun day in New York City with other Girl Scout troops, and visited many attractions, including Madame Tus-Wax Museum saud's



where we saw the Girl Scout Founder, Juliette Gordon Low!

#### **Junior Troop 12083**

Lynnette LeBlanc & Tammy Bourque

Our Get Moving Journey had the Troop continuing to explore the world of recycling this month. Barbara Parent from our local recycling center visited our troop to discuss the importance of recycling and the different materials we recycle. We ended the evening with a fun sorting game, and in a creative project using bandanas, we created no sew tote bags! The next meeting focused on "Investigate Your Spaces," where the girls learned about the different energy in buildings and what is the best way to create energy-efficient buildings. With the help from LES 4th grade teacher, Mr. Raymond, we learned about the energy efficiency changes within Loudon Elementary School. Continuing with the Get Moving Journey we got our bodies in motion and had fun with the Staying Fit badge, meeting at the Loudon Rec field to start moving! We discussed the fuel our bodies need, how to stress less and took the pledge to keep our family healthy and fit!

For our Spring Community Project we will be participating in Shoe Recycling by giving old shoes a new life. Used shoes are in great demand. Our collection boxes will be appearing around town, so let's keep our old shoes out of the landfill. It takes over 200 years before a sneaker even starts to break down. Some members of the troop had a fun day in New York City with other Girl Scout troops and visited many attractions, including Times Square, Empire State Building and the M&M World Store! The troop has decided that their end of the year event will be an overnight at CoCo Keys, and are very excited for June to arrive!







#### **Junior Troop 10454**

Debbie Latham & Cammy Nolin

We continued to meet and interview business women in late March. Our troop visited Pine Island Brook Farm, where owner Dawn Boon introduced us to her beautiful horses and described her business of boarding and teaching horseback riding. The girls toured the stable and groomed two horses, and then got to ride them! Several members of our troop went on the day trip to New York City on April 13th, and explored Rockefeller Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and American Girl Place. We will be spending the next few meetings creating and delivering gifts to the Richard Brown House, and planning an art show for our families.

#### **Cadette Troop 12356**

Advisors Cecile Merrill & Lysa Crouch

We are making plans for a fun group weekend with many activities. Keep reading what we are up to in the *Loudon Ledger*.

#### **Senior Troop 12651**

Advisors Amanda Masse & Marlene Martell

We are so busy with various sports and school activities that we haven't met in a while. Two of us volunteered at the Literacy Day held in Penacook in April. We hope to be able to help out at the Loudon Fire Department open house in May. We are also making plans to round out our Girl Scouting year. We hope to hold another computer class for the residents of The Richard Brown House and are looking forward to a fun trip of some sort.

#### **Cadette Troop 12641**

Kathy Fisher & Jenn Jones

The girls had a very busy cookie-selling season and sold almost 1,000 boxes! They worked hard at our booth sales — braving the cold weather. We want to thank all our generous friends that donated enough funds for us to give 55 boxes to the military as our gift of caring recipients. Our council office in Bedford transports them to Pease and they are distributed from there. At every booth sale our donation jar overflowed with dollar bills and for that we say — Thank-you! Most of our troop had a screamin' good time at Gunstock tubing with the Loudon scouts. We've continued on our "Breathe" journey, experimenting with sounds and appreciating silence. As you can see from our picture, we also tried our hands — or should I say our bodies — at some deep breathing exercises as a way to rid stress from our busy lives. A big shout out to Mrs. Thurber for explaining different types of breathing at our recent meeting.

# Levi Fisher Presents Food Donation On Behalf of 4-H



Lox-Bows 4H club to Mike Green of the Loudon Food Pantry. The kids collected food and Levi won the drawing for his town food pantry. Way to go 4H'ers!! ■

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# Request **Memories**

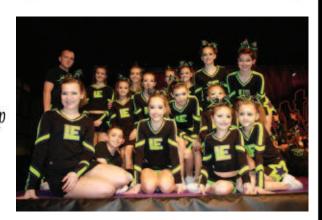
Many of you who have lived in Loudon most of your life, especially in the village, may recall Tony Byrne. He was very involved in Boy Scout Troop 247 and did a lot to help out the town he loved so much. Believe it or not, September 2nd will be the 20th anniversary of his death and, while we have all moved on, many still remember him and miss him every day. His sister, Kim, is asking for anyone who remembers anything about Tony to send her your memories; she is looking for anything you are willing to share, be it good, bad or indifferent. If you recall a certain conversation or event, or, if you have pictures or letters he wrote that you would like to share, she encourages you to do so. In addition, if you know of others who may not see this notice, please share Kim's request with them as well. Feel free to send as many as come to mind, whether short or long. Your memories can be sent via email to: kds2@q.com or by mail to: Kim Souhrada, 2318 Deer Ridge Circle, LeClaire, IA

### Limelight Elite All Stars 2013-2014 Sign Ups!

Limelight Elite All-Stars is an all-star cheerleading training facility based out of Bow, NH. We have teams for all ages and ability levels. We aim to be a family friendly & cost friendly cheerleading gym. Come join a team for the upcoming year! We also offer both individual and team tumbling classes for all ability levels as well as private tumbling instruction.

#### Try Out Dates:

Monday April 29th from 5-7pm Saturday May 11th from 9am-12noon Sunday May 12th from 1-4pm Email limelightelite@amail.com to sign up Or call Janice at 603-848-7890 7 Tallwood Drive Unit 1 & 2 Bow, NH (Same road as Field House Sports)



# **WARNING - THIS ARTICLE MIGHT SAVE A LIFE**

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

I hope I have your attention. I'm going to get on my soap box for this article. But it will be short, sweet and to the point - and hopefully this information will have a positive impact on you. It is so important that everyone understands what can and does happen to plastic if we don't recycle it. This information will focus primarily on plastic bags.

How many plastic bags do you need? The reports will vary, but research is showing the average number of plastic bags used per person ranges between 350 and 600 per year and the average family accumulates 60 plastic bags in only four trips to the grocery store. The United States alone uses approximately 100 billion new plastic bags per year.

Plastic bags are made from oil and other chemicals. Not only does this increase our dependency on fossil fuels, but it also pollutes our environment (and our bodies) with toxins...like lead, cadmium, mercury, and carcinogens like DEHP. Because of those toxins, using plastic bags for food storage is potential dangerous - it is not advisable to store food in plastic bags or containers as these toxins leach into the food system.

Plastic also affects some wildlife. Animals like sea turtles don't realize they are



eating plastic bags which they have mistaken to be jellyfish. This is not only infecting them with harmful toxins but can result in internal infections, blockages, starvation and death .... all because humans are too lazy to either A. stop using plastic bags in favor of cloth bags or B. recycle the bags at the transfer station.

In addition to the sea turtles; porpoises, whales, and birds have inadvertently ingested plastic bags resulting in numerous health problems. It has even

been found that plastic bags end up in desert areas. Camels and other desert wildlife have been found dead with plastic ingestion.

THE OCEAN'S DEADLIEST PREDATOR

Keep in mind that if the animals don't die from plastic ingestion, then they are polluting the food chain instead. And guess what - humans are at the top of the food chain, so we're eating this polluted fish and meat.

What are you going to do about it?

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

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



#### HEALTHY HEART VETERINARY CLINIC AND MOBILE SERVICE



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Loudon Fire Department Association with the Loudon Recreation Department

# **OPEN HOUSE**

Loudon Fire Department 8 Cooper Street

Saturday May 11, 2013 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Demonstrations
- ₩ Q&A
- Medical Screening
- Hot Dogs
- **Beverages**
- Cotton Candy
- **Balloons**
- Coloring contest
- Pictures with Smokey Bear & Sparky!



After 16 years at the Brookside Mall, Trish Brown, owner of Hair Razors Salon will be changing her location to 30 East Chichester Road starting the middle of May. She will once again work side-by-side with Karen Schoonmaker, owner of Foxy Hair Care.

"It's been a good long experience with my clients at Brookside Mall. Now I am looking forward to providing the same great customer service to all my clients. I'm fortunate to have a familiar colleague to welcome us."

See you there! 783-0300!

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# News from MVSD

### **Loudon Elementary School News**

Any child who will be 5 years old on or before September 30th is eligible for kindergarten. Please contact Mrs. Muzzey at LES 783-4400.

"You've got to accept the fact that you are basically not teaching a subject, you are teaching children."

— MADELINE L'ENGLE

#### You Are The Magic!

On April 2 the PTA sponsored a guest to appear at LES. Through the use of humor and magic the students were given the lesson to "Be the Best You Can Be." There were six messages: 1. Solve your problems; 2. Follow your dreams; 3. Be responsible; 4. Be a good citizen; 5. Laugh with people (not at them); and 6. Be a friend, not a bully. In the photo below, a fifth-grade student is selected to perform at the "solve your problems" performance.



#### **Arts Night**

On April 9, LES celebrated our annual Arts Night. Mrs. Keaton, music, and Ms. Patnaude, art, collaborated to jointly display their students' artistic abilities. To start the evening, each child had a self-selected creation hanging on the walls of LES for display. After the viewing, each grade level performed a song or two to a packed gym. The evening culminated with the entire student population singing Bon Jovi's "It's My Life" while a slide show of student art and videos were displayed high on the gym walls.

In the first photo below, Mrs. Keaton stands in the foreground as she rehearses with the students prior to the evening's performance. The second photo is a perspective of families walking the hallways to view the student art





# D.A.R.E. and the Manchester Monarchs



On Sunday, April 14, the fifth-grade students went to see the Manchester Monarchs in association with the D.A.R.E. program. The students were surprised with the opportunity to hold the United States flag to honor America during the national anthem. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opening ceremonies and the game. The Monarchs won the game 3-0.

#### Fun at the Luau

The PTA sponsored a Luau for the students on April 5. The students enjoyed playing games, hanging with their friends, thinking tropical, and doing what kids do best — running around and laughing. In the photos below, the students are shown doing the limbo and dashing through the Crazy Tourist race.





# Info as We Break for Spring Vacation...

- Vacation week is from April 22 through April 26. The only other day off in this school year is May 27 for Memorial Day.
- If you know of any Loudon child who will be five before September 30, 2013, they are eligible for kindergarten. Please call Mrs. Muzzey to register or to receive more information.
- D.A.R.E. graduation will take place on May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- On May 23, both fifth-grade students and parents can participate in move-up day at MVMS.
- For your summer planning, the last day of school is Thursday, June 20.

# Merrimack Valley High School News

#### **Wellness News:**

April was Alcohol Awareness Month. In an effort to remind and perhaps educate students about the many potential dangers of underage drinking, Student Assistance Program counselor Barbara Crouse and Wellness Counselor Lenny Smith went into classrooms to discuss this issue with students.

Joining us on Tuesday, May 14th will be Emergency Room Department Nurse Linda Dutil who will be our featured pre-prom/graduation speaker. Ms. Dutil will be talking with students about the danger of drugs and underage drinking in an effort to help students understand the consequences of choices. This assembly has been made possible by New Hampshire Distributors.

#### **Note to Parents:**

Prom and graduation are emotionally-charged times for parents and graduating seniors. Please don't break the law by supplying alcohol for anyone under the age of 21. The consequences of underage drinking can last a lifetime through legal prosecution, injury and death. Let's all do our part to celebrate in a safe, responsible fashion.

#### **Math Team News**

The MV Math Team finished out their season in February. The team placed 5th out of 13 teams in the large school division in the Lakes Region Mathematics League overall standings. Spencer Cote came in 4th for senior scores and tied for 13th overall. Andrea Bardsley tied for 4th for juniors and tied for 7th overall. Braden St. Jacques came in 3rd for grade 9 students and tied for 5th overall. Alyssa Radcliffe, Rebekah Stearns, Corey Boisvert, Dillan Dumont, Elizabeth Charity, Rachael Howell, and Emily Stearns also placed in the top half of all students participating. About 150 students competed in the league this year.

#### **Greetings from Guidance!**

Seniors who haven't solidified plans for next year, it's not too late! See Mr. Ciarametaro to get some help with developing college/career/life plans for after high school. Many colleges are still taking applications, and there are tons of other options including career schools, apprenticeships, military, certificate programs, etc.

Also — seniors should be checking the MV website for scholarship opportunities! Don't miss the chance to get \$\$\$ for college! Many local organizations want to help pay for college, but the applications must be filled out!

**Loudon Seniors** — The Arthur MacNeil/Raymond Cummings Scholarship is now available on the school website!

**Juniors** who took the ASVABS, a score interpretation and career development workshop will be held April 16th. Announcements will be made — see Mrs. Peterson with any questions.

Any junior interested in participating in Division I or II athletics in college must register with the NCAA Clearing House now! Go to <a href="https://www.eligibilitycenter.org">www.eligibilitycenter.org</a> to register. See Ms. Mercier with any questions.

College bound juniors should plan to take the SAT by the end of this year. The final dates of the school year are May 4th and June 1st. Go to <a href="www.college-board.org">www.college-board.org</a> for more information and to register.

**Sophomores,** this is a reminder that all 24 required community service hours must be completed by this summer to matriculate to junior status next year. Any Sophomores who have not met with Ms. Peterson,

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# Loudon 'Hood Snow Geese Come A-Visiting

By Richard Clark

Just yesterday, I happened to glance out the kitchen window taking notice of quick, low-to-the-ground, sporadic movements heading east to west to the bird feeders. Heard were the familiar cluckings and quackings of more than twenty ducks and geese as they scurried here, there, and hitherto visiting us from across the road, invited or not. The lot of them were busying themselves, gathering around the bird feeders in search of loose bird seed that larger birds like blue jays and cardinals — and even squirrels — had spilled.

The geese and ducks were not particular in the least about squabbling over and swallowing up everything in sight. The gang of them visited every nook and corner of the property, scooting around the back of the house to the front yard and across the driveway to the side yard feeders, all the while depositing poop and yakking back and forth as if at a yard sale.

The Missus Clark noticed two gorgeous snow white geese amongst the throng of dusty brown ducks and colorful mallards, all which appeared healthy and presumably were on a mission to keep it that way. Then Missus proclaimed, "Yes, they're gorgeous, but they've got to go! They're eating up the choice sunflower seeds on the ground that usually the larger species of feathered friends feast on."

The geese and ducks were rooting out around the compost bin, hurling fall leaves into the winds. Just

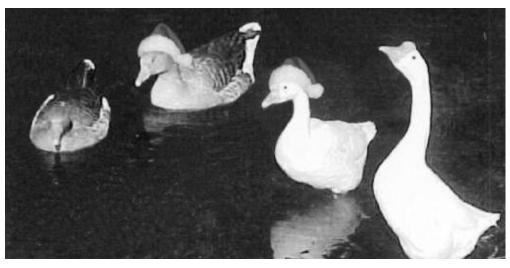
what they're searching for truly is a mystery in itself. The inquisitive flock of webfooted delinquents was on the loose.

Today, what with the massive storm, the flock is not visiting. But the usual feathered friends, large and small, are visiting all the

feeders and are eating their fill, then heading to nests to hunker in, warm and cuddly until the chance again to visit. Not only do little lambs eat ivy, but so do ducks and geese and mallards eat ivy, too.

Homemade Canadian pork pie and pumpkin bread for Saturday's dinner, served along with potato cream of mushroom sour cream soup can't wait. Winter is here, let it snow, snow, snow all it wants to.

Honk! Honk! Quack! Quack! Oh no! Can't be? At near zero visibility, especially during a bliz-



zard-like snow storm, the snow white geese are obscured; but the darker birds, ducks and mallards wings afluttering — how magnificent! Wintry ice cold or not, I crank open the kitchen window to listen, voicing "Hey, there!"

"Hello!" each in turn peer my way, then one hurriedly waddles off with the others in tow. Bleating "Ciao, bye-bye," they promise they'll be back. ■



# Merrimack Valley Middle School National Honor Society

The Merrimack Valley Middle School held the **1** annual induction ceremony for The National Junior Honor Society on March 25th. New inductees were Colleen Easler, Ojashwi Giri, Meriah Metzger, Sophie Nolin, Lily Osgood, Lauren Rouse, and Meghan Smith. These new members joined current members Kristie Schoffield, Madison Godfrey, Lauryn Masse, Lenna Paquin, Madyn Kenney, and Dani Mead. Nine members of the MVMS National Junior Honor Society are from Loudon! Congratulations to allmembers of the National Junior Honor Society. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Your accomplishments and continued commitment to improving yourself and the lives of others are valued and appreciated. The NJHS advisor is Kaitlin Woods. ■

Grades 10 & 11 Awards Dinner

New England 7:30 a.m.-10:00

please make an appointment to do so. Begin exploring college and career options on collegeboard.com!

Grade 9 students — keep truckin'! Almost through the first year of high school! It's a good time to examine study habits — if things are going well, keep up the good work. If not, think about changes that can be made today to earn credits and move on to 10th grade. At least 6 credits must be earned by June to become a sophomore.

Words of Wisdom: "It is not death that a man should fear — but he should fear never beginning to live."

— MARCUS AURELIUS, EMPEROR OF ROME

#### **Art News:**

Kimball Jenkins is hosting the Art Concord Youth Exhibit. The following MVHS students had their work exhibited: Abby Blunt, Jordyn Brown, Savannah Derby, Alyssa Harshman, Emily Masse, Devynne Dlubac, Reagan Dombrowski, and Francesca Leone. There were two locations. The opening reception of the exhibit was held on Friday, April 19 from 5–7 at Kimball Jenkins (Mansion); refreshments were served. About 20 pieces of art were selected for "People's Choice Awards." These pieces were on exhibit through the end of April. On Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, approximately 100 pieces of art were exhibited at the vacant space between The Bagel Works and The League Gallery, thanks to Mark Ciborowski.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

May 18, 2013

May 21, 2013

Prom, Courtyard Marriott, Concord. Grand Entrance 6:15–7:00 p.m. Prom 7:00–11:00 p.m. Grade 9 Awards Ceremony at 12:30 — Auditorium Academic Recognition Day! National Honor Society Inductions 5:00 — Auditorium

5:30 — By reservation only "The MVees" Award Ceremony 6:30 — Gymnasium May 27, 2013 No School — Memorial Day June 5, 2013 CRTC Competency at CHS -Auditorium Certificate Ceremony at 6:30-8:00 p.m. June 10, 2013 Senior Awards Night 5:00 — Banquet — Students 6:00 — Pick up cap & gown 6:30 — Sr. Class Photo 7:00 — Award Ceremony June 11, 2013 Senior Class Trip — Six Flags

June 15, 2013 Graduation — MVHS Game Field 10:00 a.m. Rain or Shine Seniors arrive by 9:00 a.m. ■



# Loudon Young at Heart

T he Loudon Young at Heart met on April 9, 2013 at Charlie's Barn. The forty-five attendees listened to the presentation on bobcats given by Mike Morrison from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.

New Hampshire Fish and Game and the University of New Hampshire are conducting a research project called "Understanding Bobcats in the Granite State" focusing on their health and movement through the southwest part of the state. This study will provide valuable data regarding bobcat home-range, habitat use and preferences, population size and distribution, seasonal behavior and travel corridor use. With the help of volunteer trappers, the researchers capture, tranquilize and record vital signs, then attach radio collars, inject a drug that reverses the tranquilizer and release the animal, a process that takes about 20 minutes. The presentation ended with a question and answer period and was enjoyed by all.

The door prizes were donated by Lynne Preve and the lucky recipients were Martha Butterfield, Bob Ordway, Roger Dow, Doreen Scoville, and Stanley Prescott.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 14th and the entertainment will be the "One Man Band."

*Please note:* Due to bike weekend, the Cruise on the Mount Washington has been changed to June 18th.

The group closed out the morning with pizza for lunch and socializing with their friends.

See you next month and until then THINK SPRING!!

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



Dear Residents.

It has been a while since you have heard from us here at the Richard Brown House so I thought a quick update might be in order. We are delighted to finally see signs of Spring and look forward to some nice whether. We have some site work we are hoping to complete this spring to regenerate the lawn areas around the building and help with drainage in the parking lot. The building is getting along nicely and we have consistently maintained a full house, and our waiting list is getting rather long! The word has got out that Loudon and the Richard Brown House is a great place to live!

We continue to offer the facility for groups to meet and have monthly visiting nurse clinics open to the public as well. Check in from time to time to see what other activities might be planned. The local Scouts were looking into a project to create some walking trails for the residents and we welcome others who may want to volunteer their time to spend with our seniors. The owners of the facility, Volunteers of America Northern New England based out of Brunswick, ME, are the local chapter of the Volunteers of America National Organization dating back to over 100 years of service. While affordable senior housing is a big part of the services VOA offers, they also are heavily involved with mental health housing and treatment programs, veterans issues, and many other social service functions.

Both the staff and the residents would like to offer our thanks and gratitude for the support we have received from the town and residents over the years and we continue to be proud to be part of the community. If you would like more information on Volunteers of America — The Richard Brown House, please give us a call at 603-798-3190 or visit us at our web site: <a href="https://www.voanne.org">www.voanne.org</a>.



#### **May Walk-In Immunization Clinics**

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. April clinics will be held Monday, May 6, 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, May 21, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

#### **May Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic**

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, May 3 at 9:30–11 a.m.

Blood Pressure Clinics are at the West Street Ward House, 41 West St. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

#### **May Senior Health Clinics**

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics on May 28 at The VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.



#### **Feinstein Challenge Update**

As of April 19th, we have collected \$5,517.52 in food and funds. Almost all the branches on our tree (located at <u>loudonfoodpantry.org</u>) is brown. Now is the time to color up the leaves.

Our goal for this year for this challenge is \$6,000.00. Your generosity is overwhelming! We could never thank you enough for your help! Your continued support is needed to make our goal.

To be a part of this effort, donate food or funds between March 1st and April 30th and note that it's for the Feinstein Challenge. Without noting your donation, it cannot be included in this challenge.

#### **How Can You Donate?**

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to: Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D., Loudon NH 03307 (Please make checks out to Loudon Food Pantry)

You can also donate through the "Feinstein Challenge" link. We have also listed the locations of our collection bins. Any of these collected food or funds will be automatically included in the challenge.

Business	Town	<b>Collection Type Accepted</b>
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
The Hungry Buffalo	Loudon	Food & Funds
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food

To see our progress, check out our tree at <a href="www.LoudonFoodPantry.org">www.LoudonFoodPantry.org</a>. Our tree is undated daily

Remember, even small donations can add up quickly so please give whatever you can afford so we can make this challenge a successful one!

Thank you very much for your continued support! ■



# Loudon American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Post Commander

Hello Legionnaires,

We had a good April meeting with the night's highlight being the swearing-in of your post officers. New officers for this year are Gary Tasker, First Vice Commander, and Larry Elliot, Finance Officer. All other post officers from 2012 were sworn in again for another year. I look forward to working with all of you and thank Gary and Larry for volunteering to serve our members. Gerard LeDuc, District 5 Commander, presided over the ceremony aided by Tony Rabbia as Sergeant-of-Arms from the NH Department of The American Legion. After the meeting, we all enjoyed some light refreshments and camaraderie.

I would like to welcome two new faces who turned out for the April meeting. They are Roy Fancy and Steve Hargreaves. Thank you for your attendance and your Legion family looks forward to seeing you guys again. I'm still working on finding just the right containers to put out at the Transfer Station and Charlie's Barn for those of you to place your unserviceable American Flags in. For now, please continue to drop them off at the Transfer Station office.

April's Commander's raffle winners were: S. Oullette — \$50, F. Osgood (his cat Sam) — \$25, R. Fiske — \$10, B. Sanstrum — \$10, and D.& B. Scoville — \$5.

Lastly, I'm putting a call out to all female veterans to join your local post and to come to our meetings. Woman Veterans are very important to the American Legion family and your input and insight would be of value to this organization. Post 88 will pay any new member's dues of the American Legion for 2013. Members of another American Legion Post may request a transfer to Post 88 and if you haven't renewed for 2013, you may do so for \$22.00.

For all members and any prospective new members, please join us on May 15th at 1900 hrs for our next meeting as we will be discussing the upcoming Memorial Day parade.

Respectively submitted, Commander Shawn Jones and Your Legion family



Shawn Jones, USCGR (Ret.), American Legion Post 88 — Commander Merrimack Valley Military Vehicle Collectors, Treasurer.

# Deadline for June Loudon Ledger Friday, May 17, 2013



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56 Pittsfield Road Loudon, NH 03307



### Cosmetic Changes That Can Transform a Home

By Jack Prendiville Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

There are cost effective ways to transform your home. Perhaps you want to change the look of your home but a major remodel or professional construction project is out of the question. Here are some do it yourself ideas that won't break the bank and will revamp your property.

- **1. Repaint and revitalize.** Never underestimate the difference a coat of paint can make in a room or even one wall.
- 2. Update your hardware. Replacing the fixtures on dresser drawers, kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities is simple. Accessories like doorknobs and even hinges can look dated. Spice up a space by swapping out the existing hardware and make it your own.
- **3. Sand and stain.** Don't like your kitchen cabinets but aren't ready to completely renovate? No problem, as long as they are in good condition you can paint or stain your existing cabinets. Be sure to do a test on the inside of a cabinet that won't be seen to make sure you get desired results.
- **4. Counterculture.** New countertops drastically change a space and are available at most home improvement stores in standard sizes at a reasonable price. They are precut and ready to install.
- **5. New stream.** Faucets in the kitchen, tub and sinks can be changed. They should correlate with the rest of the style in the specific room.
- Get floored. Tiles can be inexpensive and transform a kitchen, bath or mudroom.
- 7. **Kitchen views.** You can switch out a kitchen backsplash without moving cabinetry or appliances and the sky's the limit in terms of color and style. ■

# **OBITUARIES**

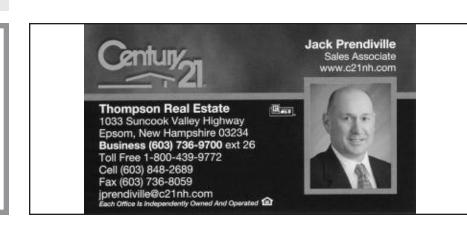
#### LORA MacKAY

Lora MacKay, 93, died Sunday, April 14, 2013, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born in Grafton, daughter of the late Frances and Florence (Rodgers) O'Brian. During World War II she prepared parachutes in a parachute factory. Mrs. MacKay loved cooking, music, gardening, and God. She played the piano and accordian, taught Sunday School for seven years at Loudon Congregational Church and was a member of the Ladies Guild.

She was predeceased by her husband Lewis MacKay.

She is survived by one daughter, Aprill Sinclair of Concord; two sons, Roger MacKay and Kenneth MacKay both of Loudon; nine grandchildren, and many great grandchildren.

Donations may be made in Lora's memory to the Concord SPCA, 130 Washington St., Penacook, NH 03303. ■



# 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@ milessmith farm.com

#### **Aznive Farm**

7046 Pleasant Street. Hay, Beef. 435-7509

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

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

#### **Hill Top Feeds**

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

#### **Ledgeview Greenhouses**

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

#### Liliana Flower Farm

140 Beck Road. Perennials and pesticidefree vegetable plants. Wed-Sun 10-5 p.m. www.lilianaflowerfarm.com. 783-9268

#### **Lyon Berry Farm**

986 Route 129. Highbush blueberries. 435-

#### Maple Ridge Farm

416 Bumfagon Road. Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup. 435-8183

#### Meadow Ledge Farm

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

#### **Miles Smith Farm**

56 Whitehouse Road. Locally raised hormone and antibiotic free beef, individual

cuts and sides. Tue, Th 4-7:30 p.m. W, 9-1 p.m., Sat 9–3 p.m. www.miles smithfarm.com. 783-5159

#### **Moonshine Farm Organics**

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

#### Mudget Hill Mumbling Maplers

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

#### Our Place Farm

290 Route 129. Goat milk, eggs, naturallyraised pork, grass-fed beef, pasture-raised chicken, meat goats, natural fiber handspun yarn. Stop in afternoons or call ahead. 798-

#### **Pearl and Sons**

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

#### Potpourri Acres

7257 Pleasant Street. "A little bit of everything and not much of anything." Organic producer — vegetables. <u>larrabeesr@com</u> cast.net. 435-8209

#### Ramsay's Farm Stand

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

#### Red Manse Farm

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

#### Sanborn Mills Farm

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

#### Windswept Maples

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

# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 13, 2013

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 5, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion

Chairman Bowles opened the public hearing to discuss the Invitation to Proponents for the removal of the Legion building. He explained that a notice went out that they are seeking requests for proposals for the purchase and removal of the American Legion Post 88 building located at 55 South Village Road. Chairman Bowles said they intended to open proposals at this public hearing but they did not receive any. Selectman Krieger made a motion to close this public hearing, seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

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

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a past due ambulance bill for review. Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bill to collection: account #45184 in the amount of \$445.80, seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a letter from NHDOT regarding the Highway Block

The Board received an email from Dick Wright regarding an ad for a part-time Pittsfield Fire Chief for their information.

The Board received an email from Donna White regarding the Hazard Mitigation Committee. Chairman Bowles will try to attend the meeting next week. The Board

suggested that if the meetings were held on Fridays they would be more available to attend.

The Board received a letter regarding an employee's military deployment.

The Board received copies of Certificate of Achievements regarding Bill Lake.

The Board received a Public Hearing notification from the City of Concord. The Board received miscellaneous cor-

respondence.

The Board received the following reminders.

Saturday, March 16, 2013 9:00 a.m. -Town Meeting at the Loudon Elementary

Wednesday, March 20, 2013 8:30 a.m. -Hazard Mitigation Meeting.

Thursday, March 21, 2013 7:00 p.m. –

Planning Board meeting

Chairman Bowles added that there is a site visit on Greenview Drive Thursday, March 14, 2013.

Chairman Bowles stated that approximately 618 voters turned out yesterday for Election Day. He offered his congratulations to those who won. Chairman Bowles stated that all the Zoning Amendments passed. He thanked the Moderator, Ballot Clerks and Checklist Supervisors; stating that everything went very well.

Selectmen Krieger and Ives offered their congratulations to Chairman Bowles for three more years as a Selectman.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

# **Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes** — March 4, 2013

Present: Steve Del Deo, Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Director Nancy Hendy, Alt. Marilyn Sylvester, Laura Vincent.

Steve called the meeting to order. The minutes were reviewed. Molly Ashland moved to accept the minutes, Ken K. seconded. All were in favor.

The financial statements were reviewed and accepted.

The Library director's report:

- Work is in progress to add a half-sized, swinging door at the entrance to the Chil-
- · Room circulation desk work area. An old door is being cut to size and recycled.
- Another local property owners' cooperative is looking for a regular meeting date at the library. Since the schedule is already close to full for both meeting rooms, the group may pick an early meeting time, close to 5:30 p.m., or meet by the fireplace in the reference room.
- The Children's Librarian applied last week for a Summer Reading Program literacy grant from DOLLAR GENERAL. We also apply each year to the KIDS, BOOKS and the ARTS FOUNDATION, through the NHSL, for help with performance costs.

- · A grant application will go out to TAR-
- We are now using Landscapers Choice ice melt on the walkways to protect the con-
- The next book sale will be held on March 30.
- Pointing of the brickwork will continue when weather warms up.
- · We will contact contractors to determine the cause of the corner ceiling leak and obtain repair cost estimates. We will also compare bids for re-painting interior sections of the building.

Volunteers will remind voters to write in Ken Krzewick for library trustee. Ken inadvertently missed the deadline to have his name on the ballot.

The Selectmen will swear in the Library Trustee Alternates after the Town Meeting.

Next meeting is set for April 1, at 5 p.m. Steve Del Deo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Ken K. All were in favor.

Steve Del Deo Ken Krzewick Molly Ashland

# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 19, 2013

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present: Fire Chief Dick Wright Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 13, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion

The Board met with Fire Chief Dick

Chief Wright thanked the Board again for the presentation at town meeting. He said it was very nice, he was very honored and very surprised. Selectman Ives stated it is well deserved.

Chief Wright explained that John Reese has sent an application to the National Fire Academy for the Fire Investigation Course. Mr. Reese will pay his own travel expenses to get there however would like to get paid for the time he is gone at straight time; it is a two week course. Chief Wright said it is something that would be good for the department. Selectman Ives asked if Mr. Reese would get a certification. Chief Wright said he would. Selectman Krieger asked when the course is. Chief Wright said it is June 10-21, 2013.

Chief Wright said that Bill Lake will be attending a Fire Officer training course in

Epping five Saturdays. Chief Wright said about three of those he is scheduled to work so he would like his time covered when he's down there at straight time. Selectman Krieger asked if he will be paid for the Saturdays that he is not scheduled to work when he goes to school. Chief Wright said no only the days that he would have been working. Selectman Krieger verified Captain Lake will work his regular schedule and there will be no overtime involved. Chief Wright agreed. Selectman Ives asked if there is a fee for the training and if Captain Lake is paying for it. Chief Wright said there is and Captain Lake is paying for it.

Chief Wright said he saw the job posting

Chief Wright said he will get the road count paperwork to the Selectmen.

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

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received a Federal Surplus Form for their review and signatures

The Board received a letter from School Superintendent Mike Martin, Mr. Martin stated that annual reports are released two weeks before the annual meeting: copies will be delivered to town office and various

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locations within each community. He said that for the 2014 annual meeting special voting cards will be made for that particular meeting and colors will be alternated yearly. Mr. Martin said the board will continue to post information on the school district website and the website is in the process of being upgraded. He also said that they look forward to resuming semi-annual meetings with the Selectman and will be in touch soon to work on a proposed meeting date.

The Board received a list of Committee Members with appointments due to expire for their review. They approved the list.

The Board received a draft Post Closure Inspection Report for 2012 from Nobis Engineering.

The Board received a Northeast Resource Recovery Association letter and annual report

The Board received a copy of a check received from the Loudon Freewill Baptist Church for their share of expenses for 2012 for the town hall. Chairman Bowles explained that the church pays for part of the heat, electricity, alarm etc.

The Board received a State of NH Dept of Safety letter regarding Emergency Notification System. The Board asked that a copy be forwarded to the Fire and Police Departments.

The Board received a Comcast update regarding former AT & T cable packages.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, March 20, 2013 8:30 a.m. -Hazard Mitigation Meeting.

Thursday, March 21, 2013 7:00 p.m. -Planning Board meeting

Chairman Bowles thanks everyone that attended town meeting stating that there was a good turnout.

Selectman Ives asked Chief Wright if there was any feedback after the Fire Department monthly meeting that the Selectman attended recently. Chief Wright said there wasn't, he thought it was a good meeting. Chairman Bowles suggested that maybe they should meet with the department a couple times a year to help with communications. Selectman Ives said it would be a good idea since they are volun-

Chairman Bowles made a motion to appoint Selectman Krieger for Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. Selectman Ives seconded the motion. Selectman Krieger accepted the appointment. Majority vote. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Meeting adiourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 26, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives, and Selectman Bowles

Also present: Road Agent Dave Rice and Police Chief/ Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 19, 2013 as written. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion car-

I. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice

Mr. Rice said things were going pretty good and they are doing as much as they can to maintain the gravel roads.

Mr. Rice asked the Board to allow the rental of a screener with a two inch screen. He said then they would be able to screen some larger material to mix with the sand

they have on site. Selectman Ives asked how long the rental would be and Mr. Rice replied one week. Chairman Krieger asked if it was less expensive to screen the material than to purchase it already screened. Mr. Rice said it was. Selectman Bowles asked if would take a week to screen the material on hand. Mr. Rice said there was plenty of material available and he wanted to get as much of it screened as he can during the one week rental. Selectman Ives asked if the screened material would be used in upcoming road projects. Mr. Rice said yes it would be used for a base and then they would put crushed on top. Mr. Rice discussed the overtime line and advised the Board he was watching it closely. Selectman Bowles asked if Mr. Rice had been able to get the gravel on the culvert on Sanborn Road. Mr.

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# **Pay Your Property Taxes Online**

### **Loudon Property Owners:**

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

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

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Rice said he should be able to get it done on Wednesday.

Chairman Krieger advised Mr. Rice that there was a letter from Wheelabrator regarding upcoming maintenance at the plant in Penacook. Mr. Rice said he had been given a copy of the letter.

Chairman Krieger read the notice from New Hampshire of Safety regarding the snow disaster declaration for the February storm. A meeting is scheduled for April 2nd in Concord to review the filing requirements. Mr. Rice will attend this meeting.

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

Chief Fiske provided another copy of the Department Safety letter regarding the April 2nd meeting in Concord. When asked if he would also be attending, Chief Fiske said it was more for the Road Agent than his department. Mr. Rice said he had been asked at a prior meeting if the Police Chief/Emergency Management Director would be attending so that he would have the full scope of how the process works. Mr. Rice said he was passing the information on.

Chief Fiske advised the Board of material received on the Emergency Notification System (ENS). He said he had been advised that only two users should be able to access the system from each community. Chief Fiske said he had spoken with Fire Chief Dick Wright and it was agreed the user access will be at the Police Department. Chief Fiske said the ENS policy asks that the Selectmen offer their support of the program. Discussion ensued on making sure there are two people authorized to access the system. It was agreed that Chairman Krieger will be the alternate person to be authorized on the ENS system.

Chief Fiske presented the Board with accident material provided to Central NH Regional Planning Commission for the traffic control plan.

Chief Fiske provided the Board with a letter of intent from NH Motor Speedway for a May 25, 2013 Color Vibe running event.

III. Chairman Krieger stated for the record that seven pistol permits were signed for approval.

IV. Selectman Bowles advised Chief Fiske he was still receiving comments from concerned citizens regarding having police activity publicized to alert residents of potential criminal activities within the Town. Chief Fiske again expressed his concerns regarding this request.

V. The Board advised those present that Office Manager Jean Lee has retired from her position effective March 28th.

VI. The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil presented the Board with letters from several tax payers who wish to enter into a payment plan in regards to past due property taxes for their review and approval.

VII. The Board acknowledged Colin Cabot from the audience.

Mr. Cabot discussed his interest in the former American Legion building. Mr. Cabot said he has had discussions with several of his neighbors regarding the location of the building and has some interest in putting the structure on the corner of Route 129 and Pittsfield Road. He said the building could then be used as a Community Center. Mr. Cabot asked if the Board had a specific time frame for the removal of the structure from the Village Road location. Selectman Bowles said there is no specific time frame but they were hoping to have the building dismantled and moved out relatively soon. Mr. Cabot said he was advised it would take four weeks to dismantle and move the building. Mr. Cabot said he would also have to discuss his proposal with the Conservation Commission to see if it would be allowed at that location. The Board and Mr. Cabot discussed the options for the

VIII. Selectman Ives moved to approve the contract with Cartographic Associates for the 2013 tax map maintenance for the Town of Loudon. This proposal includes 4 complete sets of full size maps with one drilled for binding and 35 complete sets of 11x17 maps. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. Selectman Ives moved to approve the appointment of Marilyn Sylvester and Herbert Huckins, as alternate Library Trustees with terms to expire March 31, 2014. To also appoint Helen McNeil to the position of Deputy Town Clerk with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Deirdre Littlefield as Deputy Tax Collector with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint David Rice to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Norman Bowles to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Stephen Bennett to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. Motion to appoint Barbara Parent to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint LeeAnn Childress to the SolidWaste/Recycling Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Alicia Grimaldi to the Loudon Recreation Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Melissa Minery to the Loudon Recreation Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Amanda Massee to the Loudon Recreation Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Jennifer Pfeiffer to the Loudon Recreation Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Kimberly Therrien to the Loudon Recreation Committee with term to expire March 31, 2014. To appoint Roger Maxfield to the position of Welfare Director with term to expire March 31, 2014. Second by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Bowles offered the Board's appreciation to all of the volunteers who serve the Town in these positions. All in favor. Motion carried.

X. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed an email from Fire Chief Dick Wright in answer to the Board's question on a time sheet from two weeks ago. Chairman Krieger thanked Chief Wright for his prompt response to their inquiry.

The Board received monthly expenditure reports for review.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the letter from Department of Safety for the snow event in February. This item was discussed previously in the meeting with Road Agent Dave Rice, who will be attending the meeting on April 2nd along with Bonnie Theriault, Office Assistant.

The Board received a copy of the CNHRPC traffic count request form for review from the Planning Board. Selectman Bowles explained the Planning Board had reviewed prior year's requests and tried to get roads that were further out for this year's program.

The Board acknowledged the letter from Wheelabrator for maintenance scheduled for April. Chairman Krieger stated that Dave Rice said this will not affect the trash being transferred to the incinerator.

Selectman Bowles advised the Board that Rep. Harold Moffett would like to meet

with the Board to discuss Legislative proposals. The Board will meet with Rep. Moffett on April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. The Selectmen will have this posted on the web site so the public will be aware of this meeting.

XI. The Board was reminded of the following:

DARE Pizza Night is Wednesday, March 27th.

Zoning Board meeting on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 P.M.

The Board was also reminded of the MVSD School Board Meeting on Monday April 8th at 7:15 P.M.

XII. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Brenda Pearl to the position of Town Office Manager effective March 28, 2013. At this time the appointment is an interim appointment.

Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — April 2, 2013

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

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 26, 2013 as written. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried

The Board recognized State Representative Howard Moffett.

Mr. Moffett thanked the Board for allowing him to attend. He stated that he would come as often as would be helpful to the Board. Mr. Moffett said he doesn't have a format in mind he just came to check in with the Board. Mr. Moffett explained that they are just about halfway through the first legislative session of this biennium. He explained that April 4th is crossover day. It's the day when all the bills that originated in the House go to the Senate and the ones that started in the Senate go to the House.

Mr. Moffett said that tomorrow is the day of the House vote on the budget. He explained that he has some information that he wants to share that reflects specifically to how the House finance committee's proposed budget would affect the Town of Loudon. Mr. Moffett said he would be happy to discuss how he voted on bills if the Board has questions.

Chairman Krieger asked how the budget is going to affect the Town. Mr. Moffett explained that in the budget that has been developed by the House Finance Committee that Adequate Education Aid is supposed to continue at approximately the same level for 2013, it dips slightly in 2014 and 2015. Meals & Rooms Tax distributions are about the same level for 2013 and 2014 but in 2015 it bumps ups. Selectman Ives asked why they bumped it up in 2015. Mr. Moffett said because they want to get money back to the Towns and they are assuming that the economy is coming back. Selectman Ives asked if this has something to do with gambling. Mr. Moffett said this budget does not include gambling. Selectman Ives said that he was thinking if a gambling resort is built the State might be counting on an influx of meals and rooms tax. Mr. Moffett said that regardless of gambling this budget is showing that an additional 5 million is going back to cities and towns.

Mr. Moffett discussed Highway Block Grants. He explained that the House passed a gas tax increase bill. It is for a .04 cent increase for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Mr. Moffett said some of that increase will come back to cities and towns through the Highway Block Grants. Mr. Moffett said this bill could still be knocked out by the Senate; it could still be comprised between the House and Senate. Mr. Moffett said this was a tough vote for him he knows that a lot people in Canterbury and Loudon are hurting so any increase in taxes is not going to be popular. He did vote for it because it seems to him that the State's economy depends on it. Selectman Ives said he prefers to see a targeted tax such as this where the gas tax is going to the highways rather than the money going into the general fund.

Mr. Moffett discussed the Retirement System. He explained that a couple of years ago the legislature downshifted the retirement cost to the cities and towns. Mr. Moffett said to him this is the single biggest budget issue they have got. He said that he voted to shift to a hybrid plan for public employees but it didn't pass.

Chairman Krieger asked where the casino bill stands. Mr. Moffett said the Senate passed the bill to allow one casino almost surely in Rockingham Park. Selectman Ives clarified that the bill didn't define where it was going to be. Mr. Moffett stated that he has a lot of problems with gambling and he doesn't expect to vote for it when it comes to the House. He feels there are too many problems with it including it being a declining source of revenue, crime and all the stuff that comes with it.

Chairman Krieger thanked Mr. Moffett for coming in. Mr. Moffett said that he is available to them anytime.

# ATTENTION! MAKE A NOTE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

Mr. Moffett told the Board that he. Priscilla Lockwood and Lorrie Carev will be at the Maxfield Public Library, with coffee and donuts, on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 10:00 am.

Selectman Ives moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 7:07 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Bowles - yes; Ives - yes; Krieger - yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Bowles - yes; Ives yes; Krieger - yes Motion carries Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Bowles - yes; Ives yes; Krieger - yes. All in favor. Motion car-

Chairman Krieger stated for the record that seven pistol permits were signed for

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received two past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Bowles made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #442 in the amount of \$622.40 and account #850 in the amount of \$55.03 seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives explained that although \$55.00 doesn't seem like much to send to collections, everything that doesn't get collected comes out of the tax payer's pockets.

The Board received a request from a patient to make payments for an ambulance bill. The Board will check to see if the bill has been sent to collections yet. They will look into the procedure before making an agreement with the person.

The Board received a copy of an email from NHMS submitted by Chief Fiske regarding the music at Color Vibe event. The Board agreed that the music should not be as loud as it was at last year's Renegade Event and if they get a complaint it will have to be shut down.

The Board received an email from a resident with concerns about a property's assessment. The Board will ask the Town Assessor to look into this.

The Board received a letter from DES regarding a Notification of Acceptance of Permit Application.

The Board received a letter from the Concord Regional Crimeline. Chairman Krieger said that the Town should probably be involved in this. He said that there has been some concern in the past that if they are involved that Crimeline would ask the businesses in town for donations. He was informed that fundraising is not done that way. The Board will hold the information and speak with Chief Fiske about it.

The Board received a letter from the Loudon Old Home Day Association. Saturday, August 10, 2013 will be the 100th Anniversary of the event.

The Board received a copy of information for the State of NH DOT Bureau of Fuel Distribution. Selectman Bowles said that he spoke to someone with the Cate Van Committee, they would like to sign up for the program because they are in Concord so much, it would make sense to fuel up there. Selectman Bowles said the ambulances should also be signed up.

The Board received a copy of the Tax Collector's Certification for their informa-

The Board received a copy of the High School & College Scholarship applications for their review. Selectman Ives made a motion to accept the McNeil/Cummings College and High School Scholarship applications with a due date of May 14, 2013. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a notice of Public Hearing from Town of Pembroke ZBA regarding Regional Impact.

The Board received a copy of information regarding forming Village Districts.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

The Board was reminded of the following:

Monday, April 8, 2013 7:15 - MVSD

School Board Meeting.

Thursday, April 11, 2013 1:15 – NHMS TCP Committee Meeting.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 8:14 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — April 9, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives, and Selectman Bowles

Also present: Police Chief Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Dick Wright, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright, Dave Powelson, Zoning Board Chairman, and Road Agent Dave Rice.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 2, 2013 as written. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger opened the Board of

Chief Fiske submitted 9 Hawker and Peddler permits. Chief Fiske stated that all of the permits are for NHMS Charity events. He submitted letters of intents and insurance policies for each event.

Chief Fiske explained that Claude Welch would like to sell raffle tickets at his home 7360 School Street and at the Beanstalk. Chairman Krieger asked what the tickets are for. Chief Fiske said that all the proceeds would go to Disabled American Veterans and they are raffling off a 2013 Spyder bike. Chief Fiske said permission is being asked to sell the tickets from April 9 through June 8, 2013. Chief Fiske said that a sign is only allowed for a week before and a week after a special event unless the Board deems otherwise. Mr. Powelson asked what size the sign is and would it be inside or outside the store. Mr. Welch said the sign is actually a banner that is approximately 4' x 3.5'. Selectman Bowles asked where this banner will be hung. Mr. Welch said wherever he can sell the tickets; either his home or the Beanstalk. Chairman Krieger asked if Mr. Welch would have a table set-up to sell the tickets at the Beanstalk. Mr. Welch said he would. Chief Fiske stated that unless this Board says differently Mr. Welch needs to see the Zoning Board for a home occupation to do this at his house. Mr. Powelson said generally if you have an occupation big enough for a sign you need to see the Zoning Board. Chairman Krieger asked if this is really an occupation; raising money for a charity. Selectman Bowles said there are others that do raffles. Chief Fiske said the Children's Charities at NHMS and the Loudon Food Pantry do but they are established businesses. Mr. Powelson said that the Town Ordinance says that a special event sign can be placed one week before and one week after a special event. He explained that this is in place for things like Budweiser signs during a race. Mr. Powleson said that this might be considered a long special event. Selectman Bowles asked if the Mr. Welch would be sitting at a table at the Beanstalk every day. Mr. Welch said he would not; only on his days off from work. Selectman Bowles asked if the sign would be up only when Mr. Welch was there selling tickets. Mr. Welch said that is correct. Chairman Krieger suggested that an 81/2 x 11 sign be placed at the Beanstalk stating what days tickets will be sold and on those days the banner gets hung. Selectman Ives asked if he plans on hanging the banner at his house on the days it is not at the Beanstalk. Mr. Welch said if the Board

allows it he will. Mr. Welch said he receives donated items and sells them for the charity; he would put the banner up when he is out doing that. Chief Fiske said that there is a yard sale permit sign that he could issue. Chief Fiske asked about parking for the yard sale. Mr. Welch says he has access to the field next door for parking if needed. He has only had a couple of cars stop at a time since he started doing this in November and has done it 4-5 times. Mr. Powleson said that if it is defined as a special event that runs from now until early June, it is a temporary event. Selectman Ives stated that this is for the raffle only. Chairman Krieger asked if Mr. Welch needs to go before Zoning. Mr. Powelson said he doesn't to run the raffle. Mr. Welch stated that he doesn't get paid for any of this, he volunteers all his free time. Chairman Krieger clarified that they are all set with the banner being hung at the store when Mr. Welch is there. Chief Fiske said that by defining the special event they can work out the banner at the house. Selectman Bowles said that if there are any issues such as parking they will revisit it immediately. He also said they will need a letter from the owner of the Beanstalk stating what he is agreeable to. Mr. Welch will get the letter to Chief Fiske.

Chairman Krieger closed the Board of Permit

The Board met with Road Agent Dave

Mr. Rice stated that he ordered the magnesium for the roads this week.

Mr. Rice said that the FEMA paperwork is filled out, the Selectman have a copy to review and if it looks ok it will be forwarded tomorrow. The Board reviewed it and said it looks good and should be forwarded.

Chairman Krieger said that Old Shaker Road looks good. Mr. Rice said they have been buffing but the edges are still too wet

Mr. Rice said he spoke to All State Asphalt, they have an asphalt road maintenance program. The salesman would like to speak to the Selectmen about the program; it will take about half an hour. Selectman Bowles suggested that Mr. Rice speak to the salesman and see if there is something set up where they can go and see the presentation or if they want to hold the presentation here and invite other people they could do that. Mr. Rice will contact them and set something up.

Mr. Rice said he is starting to get asphalt

Mr. Rice said he has the guys sweeping what they can; the sweeper is coming Mon-

The Board met with Fire Chief Wright.

Chief Wright said that they received eight applications for the Fire Chief position. The Board will meet with Chief Wright and Deputy Chief Wright on Thursday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the Selectmen's Office to review the applications.

Chief Wright said they had a small brush fire Monday.

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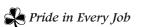
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Chairman Krieger asked about the new fire truck. The dealer wants them to do a final inspection on April 30th. The truck should be delivered to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus the first week of May where they will mount all the equipment that is taken off the old truck and the rescue truck. Chief Wright has scheduled Bill and John to go out for the final inspection. The cost of the trip is included in the contract so the dealer will provide a rental car for them to drive out. They will leave here Sunday, April 28th and leave to come home on May 1st.

Chief Wright said the Engine 1 was out of service but it is fixed and back in service.

Chief Wright said that they are going to hold an Open House like they did last year. It will be Saturday, May 11th from 10-2.

Selectman Ives said it was good to see the turnout at the brush fire and everyone getting along good.

Chief Wright explained that he recently reviewed the list of items included on the town insurance. In reviewing the list he didn't see some expensive equipment that they have such as the defibrillators. Chief Wright is going to make a list of the equipment and see about getting it included on the insurance

The Board met with Police Chief Fiske. Chief Fiske explained that at the Hazard Mitigation Committee meeting held recently with CNHRPC they discussed how the banking at the Village Bridge is eroding. Chief Fiske has paperwork to fill out; there might be funding available to work on that project. Chief Fiske will submit the paper-

Chairman Krieger stated for the record that he signed five pistol permits. Chairman Krieger asked Chief Fiske how he feels about handling pistol permits within the Police Department. Chief Fiske said he has no problem with that, he did it years ago. Selectman Bowles made a motion to authorize Chief Fiske to sign pistol permits effective April 10, 2013. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Bowles - ves; Ives - ves; Krieger - yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Bowles - yes; Ives - yes; Krieger - yes Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:49 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Bowles - yes; Ives yes; Krieger - yes. All in favor. Motion car-

The Board began their review of weekly

The Board received FEMA information for their review.

The Board received five past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Ives made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #848 in the amount of \$486.90, account #649 in the amount of \$579.90, account #847 in the amount of \$486.90, account #455 in the amount of \$681.50 and account#160 in the amount of \$94.90 seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a quote from Sign A Rama for lettering to add Chief Wright's name to Station #2. The Board approved the

The Board received a quote from AirDuct Klean regarding Cleaning HVAC at Safety Building. Chairman Krieger said he has another quote that he will forward to the other Selectmen for their review.

The Board received an email from Stan Jackson regarding property taxes.

The Board received a note from LES Principle Tom Laliberte regarding Comcast

The Board received a memo from Bonnie regarding State Rep Lorrie Carey. Ms. Carey asked for the Selectmen's feeling on expanded gambling. The Board agreed that they haven't taken a stand for or against it; they will leave the decision to the voters of the town. Chairman Krieger said that Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. at the library is a meet and greet with the State Representa-

The Board received Hazard Mitigation Grant Program information from Chief Fiske.

The Board received a letter from T.F. Bernier regarding a Shoreland Permit Application that has been filed with the State for Kara Realty Associates, LLC.

The Board received an invitation from Harry-O Electrical Corp. to their 25th Anniversary celebration.

The Board received a letter from Cartographic Associates; their name has changed to CAI Technologies.

The Board received a note from a concerned citizen regarding noise pollution.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board was reminded of the follow-

Thursday, April 11, 2013 1:15 - NHMS TCP Committee Meeting. Saturday, April 13, 2013 8:00 a.m. –

Sitewalk at 129/Pittsfield Road.

Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. -Representatives at the Library.

Chairman Krieger stated that he received a letter from the Loudon Old Home Day Committee. He said that they do a great job and encouraged anyone that can to support

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

### **Planning Board Meeting Minutes** — March 21, 2013

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

George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Alternate Bob Ordway, Ex-Officio Dustin

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

Chairman Dow congratulated George Saunderson on his election and welcomed him to the Planning Board.

#### Acceptance of Minutes:

February 21, 2013 Regular Meeting — Bob Cole moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were

February 21, 2013 Meeting with CNHRPC - Bob Cole made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

March 14, 2013 Site Visit — Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by George Saunderson. All

Chairman Dow explained the procedures of the meeting, asking everyone to direct their questions through him.

#### **Old Business:**

Application #13-02, Claudette Burke — Minor Subdivision on Greenview Drive in the RR District, Map 59, Lot 48. Attorney Bruce Marshall was present on behalf of the applicant. Abutter Al Brock was present. Jeff Green represented the applicant.

Mr. Green presented revised plans, pointing out the addition of Note 10 with regard to underground utilities. He reviewed the location of the wetlands and existing road, noting that at the last meeting he had proposed the building site at the front of the lot as opposed to the back. Mr. Green stated that he has .6 acres of buildable area at the front, with a total of 2.27 acres of buildable area on the lot. Tom Dow reviewed the process to date: Planning Board hearing, site visit, Zoning Board hearing, and return to ZBA on March 28th. He said it might be best to wait and see the outcome of the ZBA hearing. Dustin Bowles asked what is being sought from the ZBA. Mr. Green explained that they have applied for a special exception for crossing the wetland buffer. He said there is an existing, non-conforming use and they have the right to use the road but were told that a special exception is needed. Bob Cole asked about the width of the road/trail. Mr. Green said the gravel area is 10'-12' wide, there is 16'-18' between wet flags, and a 20' culvert in place at this time. Mr. Cole said he was looking at it as if delivering gravel. He asked how it would be rebuilt to receive oil trucks, fire trucks, etc. Mr. Green said the owner has the right to bring it up to the width needed as long as they are not touching the wetland. Dan Geiger stated that he was on the site visit and he does not see how they could put in a regulation driveway without impacting the wetland system based on the width of the wetland and crossing an old beaver dam. He said the material on top of the dam was probably put there about thirteen years ago. Mr. Geiger said he is not sure the right permit was applied for with the State; he feels it should be a standard dredge and fill permit.

Tom Dow said it was brought up at the site visit that the upper water source could affect the fire pond/hydrant. John Reese explained that if something is done that affects it then it would have to be re-engineered to ensure that it meets the minimum requirements. Jeff Green stated that the fire pond was not designed based on the beaver pond; it was based on the seasonal high water. He said they are not lowering the level of the pond; they are bringing it back to the level of the last forty years. Mr. Green said you cannot base a fire pond on a beaver dam that could go away at any time. He said he has engineered plans showing that. The chairman said he wanted to bring it up as it could be a safety concern. Bob Ordway asked if Mr. Green was saying that the fire pond was designed as if the beaver pond was not there. Mr. Green said that was correct, explaining the levels and seasonal high

Julie Robinson spoke about the wetland permit application that has been made to DES, stating that she disagrees with the answer to #2 on the application. Jeff Green said they are asking for a maintenance permit to replace a culvert in-kind. Mrs. Robinson asked if it would be big enough to handle the driveway impact. Mr. Green stated that it would.

Stan Prescott asked about the total buildable area, how much is outside the 75' buffer and how much is outside the 25' buffer. Mr. Green asked why this was being asked as he has area big enough for a house. Mr. Prescott asked about the back area. Mr.

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Brian Magoon 496-6835 www.MagoonTree.com Green stated that he has 1½ acres of buildable area there. Dustin Bowles asked where they are proposing to put the house. Mr. Green pointed out two areas, front and back, pending the Zoning decision. He said they still meet all of the State requirements.

Julie Robinson noted that there are no setbacks on the road and that it goes right up to the wetland. She said that really changes the functionality of the wetland. Tom Dow asked if the 50' width for the contiguous buildable area is the reason they are before the ZBA. Mr. Green explained that they have the required 1.5 acres of contiguous buildable area no less than 50' in width on the lot at the back therefore the lot meets the requirements. He said he has, as a non-conforming, pre-existing condition, an access to get to that land. The Board reviewed the definition of contiguous buildable area. Stan Prescott said he would agree that they have the 11/2 acres in the back but they have a wetland issue and need access so would have to go to the ZBA for a crossing. He said if the house is put in the front then they do not meet the 11/2 acres. Mr. Green said he does meet the requirements since he has the contiguous 11/2 acres. He stated that the regulations do not say that the house has to be put there. Tom Dow said he recalled the change that was done in the Zoning Ordinance in 2006, referring to a case on Lovejoy Road.

Julie Robinson asked Mr. Green for a file number for the wetlands application as she would like to contact DES with some concerns. Mr. Green said that permit is not impacting this application and that the permit is to replace an existing culvert. Mrs. Robinson asked if it would be considered a road even though it is only 18' wide. Chairman Dow explained that the road has been there for a while and that Mr. Green has aerial photos. The chairman asked if it does not make sense to be able to replace the culvert. Dan Geiger spoke about the culvert being plugged, having to dig it out to some degree, and finding it hard to believe they can put a driveway through there. He talked about lowering the water levels which would change the character of the wetland and impact existing wildlife. He said he is asking that they go through the proper channels and be sure the proper application has been applied for. Mr. Geiger said the buffer is equally important, noting that the functions and values will be impacted. He said repairing the culvert does not clearly address the situation. Peter Schauer, wetland scientist on this project, spoke about a case in Bow. He said he disagrees with Mr. Geiger. Jeff Green read from RSA 210:9, Protection of Beaver. He said he went to DES to replace the culvert, noting that some of the wet area is saturation caused by

Bob Cole spoke about the calculation of the road going over the dam, noting that if the culvert was cleaned out the water level would go down just as it would if replaced. Mr. Green said that was correct but the easiest way is to maintain it properly and put in a new culvert. Dustin Bowles asked what it would take to make a compromise on this matter. He said he would like to see the house in the front and be assured that the fire pond stays intact. Mr. Green said that would be asking his client to allow the property to remain saturated or get worse, making the road unusable and preventing his client from getting to the back land. Mr. Bowles said the Board's job is planning and looking out for the safety of the area, not allowing property to be misused. He spoke about not disturbing the area, not have a full fledged road/driveway, having to disturb with underground power, and asked if they could come to some sort of agreement. Mr. Green said he has proposed the house at the front of the lot but cannot say they will not replace the culvert. He pointed out that they have lost usable and accessible land since 2006. George Saunderson asked about bringing the culvert up some. Mr. Green said that might be possible.

Bruce Marshall, an attorney and engineer, said the reason to maintain the culvert is because branches plugged it and the bottom is rotted out. He said this could be a problem in a big storm. Mr. Marshall said the State recommends maintaining culverts to protect property downstream and it is important to take care of culverts. He said if the culvert was raised the area would be gaining water and there would be higher levels than normal, creating a dam which would then require a dam permit. Mr. Marshall said it would be best from a safety standpoint to replace the culvert in-kind. He spoke about statutes addressing beavers and beaver dams. Marilyn Dubuc stated that the State goes in on Young's Hill Road to take beavers out because of problems with washout. Dustin Bowles said if the home was put at the front and the least amount of disturbance was done it would be better for all. He said the situation would not be ideal but it would allow the owner to use the land.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Bob Cole noted that the culvert needs to be replaced no matter where the house goes. Jeff Green agreed. He said building at the front reduces the impact, without restriction other than building the house maybe. Dustin Bowles asked how the matter of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres would be addressed, wondering if the applicant should go to the ZBA to build outside of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres or if the Board did not feel that was the intent. Tom Dow said he felt the intent was to have the house in the contiguous buildable area. Stan Prescott

stated that he agreed and that it was changed to address similar situations when the Board saw the Lovejoy Road case. He said he feels this would not be in the spirit of the Ordinance. Bob Cole asked if that would require a variance from the ZBA. Henry Huntington asked what the variance would be for as he is not sure the Zoning Ordinance says it has to be built in that area. Stan Prescott said he feels the buildable area is where someone would build. Discussion continued on how to handle the situation and the various options.

George Saunderson asked Mr. Green what kind of timeline he was looking at and if another month would be acceptable. Mr. Green said he was not sure what they would go to the ZBA for and that the Board would have to tell him what he is not meeting so he knows what to apply for. Stan Prescott said it would be to address the contiguous buildable area. On behalf of the applicant, Bruce Marshall asked to clarify that they are saying a person cannot build a home on less than the buildable area. He asked where this is stated in the Zoning Ordinance. Stan Prescott said it is addressed in the Table of Dimensions. Mr. Marshall said that it does not say that someone has to build on that area so he would need the section that says that. He said he has seen other lots where it was too costly to access the bigger area, noting that he has found no regulation that says where to build as long as it meets all setbacks and septic approval. He noted that this lot meets the requirements. Bob Ordway asked if there was any assurance that the house would be built in the front. Jeff Green said they could limit the back to accessory use so the owner would still have the use of the area. He said the septic, well, underground utilities, and house would be at the front, that way there would be no disturbance. Mr. Green said the limitation could be put on the plan and in the deed.

Bob Cole made a motion to approve the subdivision with the conditions that the house is to be placed at the front of the lot, using the road as accessory use only, no utilities installed to the back of the lot without review and approval by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, and these notes to be added to the plan accordingly; seconded by Stan Prescott.

Tom Moore asked about discussion at the last meeting with regard to needing the signature of the landowner for maintenance of the road (Greenview) or some sort of road agreement. Mr. Green explained that there is no association and no maintenance agreements at this time. He said they could put something in the deed that says the landowner will join an association at the time it is created. *All were in favor*:

#### **New Business:**

Application #13-04, TTD, LLC — Major Subdivision on Route 129 & Pittsfield Road in the RR District, Map 25, Lot 5. Jeff Green represented the applicant. Abutters Bob Whitten, Marilyn Whitten, Geoffrey Smith, Earl Tuson, Alice Tuson, and Marilyn Dubuc were present. Applicant

Raymond Dumont and Attorney Daniel Luker of PretiFlaherty were present.

Mr. Luker stated that this subdivision plan has been conservatively engineered and meets all Zoning Ordinance requirements. He said the State driveway permits are pending, the State subdivision approval is pending, there is a cistern proposed, and this is a fully compliant subdivision. Stan Prescott moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

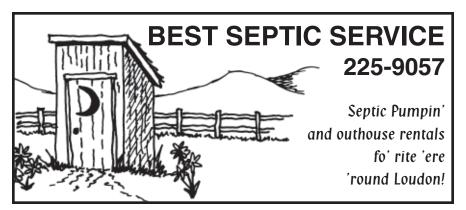
Jeff Green explained the location and proposed layout of the subdivision. He stated that he has done the topographic work to show ledge, wet, and steep slopes. He gave the frontage, acreage, and building areas for each of the six lots and went over the calculations for each lot. Mr. Green stated that he has a verbal approval on three driveways from the State, has two permits on Pittsfield Road, and a temporary access for logging for the third lot on Pittsfield Road. He pointed out that for safety reasons the State would like to move the existing Lot 5 and proposed Lot 5-1 driveways, as well as have a joint driveway where Lot 5-2 access would go across Lot 5-1. John Reese asked why that would have to be a joint driveway. Mr. Green explained the slope of the road and sight distance at that point, saying it is a safety issue. Bob Cole asked if the blue flags seen on Route 129 mark the proposed driveway locations as he looked at the area and would be concerned about a school bus stopped there. Earl Tuson stated that he spoke with Mike Kimball at DOT earlier today and was told that they are still reviewing the driveway application.

Bob Cole asked how far it was down to ledge when the test pits were done. Mr. Green gave the depths for all of the test pits, noting that they meet all the State requirements. Stan Prescott asked if perc tests have been done and what the results were if so. Mr. Green said they were all about eight minutes per inch, saying that it is pretty much all the same type of soil until closer to the pond. Julie Robinson asked how someone would get to the proposed well site on Lot 5-3 since there is a wetland buffer. Mr. Green said they would be able to drive to it. Marilyn Whitten asked how much blasting would need to be done for basements based on the ledge being so close to the surface. Ray Dumont said he would not blast if he did not have to as it is too expensive. He said he would build to suit the property.

Earl Tuson said that water adequacy has come up as a concern with neighbors. He spoke about scattered and premature development and concerns of safety at an already busy and dangerous intersection. Mr. Tuson referred to the temporary permit for logging that Mr. Green referred to earlier. He said the previous owners were admonished by DOT for not having a permit. He spoke about other issues with the existing driveways and would ask that the Board allow the State to complete its review before making any decisions.

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Geoff Smith handed out copies of his points of concern. He spoke about visibility, overflow of ditches with the increased number of driveways and disruption of the forest floor, wetlands, concerns of damaging the pond, wind protection, wildlife, ledge and septic systems, and aquifer failure. He said he refused permission to the owner for a dry hydrant at the pond on two occasions.

John Reese asked about the elevation change to the top of the road from the proposed cistern location. Mr. Green showed the proposed area, noting it is where the State would prefer it to be, out of the wetland setback. He said there would be about 68' of elevation change. Earl Tuson noted that neighboring drives, structures, and wells are not shown on the plan as required by the land development regulations. Geoff Smith said his well is close to the property line of Lot 5-2 and should be considered and shown. He said runoff from Lots 5-1 and 5-2 comes to his foundation and he is concerned about the possible malfunction of the septic systems on those lots. Jeff Green explained that he would need permission from the landowners to cross their properties to locate the wells and driveways. Geoffrey Smith and Earl Tuson gave their verbal permission.

Marilyn Whitten asked how steep the driveways on Route 129 would be. Earl Tuson spoke to that and about State specs. He said the Planning Board can request grading and erosion control plans and suggested that they should have a stormwater management plan as well. Mr. Tuson said the abutters and neighbors would appreciate a site walk. Marilyn Dubuc said she cannot see how driveways could be put on Route 129 and she cannot see that number of septic systems without destroying the nearby

pond. Mrs. Whitten pointed out that all six driveways will face conservation land, never to be developed, and she does not feel this is the right spot for six houses. Earl Tuson spoke about the conservation area and noted that the Board can request a traffic study.

Sandy Hillsgrove explained that she lives on Pittsfield Road and her well has been affected over time as development has occurred. She said she has safety concerns of traffic and sight distance, concerns of additional drainage and erosion problems along the road, and worries about septic systems and the pond. There was brief discussion on how the cistern would be filled and if the fire department could pump up at that elevation. John Reese stated that he could not speak to the issue without department

Several abutters and area residents spoke about their concerns for their wells, safety with regard to the driveways, busses, and the intersection, road erosion/runoff, and the proposed subdivision not fitting the character of the area. Sandy Hillsgrove asked who is responsible for damage to homes, wells, and animals caused by blasting. Attorney Luker said it would be the blaster and by extension the owner of the property. Mr. Dumont spoke about wells and how they can be hit or miss based on his experience of building houses. Earl Tuson spoke about the property value of conservation land. He said the value of the land is based on the ability of farming the land. He said this proposal clashes suburban with agriculture. Mr. Tuson explained that the value goes down if he cannot work the land. and he has to work when he can, speaking about the hours he has to keep, the season limitations, etc. He said six houses on two acre lots may not appreciate that. Bob Cole said he understood what Mr. Tuson was saying and felt it is important to have Mr. Tuson's operation on record.

Jeff Green stated that he presented a conceptual plan at the last meeting and this new plan addresses some of the concerns voiced at that meeting. He said he is working with the State on the driveways, he has 4000 sf areas for septic systems done per standards, the wetland buffers are shown, the State has control of the driveways and is aware of the steep slopes, they will be put in as required, and he pointed out another subdivision of small lots on Young's Hill Road not too far from this proposed subdivision. Mr. Green said there is an active application for a driveway permit on file by a neighbor on Pittsfield Road. He explained that the State looks back to 1971 when reviewing the driveway applications and they have measured for the required 400' sight distance. He noted that the minimum sight distance on any of these proposed lots if 450' per the State. Mr. Green said he has permits for three new driveways on Route 129 and two existing driveways on Pittsfield Road, noting that it is not an incomplete as said earlier by Earl Tuson. He said no culverts are allowed on Pittsfield Road and they cannot put any water onto the road. Mr. Green pointed out that this proposal is in a residential zone where two acre lots are allowed.

Bob Cole said the Board has heard concerns for wells which seems to be a problem. He asked if there might be any way to make the neighbors more comfortable other than a hydro-geologic study. Attorney Luker stated that, with regard to the Zoning Ordinance and regulations, the plan complies in every respect. He said the owner cannot address aguifer issues. Mr. Luker said that 80% of what has been heard was driveways, speed, and drainage which are all State issues. He said they will comply with the State's mandates. With regard to the cistern, Mr. Luker said they will work with and comply with the Fire Department. He said the speed on Route 129 is police enforcement; the owner is not making this essentially worse when adding five homes and it is not something he can control. Mr. Luker said the septic systems will meet State regulations. He pointed out that it is two acre zoning on almost 14 acres, saying the owner has the right to develop and will meet the regulations, addressing the concerns as best as they can. Bob Whitten spoke to Mr. Luker's statement about the property owner having the right to develop. He said if that was the case they would not need the Planning Board. He said the Planning Board is there to protect the town; he feels a lot is being asked of the neighbors and he would ask the Board to use judgment. Marilyn Dubuc noted that the lawyer said everything is regulated but she feels six septic systems can affect the pond.

The Board scheduled a site walk for Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Stan Prescott said he wants to be sure that they can get a fire truck off the road at the cistern and that the cistern easement should be shown on the plan. Henry Huntington suggested that they look at other options for the cistern. Jeff Green explained that he is working with the State on the pulloff area and then will work with the Fire Department, Stan Prescott asked about the distance from the cistern to the furthest lot. Mr. Green said it was 1400' at most. Mr. Prescott listed items that need to be

addressed as follows: scale on the plan reads 1'' = 60', regulations call for 1'' = 50'; clarify buffers/edge of wetland; contours need to be labeled; locate structures/driveways of abutters; note the zoning district across the road.

Henry Huntington made a motion to continue the application to the site visit and then to the meeting of April 18th; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. The site visit is April 13th at 8:00 a.m.; the meeting is April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. There will be no fur-

#### **Election of Officers:**

Stan Prescott made a motion to elect Tom Dow as Chairman: seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. Mr. Dow accepted the position.

Bob Cole made a motion to continue Stan Prescott as Vice Chairman; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. Mr. Prescott accepted the position.

#### **Appointment of Alternate:**

Bob Ordway agreed to continue as an Alternate for another year. Dustin Bowles made a motion to appoint Bob Ordway as an Alternate for one year; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor. It was noted that the Board can appoint up to five alternates. The chairman asked members to give some thought to others in town who may be interested in being an alternate.

The Board discussed the traffic count done by CNHRPC and reviewed the list of prior years' counts. Donna will review the suggested locations submitted by Dave Rice, Dick Wright, and Bob Fiske and then compile a list to send to CNHRPC based on those locations that have not been done in recent years.

The Board was reminded of a broadband forum that is scheduled for March 26th.

The Master Plan transportation chapter sub-committee will meet on March 27th at 6:00 p.m. as long as Ruairi O'Mahony of CNHRPC is available. Donna will confirm with Ruairi and check the room availability.

Dustin Bowles told the Board that he has had a discussion with George Saunderson and that George is interested in being an alternate on the ZBA. Dustin said this would give the boards a link and it is permitted. All were in agreement.

#### Report of the ZBA:

There is an application for special exception to cross a wetland buffer and an application for special exception for a reduced setback on the agenda.

#### Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that the only item on the agenda was an inquiry about being able to build a new home in place of an existing trailer on the corner of Routes 129 and 106. It was noted that the lot is in the Commercial/Industrial zone and the residential use was discontinued more than eighteen months ago (section 602.4 of the Zoning Ordinance) therefore it could no longer be used for residential purposes.

#### Adjournment:

Dustin Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Submitted by. Donna White Administrative Assistant

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# Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — March 28, 2013

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

#### ROLL CALL

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

Dan Geiger was present to represent the Conservation Commission.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Roy Merrill made a motion to accept the minutes of February 28, 2013 as written; seconded by Dave Powelson. All were in favor.

Site Visit — Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2013 site visit with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission; seconded by Dave Powelson. All were in favor.

#### APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Powelson informed the group that a former member of the board is now on the Planning Board but is also interested in being an alternate on this board.

Howard Pearl made a motion to appoint George Saunderson as an Alternate to the Zoning Board; seconded by Roy Merrill. This appointment will be for a three year term to expire March 2016. All were in favor.

Howard Pearl made a motion to appoint Jim Venne as an Alternate to the Zoning Board; seconded by Earl Tuson. This appointment will be for a two year term to expire March 2015. All were in favor.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Application #Z13-02, Claudette Burke — Special Exception for Wetland Buffer Crossing, RR District, Map 59, Lot 48 on Greenview Drive. There were no abutters present. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicant. Chairman Powelson reviewed the purpose of the application being the use of an existing woods road to cross through the wetland buffer. Mr. Green explained his attorney's thoughts on this being a pre-existing use.

Howard Pearl asked if the reason they are not proposing to build at the front of this lot is because there is not enough buildable area without the 50' width to make it contiguous with the area at the back. Mr. Green explained the Planning Board approval that was granted on March 21, 2013. That approval was to build a house at the front but they still need access for the accessory use of the back part of the lot. Ned Lizotte asked why they would not use overhead wires to the back of the lot for any accessory use. Mr. Green explained that underground utilities are required in subdivisions on dead-end roads.

Mr. Pearl asked if the Conservation Commission is happier with this plan. Dan Geiger said the Commission wants to clarify that an application was made for the replacement of a culvert. He said they contend that any type of crossing, resurfacing, or adding of material will impact the wetlands. Mr. Geiger said this type of work requires a standard dredge and fill permit. He said he feels the DES application was not answered correctly on question #2 and spoke about the Blanding's Turtle and this being a marsh area. Mr. Geiger spoke about the need to maintain the ponds and how they do not feel this situation meets the requirements for replacement of the culvert. He said Julie Robinson has written to DES since the Planning Board meeting, asking for further review and consideration of the situation. Mr. Green asked if they have any proof of any endangered species in this area. He stated that maintenance of a culvert allows in-kind replacement. He said a heritage search was done when the DES application was completed and they now have a permit. Discussion continued about the beaver dams holding water back, the possibility of the dams rotting, the history of the area, vegetation growth, and the Commission's concerns about alteration of the ecosystem. Dan Geiger stated that the Commission did not see the application prior to the Planning Board hearing last week. Mr. Green said it was delivered to the town office at the same time as the one for

There was discussion about lowering the water level and wildlife moving with the water, actions of beavers, and the placement of a new culvert. Dan Geiger said that would take excavation and would require a standard dredge and fill. Jeff Green said if they have to touch the wetland then they would have to get a dredge and fill. Howard Pearl noted that Mr. Green has the applicable permit at this time. Mr. Green said he made contact with Fish & Game to lower the dam. It was discovered that the culvert is plugged. He explained that there is an RSA that allows the removal of a beaver dam if there is any submersion of the property, flooding, or saturating. Mr. Green stated that the existing galvanized culvert has been in place for 40+ years and the bottom has rotted out. He said replacing it keeps the flow as it should be; if they ever wanted to widen the road they would need the standard dredge and fill. Howard Pearl stated that what Mr. Green is asking from the ZBA has nothing to do with a permit. Mr. Green said that was correct.

Dave Powelson stated that Dan Geiger feels part of the road is in the wetland. Ned Lizotte said the culvert has to be replaced so not making the situation worse. Earl Tuson said this is not a ZBA issue as DES has issued a permit. Dave Powelson asked Mr. Geiger what the water level should be at the upper pond. Mr. Geiger explained that the area is supporting a number of species and lowering the level will change the functions and values of the area. He said it would be best to maintain the existing hydrology or lower, noting that the culvert is a connection

between wetlands. Mr. Geiger said he does not see how anyone could get trucks and equipment across without impact to both ponds. He said he would like to see a complete review before the ZBA considers this application. Roy Merrill said that the applicant could legally take out the dams and replace the culvert. Mr. Geiger said that was correct but it would change the complexity of the wetland system that has been there for many, many years. Mr. Merrill said he would like to see the Commission work with the applicant. Mr. Geiger said they are trying to. Ned Lizotte said the issue is with DES, not Mr. Green as he has a permit. He asked why the Board is discussing this if the applicant is meeting the criteria here.

Jeff Green said the wetlands were delineated in 2006 and again in December 2012. At that time they realized the wetlands were changing. He said Fish & Game said to get rid of the dams and beavers to lower the levels that were creating saturation of the property. When that didn't allow the level to lower they went to DES regarding the culvert. He said he was asked not to replace the culvert before the Planning Board meeting so he didn't. Howard Pearl said it would seem like Mr. Geiger is alright with the levels. Mr. Geiger said it would dewater the upper pond. He spoke about the contiguous buildable area and how they still need a crossing. To lessen the impact they would want to lower the level a bit. He said they are giving a driveway to the back part of the lot and that will impact the area. He went back to the improper application/permit.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application.

#2: Dan Geiger — only if results in negative impact to wetlands

#4: Jeff Green — will not be used to access residential building; accessory use

#5: with the change of the house at the front of the lot, less impact; accessory use only

#6: Dave Powelson — assumes will be finishing the surface of the road. Jeff Green said it would depend on if anyone does anything out there. He said right now it is a trail/woods road. Ned Lizotte asked what would kick in the need for DES review. Mr. Green said the DES rules are simple, you know them, you follow them; you don't know them, you don't follow them. He said if putting in a driveway and think you are impacting a wetland then it is up to the owner to get the proper permits. If the construction is done without permit and you get caught then you will have to remediate the impact. There was discussion of delineating the wetlands again at the time of construction. The chairman asked Mr. Geiger for his

thoughts on this point of the application. Mr. Geiger said there is really no comment if there is no change. He said a future date would probably require a standard driveway and permit as it will have an impact. He said he thinks crossing there would certainly be an impact. Howard Pearl said there would be no impact if they stay in the current footprint. Dan Geiger said there would be no impact if they stay out of wetlands.

Chairman Powelson proceeded to go through the points of Section 301.5 A of the Zoning Ordinance, relative to special exceptions in the Wetland Conservation District.

#1: not allowed to access the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres of buildable area without it

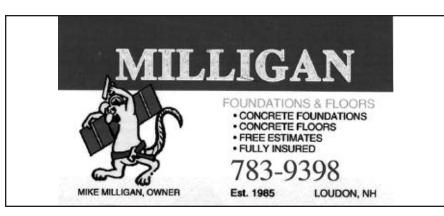
#2: no proposal for construction at this time. Dan Geiger spoke about wetlands jurisdiction, noting that the Commission has never denied access to upland/buildable area. He said an owner has the right to use their property as long as it is done responsibly. He said, looking at the whole picture, he does not feel that the Commission would deny that crossing, pointing out that it is an island upland and there is no other way to get there. Mr. Geiger said the Commission would be willing to work with the applicant to help determine the best crossing. He pointed out that they would be crossing 54' of the buffer when leaving the existing road. Mr. Geiger said if they were to resurface the existing road there would be an impact.

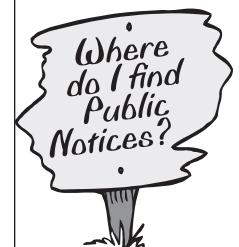
#3: Jeff Green — there is no alternative #4: Jeff Green — does not need wetlands bureau permit; has a permit to change the culvert

#5: addressed in the points of the application

#6: Jeff Green — not affecting wetlands; not mitigating anything, crossing a buffer. Howard Pearl said it would be good to see a plan as this is in the buffer. Earl Tuson agreed, saying if they knew what was going in that area they would know if proper mitigation is done. Mr. Pearl said they do not have any idea of the width of the crossing. Roy Merrill stated that the red, outlined area would be the plan. Jeff Green said he wants to do full use between the wetland lines with no impact to the wetlands. Earl Tuson said Mr. Green needs to define the amount of impact and that he is asking for dimensions. Howard Pearl noted that the area marked is 15' x 54' once leaving the trail. Mr. Tuson again said he would want to know the impact, with minimum and maximum widths given. Mr. Green said it would be no less than 8' and no more than 18', adding that it would be delineated at the time of construction and could be different. Discussion continued about the use, the

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crossing, the impact on the wetlands, and what the special exception covers. Mr. Green said they are not changing anything so there is no need for mitigation. Dan Geiger said it will have impacts and if there is a permanent type of driveway crossing then it would require a standard dredge and fill permit. He said this is a very borderline lot and the wetland issues are serious so would like to find a happy medium. Roy Merrill asked if the Commission does not look at the fact that the house will be up front and the Planning Board approval is for accessory use only so there would be rare crossings; he asked if that wouldn't be a happy medium. Mr. Geiger said it would and they would like to see the proper permit if the owner was to change the crossing. Dave Powelson asked Mr. Green what he would expect the water level to be. Mr. Green said it would be at the level of the culvert as the culvert is being replaced by the same size and at the same level, about 3' below the surface of the road. Howard Pearl noted that the water level is now about 16" below the road.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the application as submitted; seconded by Roy Merrill. Dave Powelson said he is still curious as to what will be built in the redhatched area, noting that the culvert may change the elevation of the wetland. Roy Merrill said the Board cannot determine that. Jeff Green said the permit is for maintenance only. Earl Tuson said there are other measures that the Board does not have. Howard Pearl called for the vote. Earl Tuson asked if the applicant would be resurfacing the driveway. There was discussion of what resurfacing would entail, silty sand, wooden bridge, etc. Dave Powelson referred to Section 301.5 A #2, saying the Board has not been given design, construction, and maintenance methods. He said he would like some definition of material, depth, width, etc. Earl Tuson agreed. Mr. Green asked what portion of the road he would do that on. Mr. Powelson said he would like to see the whole road. Howard Pearl said if they are resurfacing then it could be detrimental, but if the road is used as it exists then it would be alright. Mr. Green stated that his client is asking to access their property using an existing road,

noting that the Planning Board approved as is. Roy Merrill said it could be handled by saying that the owner would come back to the Board with design plans if the access is changed.

Ned Lizotte amended his motion to the following: to approve the application as written if in the future the afore-mentioned access point, hatched in red, is altered for future use the owner would come back to the ZBA with detailed design plans. Roy Merrill was in agreement with the amended motion. A roll vote was taken: Earl Tuson – NO; Ned Lizotte – YES; Dave Powelson – NO; Roy Merrill – YES; Howard Pearl – YES. YES – 3; NO – 2. APPROVED by majority vote

Application #Z13-03, Ernest Roberts — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, RR District, Map 23, Lot 3 on Minery Road. There were no abutters present. Mr. Roberts explained that he is asking for a reduced side setback to allow for the placement of a pole barn to provide shade for a water holding tank used for irrigating peaches and apples. He said the barn would be 20' x 40' and would hold a 2200 gallon water tank for on-site use.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with the applicant. It was noted that a letter in favor of the application was received from the only abutter. Howard Pearl said he understands the complexity of locating such a structure; Earl Tuson and Ned Lizotte agreed. Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the application as submitted; seconded by Ned Lizotte. A roll vote was taken: Earl Tuson – YES; Ned Lizotte – YES; Dave Powelson – YES; Roy Merrill – YES; Howard Pearl – YES. Unanimous – APPROVED.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Howard Pearl made a motion to elect Dave Powelson as Chairman and Ned Lizotte as Vice Chairman; seconded by Roy Merrill. Both accepted the positions. All were in favor:

#### ADJOURNMENT

Roy Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

Submitted by, Donna White Administrative Assistant



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