The Loudon Ledger

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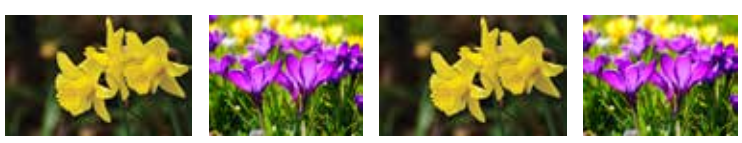
Loudon Lions donated to The Friendly Kitchen in Concord with some of the proceeds from the 3rd Annual Memory Tree Fundraiser. Lion Stephen Caine and Club President, Ed Friedrich present the check to Friendly Kitchen Director, Valerie Guy. The Friendly Kitchen serves over 45,000 meals annually as well as hundreds of meals to go to needy families and groups.

From Left to Right- Patricia Shibles, Ed Terrio and Brenda Terrio enjoy Young at Heart lunch - Page 7

Michaela St. George (right) of Pittsfield is presented checks totaling $400 and an American Eagle and Flag Trophy by Commander Ken Ward of Post-88 after winning the District-5 American Legion High School Oratorical Competition held at Faith Community Bible Church on February 24!



Richard Brown House residents proudly display their artwork
See story Page 18

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If you would like to be added to our monthly email reminder list for submissions, please email ledgerarticles@gmail.com to be added. Thank you

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
55 S. Village Rd., Ste.1 * 603-798-4541 * selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 6PM at the Town Offices
Mon-Thurs: 8AM–4PM * Tues. evenings: 5–9PM
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Town Clerk
55 S. Village Rd., Ste.2 * 603-798-4542 * townclerk@loudonnh.org
Monday 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m, Tuesday 8:00 a.m - 8:45 p.m
Wednesday 8:00 a.m- 4:00 p.m, Thursday 8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board
55 S. Village Rd., Ste.4 *603-798-4540 * planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices.
The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices
Mon.-Thurs.: 8AM-4PM Tues. evenings 5PM-9PM

Tax Collector
55 S. Village Rd., Ste.3 * 603-798-4543 * taxcollector@loudonnh.org
Tues.: 3-9PM * Wed./Thurs.: 9AM-4PM

Police Department – Emergencies: 911
55 S. Village Rd. Ste.6 * 603-798-5521 (administrative only)
24-hour Dispatch: 603-228-1631
Mon.-Thur.:8AM-4PM

Building/Code Enforcement
55 S. Village Rd., Ste.5 * 603-798-5584 * 8 Cooper St. Fire Dept.
codeoffice@loudonnh.org * Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-4PM

Fire Department – Emergencies: 911
55 S. Village Rd. Ste.5 * 603-798-5612 * chief@loudonfire.com
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Loudon Elementary School
7039 School St * 603-783-4400
The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15PM
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YEAR-ROUND HOURS
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Director: Emily Fay * 603-798-5153 * efay@maxfieldlibrary.org
Sun./Mon.: Closed * Tues.: 10AM-7PM * Wed.: 10AM-5PM
Thurs.: 10AM-7PM * Fri.: 10AM-5PM * Sat.: 10AM-2PM
The Library Trustees meet at 5PM on the first Monday of the month

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Call 603-783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride. The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of each month at 2PM in their facility at the transfer station

Loudon Food Pantry
30 Chichester Rd. Unit D, Loudon
Feeding people in Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester and Loudon, NH by appt. only on Tues., Weds., and Thurs. Office/Donations/Volunteer hours: Tuesday 9 AM – 6 PM, Wednesday 9 AM – 1 PM and Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM. Please call 603-724-9731 if you need to donate outside of these hours. Closed Mondays and Fridays. For more info or to see if you qualify for services, go to loudonfoodpantry.org - email info@loudonfoodpantry.org or call Sue at 603-724-9731

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State Rep. Jose Cambrils: (603) 731-8287. Jose4NH@comcast.net

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Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc are encouraged to submit articles to the Loudon Ledger. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, "attaboys" etc, are all welcome. Please note, however, that the Ledger will uphold its mission:

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to ledgerarticles@gmail.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the council for review before they are inserted in the Loudon Ledger. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 603-267-6509

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~~March 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline~~	~~Fri 02/16~~	~~Council Meeting~~	~~Mon 02/19~~
~~May 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline~~	~~Fri 03/15~~	~~Council Meeting~~	~~Mon 03/18~~
~~May 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline~~	~~Fri 04/12~~	~~Council Meeting~~	~~Mon 4/15~~
June 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 05/17	Council Meeting	Mon 05/20
July 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 06/14	Council Meeting	Mon 06/17
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September 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 08/16	Council Meeting	Mon 08/19
October 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 09/13	Council Meeting	Mon 09/16
November 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 10/18	Council Meeting	Mon 10/21
December 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 11/15	Council Meeting	Mon 11/18
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Where to Worship in Loudon

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• Patrick Testerman, Senior Pastor
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Office Hours: Please check the website or call the office for hours.
Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. (Sept. - May)
Junior Church and Nursery are provided for both.
Youth Group for Grades 6–12.
(Please visit our website to view our Youth Group schedule)
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www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org •
Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org
Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.
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Fellowship time provided following the morning service.
Tuesday Morning: Ladies' Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

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Pastor Paul J. Clow
103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 603-798-3818 •
www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info
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Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.
(Nursery provided on Sunday morning.)
Please visit our website for more information!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church
Pastor Jeff Owen
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7008, Loudon, NH 03307
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
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or Cindy Merrill, Deacon, at (603) 848-8690.

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info@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org
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Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the
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office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNB.church
Sunday
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To have your Church's information added to this column,
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American Legion Post 88

The American Legion will have a float again for the Memorial Day parade. We are asking any Veterans from Loudon to join us on the float to help support The Veterans from our town. You Do Not have to belong to the Legion. If you still have a service cap or uniform you may wear it. We would love to fill up the float with our local Veterans. More info will be on the Loudon site as we get closer. Thank you all

The Loudon Communications Council will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building (Charlie's Barn). The meeting, at which Directors and Officers will be chosen, is open to the public.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
(EST. 30 HOUSES)
SATURDAY - JUNE 8, 2024
9AM TO 2PM
RAIN OR SHINE
VILLAGES AT LOUDON (OFF FOSTER RD)

Loudon Food Pantry

Our Numbers

In March 2024 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 231 individuals for them to prepare 4,542 meals. Of these people,108 were age 60 and older (47%), 48 were age 18 or under (21%), and 75 were between those ages (32%).

Target Circle Official Voting Results are in

Guests at Target stores cast 90,200 votes for us, awarding Target funds in the amount of $3,120.97 to Loudon Food Pantry. Thank you, voters and Target!

Our Website (loudonfoodpantry.org)

Visit our website to see our needs list, current events, and volunteer opportunities, amongst other stuff!

Do you need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!

911 Loudon Police News

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

On April 11th we co-sponsored the 6th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive with the Loudon Fire Department. We had a total of 36 donors which provided a total of 35 units of lifesaving blood. We originally called this a tie but after picking up the trophy at the end of the night, we noticed there was a vote placed in the trophy rather than the jar where the votes were cast. So we will change our original announcement of a tie to saying the Loudon Fire Department won! Maybe next year we will be lucky enough to get the trophy back on our shelf! No matter what, we are all winners! Thank you all who contributed!

Information on Drug Take Back Day wil bel reporedt in the next edition of the Ledger.

SPRING WEATHER:

We repeat this every year as a friendly reminder:

No person shall enter or remain on any parcel of land owned by the Town of Loudon or Merrimack Valley School District between the hours of 10:30 pm. And 5:00 a.m. unless approved by the Board of Selectmen or proper authorization from the Merrimack Valley School District. (Loudon Town Ordinance)

With the nicer weather here, you will also see children out on their bicycles, skateboards, etc. Please use extra caution and slow down. Remember bicycle helmets are required for any child under the age of 16.

The recreation fields are seeing increased activity as the sports season is in full swing. Please use respect while visiting and using the fields. If you see anything suspicious, we strongly encourage you to contact us at 603-228-1631. Please remove any trash when you leave (there are dumpsters at the fields).

Clough Pond Beach – a resident sticker is required while using the beach. The sticker can be purchased at the Loudon Transfer Station during normal business hours.

Alcohol is prohibited on town owned property.

MAJOR EVENTS:

We recently had our kickoff meeting for the traffic control planning with local, state and federal agencies for the upcoming Nascar race which is scheduled for June 22 & 23, 2024. This event will be immediately following Motorcycle Week in the area. Stay tuned for more information next month as we get closer to the event.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

In the last few months, we have taken a few reports from the FAA regarding lasers being pointed at planes flying over Loudon. We will continue to work closely with Federal agencies when we receive these reports.

Laser strikes on aircraft remain a serious threat to aviation safety. Intentionally aiming lasers at aircraft's poses a safety threat to pilots and violates federal law. Many high-powered lasers can incapacitate pilots flying aircraft that may be carrying hundreds of passengers.

The FAA works closely with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to pursue civil and criminal penalties against people who purposely aim a laser at an aircraft. The agency takes enforcement action against people who violate Federal Aviation Regulations by shining lasers at aircraft and can impose civil penalties of up to $11,000 per violation. The FAA has imposed civil penalties up to $30,800 against people for multiple laser incidents.

INFORMATION SHARING:

Remember if we have information to share with the general public, we will post it on the website at www.loudonnh.org (click on Police Department) and/or our Facebook page. You can also go on the website and get notified when news is posted (click on subscribe to e-alerts on the main page).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

If April Showers bring Mayflowers what do Mayflowers bring?
Why Pilgrims of course

What's a pilot's least favorite holiday?
May Day.

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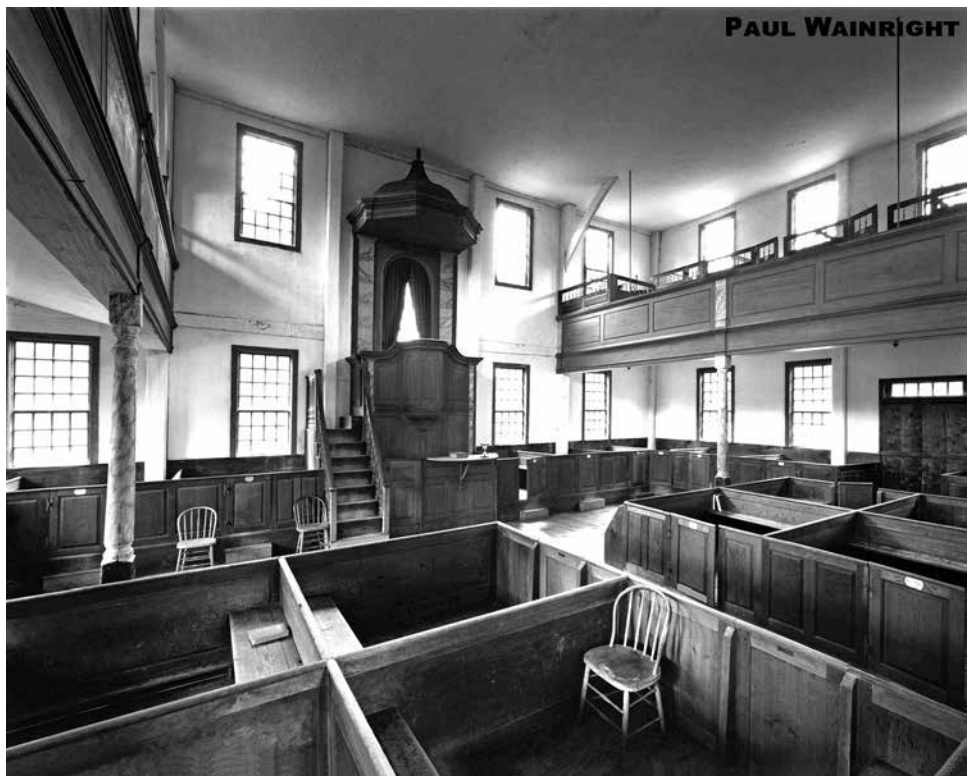
Loudon Historical Society

Paul Wainwright will present a program on New England's Colonial Meetinghouses on Wed, May 1 at 6:30 pm. The program will be presented at the Loudon Community Building, "Charlie's Barn" located at 29 South Village Rd.

Paul Wainwright is a New Hampshire author, photographer, and historian. He has researched the history of many town meetinghouses throughout New Hampshire and New England. Photographs of these buildings that remain in our communities will be shared with his audience as well as the stories behind the building and the communities that built them. In many instances these meetinghouses were dual purpose buildings serving as places where residents discussed town business and also held Sunday worship services. Wainwright will examine how these buildings were community centers and helped shape early New Hampshire communities. This program is free and open to the public. The event is made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities.

New Hampshire Humanities nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org. For more information, call 603-798-4541 and ask to connect with Melissa Moore or Liz LeBrun. Information is also listed on the Loudon Historical Society and Museum Facebook page or contact Loudonhistory@gmail.com



Which state loves spring the most? May-ne.

Why do pirates hate May, June July and August? Because they don't have Arrrrs in them.

A Glimpse into the Historical Society by Liz LeBrun

The Yoke. What stories does it conjure? The yoke was first mentioned in a Greek play in the 5th century BC (ours is not that old). Jump ahead and imagine it is the mid 1800's and the farmer next door has just finished up sugaring season. Every day he yoked his oxen to draw the wagon carrying the sap collection barrel from tree to tree and then back to the sap house. Now that spring is here and planting season approaches, he will yoke his oxen to plow the fields to ready them for planting. We saw that he also used his yoke of oxen to work on the road in front of his house. A landowner can receive a credit of 75 cents per day on his taxes if he worked on the road with either his yoke of oxen or his plow. In fact, Article 10 in the town report sometime around 1860 said that Cyrus Green in his capacity as Highway Surveyor was not satisfied with doing work on his own road so he "rushed" to the main road without giving the landowners who lived there any opportunity to work. It was stated that he "filched" from them the right to labor so that he could obtain the credits for himself. Back to today and we find that the days of oxen working the farms and fixing the roads are gone. Also gone are the sights of oxen drawing carts westward, working in logging operations and helping to build railroads. Today oxen have been replaced by tractors and various other types of machinery.

Today you might enjoy seeing a yoke of oxen in pulling contests at the fairs. Hopkinton State Fair boasts 107 years of pulling contests. The oxen draw loads 6 feet and depending on the size of the animals and the age of the handler or teamster, the load can start at up to 1050 pounds. Oxen are male cattle trained from an early age to work in pairs. You may hear the teamster yelling, "Step up" (go forward), "Gee" (turn right), "Haw" (turn left), "Whoa" (stop) or "Back" (back up). While farmers may have also yoked donkeys or horses, the strength and endurance of an ox is superior.

You may still be unclear about the yoke. A yoke is a wooden beam hooked between two animals to enable them to pull together. The closer together they are, the stronger they are as a unit. There are different kinds of yokes but ours is a bow yoke which sits on the neck with the head fitting through u-shaped pieces transmitting force from the shoulders of the animals. The yoke was given to the Historical Society Museum by Susan Sanborn Wheeler and was used by her father Albin Sanborn as well as her grandfather John Sanborn. Also displayed in the picture is a hitch bar hanging in front of the yoke on the left side. This yoke was likely involved in doing a lot of work in Loudon over the years and deserves its place in our museum.

Please come to visit the museum on the first or third Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm. We are also sponsoring a free public program on May 1 at 6:30 pm in the community room of Charlie's Barn. This program is made possible from a NH Humanities grant and features speaker Paul Wainwright talking about New England's Colonial Meetinghouses.

Young At Heart

It was a beautiful day for the April 9th Loudon Young at Heart meeting. The sun was shining and spring was in the air as we gathered for a luncheon at the Windmill Diner on Loudon Road.

The luncheon began with a choice of soup or salad, numerous entrees to choose from, followed by a delicious dessert of blueberry or apple pie. The food was delicious, and everyone enjoyed the luncheon, and conversation with their friends.

A special thank you to the staff and the Smirnioudis family at the Windmill Diner for a wonderful meal and to everyone involved in setting up this event.

The May 14th meeting will feature Sheryl Faye Productions – Historical Women, - Helen Keller.

Young at Heart's spring bus trip is on Wednesday, June 12. We are going to the Butterfly Conservatory in S. Deerfield, MA. The cost to members is $30.00. Sign up, payment and meal selection will be done at the May 14 meeting. Details on departure etc. will be provided at the May meeting. Those who do not have an Emergency Referral Form on file will be asked to complete one. Come join us for a fun day.

The Young at Heart began in 1997 and is open to Loudon residents 55 and older who enjoy getting together to socialize, travel and learn. We are always happy to welcome new members. Young at Heart meets the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August) beginning at 10:00am at the Faith Community Bible Church.

See you all next month and until then stay safe and remember we always take donations for the Loudon Food Pantry and will also collect plastic bags for recycling!!

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Beginner to Advanced Levels
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April 29 - June 6, 2024
NO CLASS MONDAY MAY 27 - Memorial Day
$90 Loudon Residents/$100 Non-Residents
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$10 drop in fee
Checks payable to Town of Loudon
please bring a mat
Please detach the form below and bring it to the first class!

Participant's Name:_____

Email address:_____

Contact phone:_____

Sponsored by:
Loudon Recreation Committee

I hereby give permission for the above named to participate in the Loudon Recreation Yoga Class held at LES. I agree to assume all risks incidental to participation in this program. I further agree to release from liability, Loudon Recreation Committee, Town of Loudon, Merrimack Valley School District, and Instructors. Questions? Email Laurie at lcjaquith1@gmail.com

Participant signature: _____
Date:_____

For Official use only: amount paid_____ ck #_____ date received May/June 2024

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

WHEN
Saturday, May 4, 2024
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

WHERE
Loudon Transfer Station
41 Dump Road

2024 Dump Sticker Required

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

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- Oil Based Paints
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- No Biohazard Material
- No Explosives
- Ammunition
- No Radioactive Material
- No Large Cylinders
- Fluorescent Bulbs

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

What's Cookin'?

Food, Food and More Food!

by Letty Barton

Recipes this month are potluck. Things that sounded good as I scanned through cookbooks.

Swiss Vegetable Medley

1 (16 oz.) bag frozen broccoli, carrots and cauliflower, thawed and drained
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1/3 c. sour cream
¼ tsp. black pepper
1 (4 oz.) jar chopped pimiento, drained
(optional) 1 can (2.8 oz.) Durkee French fried onions

Combine vegetables, soup, ½ cheese, sour cream, pepper, pimiento, and ½ can fried onions. Pour into a 1 qt. casserole and bake, covered, for 30 min. at 350 degrees. Top with remaining cheese and onions and bake for 5 min., uncovered.

Zesty Chicken Mushroom Soup

½ lb. fresh mushrooms, chopped
¼ cup each chopped carrots, onions and celery
¼ c. butter, cubed
½ c. flour
5 ½ c. chicken broth
1 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp thyme
pinch dried tarragon
1/2 tsp. hot pepper sauce
3 c. half and half 2 ½ c. cubed chicken
1 T. minced parsley
1 ½ tsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. salt

Saute onions, celery, carrots and mushrooms until tender. Stir in flour until blended. Add broth and seasonings. Mix well. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer, uncovered for 10 min. Stir in the cream, chicken, parsley, lemon juice and salt. Heat through but do not boil.

Seafood Au Gratin

4 T. butter, divided
2 T. flour
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 cup chicken broth
½ cup milk
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
½ lb. sea scallops
1 lb. haddock, cut into six pieces
1 ½ cup sliced, fresh mushrooms
2 T, butter
1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

In a large saucepan, melt 2 T. butter. Stir in the flour and pepper until smooth. Gradually add the broth and milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 min or until thickened. Stir in ¼ cup Parmesan cheese; set aside. Place scallops in another saucepan, cover with water. Simmer uncovered for 4-5 min. Meanwhile, place haddock in a shallow 2 qt. microwave dish. Cover and microwave on high for 2-4 min. Drain scallops. Arrange fish and scallops in a greased 7x11 baking dish. In a small skillet, saute mushrooms in remaining butter until tender. Stir into cheese sauce. Spoon over seafood and sprinkle with mozzarella, cheddar and remaining Parmesan. Cover and bake at 350 degrees 15-20 min or until bubbly ad cheese is melted.

Zesty Baked Carrots

5-6 cups sliced carrots (about 2 lbs.)
6 slices Swiss cheese

Sauce: 1 small onion, minced
4 T. butter
3 T. flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. chili powder
2 cups milk

Topping: 1 cup soft bread crumbs 2 T. butter, melted 5 strips of bacon, cooked and crumbled

Blanch the carrots until crisp -tender. Layer in a shallow 2 qt, baking dish with ½ the cheese. Repeat the layers. For sauce, saute onion in butter, blend in flour and seasonings. Cook and stir for 1 min. Add milk all at once and stir until thickened. Pour over cheese. Combine crumbs and butter and sprinkle over all. Top with bacon. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 min.

Spicy Nut Bread

1 cup milk
1 egg, beaten
¼ cup shortening, melted
2 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
¼ cup sugar
½ tsp. each cinnamon, nutmeg and salt / ¼ tsp. cloves
1/2 cup pecans

Mix together milk and egg, add shortening. Sift together dry ingredients. Add shortening mixture to dry mixture. Mix well. Add pecans and mix gently. Bake at 325 degrees for 25 min.

Spice Cake

1 cup sugar, ½ cup butter, 1 egg, 1 cup sour milk, 1 tsp. soda, 2 cups flour, ½ cup chopped raisins, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. allspice and cloves a little nutmeg

Cream sugar and butter. Add egg, sour milk with soda, raisins, flour and all spices. Mix well and place in a greased bread pan. Bake 40 min at 350 degrees.

Loudon Elementary School PTA

As we get closer to the end of the school year, the PTA is still working diligently on upcoming events and fundraisers that benefit the Loudon Elementary School.

LES PTA hosted the 1st Annual LES Read-A-Thon in April to promote literacy and raise funds for a book vending machine for the school. The LES readers were hard at work where time was logged at school by teachers and at home by families. Our LES students read over 82,000 minutes (over 1,366 hours) in two weeks with over 48 readers reaching over 500 minutes! Thank you to Mr. Bartlett and LES teachers for all their help in making this a successful fundraising event. We are excited to see the book vending machine in the fall at LES full of books!

We celebrated Jen York for Administrative Professional Day. A huge thanks for all her hard work and help she provides the PTA throughout the year!

Teacher Appreciation Week is fast approaching, and we are excited to celebrate all the staff at LES. If you are interested in donating to help in another incredible week, please contact Emily F. and Collette F. at loudonelementarypta@gmail.com.

The LES PTA will hold their biannual election for all officer positions on Wednesday, May 15th at 5:30 pm in the Media Center. Each of the five officer positions are held for a period of two years beginning at the end of the June meeting. The 3 members of the nominating committee were selected during the March meeting. The committee will present a slate of officers in the coming weeks. Additional nominations may be made during the May meeting prior to a vote for the new officers.

The PTA will be holding the 2nd Annual Silent Auction at the Loudon Old Home Day on Saturday, August 10th. If you are interested in donating an item or know a business interested in donating an item, please contact Sarena Q. at loudonelementarypta@gmail.com.

Upcoming Happenings

Monday, May 6th – Friday May 10th – Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 10th – Mother's Day Flowers

Wednesday, May 15th – LES PTA Officer Elections at May Meeting

Saturday, August 10th – Silent Auction at Old Home Day

Like us on Facebook (Loudon Elementary PTA) and stay tuned for additional information in the weekly Smore's newsletter sent home with students weekly.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on May 15th at 5:30 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School media room for anyone interested in joining us.

LES PTA Members:

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Emily Fiske – Secretary
Suzy Bean – Treasurer
Carolyn Carr – Deputy Treasurer
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- Samuel Scoville Jr., Wild Folk

COOKBOOK CLUB Every second Saturday of the month, our Cookbook Club will meet to share food and fun! This group chooses a cookbook to peruse, and encourages everyone to bring a dish to share at the monthly meeting. The next meeting will be on May 11th at 12pm.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB The next Afternoon Book Club will be on May 23rd at 12:30pm to discuss Looking for Jane by Heather Marshall.

EVENING BOOK CLUB The next Evening Book Club will be on May 23rd at 6:30pm to discuss West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. If You Tell by Gregg Olsen will be discussed at the June meeting.

THRILLER BOOK CLUB The next Thriller Book Club will be on May 2nd at 6:30pm to discuss Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham. The Marriage Lie by Kimberly Belle will be discussed at the June meeting.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLUB This watercolor club meets every Tuesday and encourages us to learn together. Drop in on Tuesdays at 12:30pm to try simple, yet beautiful paintings with us. You do not need to register or bring any supplies.

MOVIE MATINEE Join us for an afternoon movie in the meeting room on Wednesday, May 15th at 1:00pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided! This is an adult program.

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS: Happy May! We have many exciting programs planned for you this month!

STORY TIME: Storytime is on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am downstairs in the children's room! We have been reading books about dinosaurs, Easter, bunnies, birds, and shapes! Come read, sing, and craft with us!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Have your voice heard and join our Teen Advisory Board! By joining and attending meetings you can earn community service hours! Email us at cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call to register! This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday May 14th at 5:30 pm.

TEEN MANDALA STONE PAINTING: Come paint a mandala stone! Painting these intricate patterns is fun and relaxing! This event is happening on Tuesday April 16th at 5:30 pm. Registration required. Please email cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call to register.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Music and movement is an early literacy program for littles. We sing, read, dance, use instruments, and have fun! This event happens on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10:30 am.

KIDS LEGO BUILD CLUB: This program is on Thursdays at 3:30 pm! Come build Lego creations with us!

HOMESCHOOL TEEN WRITERS GROUP: Come do fun creative writing exercises, work on a current project, or get inspiration from your peers! This is a group for homeschool teens who love to write! This event happens on Thursdays at 2:30 pm.

SCIENCE HEROES INTERACTIVE STEM SHOW (SUMMER READING FINALE): Come see the Science Heroes Adventure of the Lost Treasure interactive STEM show! Help the performer conduct exciting experiments that bring this story to life! Experiment with chemical reactions, air pressure, physical explosions and more! After the show, celebrate the end of summer reading and see the reveal of our raffle prize winners! This event is happening on August 17th at 11:00 am.

THE MAGIC OF JASON PURDY SUMMER READING KICK-OFF SHOW: Come see

extraordinary magic that will enchant people of all ages and sign up for summer reading after! This event will be happening on Sat. June 29th at 11:00 am.

HANDS-ON NUTRITION NIGHT FOR KIDS: Join Hannaford Supermarket Registered Dietitian, Katy Magoon-Fredette, RDN, LD for a hands-on nutrition night! Children will learn how to use the Hannaford's Guiding Stars program to find foods that help their bodies grow their best along with playing a variety of food-focused games including "Produce Grab Bag," "Guess The Guiding Stars," and "Snack Pals Trivia." This event is for kids ages 4-12. Snacks, giveaways, and coupons will be provided! Registration is required. Please register by emailing cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or calling 603-798-5153. This event is happening on Tuesday June 4th at 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for bids
Clough Hill Road Field Haying
Town of Loudon N.H.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen is seeking requests for bids for haying the two small hay fields located just west of Loudon Fire Station #2, 56 Clough Hill Rd, Map 51, Lot 23.

The winner of this bid will get the field for five years (seasons). The fields must be maintained and hayed at least twice a year, unless agreed to by the Selectmen. Any damage to the fields falls on the responsibility of the winner of the bid. If there is any breach of the above listed demands, the winning bidder forfeits the bid/money and the field can and will be awarded to another bidder, if none, then who the selectmen choose until the five-year agreement has ended.

Sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 21, 2024. The bids will be opened and reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting. Bids should be submitted to the Town of Loudon Selectmen's Office, 55 S. Village Road – STE 1, Loudon NH 03307. All bids shall be in sealed envelopes with "Clough Hill Road Hay Bid" written on the outside. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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The winner of this bid will get the field for five years (seasons). The field must be hayed and maintained at least once a year with the first haying to be no sooner than August 1st, unless agreed to by the Selectmen. Equipment can be moved into the field no sooner than August 1st and must be removed by December 1st each year. Any damage to the field falls on the responsibility of the winner of the bid. If there is any breach of the above-listed demands, the winning bidder forfeits the bid/money and the field can and will be awarded to another bidder, if none, then who the selectmen choose until the five-year agreement has ended.

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THE LOUDON COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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With the exception of advertising sales, graphic design, printing and mailing, all work is performed by volunteers. Members of the Council and those elected to serve on the Board of Directors must be willing to understand, honor, and uphold the Council's mission and by-laws to ensure that the Ledger continues to provide an unbiased source of information about our town. We do not publish "opinion pieces" or "letters to the editor." We do not support or advocate on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office. We also will not endorse any plan or proposition that does not clearly facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation. We publish unedited copies of minutes from all of our local boards and commissions, and insist on giving our readers a chance to understand both sides of an issue.

We continue to believe that the Loudon Ledger fills an important function for our community. For some of us, it's a nice way of staying caught up with what's going on in town. For others, it can be a lifeline, particularly for the elderly and the disabled.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, we meet monthly at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Members also communicate regularly by phone, email, and text messages regarding content, editing, and policy decisions. For additional information, you can contact us by mail at PO Box 7871, Loudon NH 03307 or by email at ledgerarticles@gmail.com.

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Loudon Fire Department News

As of April 12th, the Loudon Fire Department has responded to 313 calls for service. We have had two major winter storms which have caused a significant number of trees and utilities to come down. These events were both long-term multi-day events which called for extensive coordination of town and partner resources to keep the roads open and restore utilities.

When these incidents occur, we typically open our Emergency Operations Center at Station 2 on Clough Hill which allows us to utilize Station 1 as a warming center. Both stations are equipped with backup generators to maintain operations. Both stations have extensive communications equipment to facilitate and coordinate emergency operations throughout the town. Much of this equipment has been secured over time by applying for and obtaining FEMA or NH HSEM Emergency Planning Grants by using the towns Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan.

The town's Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA and adopted by the selectmen last April. Our Emergency Operations Plan has just expired, and we are now in the process of updating and re-writing a new one for submission to FEMA for approval.

During the April winter storm over 20 members of the department worked over the course of two days to assist in storm emergency operations. Many of these members took time off from their regular jobs to assist the community. This is almost always at a lower hourly rate than they normally earn at their regular job. Most firefighters are only making $12.95 per hour as a call member. We thank them immensely for their dedication and support in assisting their community even if it means a personal financial loss or loss of earned time off. Their sense of community should never be placed in question with this level of commitment.

Ambulance 2, the 2014 International, has recently been out of service more than it has been in service. It has almost 9000 hours on it and over 130,000 miles. We voted to replace this unit during town meeting 2023 and it was approved by the voters. A new ambulance was placed on order at an estimated cost of $280,000, with no equipment. The fire department still cannot obtain a chassis manufacture date for the new unit. Many other public safety agencies around the country and the immediate area are having the same issue. Currently Ambulance 2 has been out of service for 22 days in the last two months and is out of service again. The current total for repairs is $10,955.03. The cost for current repairs is unknown.

The department typically has multiple calls occurring at the same time. Statistics show that multiple calls occur 15% of the time. Loudon relies on mutual aid ambulances to meet the needs for second or simultaneous calls. We will still send first responders or an engine company to provide aid until the mutual aid ambulance can arrive.

We will be encouraging the Capital Improvement Plan committee to move up the replacement schedule on the ambulances from 10 years to 8 years to address the increase in call volumes and the lag time from time from placing an order for a new ambulance to the actual date of delivery of the unit.

The fire department would like to congratulate Brady Leonard on being appointed Deputy Forest Fire Warden for the Town of Loudon. Brady will now have the authority and responsibility to issue fire permits, inspect outside fires, and be a team leader during wildfire suppression efforts. He will work under the supervision of the Forest Fire Warden and NH State Forest Fire Ranger for this district.

We also wish to congratulate Lt. Matthew LaDuke on obtaining the NH State Emergency Services Instructor certification for Emergency Medical Service Programs. This was a large commitment on his part to obtain this certification on his own time and at his own expense.

Patrick Starkey has also just completed the Firefighter I & II certification program and the Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations certifications. Patrick took these programs online and traveled at his own expense to Texas for 3 weeks. Patrick also attended boot camp as well as participating in practical and written exams. The department appreciates the level of personal dedication and commitment of each of these individuals who serve our community.

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OBITUARIES

Jason A. "Jay" Johnpier

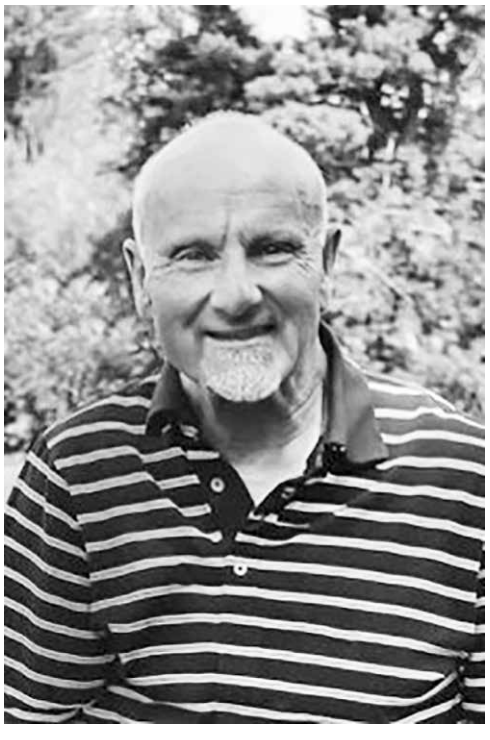
Jason A. "Jay" Johnpier, 48, of Manchester died April 10, 2024 at Elliot Hospital after a brief illness and a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Buffalo, NY on December 8, 1975, he was the son of Dawn M. (Brennan) Rapazza and the late Larry A. Johnpier. He was educated in New York before attending Chelmsford High School, Chelmsford, MA. He worked as a mechanic and in facility maintenance with McLane for many years.

Jay was a hardworking, kindhearted man who was always there to help everyone. He had a very strong will and was a true fighter. Jay took great pride in working on cars. He also loved being a DJ and sharing his passion for music with others. His children were most important in his life and he adored his granddaughter Rylee. Above all else, he will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather, son, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend.

Family members include his four children, Brandon Johnpier and wife Gracie of NY, Shawn Johnpier of Lowell, MA, Nathan Johnpier of Chelmsford, MA, and Sophia Johnpier of Lowell, MA; one granddaughter, Rylee Johnpier of Lowell, MA; his mother, Dawn Rapazza of Kenmore, NY; one sister, Kathleen Johnpier of Nashua; one brother, Nicholas Johnpier of Loudon; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Larry A. Johnpier in 1985; and his stepfather, Richard "Razz" Rapazza in 2016.

Durrell K. Smith



Durrell K. Smith, 68, of Bow, passed away at his residence on Friday, March 22, 2024. He was born on August 19, 1955 in Haverhill, MA, son of James Smith and late Gail (Chase) Smith. To know Durrell was indeed quite something: he was a hard man, yet kind, gentle, and had a playful sense of humor. He privately battled a long term illness, of which few knew, never a complaint did he speak. With quiet resilience, a reserved nature, yet a fiery intensity, he lived his life and was truly a man of his own making. Humble beginnings beset no obstacle: a genuine, honest, and fastidious man in all manner, as a father, a friend, and an example of a forgotten age. A better man would be hard pressed to find. Himself departed, his memory however not easily forgotten. He did not go gently into that good night, Dylan Thomas would be proud, raged he did, against the dying of the light. He was predeceased by his Mother Gail (Chase) Smith and his sister Jerelee Tracy. He is survived by his father, James Smith of Chino Valley, Arizona, children, Ross Smith of Allenstown, Keston Smith of Boscawen, Mallory Cook and her husband Matthew Cook of Loudon, grandchildren, Madeleine Cook, Milton Cook and Miley Cook and a chosen close circle of friends.

Warren H. Koch

Warren H. Koch, 100, of Manchester, NH died Sunday, March 24, 2024, at RiverWoods, Manchester with family by his side after a period of declining health. He was born on October 29, 1923, in the Bronx, NY, the son of Elsie (Ruesch) and Henry G. Koch, and raised in Floral Park, NY. Warren graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY where he met his wife Dorothy Van Siclen, to whom he was married for more than 73 years. He was predeceased by Dottie in 2023. In 1942, Warren enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp. While in flight school, he traveled the U.S. earning his wings to pilot B-24 bombers at age 21. As a Second Lieutenant with a crew of nine, he traversed the South Pacific during the latter stages of World War II. At the war's conclusion, he ferried Australian and British POWs from internment camps towards home. Warren spent his entire working life in accounting at AT&T's Manhattan headquarters. After retiring from AT&T in 1982, he digitized the Somerset Hills, NJ YMCA accounting system. As a Vestry member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Gladstone, NJ, he was involved in the construction of St. Luke's Village. Warren's second retirement to New Hampshire included many years as treasurer of Grace Episcopal Church. Warren's life revolved around work and his family, and he and Dottie found great joy in their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Some of his favorite times were weeks spent with extended family at Camp Canaras in the Adirondacks. He was an active tennis player in his 70s and played golf into his latter 80s. He is survived by his daughter Barbara Hickok and husband Jeffrey, of Manchester; son Lawrence Koch and wife Patricia, of Savannah, GA; four grandchildren: Elizabeth Moser and husband Link, of Loudon, NH; Andrew Hickok and wife Andrea Klayman, of Cape Elizabeth, ME; Peter Koch and wife Anna Baker, of Parker, CO; and Madeline Koch of Alexandria, VA; and eight great-grandchildren: Lily, Henry, Eve, Elsie, Annabel, Theodore, Aurora and Skye. He was pre-deceased by his sisters Muriel Ernstmeyer and Doris Hicks.

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Philip J. Mulkhey

Philip J. Mulkhey, 86, of Loudon, NH died Sunday, March 31, 2024, following a short period of declining health, with loved ones by his side. Philip was born in Loudon on March 12, 1938, to Joseph and Bertha (Marston) Mulkhey. He lived his entire life in Loudon, graduating from Concord High School and earning an Associate Degree from Concord School of Business. He was a skilled builder and carpenter, building his own home in 1960, as well as many other homes around Locke Lake while working for RC Foss. Respectfully described by his family as a "jack of all trades", Philip's professional career spanned multiple fields. He was co-owner of B&M Plumbing as well as the Yankee Country Store in Loudon, he served as Postmaster for the Loudon Post Office, and most recently worked in maintenance with Keystone Management in Concord. He also became quite adept at replacing the windows in his home and vehicles over the years, courtesy of his kids' and grandkids' poor aim. Philip was known for his frugality and belief that everything has value, always finding a way to repair a broken item rather than replacing it with something new. As a member of the Studebaker Club of NH, he had a passion for old cars and won many awards at Loudon Old Home Day celebrations. Though Philips interests were many, his greatest love was his family. From watching Saturday morning cartoons with his grandchildren to simply spending time talking and laughing with loved ones, he was never happier than when he was in the company of the family he created. A humble, all-around good guy, Philip never wanted to stand out in a crowd, but his work ethic, kind heart, and the simple fact that he was loved by every person and animal he crossed paths with set him apart from all the rest. Philip is survived by his wife of 66 years, Patricia (Page) Mulkhey; daughters Melissa Abbott and husband Michael of Loudon and Michelle Parker of Loudon; son Shawn Mulkhey and wife Michelle of Loudon; brother Melvin "Big Mick" Mulkhey and wife Dorothy of Loudon; sister Eileen Cummings of Loudon; grandchildren Jason Landry of Loudon, Talia Madensky and husband Daniel of Hooksett, Nathan Munson and wife Christine of Hooksett, Joseph Mulkhey and wife Destini of Dover, Jeremy Mulkhey and partner John of Maine, and Harleigh Parker and husband Jared of Loudon; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and countless dear friends. In addition to his parents, Philip was predeceased by his infant son Peter; his sister Ellen Chesley; and his brother Joseph Mulkhey.

Lotte Moody

Lotte Moody passed away on Wednesday, March 20th at 101 years old. Lotte was born in Dürrwangen, Germany on February 17th, 1923 to Franz and Bertha Schenk, the second of four siblings. After losing her father when she was 13, Lotte moved to Nürnberg with her family. Growing up during World War II taught her how to cook and craft anything from very little, a mastery she'd display for the rest of her life. After the death of her first husband Rolf Wach, Lotte married Edward Moody and moved to the United States in 1948. She spent most of the remainder of her life on her farm in Loudon. She took great pride in being a dedicated wife and mother to her five children, and nothing brought her more joy than sharing her love through food. Always an open home for friends and family to drop in, her favorite moments were spent gathered around the kitchen table with those she loved drinking coffee and sharing her endless supply of homemade meals and treats. A nature lover with an inability to sit still, there was rarely a day you wouldn't find Lotte outside feeding the chickens, blueberrying by the river, or maintaining her large field well into her 90's. She was a lifetime enthusiast of workout classes at the Concord Y, holiday music, and afternoon kaffee und kuchen. She was predeceased by husband Rolf Wach; husband Edward Moody; sister Rosa Hahn; brother Franz Schenk; grandson Brookie Moody; great-grandson C.J. Cronan; and daughter-in-law Sheila Moody. She leaves behind her children: Rolf (Sandra) Moody of Loveland, CO; Heidi (Don) Hillsgrove of Bow; John Moody of Boscawen; Rick Moody of Loudon; and Debbie (Tom) Marsh of Loudon, as well as her grandchildren: Krista (Dan) Shippee; Susan Hillsgrove; Cindy Cumming; Katie (Chris) Boudette; Camilla Moody; Heather Moody; Jason (Jennifer) Moody; Laura (Josh) Moody; Eric (Vanessa) Marsh; and Angela Marsh. She is also survived by her sister Boby (Hermann) Hahn of Nürnberg; brother-in-law Francis (Nancy) Moody; and her beloved great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

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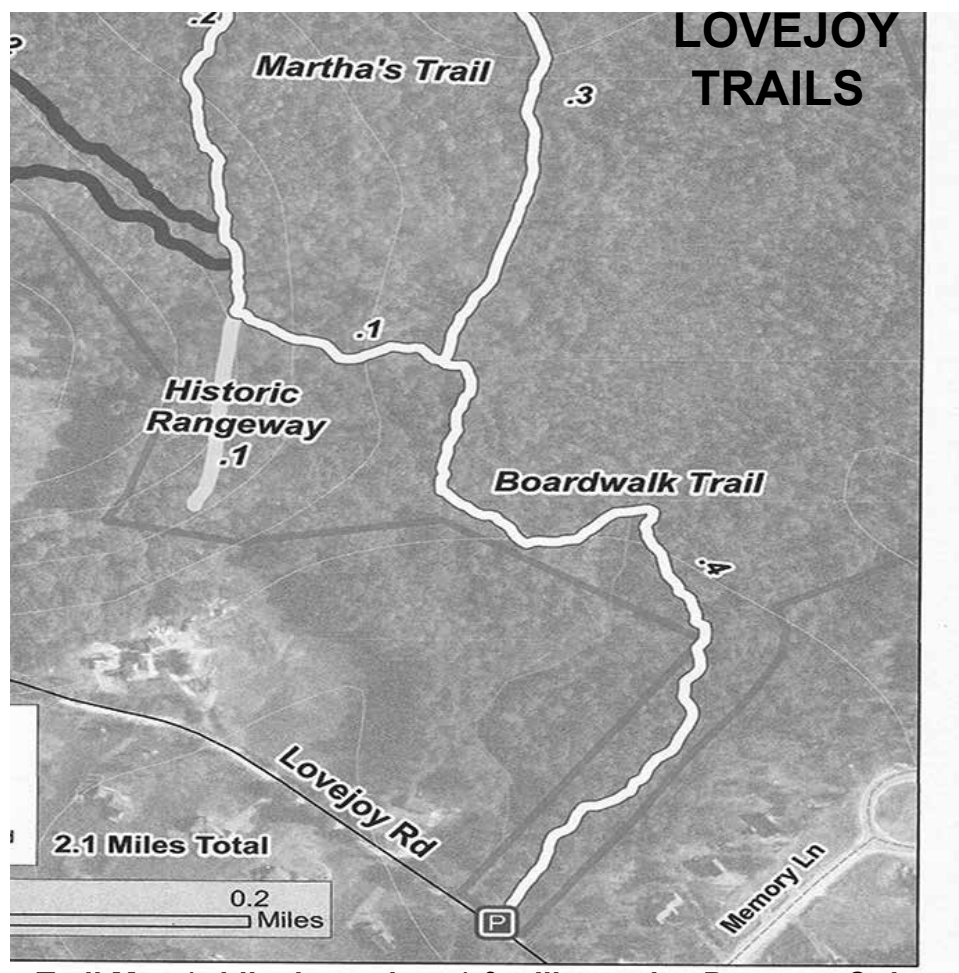
Richard Brown House News

Hello Loudon Community! We have had a great past two months here at Richard Brown House. In March we were lucky enough to be serenaded by The Solutions Band, who so generously comes and plays for us. We also enjoyed a bread making class with Trese Young, who we so appreciate coming to teach us. We had a blast and learned a lot. RBH sponsored a meal of clam chowder, and the meal committee did a boiled dinner for St. Patty's day. April brought about some fun stuff as well. We had crafts with Natasha from the Maxfield Public Library. They did a beautiful canvas painting with her. Thank you, Natasha, for taking time out to come to RBH! We also had a very special Chinese food luncheon for the 16th anniversary of The Richard Brown House. We celebrated residents with birthdays each month and provided a themed cake. As always, Alyssa Lemmerman of the UNH Cooperative Extension provided nutrition education for the residents. Remember, this class is open to the public as well and occurs every 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am, at RBH. Please come and join us! Hopefully spring has sprung and we're looking forward to being able to get outside and enjoy the weather.

Do you have a special talent or working knowledge of a topic or skill that might be of interest to our residents? We are seeking community members or groups who would be willing to share their time with our folks teaching a craft, sharing information, or leading an activity. Music, cooking, animal presentations, dancing, and youth groups are very popular but also open to any ideas you may have! Feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions, ideas, or support for our residents. RBH Resident Service Coordinator Rachel.litalien@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 202 or our Property Manager, Lucie Bilodeau, can be reached at lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 203.



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JESSICA KIRBY MEMORIAL TRAILS

The Jessica Kirby Tract donated by the Kirby Family Trust
247 Lovejoy Road, Loudon NH Parking for the Jessica Kirby Trails is located at the Lovejoy Trails parking lot at 234 Lovejoy Road, a short walking distance of 200 feet away. No parking is allowed near the Jessica Kirby kiosk or within the entrance trail.

In 2022, the Kirby Family Trust graciously donated to the Town of Loudon a 15-acre tract of land in memory of their daughter Jessica Kirby, specifying that walking trails be created on the property. Volunteers for the Conservation Commission's Trails Subcommittee began development in 2022 and opened it to the public in November 2023.

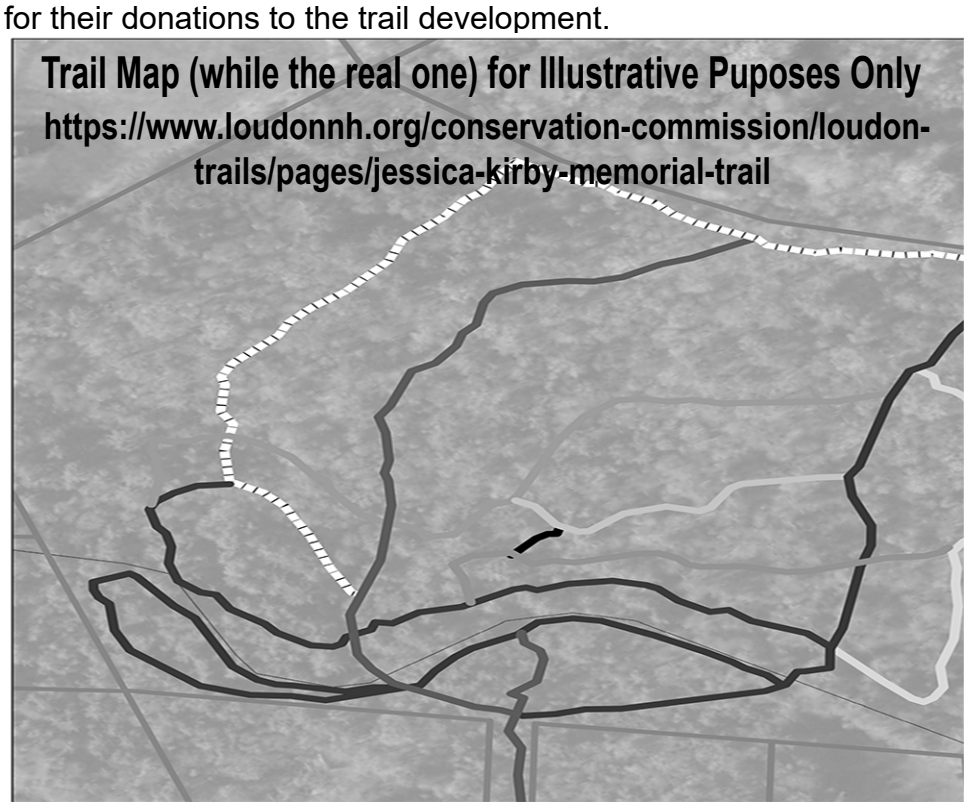
Once part of a large farm, the woodlot now known as the Jessica Kirby Tract abutted fields which were subject to seasonal flooding from the Hunting Swamp and another wetland to the west. To drain water so that crops could be grown, farmers dug a large ditch, starting from the wetland and just beyond the fields, and a smaller ditch within the woodlot, allowing water from the fields to flow into the Pine Island Brook.

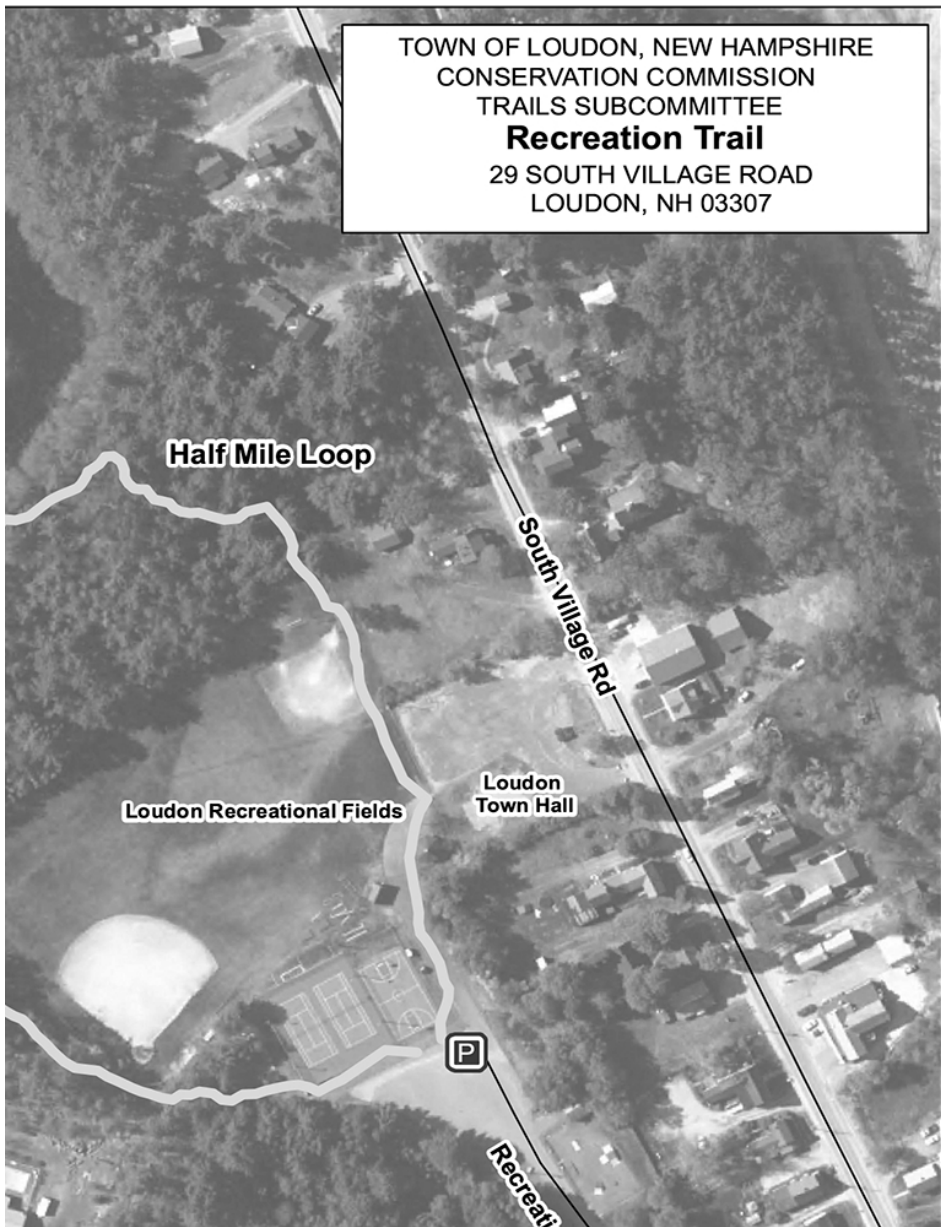
The entrance to the trails passes through the open field, bordered by houses and property boundary signs, and continues through an opening in the woods. From there, over a mile and a half of walking trails through woodland and open areas can be accessed. A picnic table sits near the main footbridge, and many blueberry bushes can be found all along the Aqua and Pink Trails.

Volunteers for the Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee donated over 700 man-hours to the construction of the trails and footbridges. Approximately 61% of the material costs were paid with federal American Recovery Plan (Covid-19) funds. 27% of the costs were donated by individuals, and 12% came from the Conservation Commission budget. A second bridge over another section of the large ditch is planned to be constructed in the spring of 2024.

Benches on some trails will be added, as well.

The Conservation Commission and its Trails Subcommittee would like to thank Sandra Blanchard, Russ Pearl, David Ives, and others for their donations to the trail development.





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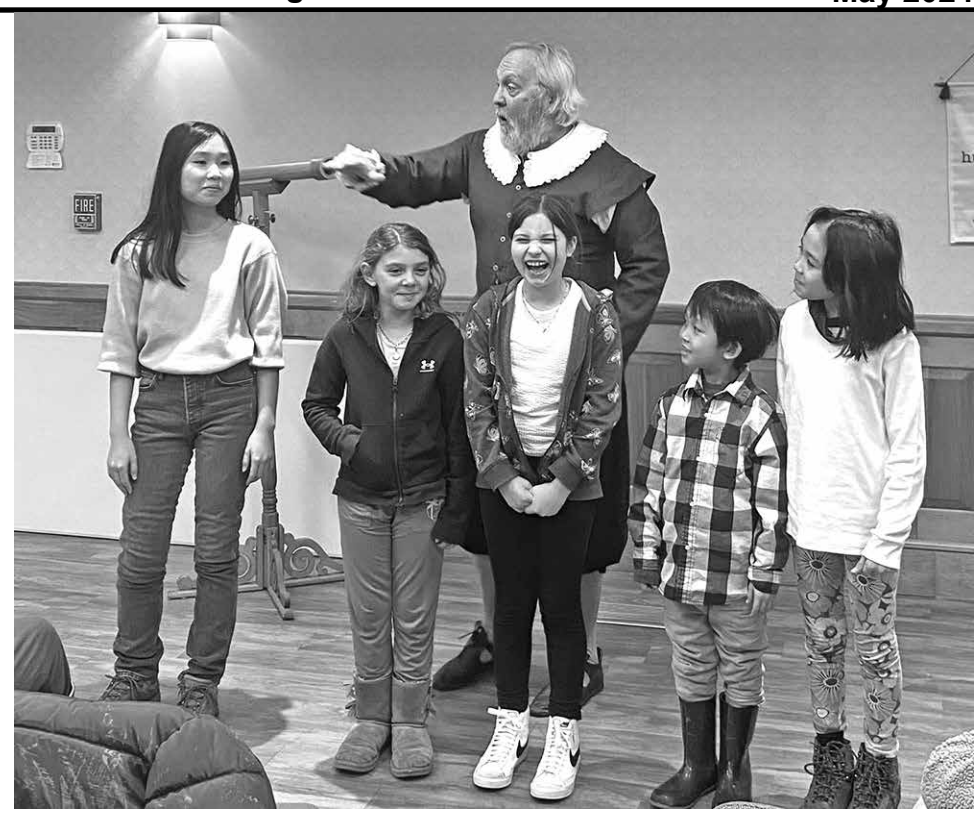
Scenes Around Loudon

Residents of the Richard Brown House practiced the art of bread making and enjoyed a painting session



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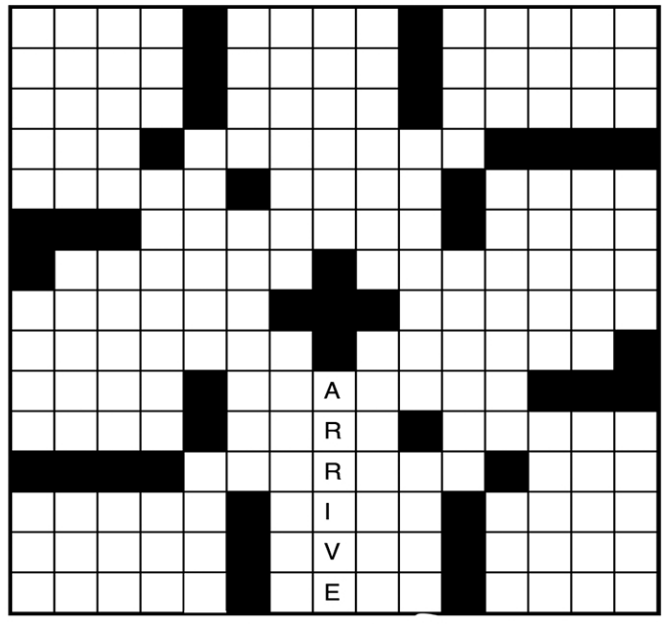

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Thanks again and wait to hear back from you.
Jim

American Legion Post 88

The American Legion Post-88 in Loudon held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 20 at 7 p.m.

Post Commander Ken Ward brought the meeting to order. There were no committee reports and our chaplain, Alfred Page, indicated that no one was on sick call.

District-5 American Legion High School Oratorical Competition was held at Faith Community Bible Church on Feb 24, 2024. The winner of the competition was Michaela St. George of Pittsfield. She was awarded $400 in checks from District-5 and Post-88 for her efforts. She also received an American Eagle and Flag Trophy, a Certificate of Distinction, a special American Legion Centennial Coin from NH Legion Commander Leo Paquin, and an Oratorical pin/medallion. She went on to compete in the State Oratorical Competition and results of that will be in the June issue of the Ledger.

The winner of the framed Constitution and Centennial Coins and Bills was John Pinna of Post 10. John indicated he never wins anything when he bought his raffle tickets! Opps! Can't say that anymore! Congratulations to him. A new special raffle is pending for the next Post-88 raffle drawing on this Veteran's Day. There will be two unique raffle drawing items. If you don't win one of them you might win the other one! Pictures of the new raffle items will appear in the next Ledger!

Post member Terry O'Brien passed away June 14, 2023. His funeral service was held July 10 in Boscowan at the NH Vet's Cemetery. His wife, Carol O'Brien, donated a special American Eagle wood carving her husband had made to the post in her husband's name.

The next Post-88 Summer Yard Sale will be held in August of 2024, date to be announced in next Ledger. If you wish to reserve a 10 x 10 foot spot at the yard sale the cost will be $15. A limited number of tables will be available to rent at $5 each. You can bring your own tables and chair and save that expense. Donations to the Yard Sale can be dropped off on the day of the sale starting at 8 a.m. in the morning. The Yard Sale will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. As usual there will be a box sale at the end of the Yard Sale. The Box Sale will start about 2 p.m. Contact Mike Hartt at (603) 496-2178 to reserve a spot and/or table. Bottled water will be provided free to Yard Sale Vendors. Plastic bags will be provided to Yard Sale shoppers. All proceeds, minus yard sale expenses, will go to fund post programs that benefit the town of Loudon, i.e. Food Pantry, Tilton Vet Home, Loudon Elementary School, etc.

The Post Commander's Fund drawings for the last fiscal year of the post were as follows:

July 2023: $50 Fred Shaefer; $25 Amanda Dynent; $10 Mark Wright; $10 Vince Givambavio; $5 Dave Fiorcentino.

August 2023: $50 Vince Givambavio; $25 Louis LaCroix; $10 Nancey Greenmore; $10 Mike Hartt; $5 Sue Gelinas.

September 2023: $50 Brian Kellett; $25 Cindy Rowe; $10 David Tille; $10 Gary Tasker; $5 George Georgppovious.

October 2023: $50 Mike Emerson; $25 April Sinclair; $10 Justin Dyment; $10 Gina Givambavio; $5 Nancy Greenmore.

November 2023: $50 Barbara Brogan; $25 Bob Brown; $10 Erin Pierce; $10 Angie Ward, $5 Louise LaCroix

December 2023: $50 Kathy Troniano; $25 Amanda Dyment; $10 Jacob Clark; $10 Susan Gelinas; $5 Glenn Fielders.

January 2024: $50 Robert Penetta; $25 Mark Wright; $10 Melissa Gastron; $10 Daniel Lynch; $5 Mark Wright.

February 2024: $50 Randy Ryan; $25 Ryan Ward; $10 Fred Schaefer; $10 Stephen Halton; $5 Lee Elliott.

If I misspelled anyone's names let me know and I will issue a correction in the next issue of the Ledger. Winners for March and April 2024 will appear in the next Ledger. Congratulations to all the winners!

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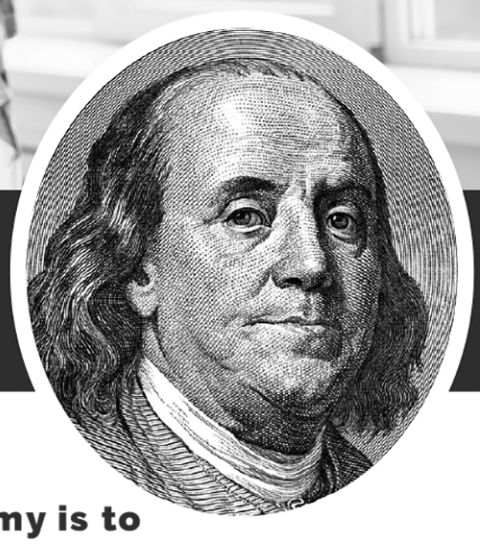

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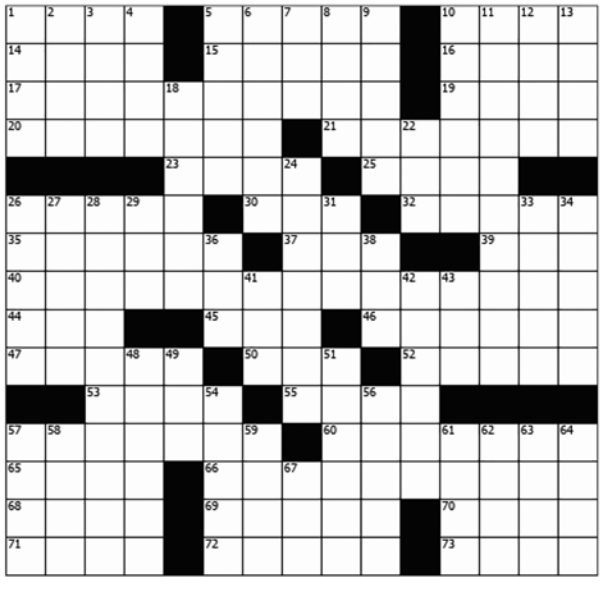

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14. Andy's boy, of classic TV
15. Division of a long poem
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17. A fool and his money are . . .
19. 1963 Best Actress
20. Where salt and fresh water mix
21. "Come to My Window" singer Etheridge
23. They're at all the big signing ceremonies
25. Flat-bottomed vessel
26. Unable to flee
30. Losing tic-tac-toe line
32. Gentle oaths
35. "No Exit" writer
37. It binds
39. With 31-Down, 19th century pope
40. When the cat's away . . .
44. Govt. agency for older Americans
45. Comment from Jerry Mathers
46. Bummed out
47. Updike's "Rabbit ___"
50. "Solaris" author Stanislaw
52. Quail
53. In a different way
55. "___ Vu" (Warwick tune)
57. Georgia mascot
60. Close call for Venus
65. Yours, in Tours
66. . . . make good neighbors
68. Private or general, e.g.
69. Word in a Charlie Brown phrase
70. Word of encouragement with "boy" or "girl"
71. Objective case of thou
72. Tries to reach the hard of hearing
73. "Peace ___ hand"

Down
1. It may go to blazes
2. Mil. addresses
3. Burn and loot, e.g.
4. Carte du jour
5. Word with tactics or crow
6. Voice box
7. Colony member
8. It may have a bullet by it
9. Protuberances
10. Baseball's Griffey, for one
11. . . . does not make a summer
12. Letters from Athens
13. "Cavalleria Rusticana" role
18. Library of Alexandria contents
22. Type of TV
24. John Barth's "Factor"
26. "Swinging on ___"
27. Resort lake
28. Man does not live by . . .
29. It's loaded with cash
31. See 39-Across
33. Purposely stay just out of reach
34. Chef Alexis
36. Heart test, briefly
38. Slippery ___
41. Slippery one
42. Settle
43. Court instructor
48. Not characteristic of
49. Marked a ballot, in a way
51. His laws involved research on peas
54. Doggy ___ (toddler's pet?)
56. Bridges and Gordon
57. Homer's bane or boy
58. Beehive State
59. 2000 presidential hopeful
61. ___ B'rith
62. "Hamlet" parts
63. "___ smile be your umbrella"
64. Test for Perry Mason wannabes
67. Midnight fuel

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Maxfield Public Library Trustees Minutes

Trustee's meeting

Date: 3/13/2024

In attendance:

Trustees: Elizabeth Moser, Amy Corliss, Becky Herrmann

Alternate Trustee Breanne not present

Library Director: Director Emily Fay not present

Members of the Public in attendance: no members of the public

At 3:07 Chairman Elizabeth Moser called the meeting to order.

Welcome new trustees: Becky Herrmann and Amy Corliss

New Business:

*While the public was invited there was no public input, as this was a working meeting.

*Chairman Elizabeth made a motion to appoint Trustee Amy Corliss to Treasurer. Trustee Becky Herrmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Elizabeth Moser also made a motion to appoint Trustee Becky Herrmann to Secretary. Trustee Amy Corliss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Trustee Elizabeth Moser made a motion to present Dyrace Maxfield to the Selectman to make him an Alternate Trustee. Trustee Amy Corliss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Chairman Elizabeth Moser asked to start an action list. Trustee Becky Herrmann said she will make a new form to keep track of the actions. The trustees discussed some initial items on the action list including keys and alarm codes. This action list will be shared with each Trustee and the Library Director in order to prepare for the next meeting.

*The Trustees are also waiting on the town to set up the new Trustee email addresses. The Trustees have reached out to the town for this multiple times and will ask again.

*Trustee Amy Corliss will set up a meeting with former Trustee Dyrace Maxfield to discuss financials and details of the Treasure position.

*The Trustees discussed what happens when the alarms go off at the library. Typically a Trustee will meet the police or fire at the library when this happens. Trustee Becky Herrmann believes the police and fire department have access to Loudon Elementary School and wonder if they have access to other public buildings, like the library. She will reach out to Janice Morin at the police department to find out. Trustee Elizabeth Moser will also be reaching out to the alarm company to get the new trustees set up with alarm and video notifications.

Trustee Elizabeth Moser made a motion to enter a non-public meeting at 3:40 under RSA 91-A3:II (a). Trustee Amy Corliss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Return to Public Session

Chairman Elizabeth Moser made a motion to return to public session at 4:24. Trustee Amy Corliss seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Elizabeth Moser made a motion to seal the minutes. Trustee Becky Hermann approved the motion in a roll call. Trustee Amy Corliss approved the motion in a roll call.

Adjourn:

Chairman Elizabeth Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:27. Amy Corliss seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Maxfield Public Library Trustee meeting will be April 10th, 2024 at 6:00.

Submitted by Trustee Becky Herrmann on 3/26/24

In attendance:

Trustees: Dyrace Maxfield (Chairman), Elizabeth Moser (Secretary),

Brianna Hemmah (Alternate Trustee)

New Trustees: Becky Herrmann, Amy Corliss

Assistant Library Director: Christina Finemore

Members of the Public in attendance: Kay Doyon, Jessica Charland, Jacob Wood, Mary Olson, Natasha Perron, Sara Doody, Mykala McConaghy

At 5:46 pm Chairman Dyrace Maxfield called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dyrace Maxfield made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2024 with change in wording to include the language "computer security", Alternate Trustee Brianna Hemmah seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dyrace welcomed new Trustees, Becky Hermann and Amy Corliss. They will be the new trustees on March 16, 2024 after the Loudon Town Meeting. Next month's meeting will be the

second Wednesday at 5:45 and future months' meetings will be the first Wednesdays at 5:45 pm unless otherwise specified.

Dyrace publicly thanked Glen and Linda Wright for their generous donation in January. Christina Finemore will check in with Emily Fay and make sure a thank you note was sent.

Director's Report

- Director Emily Fay was not able to be present at the meeting tonight. The Director's Report was not available at the meeting. The following information for the month of February 2024 was provided later by Emily.

Visitors: 1269

Program Attendees: 445

New Items: 185

New Patrons: 45

Programs: 47

Public input

● Jacob Wood inquired about the Library of Things list. Trustee Elizabeth Moser asked the Assistant Director, Christina Finemore, to have Director Fay link the Amazon wishlist to the newly updated website.

Old Business

● Discussed extending library hours to include opening on Mondays, maybe even doing part time hours on a Friday and part time hours on Mondays. Discussion among trustees and staff about hours. Friday patrons will be tracked and also compared with children's program numbers. Christina Finemore thought about possibly doing another children's program on Monday AM due to large numbers. New Trustee Amy Corliss mentioned looking at the holiday calendar as well. Another part time person would be added on Mondays if there were to be open hours.

● Discussed use of a small multi-use room off of the children's library room downstairs. Natasha Perron, a part time employee and member of the public, had concerns about traffic outside the room. Natasha proposed putting Maker's Space materials in there for set hours and borrowing a 3D printer from the state library. Trustee Dyrace Maxfield asked Alternate Trustee Brianna Hemmah to draft a policy for the use of the room and trustees will review the meeting room policy at the next meeting. New Trustee Becky Hermann asked about whether there could be online sign ups. Brianna Hemmah noted there could be cost involved. Becky asked about whether Google calendar could be linked. Trustee Elizabeth Moser mentioned having a Google calendar for each meeting room space. Christina will have Emily check with Piper Web about whether this would be possible.

● Policy changes have been made to increase computer security. Christina noted that all staff computers have been moved back to circulation desks. Brianna brought up that guest and staff internet should be separate. Chairman Maxfield will look into who the

town IT provider is and then trustees can check with Bobbi Slossar, Technology Librarian at the state library. Dyrace will make sure the two are separate. This discussion should be on agenda for next month.

● Staff raised concerns about the upstairs circulation workspace. The laptop purchased to help with workspace issues has a virus or other issues that may need to be addressed by IT.

● Housekeeping items- Dyrace stated that hallways cannot be blocked. Natasha mentioned that storage is a huge issue. The community room was cleaned up. Trustees will check in with Director Fay about the location of the Little Library. Dyrace asked Christina to have Emily call a handyman to fix the door on the kitchenette because employee Kay Doyon noted that it is cracked and dowel is an issue.

● Talked about whether back rooms downstairs could be utilized. Discussed mold issue. Elizabeth asked Christina to have Emily get two estimates from mold remediation companies. New Trustee Becky Herrmann mentioned seeing if town insurance might cover. Trustee Elizabeth Moser does not want staff or volunteers going in and removing things without a mold remediation company coming first to evaluate the space. Chairman Dyrace Maxfield will look into town insurance.

● Christina reviewed teen activities with new trustees. Brianna asked what licensing company that is used for movies. Assistant Director Finemore said that Swank licensing is used for movies.

New Business

● Dyrace made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Moser as Chairperson of the board, Brianna Hemmah seconded the motion and motion was passed unanimously. Elizabeth Moser let Becky Herrmann and Amy Corliss know that the Secretary and Treasurer positions would be open. Becky Herrmann expressed that she would be interested in the Secretary position.

● Discussion to eliminate, or amend the Telecommuting Policy, which was put in place in June 2020 to address the Covid-19 pandemic. Dyrace Maxfield proposed amending the personnel policy for special exceptions, i.e. sick children, illness, etc. Trustee Elizabeth Moser made a motion to remove Telecommuting Policy as of 3/13/2024 in its entirety. Trustee Maxfield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Going forward will look into adjusting the Personnel flexibility for some case specific flexibility. Brianna will present info on how other libraries are doing this at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

● Dyrace spoke with Lawrence Greenberg at Citizens Bank about putting money into long term bonds to get some money for potential future projects. Meeting next Thursday, 3/21/24 at 1:30 PM. New trustees will see if they can come. Elizabeth Moser and Dyrace Maxfield will gather information.

● Dyrace noted that there was a slight discrepancy for amounts on 3 out of 5 envelopes for monies collected by the library. Christina was given the discrepancy report. Recommend trustees verify deposit amounts together.

● Accounts reviewed and reconciled for February

Non-Public

● N/A

Adjourn

● Dyrace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, Brianna Hemmah seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

● The next Maxfield Library Trustee Meeting will be the second Wed of the month at 5:45 pm.

Submitted by Trustee Elizabeth Moser on 3/20/24.

Loudon Old Home Day Association
Crafters and Exhibitors
2024

The Loudon Old Home Day Association would like to invite you to attend our annual Old Home Day celebration! This year's Old Home Day will be ***Friday August 9th, and Saturday August 10th.*** The theme for this year is *Games Around the Table*. We will be featuring a parade, antique auto show, food, games, music, dancing, and activities for people of all ages.

Our craft tent is 40' x 80' which will include electricity at no additional charge. This tent space is available on a ***first come first served*** basis. The size of tent spaces is 8' x 12'. Please note, there are no heaters or cooking items allowed under the tent.
We also have outside space available for our crafters, exhibitors, and vendors, with or without electricity. The size of the outside spaces is 10' x 10'. All Tents will need to be weighted/tied down. You may set up your own tent in the allotted space.
Anyone requiring more than the space allotted will be charged for the second and/or third space.

You may set up your booth on Friday, after 6:00 PM. If you choose to set up your booth on Saturday morning, please unload your vehicle and move it off the field **before** setting up your area. Vehicles must be off the field before 8:30 am. For the safety of all visitors on the field, there is **NO** traffic allowed to move on the field until after the scheduled activities are finished (please see booklet for schedule). Booths should be open by 9:00 AM and remain open until 4 PM. If you prefer to stay open until after the fireworks, we will place you in a spot that will not obstruct the view of spectators. Please wait until you are given the go ahead before bringing vehicles onto the grounds to pack your belongings. If you decide to move your vehicle before being allowed, it is possible you will not be asked back next year.

Prices are as follows:

Craft tent - 8' x 10', electricity included..... $50.00
Outside booth – 10' x 10', with electricity $40.00
Outside booth – 10' x 10', without electricity..... $35.00

We would appreciate receiving your registration as soon as possible.
All spaces are to be paid for in full before August 1st, 2024.

Please make your check payable to:
And mail to:

Loudon Old Home Day Association
PO Box 7050
Loudon, NH 03307
Attn: Vendors

Any questions please call Terri Barton 603-608-7248. Please note all registration fees are non-refundable. Also, vendors must supply their own tables, chairs, and electrical drop cords, as well as tents (for those not under the large tent).

Sincerely,

The Loudon Old Home Day Committee

Loudon Old Home Day Association
LOUDON OLD HOME DAY
SATURDAY AUGUST 10th, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM
Product/Craft/Exhibit

Business Name _____
Contact Name _____ Telephone _____
Mailing Address _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
Type of product/craft/exhibit: ***please be specific, list all***

_____
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Please indicate below the number of spaces you will need and whether or not you will need electricity, or if you would like to be under the tent.

# of tent spaces _____ $50.00 Each **Will you need electricity?** _____ Total: _____

# of outside spaces w/electricity _____ $40.00 Each Total: _____

# of outside spaces without electricity _____ $35.00 Each Total: _____

TOTAL ***INCLUDED*** WITH REGISTRATION FORM $_____

If you requested a space under the tent and space is not available, would you accept outside space?

Yes_____ No _____

Return this form by August 1st, 2024. Please call Terri Barton, 603-608-7248, after this date.

Loudon Old Home Day Association
PO Box 7050
Loudon, NH 03307
Attn: Vendor Registration

Loudon Old Home Day Association

Loudon Old Home Day
2024

Dear Local Business,

The Loudon Old Home Day Association is writing to ask for your financial support to help make Loudon's annual community event the biggest it can be! This year's Old Home Day will be Friday August 9th, and Saturday August 10th. We hope to be able to put together something for the kids on Friday night, as well as a more active Saturday event. After you read this letter, please take a few moments to look over the donation levels for the different advertising options for our supporter book.

The Committee has two goals in mind. First, to create some amazing days of fun and community pride and second, to promote you - our local businesses and supporters. While we are proud of our volunteer's efforts, our mission relies on your help.

Please support Loudon Old Home Day and advertise your business with us in our supporter booklet.

We thank you in advance for your generous donation and we look forward to working both for you and with you to put together an incredible Old Home Day celebration for this great community.

Thank you, again!

LOHD Association
2024 SUPPORTER BOOK ADVERTISING DONATION FORM

BUSINESS NAME: _____ CONTACT PERSON: _____
ADDRESS:_____
PHONE: _____ email: _____

Please mark your selection with an "X" and forward payment accordingly.
Our deadline is June 30th, 2024. The book goes to print no later than July 15th, so please do not delay, send in your ad early – send it today.

☐ $30. Business Card (5" W X 2" H) check # _____

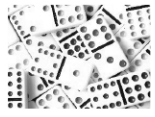
☐ $60. ½ Page (5" W X 4" H) check # _____

☐ $120. Full page (5" W X 8" H) check # _____

Please forward your advertising artwork to: loudonoldhomeday@gmail.com

Remit payment to: LOHDA, PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307

Loudon Old Home Day Baking Contest
August 10th, 2024



Games Around the Table

Get out your mixing bowls and dust them off so you can

GET BAKING!!!!

You will be judged on Appearance, Taste, Texture, Creativity, and your

overall baking skill (over cooked, undercooked etc.)

All entries must be dropped off at the Old Home Day Booth Between 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Adults: Recipes Must be from Scratch

Kids (13 and under): Boxed Items Okay

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH FILLED OUT FORM BELOW

****You may also submit an Index Card if more room is needed****

You could win some great prizes:
Gift card values for:
Adults: 1st prize - $100.00, 2nd prize - $50.00, 3rd prize - $25.00

Kids (13 and under): 1st prize - $50.00, 2nd prize - $25.00, 3rd prize - $25.00

Select one:
_____ **ADULT** _____ **CHILD (13 AND UNDER) Grade**_____

NAME: _____
Telephone Number _____
Email _____
Recipe:
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Loudon Old Home Day Association

Citizen of the Year 2024

The Loudon Old Home Day is seeking your help in determining the Citizen of the Year. We would like you and/or your organization to nominate a worthy recipient for this year's "Citizen of the Year "award. Our committee will then take all the candidates nominated, see if he/she fit the criteria and use this information to choose this year's "Citizen of the Year". This person would become the grand marshal at the August 10, 2024 Loudon Old Home Day Parade.

Our committee was very proud of our 2023 selection of Steve Ives.

Please use the criteria included to help you with this year's nomination.

Nominee:

1. Must have been a Loudon Resident no less than 3 (three) years.
2. Must be a good character and a volunteer of the community. *Reasons for the nomination may not include the person's job description*.
3. A nomination must be by written application, from an individual or organization of Loudon and the application must list a brief background of the nominee – including names of the organization he/she has been or currently is a member of.
4. Applications must be received by the selection committee (to be chosen on a yearly basis, as necessary) no later than the designated date chosen for that particular year.

A member of the LOHD committee will notify the person chosen and interview him/her and take a photo.

Please mail your nomination to: Loudon Old Home Day Association: PO Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307

As soon as possible, but no later than June 1st

Thank you for your help,

Loudon Old Home Day Committee

Loudon Old Home Day Association

Citizen of the Year

Nominee: _____

Person or organization submitting: _____

Additional people making this recommendation:

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

Nominee has lived in Loudon for _____ years.

Nominee has **volunteered** on the committee and/or organizations listed below.

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

Please write a summary of why you have chosen this person.

_____
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_____

Date submitted: _____

Contact information: phone: _____

Email: _____

The committee will announce its decision publicly or by newspaper article.

Please mail to the Loudon Old Home Day Committee by June 1st.

LOUDON OLD HOME DAY

Poster Contest

Your poster could be on the cover of the Old Home Day Book!

So, get your crayons and colored pencils because it is **Games Around the Table** for this poster contest!

DA' Rules: For children in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade only.

- Please use an 8x11 paper (Portrait Orientation)
- All work must be original and completed by the child (parent's, no helping please)
- Put your first and last name, grade and teacher **on the back** of the drawing

Enter you're Games Around the Table themed poster design to win the Old Home Day Poster Contest and if you win:

- Your poster will be on the cover of the 2024 Old Home Day Book!
- You get to ride in the Old Home Day Parade!
- You get a 2022 LOHD Trophy!

Poster Entries are due by June 1st.

ALL Entries can be dropped off at the Loudon Station (Post Office) in the box by the front door.

Loudon Old Home Day Association

2024

Dear Loudon Resident,

As the temperature begins to rise and the rains clear, the flowers begin to bloom, and the Old Home Day Committee continues to plan for this year's annual events. This year's event is scheduled for Friday August 9th and Saturday August 10th. The behind the scenes details, both large and small, of planning such an event have started taking place, and as with any community event, **we need your support!**

Loudon Old Home Day is known as one of the very best Old Home Day events in NH! This day offers something for everyone: an antique car show, a parade, crafts, baking contest, games, horseshoe tournament, demonstrations, and plenty of entertainment. And of course, let's not forget the **amazing fireworks show! This year, look for a corn hole tournament, and a Friday night event.**

Along with the extra fun comes added expenses. Would you consider a donation of $10.00? Maybe $20.00? Maybe more? We would love to add your name to our growing list of supporters! Please take the time to complete the bottom portion of this page and return it with your check, made payable to **LOHDA**. **The deadline for making our list in the book is June 1st.** Any donations received after that date (or after the book goes to print) will be included on a poster at the Old Home Day Booth. We appreciate your assistance in meeting this date.

We are always looking for new members to help in the planning stages, or even to help at the LOHD booth. Won't you consider joining us?

Whether you go online or mail us your check**, we thank you in advance for your support!** Please come and join us on Saturday, August 10th at the ball fields on South Village Rd and enjoy the activities with friends and family – both old and new!

~~Loudon Old Home Day Association~~

2024 Individual / Family LOHD Supporter
The deadline for making our list in the book is June 1st.

Name(s) as you would like it to appear in booklet: (Please Print) _____

_____

Amount of Donation: $ _____ **Check #:** _____

Please return this portion with your donation: LOHDA P.O. Box 7050 Loudon, NH 03307

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

LOUDON OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 7050

LOUDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03307

IT'S A PARADE!!

The Loudon Old Home Day Committee is in the process of planning its Old Home Day and we would like you and your organization to participate in the celebration. We would like to extend a special invitation to you to participate in the Old Home Day Parade by entering a float, antique car/motorcycle, fire apparatus, marching band, organization (Boy scouts, Girl Scouts etc.) or horse entry, etc. This is a perfect opportunity to be visible in your community and to extend your support for your town. We look forward to hearing from you and we hope to see you **August 10,2024!** Parade lineup starts at 9am at Capitol Fire protection & parade starts at 10am

Please- - FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUNG CITIZENS - - NO TOSSING OF CANDY, ETC. DURING THE PARADE.(You may hand it out though!) no political entries

Our theme this year is: **"Bring your games to life" So don't forget to decorate your float, cars, or critters & get creative! You get to impress our team of judges to win a trophy from a number of categories! Hope to see you there!**

*** Please mail forms or bring day of parade! No one will be turned away the bigger the parade the better!!**

Please send to:

Loudon Old Home Day Committee
PO Box 7050
Loudon, N.H. 03307

For more information please watch the Loudon Ledger or contact Susan at the below number:
Susan Gelinas at (603)783-9272 or (603) 235-5669 Or email llabv23@aol.com

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PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____

Please check one:

◘ FLOAT ◘ ORGANIZATION ◘ BAND ◘ FIRE APPARATUS ◘ WALKER
◘ Antique Car/ETC. ◘ HORSE
◘ OTHER/DESCRIBE:

PARADE WAIVER OF LIABILITY

FORM

This Form MUST Be Returned With the Parade Entry Form

By August 10, 2024 In Order For You To Be In The Parade.

Entry Name (Organization or Individual): _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact: _____

In participating in the Loudon Old Home Day Parade, above-named organization/individual agrees to follow all rules and guidelines of the Loudon Old Home Day Parade Committee. Above–named organization/ individual agrees that failure to comply may result in immediate removal from the parade at the discretion of the parade chairman.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I/We further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town of Loudon, NH, the Loudon Old Home Day Committee, and its employees or agents against loss or expense, including attorney's fees, except in the cases of the sole negligence of the Town of Loudon, NH or the Loudon Old Home Day Committee for the loss or expense because of bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by any person or persons. It is further agreed that I/ We, as participants, will maintain general liability and auto insurance for the parade entry.

Name of the Organization: _____

Organization Representative: _____

Loudon Old Home Committee Rep: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Loudon was one of several N.H. towns randomly selected for state visits during town elections to review election procedures. N.H. Secretary of State David Scanlon himself visited Loudon as part of the process, and several photos of his visit ended up in The Loudon Ledger. Loudon's three State Representatives (Alvin See, Jose Cambrils, and Mike Moffett) delivered a copy of the Ledger to Scanlon's State House corner office, signed by Ashley Simonds, (Town Clerk), Theresa Chudoba (Deputy Town Clerk), Rodney Phillips (Town Moderator) and Janice Morin (Assistant Moderator). Secretary Scanlon indicated that Loudon's election procedures appeared to be "excellent." THANK YOU, town officials, for your great work!

On April 10th Deputy Town Clerk, Theresa Chudoba was awarded a certification of Appreciation in the Town Clerk's Department. Over the past three years, Theresa has been a faithful, dedicated clerk and an asset to the Town of Loudon. She gives 100% effort in ALL she does. We are lucky to have you, Theresa and I appreciate you. Congratulations!

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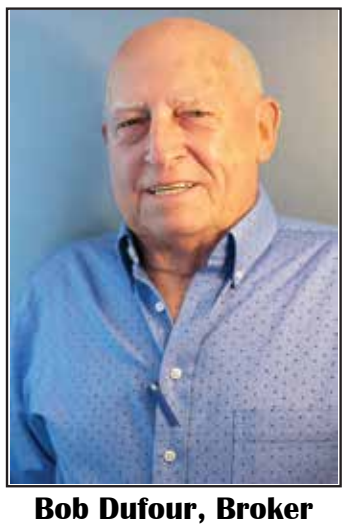

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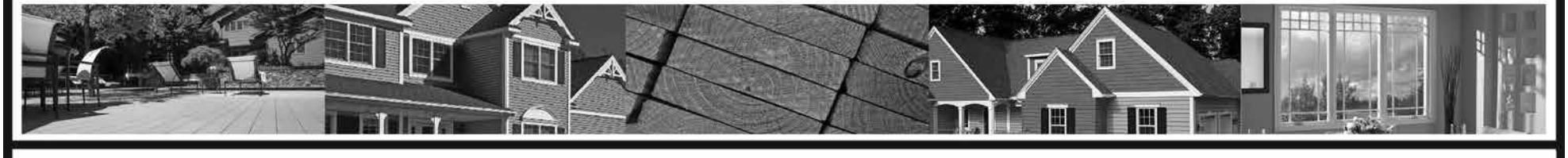


CALL TODAY! 603-798-3200 • M-F 7-5 • SAT. 8-1

94 Bee Hole Road, Loudon, NH (off 129 - 1 mi. from intersection of Rte 106)

News From The Town Clerk's Office

Ashley Simonds

Election Reminder:

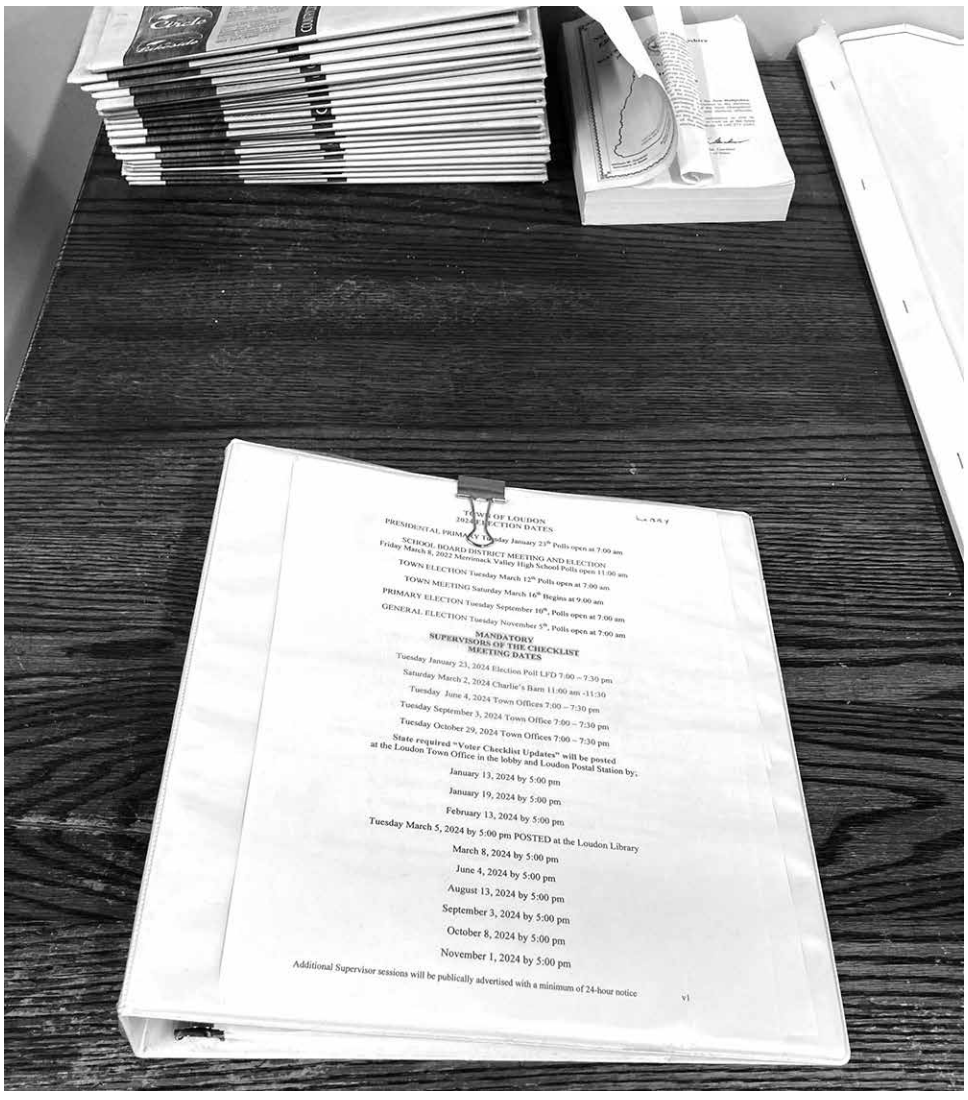
This September's election is a primary election, when the parties elect their nominees for state and federal offices to appear on the November general election ballot.

This means that during the primary election, registered Republicans can only receive a ballot for the Republican primary; and likewise registered Democrats can only receive a ballot for the Democratic primary. Voters who are registered “Undeclared” can declare a party affiliation on election day and request the corresponding ballot.

Please take a moment, at your convenience, to review the checklist of voters. It is on display in the lobby of the Town Offices (55 South Village Rd), it is in a white 3-ring binder on the table in the lobby. Or you can review your party affiliation online at the Secretary of State's website (https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation).

You can change your party affiliation with the Town Clerk anytime during normal business hours. June 4th, 2024 will be your last chance to do so ahead of the September election.

If you have any questions about the election, voter registration or party affiliation please email the Supervisors of the Checklist at LoudonChecklist@gmail.com.



Loudon Selectmen's Minutes

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 19, 2024

Present: Chairman Miller, Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Gilman

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Road Agent Russ Pearl, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Maxfield.

III. Chaiman Maxfield stated they needed to designate a new chairman. Chairman Maxfield nominated Selectman Miller to be the new chairman. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Chairman Miller made a motion to accept the consent agenda as listed. Motin seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Selectman Gilman made a motion to appoint Jeffrey C Miller to Planning Board Ex Officio on March 19th, 2024. This term shall expire March 21st, 2025. Motion seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette stated that code enforcement had to deal with a citizen who had issues with the Oak Hill cell towers and the fact people have been trespassing. Chief Blanchette stated that someone did cut the lock off the state-owned gate. Chief Blanchette did contact the state and it was fixed Tuesday morning. The state is currently working on plans with the power lines and the easement that goes with it. Chief Blanchette suggested the gentleman contact the state with these questions.

b. Chief Blanchette said he did speak with the owner at 7163 School Street, and they discussed a plan on how to come into compliance. Chief Blanchette feels it is a reasonable timeline. Chairman Miller agrees and would like to get something on paper and signed by Tree Fellas and the Select Board. Chief stated that he was not served a letter, but he did have a verbal conversation with him. Selectman Miller asked Chief Blanchette to draft up a letter.

c. Chief Blanchette said ambulance 2 has been out of service for 2 weeks now. It is awaiting repair at a shop.

d. Chief Blanchette stated that last week was the kickoff for Nascar planning.

e. Chief Blanchette said last Thursday they had their first traffic control plan at DOT. It will be Bike week and Nascar on the same weekend, but they plan to have a handle on things, so everything runs smoothly.

f. Chief Blanchette stated last Thursday morning he attended Cordially Central NH Regional Emergency Planning Meeting. They are required to belong to this committee to apply for grants. This committee helps identify hazardous materials. They are currently lacking industry partners so if there are any businesses in

Loudon that use hazardous materials Chief Blanchette invites them to contact him so he can get them involved in the process.

g. Chief Blanchette said they did have a fire on 106 N just prior to Loudon Ridge Road on Monday morning. There was no injury, but it did take a full building fire response. The Chief would like to thank all the towns who helped.

h. Chief Blanchette stated that he would like to make Brady Leonard a Deputy Forest Fire Warden for the town of Loudon. The Board of Selectmen signed the appointment paper.

VII. The Board met with Road Agent Russ pearl.

a. Road Agent Russ Pearl said the grader has been out all week working on the roads. Chad is doing a great job.

b. Road Agent Russ Pearl said he is looking to get 4 to 5 bids on reclaiming and paving from North Village Road to Flagg Road. Bids need to be in by 4pm on April 16th, 2024.

c. Road Agent Russ Pearl stated that he received two bids to take care of 4 to 5 trees that need to come down on Oak Hill Road. He received one bid from Magoon and the other from Tree Fellas. The board decided to go with the lower bid. Chairman Miller made a motion to accept Tree Fellas, LLC bid for $6,500. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Selectmen Maxfield stated they received a request to waive a building permit application fee. They were unable to meet the timeline, so they must apply again. He was wondering if he could just use the initial payment to cover the second application. The Board of Selectmen stated that he would have to pay the fee again since that is what is stated on the permit application.

b. Selectmen Maxfield stated they received a letter from Judith A. Joy requesting she be reimbursed the money she paid in interest on taxes. She was away on vacation and the letter got bounced around in the mail and therefore she didn't receive it on time. The Board of Selectmen would like to meet with the Tax Collector, Meghan O'Hare to find out what happened before deciding.

c. Selectman Maxfield stated they had a memo about getting timecards from elected officials. Chaiman Miller stated per the Municipal Association elected officials are not required to submit timecards. Elected officials are paid salary. The Board of Selectmen came to the consensus that they will not require timecards from elected officials, but if they want to submit them they can.

d. Selectman Maxfield stated they had a Post-Closure Report from DES about the transfer station. They check to make sure everything is being maintained. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the annual Post-Closure Report. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. The Board reviewed Old Business:

a. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the 5-year city of Concord contract for Prosecution Services for the Police dept. Selectman Gilman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the city of Concord Prosecutor's Office Contract. Motion seconded cy Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. The Board of Selectman would like to table the Community Power contract. They would like to meet with George Saunderson and the Alternative Energy Committee to go over some information before signing.

c. The Board of Selectmen have a job description for the Town Administrator. Before it is signed Selectman Gilman is going to review it.

d. Chairman Miller addressed the Merrimack Valley School District issue with the missing money. Loudon is not going to move forward with town attorneys due to the fact Boscawen already did that. The BOS did not see the point in spending the money if another town had already been pursuing it. It was also noted that the School Board has the authority to do whatever they want without the Legislative Body having to vote on it. Since obtaining all this information Boscawen has since suspended the investigation. The state of NH will not investigate it either.

e. The Board of Selectmen stated that they are the only ones who approve timecards and overtime.

X. Important Dates:

a. Thursday, 3/21/24-7pm-Planning Board meeting

b. Thursday, 3/28/24-7pm-ZBA meeting

XI. Selectman Maxfield recognized Alicha Kingsbury of 293 Bear Hill Road; Alicha Kingsbury was inquiring about the timecard memo. Selectman Maxfield stated they asked elected officials to submit timecards so the BOS could make sure they were getting compensated fairly. Alicha Kingsbury stated she felt as though the Board of Selectmen should of sent a letter to the Merrimack Valley School District showing displeasure for the whole situation of the missing money.

XII. Selectman Maxfield recognized Ryan Laroche of 7161 School St; Ryan Laroche stated he wanted the Board of Selectmen to understand that he feels they are pushing small businesses out of town. He stated that if he cannot make the timeline that is stated in the letter than he will have to go to another town. The Board of Selectmen informed him that there is a process to go through and rules need to be followed.

XIII. Chairman Miller made a motion at 7:27 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 2, 2024

Present: Chairman Miller, Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Gilman

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Road Agent Russ Pearl, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

I. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Miller.

III. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to accept the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette stated that ambulance 2 was up and running and then a check engine light came on. It is back in the shop and looking like this will be another expensive repair. The ERG valves need to be replaced amongst other bigger parts.

b. Chief Blanchette said he and another attended The State Federation of Forest Fire meeting today. It happens twice a year.

c. Chief Blanchette said he sent a memo to the board about over expenditures and where the money was going to come from.

d. Chief Blanchette stated that Nascar planning is still on going.

e. Chief Blanchette said next week he will be attending the statewide fire immobilization plan for the eclipse.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ pearl.

a. Road Agent Russ Pearl said they have everything hooked up and ready to go for the snowstorm coming in.

b. Road Agent Russ Pearl said on 4/9/24 Currier Road will be closed due to tree cutting. The road will be closed from house #7150 to #7288.

VI. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to appoint Theresa Chudoba to Deputy Town Clerk on 4/2/2024. This appointment will expire 3/31/27. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.
b. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to appoint Dwayne Gilman to Planning Board Ex-Officio Alternate on 4/2/24. This appointment shall expire on 3/31/25. Motion seconded by Chairman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Selectman Gilman made a motion to appoint Dyrace Maxfield to Library Trustee Alternate on 4/2/24. This appoint shall expire on 3/31/27. Motion seconded by Chairman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Selectman Maxfield made a motion for Loudon Youth Sports to use the basketball courts 6/1/24-7/31/24 from 5pm-8pm and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the town of Loudon. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Selectman Gilman made a motion for Loudon Youth Sports to use the t-ball field 4/10/24-5/31/24 from 4:30pm-6pm and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the town of Loudon. Motion seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Selectman Maxfield made a motion for Loudon Youth Sports to use the Babe Ruth outfield 4/10/24-5/31/24 from 4:30pm-6pm and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the town of Loudon. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

g. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed a new hire application for the Fire Dept. There is no current start date yet.

h. Selectman Gilman made a motion to accept an ambulance invoice write off request from the Fire Chief for $115.17. Motion seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

i. Selectman Gilman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the LHS Associates contract for the 6-poll pad bundle with the stand, case, stylist, and printer for $10,775. Motion seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. The Board reviewed Old Business:

a. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the request for the tax interest reimbursement. Chairman Miller spoke with the Tax Collector, and it appears to not be Loudon's fault and it was outside the time frame for reimbursement. The Board of Selectmen denied her request.

b. Chairman Miller addressed an email they received from Alicha Kingsbury. She was inquiring when the opt out of the energy supplier come. Chairman Miller stated a letter will go out at the end of April. Alicha Kingsbury was wondering how an energy supplier was decided upon. Chairman Miller stated they have an Alternative Energy Committee who do all the research and pick the supplier that is best for the town's needs. Alicha also stated in her email that she feels as though the BOS should have sent a letter to the Merrimack School District when the money issue arose. Chairman Miller stated a letter was sent in July of 2023 when they first learned of the situation. Lastly, Alicha Kingsbury asked Chairman Miller if it was his opinion or the Board of Selectmen when the comments were made about her last meeting. Chairman Miller stated it was his own personal comments as a citizen. Chairman Miller is entitled to his 1st Amendment rights.

c. Chairman Miller addressed a question that came in email from

Terese Bastarache. Terese was wondering about the small tree business on School St. in Loudon. Chairman Miller stated there are rules and laws in planning and zoning and the Selectmen are responsible for upholding those rules and laws. The rules and laws were voted in by the town's people. Chairman Miller stated they are not trying to run any small business out of town, but they do have to follow the rules and regulations and run a business in a commercial zone not residential.

VIII. Important Dates:

a. Thursday, 4/18/24-7pm-Planning Board meeting

b. Thursday, 4/25/24-7pm-ZBA meeting

IX. Chairman Miller recognized Shawn Kitson of 7 Memory Lane; Shawn Kitson was inquiring about the bond Chip Davis has and why he isn't upholding his end of the deal. Shawn Kitson was looking for guidance on what to do and if there is any help he can get from the town. Chairman Miller said the Board of Selectmen will do some research and help steer him in the right direction. Shawn Kitson also wanted to state that he thought the way the town meeting went was archaic and so was the way the voting went. He was wondering how those votes can be put on a ballot. The Board of Selectmen informed him that it would have to be brought up as a warrant article at the town meeting.

X. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to enter Non-Public session with the Town Administrator, Brenda Pearl at 7:07pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Motion seconded by Selectmen Gilman. Roll call vote, Chairman Miller- Yes, Selectmen Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Gilman- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to come out of Non-Public session 7:52pm. Motion seconded by Selectmen Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes. Roll call vote, Chairman Miller- Yes, Selectmen Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Gilman- Yes. Motion seconded by Selectmen Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

XI. Selectman Gilman made a motion at 7:55 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Loudon Planning & Zoning Board Minutes

APPROVED

Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2024

Chairman Earl Tuson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Alvin See, Charlie Aznive, Chairman Earl Tuson, Peter Pitman, Alternate Ned Lizotte

Vice Chair Todd Phelps and Alternate Steve Ives were not present. Alternate Ned Lizotte was moved to voting member for the duration of the meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 25, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes:

Peter Pitman made a motion to approve the January 25, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. All in favor, the motion carried; the minutes were approved.

The Zoning Board hears appeals for rehearings, special exceptions, variances, and administrative appeals. They need to be filed within a timely basis within 45 days of an action. For further information, applicants can see the Loudon Zoning Ordinance, the RSAs, or can stop by the Zoning Office and talk to Lindsey during business hours.

Public Hearings:

Old Business –

Application #Z23-36 Osborne – Map 21 Lot 11 – Variance to allow an auto repair/body shop in the RR District – REHEARING

Applicant Joe Osborne was present. Abutters present included Sid Porter of 24 Plateau Ridge Road, Doug and Judy Hayes of 128 Route 129, and Joe Jackson of 35 Plateau Ridge Road. Meredith Goldstein represented the applicant.

In 2022, a Special Exception was granted to operate as a major home occupation.

Chairman Earl Tuson paused to accept a motion from Alvin See that Application #Z23-36 did not constitute a Development of Regional Impact. The motion was seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor, the motion carried.

Meredith Goldstein continued to explain that the business was limited by a 5-car parking restriction and needed to return to the Board. The business faces supply chain issues and delays which cause vehicles to remain parked while waiting for parts. Being limited to 5 parking spaces makes business nearly impossible due to the supply chain delays. At the December ZBA meeting, the Board concluded that 4 out of the 5 variance criteria were met.

Chairman Earl Tuson paused for the Board to redetermine if Alvin See should recuse himself. Peter Pitman did not have a problem with Alvin See remaining on the Board as he was not an abutter. Peter Pitman made a motion that Alvin See need not recuse himself. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor, the motion carried.

Meredith Goldstein continued to discuss criteria 2 of the variance application which related to the spirit of the ordinance. She quoted a letter that she presented to the Board which included guidance from the Supreme Court about variance criteria #1 and #2 being related and intertwined. A conflict did not indicate a violation of the spirit of the ordinance. In terms of the essential character of the property, the Major Home Occupation already exists and during the granting of this special exception, it was ruled that the business was not injurious or detrimental with the criteria that had to be met. The property is on

a major road and is across a commercially zoned property. There is no concern to the general welfare of the public. There are no traffic concerns, there has been no harm to the public in the 18 months since the MHO was granted, and the public benefits from the needed business in Town. Meredith Goldstein said that the property across the street is commercial, and the applicant's property is not viewed as residential in nature. Ned Lizotte shared concerns regarding the Master Plan's designation of C/I properties and how the applicant's property was separated by RR properties from this zone. He was concerned about the work done on the property without a site plan review and the excavation done to make room for parking. He was concerned about steep slopes on the property. Meredith Goldstein said the applicant wanted to move forward in the right way.

Chairman Earl Tuson said that the variance was requested to allow an auto repair/body shop. The MHO that was granted was for truck repair. He wanted to know what additional activities would be performed on site. Meredith Goldstein said that nothing further was being proposed and they used language present in the ordinance. There were not intending to change the business. They did not know about stating a specific number of parking spots because they didn't know what would be needed.

Chairman Earl Tuson said that there had been changes to the property since the Board did the site walk in the fall of 2022. He said that the granting of an auto repair/body shop could allow for much more on the site. Variances run with the land.

Doug Hayes of 128 Route 129 spoke in favor of the application. He knows that Joe Osborne had enlarged the area around the garage to allow the movement of trucks and trailers and worked on landscaping.

Joe Jackson of 35 Plateau Ridge Road spoke in support of the application. He said that Joe Osborne was a great neighbor and kept his property well maintained.

Sid Porter of 24 Plateau Ridge Road said he cringes with the thought of a body shop business. He feared that it was going to be slipped in with the approval. In January, there were over 20 big rigs on the property. It is noisy. He was against a body shop with odors, fumes, and toxins.

Chairman Earl Tuson said they received a letter from abutter Linda Porter of 24 Plateau Ridge Road speaking against the application. They received other letters, but they were not from abutters. Chairman Earl Tuson read RSA 676.7 1 A – "The board shall hear all abutters and holders of conservation, preservation, or agricultural preservation restrictions desiring to submit testimony and all non-abutters who can demonstrate that they are affected directly by the proposal under consideration. The board may hear such other persons as it deems appropriate."

Rodney Phillips of 143 Clough Hill Road called for a point of order from the Chairman. In the Rules of Procedure for the ZBA, it says "those appearing in favor of the appeal shall be allowed to speak" and "those in opposition to the appeal shall be allowed to speak". Chairman Earl Tuson stated that it does not clarify or specify as to whom "those" is referring to. The Board allowed

the public to speak at the December meeting at the Board's discretion and they were not bound by their previous decision.

Tracy Koufos of 65 Plateau Ridge Road requested to speak. She was not a direct abutter of the applicant but said she was affected as a taxpayer and passes by the property daily. Plateau Ridge Road abuts the property in question, and she is concerned about the town ordinances being followed. Chairman Earl Tuson said that there was established case law to RSA 676.7 that being a town resident does not bring someone to the level of being directly affected. He said it was on the burden of Tracy Koufos to prove why she is directly affected. The points she made do not establish that she is directly affected. She replied that she has concerns about her property values. Peter Pitman made a motion that Tracy Koufos was not directly affected by the application. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. Alvin See chose to abstain. The Board voted with 3 yes and 1 no that she was not directly affected. Chairman Earl Tuson explained that the Board can choose to hear testimony from her. She has been very involved in the process and they did let her speak in the past. Peter Pitman said that when the Board agreed to rehear the application, they started over from scratch and what was previously allowed does not need to stick this time around. Chairman Earl Tuson said that the Board has been very inclusive with allowing others to testify and he was in favor of allowing her to testify.

Tracy Koufos spoke against the application. She said that granting the variance would be contrary to the public interest and it would go against the spirit of the ordinance. The business is operating as more than the approved MHO and there is no site plan.

Doug Hayes of 128 Route 129 said that their property values have increased according to a letter received from their mortgage company.

Steven Zawiska of 518 Old Shaker Road said that he tries to stay local with his purchases and uses Osborne's. It is an asset to have the business in Town.

Paul Johnson of 109 Flagg Road spoke in favor of the application.

Rodney Phillips of 143 Clough Hill Road spoke in opposition of the application. He said that the spirit of the ordinance is not observed because the criterion of a MHO specifically excludes automotive uses. Substantial justice is not done because there is no "gain" to the general public' conveniences does not equate to gain. Literal enforcement of the ordinance does not establish unnecessary hardship because the special conditions of the property do not include its closeness to other zones. The hardship is not related to the characteristics of the property. If this variance is granted, it changes the use of the property to commercial which ceases the residential use.

Jacob Farwell, as a family representative to his relatives at 603 Route 129, spoke in favor of the business.

Meredith Goldstein said that the property was being used as mixed use which is why they were coming for the variance. It was a permissible use with other businesses in Town. Without an adjustment, the delays will shut him down. She presented a letter from Realtor Biana Contreras which stated there was no impact to property values. In terms of the concerns with DES, the agency was on site about a month ago and had no concerns with toxins. Joe Osborne said that he burns his waste oil, which is all stored in double-walled certified containers, and he stores under the amount that is allowable.

Chairman Earl Tuson asked a question in relation to an auto body document that was submitted by abutter Linda Porter about the storage of coatings. He asked Joe Osborne if he was using

more than 500 gallons of coatings in a year on the vehicles he was working on. Joe Osborne answered that he was not doing coatings. Meredith Goldstein expressed their interest and intention for the business to stay purely mechanical in nature. Alvin See asked if they were using any type of paint in their work. Chairman Earl Tuson said that any paint being used was incidental to the work being done on vehicles.

Chairman Earl Tuson asked the Board that with all the changes that had been done to the site if they had any interest in going out and viewing the site. Charlie Aznive and Peter Pitman answered that they had no interest. Ned Lizotte answered that he would like to see it. Alvin See and Chairman Earl Tuson were on the edge with their decision. Alvin See said that he would like to review what is considered to be parking on the site and what was turnaround area. Ned Lizotte said that it would help with the understanding of steep slopes on the site. Chairman Earl Tuson said that seeing the site would help with applying conditions to the approval if necessary.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to continue application #Z23-36 to a site walk. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. By a vote of 3 yes and 2 no, the motion carried. A site walk of the property was scheduled for February 26, 2024, at 4:30 PM. No further notice will be given.

The Board took a 5 minute recess from 8:23 PM to 8:28 PM.

New Business –

Application #Z24-04 Muzzey Map 31 Lot 03 – Special Exception to allow for a reduced front setback

Application #Z24-05 Muzzey Map 31 Lot 03 – Special Exception to allow for an ADU

Applicant Steven Muzzey of 143 Piper Hill Road was present.

Alvin See made a motion that application #Z24-04 did not constitute a Development of Regional Impact. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor, the motion carried.

Alvin See made a motion that application #Z24-05 did not constitute a Development of Regional Impact. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor, the motion carried.

Steven Muzzey explained that they wanted to add an addition to their existing house with a garage and an ADU. They had initially asked for a reduction in the front setback from 50' to 40' on their application, but after receiving finalized plans from their surveyor, they needed to ask to reduce the setback from 50' to 25'. Steven Muzzey updated the application to reflect the change. They wanted to add a 3 car garage with an ADU. The ADU would be maxed out at 1000' and would have a walk out basement.

The Board reviewed the points of application #Z24-04. A Special Exception was requested from Article II Section 204.5 to reduce the front setback from 50' to 25'. A reduction in the front setback allows the new structure to stay on the front side of the property away from the steeper grades further back. There would be no further impacts in the reduction of the front setback. It appears that properties within the neighborhood and surrounding properties have similar front setbacks.

Ned Lizotte said he was very familiar with the property and understood the steep slopes on the rear of the property.

The Board reviewed the points of application #Z24-05. A Special Exception was requested from Article V Section 509 to allow for an ADU on the property. The plans for the ADU include a 1500 gallon septic disposal system, mini splits will be used for hearing and cooling, and the ADU would be maxed out at 1000'. There would be adequate parking on site.

Chairman Earl Tuson closed the public hearing and opened Board deliberations. Peter Pitman made a motion to approve Application #Z24-04 as amended by the applicant. Chairman Earl Tuson stated they needed to complete the findings of fact first. Peter Pitman withdrew the motion.

The Board discussed the findings of fact for Application #Z24-04. They found that:

1. The rear of the property is steep.

2. Neighboring parcels have comparable setbacks.

Peter Pitman made a motion to approve Application #Z24-04 as amended by the applicant. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Ned Lizotte – yes, Peter Pitman – yes, Chairman Earl Tuson – yes, Charlie Aznive – yes, Alvin See – yes. Application #Z24-04 was approved.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve application #Z24-05 as amended by the applicant. The motion was seconded by Peter Pitman. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes, Charlie Aznive – yes, Chairman Earl Tuson – yes, Peter Pitman – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes. Application #Z24-05 was approved.

Application #Z24-06 Hague Map 53 Lot 7-1 – Variance to allow a duplex in AFP

The applicant was not present.

Abutter Michael Harris of 485 Lower Ridge Road was present.

Peter Pitman made a motion to continue Application #Z24-06 to the March 2024 meeting. Michael Harris stated that he was a disabled and elderly man, and it was difficult for him to show up. Chairman Earl Tuson said that the Board feels they need to continue the application to the March meeting. The Rules of Procedures require the applicant to testify. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. All in favor, the motion carried. There will be no further notice.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

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Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM
Meetings are at the Town Office and are open to the public.

The Board received correspondence from M. Whittemore. They will take it under advisement.

Report of the Board of Permit

Chairman Earl Tuson reported that the permits presented were for motorcycle shows that were done in the past. They were approved.

Adjournment:

Peter Pitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alvin See seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Roy, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED

Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment
Site Walk Minutes
February 26, 2024

Map 21 Lot 11, 118 Route 129, Loudon

Meeting opened at 4:34 PM.

Attendance:

Board members: Alternate Ned Lizotte, Vice Chair Todd Phelps, Alvin See, Chairman Earl Tuson

Applicant and Agent: Joseph Osborne, Attorney Meredith Goldstein

Application #Z23-36: Attorney Goldstein inquired as to how the meeting would be conducted. Chairman Tuson explained the that the board's purpose at a site walk is to SEE aspects of the property and that oral testimony is to be limited to that which is required to effect that purpose.

Road Agent Russ Pearl joined the meeting at approximately 4:39.

The Board viewed the location of existing buildings, parking, and recent excavation. Mr. Osbourne explained the existing uses of the different areas and possible locations for a new truck shop building and further driveway areas.

Board member Peter Pitman joined the meeting at 4:45.

The Board viewed the location of the existing stream and the proximity of the parking area to said stream.

Alvin See made a motion to continue Application #Z23-36 to the regular March meeting. Seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor.

Motion made to adjourn by Alvin See, seconded by Ned Lizotte. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 4:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Tuson, Chair

May 2024 in Loudon

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1st Monday of the Month	Time
Conservation Commission @ the Community Building	6PM
1st Tuesday of the Month	
Selectmen @ the Town Offices	6PM
Loudon Lions@ American Legion Post #86, South Village St	7PM
1st Wednesday of the Month	
Loudon Historical Society / Open	1-3PM
Historical Society Meeting @ the Museum	6PM
1st Thursday of the Month	
Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices	5:30PM
2nd Monday of the Month	
M.V. S .D. School Board	7:15PM
2nd Tuesday of the Month	
Young at Heart @ Faith Commuity Bible Church	10AM
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
2nd Wednesday of the Month	
P.T.A. Meeting @ Loudon Elementary	5:30PM
2nd Saturday of the Month	
Family Bible Church Community Dinner	4:30-6PM
3rd Monday of the Month	
Communcations Council Meeting via Zoom	6PM
3rd Tuesday of the Month	
Gardener's Club @ Community Building, subject to change. 603-608-5437	
Selectmen @ the Town Offices	6PM
Loudon Lions@ American Legion Post #88, South Village St	6:30PM
3rd Wednesday of the Month	
Loudon Historical Society / Open	1-3PM
Alternative Energy Committee Meeting @ Charlies Barn	4:30PM
Garden Club @ Community Building/subject to change /396-4950	
Boy Scouts @ L.E.S.	6:30-7:30PM
Legion & Auxilary @ Post 88	7PM
3rd Thursday of the Month	
Planning Board @ Town Offices	7PM
3rd Sunday of the Month	
Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time	9:30AM
4th Monday of the Month	
Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building	4PM
4th Tuesday of the Month	
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
4th Thursday of the Month	
Zoning Board @ the Town Offices	7PM
Every Tuesday	
Prayer Meeting@ the Congregational Church	6:30PM

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