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## Mission Statement...

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

## 2009 Harvest Supper "Delicious"



*People find their seats for the second serving of the Loudon Fire Association's Annual Harvest Supper.*

*By Debbie Kardaseski*

Another successful — and tasty — Harvest Supper was served by the Loudon Fire Association on Saturday, October 17. For a mere \$8 adults were served family style, sitting down to mashed potatoes, carrots, beets, turnips, squash, and of course, corned beef and cabbage. Served along side were dinner rolls, pickles, coffee, milk, and apple cider. Dessert was a wonderful selection of pies, apple crisp, and other delicious offerings made by local cooks.

Over 500 people were served by members of the Loudon Fire Department, their family members, and friends. Chief Burr said there were more helpers than usual, which was "awesome!" They kept the bowls filled and were cheerful and laughing the entire time.

Statistics for the night were: 746.5 pounds of corned beef, 250 pounds of potatoes, 80 pounds of carrots, 120 pounds of turnips, 115 pounds of beets, 250 pounds of squash, 120 pounds of cabbage, and 60 dozen dinner rolls!

The annual dinner is the major fundraising event for the Loudon Fire Association. Members of the Association are also members of the Fire Department, although it is not a town entity like the Fire Department is. The Association uses the money for various projects around the station, including remodeling the meeting room a few years ago to make it more accommodat-

ing for meetings by adding tables, chairs, and a large-screen TV. New dishes and other kitchen items have been added to aid in serving the harvest suppers. The Association purchases items that might otherwise have to be bought with tax money.

The Harvest Supper is held the third Saturday in October each year. Three

seatings are usually sold out, with a few stragglers being seated later in the evening. The seatings take about an hour so plan accordingly! People sometimes start lining up as early as 4 p.m. This is a very popular event and locally well-known as a delicious meal. People drive many miles to partake in what has become a yearly tradition. ■

## Help Deliver the Ledger!

The Communications Council is looking for someone to drop bundles of the *Loudon Ledger* at various spots around town. Almost everyone in Loudon gets the paper mailed to them but we also leave the papers at about ten different places around town for people passing through to grab and read or for folks who might want an additional copy.

Someone from the Council will drop the bundles at your home and then you'll just need to take them around town to specific places with 5-7 days. The bundles aren't heavy. The drop-off points are places where the papers are expected each month and include the Library, the Town Office, Brookside Pizza, and the Eggshell Restaurant. If you can help us, please plan on attending our Annual Meeting on Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building. ■

## Communications Council Annual Meeting

**The Loudon Communications Council invites you to its 2009 Annual Meeting on Monday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. at The Community Building/Charlie's Barn in the Village.**

**Town of Loudon Office Hours**

**Selectmen’s Office**

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

**Town Clerk**

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

**Planning/Zoning Board**

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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

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PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

**Loudon Elementary School**

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

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Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
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Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Maxfield Public Library**

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

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

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

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30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

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For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email [LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com](mailto:LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com)

**Loudon Representatives**

**Merrimack County — District 6**

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**Claire D. Clarke:** 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303. 796-2268

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**Joy K. Tilton:** 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8806

**Frank A. Tupper:** PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224. 783-4110

**Deborah H. Wheeler:** 38 Bay St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8212

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**Loudon Ledger Submission Policy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**May 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 4/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/20

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

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**October 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 9/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/21

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)  
We never cancel services for any reason!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



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

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

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

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

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Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) Jr. Kids Church (2-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)  
Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

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

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

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

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

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

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



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

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



To have your Church’s information added to this column, please email your information to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com)

Upcoming Events at Loudon Churches

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist church will be holding their monthly potluck supper on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 6 p.m. Concert follows at 7 p.m., Alan Frink will perform. All concerts are FREE, however, we do collect a voluntary love offering for the performers. The church is located on Clough Hill Road in Loudon.

Now through November 22, 2009, the church is collecting non-perishable food items for holiday baskets. The holiday baskets will be delivered to those families in town needing some help this holiday season. You may make your donations at the church on Sundays, 9:45–11:15 or call Pastor Frost at 783-4540 to schedule a drop off time or you can drop off items at TLC Medical Day Care for Adults at 211 Loudon Road in Concord. Ask for Jean or Stephanie, 224-8171. These baskets are very much appreciated by the recipients.

The church will also be hosting a movie/craft/game night on Saturday, December 5 from 5 p.m.–8 p.m. This event is FREE to children ages 4 and older. Supper, drinks and snacks will be provided. This is a chance for parents to have a few hours to themselves while their children are supervised in a safe, fun setting. Please RSVP to Stephanie 848-2080 no later than November 30, 2009.

Services are every Sunday at 10 a.m. with Sunday school held during the service. “CH\_RCH,” what is missing? U are! ■

MVHS Student Senior Project to Help Children

Dear Residents of Loudon,

My name is Emily Hunton and I am a senior at Merrimack Valley High School. For my senior project this year, I am asking the residents and organizations of Loudon to join me in a Samaritan’s Purse Project called Operation Christmas Child. What the project entails is filling shoebox-sized boxes with small toys and gifts which are wrapped and sent to children all over the world. For many of the children, these shoe boxes filled with goodies will be the only gift they will ever receive. It is my goal to collect 100 shoe boxes for these children. If you would like to participate, please do the following:

Go to the Maxfield Public Library or Faith Community Bible Church to pick up a brochure for each box you intend to fill. The brochure will give you all the information you need to pack a shoebox, including a list of acceptable items to put in it. You will need to choose whether you want to help a boy or a girl and an age range. If you choose to wrap your box, please be sure to wrap the box and the lid separately so that the box can still be opened. Tape the label that indicates the child’s gender and age group to the lid of the box and wrap a rubber band around the box to secure the lid. When your shoebox is ready, you may deliver it, wrapped or unwrapped, to Faith Community Bible Church at 334 North Village Road during one of the times listed below. Please include \$7.00 on the inside of the box lid to help with shipping costs.

I hope that you will join me in this great experience that will bring joy to so many children. This is a simple project that is a wonderful thing to do individually or with your group or family. Have fun and know that your gift will be making a difference in the life of a child.

Brochures can be picked up at the Maxfield Public Library during the library’s regular hours and at Faith Community Bible Church during office hours (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.).

Shoe boxes may be dropped off at Faith Community Bible Church on Sundays from now through November 15, between the hours of 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. If anyone has empty shoe boxes, donations would be greatly appreciated!

There will be a wrapping night at Faith Community Bible Church on Sunday, November 15. All are welcome to come fill and wrap shoe boxes together that night.

Thank you for giving this project your consideration. Any questions, please call me at 783-4077 or e-mail me at [emhunton1012@gmail.com](mailto:emhunton1012@gmail.com). ■

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## Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

### 9th Annual Blood Drive

On Tuesday, December 1, 2009, the Loudon Police Department will be sponsoring our 9th Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. The event will be held at the Loudon Safety Building at 8 Cooper Street from 2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. All volunteer donors will receive a navy blue long-sleeve blood donor shirt as well as goodie bag. If you are interested in donating a baked good or crock pot (chili, stews, etc.) or volunteering some time, please contact Janice Morin at 798-5521.

### NIXLE

The Loudon Police Department has created an account at NIXLE. NIXLE allows us to send a message out regarding emergency information such as an ALERT (lost child, emergency road closure due to an accident, etc.), ADVISORY (weather, traffic information, etc.), COMMUNITY (general information such

as events), and TRAFFIC (general traffic information). As a Loudon resident you may sign up at <http://local.nixle.com/register/>. There is no cost for signing up. You can choose to be notified via e-mail or a text message to your cell phone or both. We hope to be using this application on a regular basis to keep our residents up to date.

### The Holidays Are Approaching Fast!

As the holidays fast approach, I remind you to please use common sense while attending family gatherings and office parties. PLEASE, if you intend to drink, please plan on a designated driver. It may save yours or somebody else's life! Also, in inclement weather, plan extra time in your travels. Allow your self not only extra time but extra space between vehicles. PLEASE WEAR YOUR SEATBELTS!

### Update On Patrolman Brian M. Martel:

Officer Martel joined the Loudon Police Department on February 2, 2008. Officer Martel is currently serving our country with the US Army and is stationed in Baghdad. Members of the Loudon Police Department have been sending correspondence and packages regularly. With the holidays fast approaching, we are trying to send additional cards and packages. If you are interested in sending a card or care package, you may send it to:

SSG Martel, Brian 3rd PLT  
445th Transportation Company  
Camp Liberty Iraq  
APO-AE 09344

*From everyone at the Loudon Police Department, have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! ■*

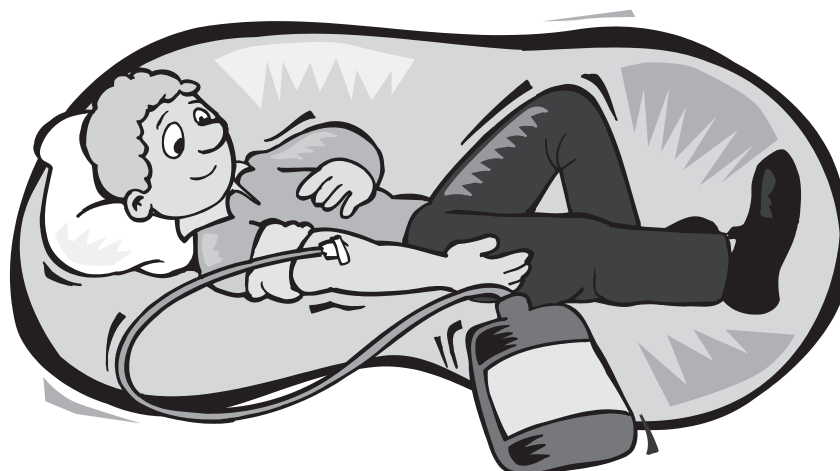
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# T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

## Cold and Flu Season Is Upon Us

### Fall is here, winter is approaching — Tis' the season for Colds and Flu

Influenza (commonly known as the flu) and colds are among the most common infections of the respiratory system. Americans endure about 1 billion colds each year. Children get the most colds, six or eight a year. By contrast, adults average two to four a year, with a greater frequency in the parents of children. The high rate in children is blamed on their lack of a built-up resistance to infection and the close contacts with other kids in schools and day care. Women's closer contact with children may also explain the greater prevalence of colds in women than in men.

This article attempts to explain the differences between a cold and the flu, even though they are both caused by viruses, and are both likely to occur during the winter months.

### Is It a Cold or The Flu?

A cold and the flu (also called influenza) are alike in many ways. But the flu can sometimes lead to more serious problems, such as pneumonia. A stuffy nose, sore throat, and sneezing are usually signs of a cold. Tiredness, fever, headache, and major aches and pains probably mean you have the flu. Coughing can be a sign of either a cold or the flu. But a bad cough usually points to the flu.

### Know When to Call Your Doctor

You usually do not have to call your doctor right away if you have signs of a cold or flu. But you should call your doctor in these situations:

- Your symptoms get worse
- Your symptoms last a long time
- After feeling a little better, you show signs of a more serious prob-

lem. Some of these signs are high fever, shaking, chills, chest pain, or coughing with thick, yellow-green mucus

### Try to Avoid Getting a Cold

- Wash your hands often. You can pick up cold germs easily, even when shaking someone's hand or touching doorknobs or handrails.
- Avoid people with colds when possible.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue and then throw the tissue away.
- Clean surfaces you touch with a germ-killing disinfectant.
- Don't touch your nose, eyes, or mouth. Germs can enter your body easily by these paths.

### Does Cold Weather Cause a Cold?

Most colds strike in the fall and winter. Contrary to what many people believe, the increased rate of colds during this time is actually not due to the cold weather. So why do more people feel "under the weather" during the winter months? Probably, say researchers at NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, because of the greater time spent indoors in cold weather, increasing the opportunity for viruses to spread among people. Also, the lower humidity during the colder months helps cold-causing viruses to thrive and may dry the lining of the nasal passages, making them more susceptible to infection.

### Try to Avoid Getting The Flu

The most important tool for fighting the ever-changing flu virus is immunization by a killed virus vaccine licensed by FDA. The vaccine is made from highly purified, egg-grown viruses that have been made noninfectious.

Studies have shown the vaccine's effectiveness rate to be 70 to 90 percent in healthy young adults. In the elderly and in people with certain chronic illnesses, the vaccine sometimes doesn't prevent illness altogether, but it does

reduce its severity and the risk of complications.

### Who Should Get a Flu Shot?

Almost all people who want to lower their chance of coming down with the flu can get a flu shot.

### Who Might Not Be Able to Get a Flu Shot?

Talk to your doctor before you get the shot if you:

- have certain allergies, especially to eggs
- have an illness, such as pneumonia
- have a high fever

### Do Not Take Antibiotics For a Cold or Flu

Antibiotics won't work against cold and flu germs. You should take antibiotics only when really needed.

### Help Yourself Feel Better While You Are Sick

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Use a humidifier — an electric device that puts water into the air.
- Get plenty of rest. Your body is trying to attack the virus. It takes energy to do that.
- Over-the-counter medications can provide temporary relief of symptoms

(Do not give aspirin or other salicylates to children or teen-agers with symptoms of a cold or flu, young people can get sick or die from a rare condition called Reye syndrome)

Sources: The Food and Drug Administration ([fda.gov](http://fda.gov)) and American Lung Association ([lungusa.org](http://lungusa.org))

For more information visit: [www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/CDCS/flu](http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/CDCS/flu)

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

## Loudon Business Connection Kick-off Meeting Successful!

The fledgling business organization — The Loudon Business Connection — recently held its kick-off meeting at the Loudon Country Club. Over 38 people, representing 28 businesses, enjoyed hors d'oeuvres provided by the Loudon Country Club.

Steve Jackson and Cathy Dymont were instrumental in organizing this event, which proved to be very successful. Each business person was given the opportunity to give a short "commercial" about their business plus free time to network and hand out business cards.

Debbie Kardaseski, owner of Debbie K Graphics, gave a 15-minute presentation about the type of work she does. Each month, a different business will be given the opportunity to present an in-depth talk about their business.

At the end of the meeting, businesses were paired up to meet and chat between now and the next meeting in an effort to get to know other business people better.

Each meeting will follow a standard format, beginning at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and will not exceed two hours in length. All business owners who either do business in Loudon or live in Loudon and have a business elsewhere are encouraged to attend the next meeting. It will be held at the Loudon Country Club on Monday, November 2 at 6 p.m. Plan now on joining this exciting group and expanding your business. This is a perfect time to meet new potential customers. If you'd like more information, contact Steve Jackson at 396-6258 or Cathy Dymont, 848-0002. Email [dawn@countysidenh.com](mailto:dawn@countysidenh.com) to join the mailing list. ■

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# LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee

## This month's mystery photo.



Last month's mystery picture was provided by Randy Cummings. Unfortunately, I didn't receive any information. It looks to be a meeting (town or planning board?) at the Town Hall building.

Hopefully, November's mystery picture creates more of a response. Do you know anything at all about it? Every little tidbit adds to the story.

I am always looking for some new mysteries. I have the best response with pictures from the more recent past. Keep in mind it can be anything at all — events, groups, places, people, etc. E-mail me, Tina at [tratee@comcast.net](mailto:tratee@comcast.net) or call me at 783-0483. ■

## Last month's mystery photo.



## Historical Society Meeting Minutes — Sept. 2, 2009

**Attendance:** Beccy Smith, Stan Prescott II, Irene Dow, Bob Ordway, Ron Lane, Dick Malfait, Betty Frost, Rev. Henry Frost, and Cynthia Babonis.

Ron began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Home Day activities were reviewed. Jail, puzzles and raffle and donations collected from these. Discussed ways to set up for next year with suggestions of having a Judge and a Cop in the parade to help advertise the jail. Pictures were brought in by Beccy Smith and donated to the HS.

October 4th is the tentative date for the Sanborn Mills tour. An ad was submitted to the Ledger.

The Honor Roll for Vets that previously was kept in the Lobby at the HS was donated to the Legion where it is now proudly displayed at the Grange Hall.

Discussed upcoming Expo. Vendors will be asked to make a \$10 donation to the food pantry. We discussed some ideas for businesses to solicit as possible vendors for the expo. Beccy agreed to make some cookies for refreshments.

Acknowledgements of appreciation were made to Doug Cole for donating plants for the raffle, Carissa Carrow and her father for building the jail, Bob and Dave Ordway for creation of the puzzle, and Josh York for donating his raffle winnings. Their contributions and help to the Historical Society made Old Home Day a success. ■

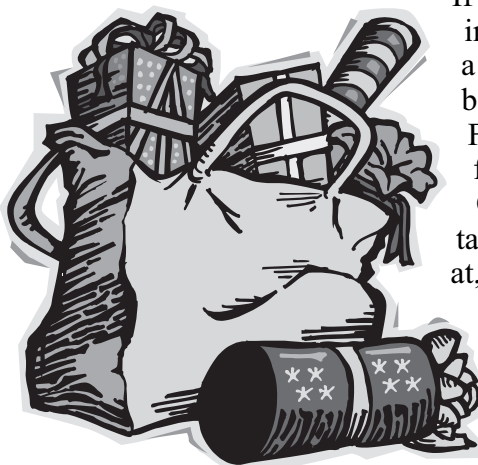
*Meeting adjourned  
Respectfully submitted  
Cynthia Babonis  
LHS Secretary*

## The Loudon Historical Society is Hosting THE SECOND LOUDON EXPO November 18, 2009 6:30–8:30 p.m.

**Admission:**  
Item to donate to the Loudon food pantry

*How would you like to be able to do  
your Christmas shopping  
right in your own town?*

**We will have many vendors selling items  
made right here in Loudon.**



If you are interested in selling your products, there is a \$10.00 table fee that will be donated to the Loudon Food Pantry. The deadline for holding a table spot is October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact either Cynthia Babonis at [cbabonis@gmail.com](mailto:cbabonis@gmail.com) or Michele York @ 783-4129.

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## Loudon Boy Scout and Cub Scout News

### Loudon Cub Scout Pack 247 News

We have had our October Pack Meeting. There were several boys that received awards that they earned in their individual den meetings or on their own.

Some boys earned the first Cub Scout rank — **BOBCAT!**

**Brady Leonard, Matthew Lyle, Jacob Barrington, Andrew Owens, Mason Sarabia, Caden Brien and Cole Sheppard**

**Jacob Cheney** — 1 gold and 2 silver arrow points

**Tyler Nichols** — Forrester pin, Scholar pin, Naturalist pin, Readyman, Compass point emblem, and East and West points

**Caden Brien** — Bowling beltloop, fishing beltloop, baseball beltloop, bicycling beltloop

**Cole Sheppard** — Art beltloop, Soccer beltloop, bicycling beltloop

**Carter Segien** — Readyman

**Nathan Coulombe** — Readyman

**Levi Fisher** — Readyman

**Devan Eldred** — Readyman

**Andrew Schmidt** — Readyman

*The Pack would like to congratulate the boys on a job well done!*

### Popcorn Fundraiser

We had a great POPCORN fundraising event!! The Pack Committee would like to THANK all the boys that came out rain or shine to help us sell the popcorn at the local stores.

Orders that you gave to your local cub scout will be delivered shortly after Nov 14th.

We are going to use the proceeds that we earned from the popcorn participate in Cub Scout sleepover at the Boston Museum of Science

WE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US AND ALLOWING US TO DO THIS GREAT EVENT!!

### Scouting For Food!!

TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE PANTRY! The food drive for the scouts begins in November 7. In the past the scouts have hung bags on door knobs or mailboxes. This year the scouts are going to use door hangers (like you see in hotels) figuring everyone has a bag or box they can use. They will put the door hangers out on Nov. 7 and all you do is put your bag or box of food out the morning of Nov 14 and your scout will pick it up and bring it the distribution site.

If you will not be home the week of pick up you can always drop off food items at any of our pack meetings listed below.

Our upcoming scheduled is packed with fun-filled excitement!

• **Saturday, Nov. 14** — popcorn order deliveries begin

• **Wednesday, Nov. 21** — Pack Meeting



From left: Cameron Smith, Ryan Hoar, Cullen Rodrigue, and Jack Rice.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 16** — Pack Meeting

• **Wednesday, Jan. 20** — Pack Meeting

**Saturday, Jan. 23** — Overnight at Boston Museum of Science

**Saturday, Jan. 30** — Pack 247 Pinewood Derby

**Saturday, Feb. 20** — Blue & Gold Banquet

Boys in grades 1–5 interested in joining our pack are always welcome!! You may just show up at any Pack Meeting listed above or contact Samantha Stokes-Anthony at 724-4103, [samanthaje78@hotmail.com](mailto:samanthaje78@hotmail.com) or Deb Ainsworth at [aquanutsscuba@aol.com](mailto:aquanutsscuba@aol.com).

You can also find more information at <http://www.loudonnh.org/generic-page.php?organizationcode=cs247> ■

### Boy Scout Troop 247 News



Watch your door! Door hanger distribution will be Saturday, November 7th. Bag collection will be Saturday, November 14th. We will be holding our annual Scouting For Food drive with Troop and Pack 247. The Boy Scouts of America are 'going green' and have not provided bags, but since Troop 247 recycles, we will be supplying the Pack with our stock of vintage Scouting for Food bags.

Thank you for past contributions and remember, all items are given to local food pantries. Many families benefit each year from your generosity, it's especially needed this year.



USS Massachusetts at Battleship Cove, Fall River, Massachusetts.

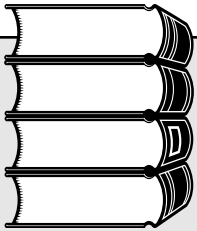
### Battleship Cove Trip

Did you know that Battleship Cove pioneered overnight camping on board naval vessels? It all began in 1972 when a Boy Scout leader asked Paul Vaites, then Battleship Cove's executive director, "Is it possible for my scout group to spend a night aboard?" Mr. Vaites promptly replied, "Abso-

lutely!" (courtesy of Battleship Cove brochure).

Our September 2009 trip was cool. The Troop and Crew slept aboard the battleship and toured the floating museums of the destroyer *USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.* and the battleship *USS Massachusetts*. ■





# Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



A beautiful day at Meadow Ledge Farm.

## APPLE PICKING

On October 6th and 14th, story timers went apple picking at Meadow Ledge Farm. We had cool fall weather both days, perfect for finding the juiciest apple. Forty-two children and their parents took a tractor ride through the orchard to fill their bags and then headed back to the barn to see the old cider press. We'd like to send out a big thank you to Dusty, Lennie, and Meadow Ledge Farm for another beautiful tour of the orchard.

## STORY TIME

On November 3rd, 4th, and 5th, we'll read about ducks and chickens in *Duck at the Door* by Jackie Urbanovic and *My Cousin Katie* by Michael Garland. The children will create a flying bird to end the story time hour. In November by Cynthia Rylant and *When Winter Comes* by Nancy Van Laan, will be the stories for November 10th and November 12th. The craft to follow will be an autumn placemat. There is no story time on November 11th, because the library is closed for Veterans Day. November 17th, 18th, and 19th, we'll be talking turkey after listening to *One is a Feast for a Mouse* by Judy Cox. The children will leave with a turkey wall hanging too cute to eat! There will be no story time Thanksgiving week, but please join us in the upstairs meeting room on Tuesday, November 24th, at 11:00 a.m. for popcorn and a family movie.

## SNOW POLICY FOR STORY TIME

Dare I say it?! In the event that a snowstorm appears in November, story time will follow the Merrimack Valley School District with closings and delays. If school is cancelled for the day, there will be NO story time that day. If school has a delayed opening on Tuesday or Thursday, story time will start at 11:00 a.m. A delayed opening on Wednesday, does NOT affect story time. You can check for delays or cancellations on channel 9, the WMUR website, or you can call the library at 798-5153.

## BOOK SALE

The library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There's always an assorted selection, and you're sure to find something to read when the cold winds keep you inside. For email notifications of upcoming sales, please call Debby at 798-5153.

## BAKE SALE

Wouldn't you rather spend your time talking with your guests, not working in the kitchen? Then come down to the Loudon Girl Scouts Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be plenty of homemade pies and goodies to keep your guests (and family) fulfilled!

## NEW ARTIST

Loudon artist Ron Gibeault will be displaying his paintings and wood burning works at the library through the end of November. His subjects range from seascapes and lighthouses to old barns and New England landscapes. Stop by to enjoy his unique perspectives of familiar scenes.

## NEW BOOKS


### Fiction

Barr, Nevada	13½
Beaton, M.C.	<i>There Goes the Bride</i>
Diamant, Anita	<i>Day after Night</i>
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>Evidence</i>
Niffenegger, Audrey	<i>Her Fearful Symmetry</i>
Parker, Robert B.	<i>The Professional</i>
Shreve, Anita	<i>Change in Altitude</i>
Walls, Jeannette	<i>Half Broke Horses</i>
Woods, Stuart	<i>Hothouse Orchid</i>

### Nonfiction

Albom, Mitch	<i>Have a Little Faith</i>
Dawkins, Richard	<i>The Greatest Show on Earth</i>
Feiler, Bruce	<i>America's Prophet</i>
Janzen, Rhoda	<i>Mennonite in a Little Black Dress</i>
Knechtel, John	<i>Water</i>
Kristof, Nicholas D.	<i>Half the Sky</i>
McElroy, Darlene	<i>Image Transfer Workshop</i>
Sullenberger, Chesley	<i>Highest Duty</i>
Wendt, George	<i>Drinking with George</i>

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### WHAT'S THE KEY TO A GREAT THANKSGIVING DINNER?

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### The \_\_\_\_\_ !!!

October Word Scramble Answers:  
TRICK, TREAT, OCTOBER, PUMPKIN, COLUMBUS,  
COSTUME, AUTUMN, LEAVES

What instrument do skeletons play?  
The TROM BONE!!







More photos of a day at Meadow Ledge Farm. Youngsters and parents from storytime visited the orchard to pick apples and enjoy the outdoors.

**Library** — continued from page 8

#### NEW DVDs

*Adam Resurrected, Away We Go, Cheri, Cranford, Easy Virtue, Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, Haunted Airman, Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, Ken Burns: National Parks, Monsters vs. Aliens, My Life in Ruins, The Proposal, Valentino: The Last Emperor*

#### BOOK GROUP

If the word Ireland conjures up visions of leprechauns and the Blarney Stone, think again. More than a thousand years ago, when Rome fell and the “dark ages” settled over Europe, Irish monks and scribes kept the flame of civilization burning. Thomas Cahill’s *How the Irish Saved Civilization* delves

into a time he calls a “hinge” of history. Join us to discuss this book on November 19 at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

#### LIBRARY HOURS

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

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

In observance of Veterans Day, the library will be closed Wednesday, November 11. The library will be open on Wednesday, November 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closed on Thursday, November 26, for Thanksgiving. ■



## Loudon Girl Scouts Bake Sale

Come to support the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit in an effort to raise funds for Service Unit events (events for all 8 Girl Scout troops right here in Loudon) and get some great baked goods for the holidays!!

**Saturday, November 21st  
from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
At The Maxfield Public Library**

*Come shop for pies, cakes, breads, cookies  
and other delicious baked goodies!*

**We hope to see you all there!!**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!***



## Loudon Girl Scout News



Forty-five girls and twenty adults attended the community service event — Juliette Low Birthday Celebration — “A Birthday for all Birthdays.” The Loudon Girl Scouts collected enough birthday party supplies to fill 15 boxes, four bags, with extras left to make more. The birthday items will be donated to the Loudon Food Pantry so those who are less fortunate will still be able to celebrate their birthdays in style! More photos from this event are on the next page.

by Lee Laughlin for the Loudon Service Unit

The Loudon Girl Scouts are off to a great start, we have more than 50 girls registered across all levels of scouting. We are always looking for volunteers who are interested in sharing their hobbies or skills with the girls. We are also looking for community service opportunities. If you have a passion you would like to share, or of know of a project that needs help, please call Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz, Service Unit Manager at 783-0218 to share your community service ideas or interests.

Late in October, our service unit celebrated “The Birthday of All Birthdays,” a community service event that celebrates the birthday of Girl Scouts founder Juliet Gordon Low. We gathered together to create birthday boxes that were donated to the Loudon Food Pantry so that those less fortunate could still celebrate their birthday in style.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Girl Scouts by purchasing, fruit and nuts or magazine subscriptions during our fall product sale. The money raised will be used by the individual troops to fund their fall activities and community service projects.

Individual troop updates are included below, but next up for the service unit is our annual Loudon Girl Scout Bake Sale. SAVE THE DATE and bring your sweet tooth to the The Maxfield Public Library on Saturday, November 21 from 9:00–noon! We will have tons of pies, breads, cakes and baked goodies for your holiday gatherings so mark your calendars and make

plans to be there!! In December, weather permitting we hope to celebrate the holiday season with our annual caroling event in The Village. January will bring our annual sock and toiletries drive as well as the much-anticipated Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Details to follow in the December Loudon Ledger.

Thank you to everyone in the community for your ongoing support of the Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

### Daisy Troop #10955

Tracy Koufos, Kellie Goble & Tammy Bourque

The Daisys went to the fire station on October 22nd to learn about fire safety and to earn our first petal, respect authority. Our troop also got a visit from Corporal Fisk, of the Loudon Police department, at our October 29th meeting to talk more about respecting authority. During that same meeting the girls earned their first petal! Thanks to the Fire Department and The Police Department for supporting the Girl Scouts.

### Brownie Troop #10454

Julie Segien, Karen Thurber

Our troop met once in September. We started off with introductions. Four girls have joined troop 10454. The girls played memorization games taken from the Fall product Fund Raiser. We are happy to meet them. We are looking forward to our next meeting will be with all the Loudon Girl Scout on Friday the 23rd at LES from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

### Junior Troop #12083

Lysa Crouch, Tamika Carter, Sandi Lyle

Our troop has mushroomed to ten girls this year. At our first meeting in September, we took time to get to know each other and learned about the Fall Product Sale. At our second meeting we wasted no time getting down to Girl Scout business, we made folders to keep or GS info together and discussed our troop’s contribution to the Birthday of All Birthdays Service Unit event. We also began work on our first badge of the year, the Science Discovery Badge.

### Junior Troop #12641

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

We have 8 girls in the troop and are looking forward to another great year of fun. The girls are working on their first badge, Girl Scouting in the USA. They reinforced their existing knowledge with even more details when they researched the foundation of Girl Scouting and the founder, Juliette Gordon-Low. They worked on a poster with the uniforms of the past to share with the entire service unit at the birthday celebration. Based on the lists the girls came up with on the first meeting night, the next area of interest we will discover more about will be Cooking! We will explore creating foods in different ways, tools of the trade, food safety, food from around the world, etc. They will be ready to share their culinary knowledge with others soon! Most of the troop went to a Girl Scouts of

The Green and White Mountains sponsored event called Team Challenge at Camp Chenoa in Antrim, NH. The girls learned to work as a team and challenged themselves as they climbed the rock wall. They learned all about knots and earned their Adventure Sports Badge. Our troop is collecting paper goods for the Loudon Girl Scout Kick-off Event — Juliette Low Birthday Celebration which we are sure to have a blast at! We are also looking forward to the annual Novemberfest Junior Badge Blast in Salem NH in November. The girls each chose two badges that interested them and will earn the requirements for those badges that day. It is a great way to meet other girls from the council who have similar interests and share in Girl Scouting fun! Thanks for reading what we are up to and keep checking back each month.

### Junior Troop #10361

Christine Campbell and Karen Minery

Our troop is off and running with several trips already under our belts. We were scheduled to attend the Harvest Festival in Warner, but the weather spoiled our plans. We all had an awesome time testing our limits and honing our climbing skills at Vertical Dreams in Manchester. Last up, we attended a production of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn at the Concord City Auditorium. We’re all looking forward to participating in the Birthday of All Birthdays celebration.



*Girl Scouts — cont. from page 10*

### **Cadette Troop #12356**

*Samantha French & Amanda Masse*

We held our first meeting in September and had fun getting to know each other. We have grown to 10 girls in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade — it is going to be another fun year in Cadettes! The girls spent time sharing ideas of community service projects, interest project badges, activities and events they want to attend and trips they are dreaming of for the year. They came up with a great list and are eager to get started working toward their goals. To start the year off, they are working on two interest project badges that have to do with food and cooking — something we all enjoy. Food Connection and Creative Cooking interest projects will have us exploring technology, skills, and careers relating to food and cooking. In addition the girls will be involved with service projects. We

will be meeting with local businesses in the food industry, doing some “food reviews” of local restaurants, meeting with a health councilor, sampling foods from other countries, visiting a grocery store to learn about food labels, additives, storage and safety among many other things! They are working on a list of websites that are great resources for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. We will share them with you next month! For community service our troop is collecting food for The Loudon Food Pantry. Look for boxes at local businesses soon and help those in need right here in our community!! Our troop is also gathering birthday party decorations for the Juliette Low Birthday Celebration and can't wait for the next service unit event. We hope you will enjoy hearing of our accomplishments this year. We are always looking for ways to help out in our community — please let us know if we can help!! ■

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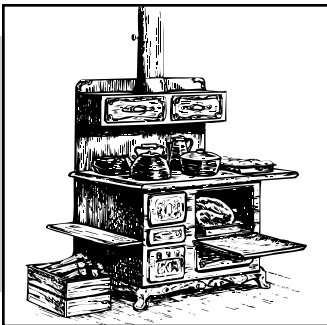


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# What's Cookin'!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

## This month: Thanksgiving Favorites With a Twist!

Happy Thanksgiving Loudon. I have had another year of so many things to be thankful for and I hope that all of you have too. I have a wonderful husband, son, and family, amazing friends near and far, a job I'm not worried about losing and I'm busy enough not to sweat the small stuff.

Congratulations to my Mom and Dad for finally moving into the dream home they have worked so hard for over the past 40 years. I'm especially looking forward to holiday cooking and baking this year in my Mom's new kitchen. I'm sure many of the recipes will stay the same but new traditions in a new home are about to begin. I hope that everyone has time to spend cooking and eating with the people they care about most this holiday season.

I have given you some recipes that use classic "Thanksgiving" ingredients but switch up the flavors a little bit to keep it exciting.

### Easy Turkey with Orange Cranberry Sauce

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3/4 cup orange marmalade
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, ground or finely chopped
- 1 small boneless turkey breast, about 3 to 4 pounds
- salt and pepper to taste

In small saucepan, blend sugar and cornstarch; stir in marmalade and cranberries. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until mixture is bubbly and slightly thickened. Place turkey breast in slow cooker. Sprinkle all over with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over turkey. Cover and cook on HIGH for 1 hour. Reduce heat to LOW and cook 6 to 8 hours longer. An instant-read thermometer should read about 175°. Slice turkey and serve with sauce.

### Sweet and Sour Brussels Sprouts

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen Brussels sprouts, cooked
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Arrange sprouts in shallow baking dish. In a small bowl, combine oil, vinegar, sugar, salt, and pepper. Pour over sprouts then sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes, or until Brussels sprouts are tender.

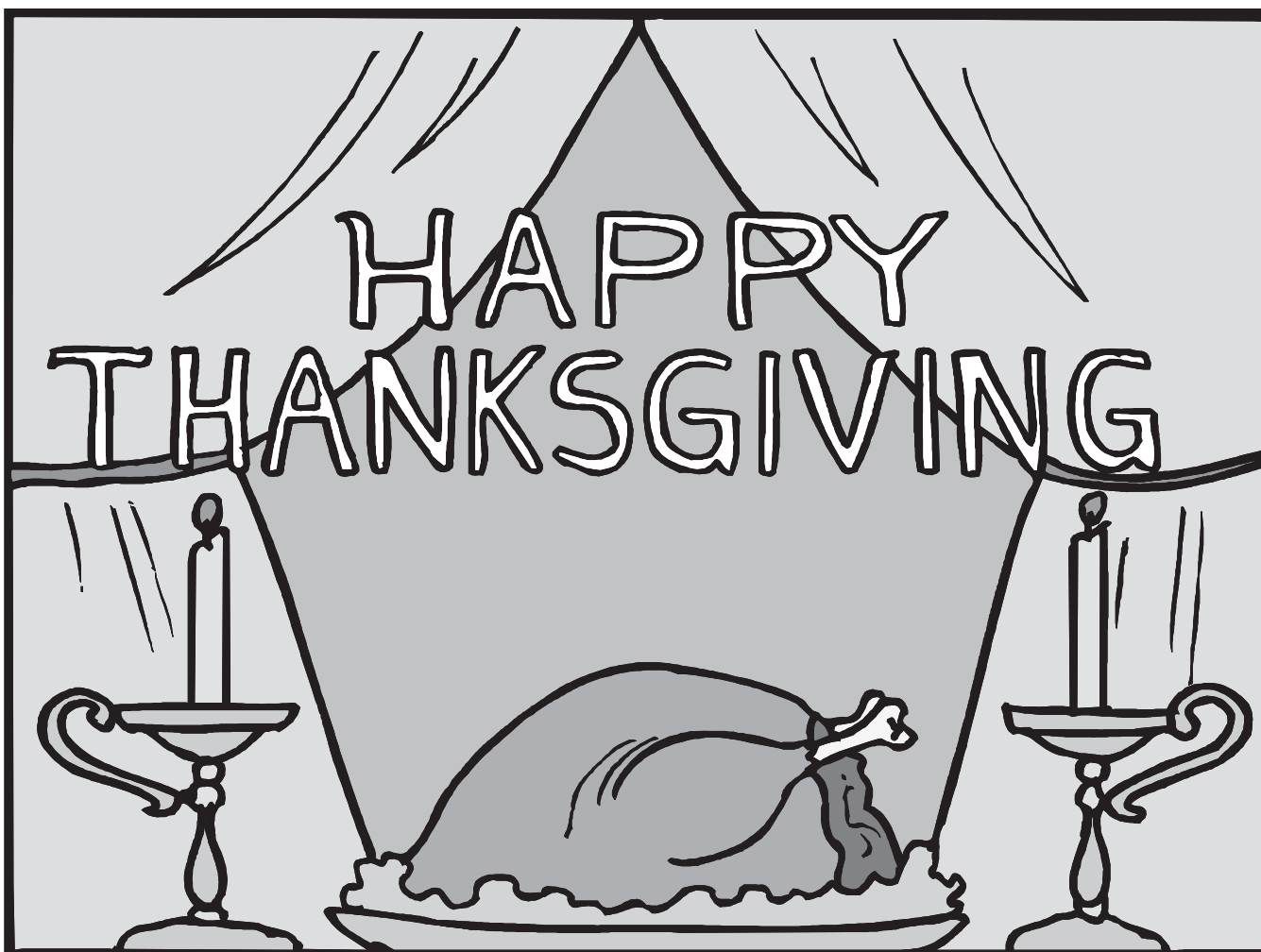
### Festive Creamed Onions

- 1½-2 pounds small white onions, peeled, or mixture of small white and purple onions
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1½ cups half-and-half or whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- salt, to taste
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
- chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Place onions in a medium saucepan. Add 1/2 teaspoon of salt and enough water to cover. Bring onions to a boil; cover and cook 20 to 25 minutes, until tender. Drain and reserve the cooking liquid; set onions and cooking liquid aside. In the same saucepan, melt butter; blend in flour. Gradually add half-and-half or milk; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and begins to bubble. Stir in Cajun seasoning and paprika. Taste and add salt and pepper. Add some of the reserved liquid to thin the sauce, if too thick. Add onions to the sauce; heat through and serve.

### Broccoli Bread

- 1 package chopped broccoli, drained (10oz)
- 1 small onion, chopped





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- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 stick margarine, (4oz), melted
- 3/4 cup cottage cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 box Jiffy corn muffin mix

Combine all ingredients in the order listed. Mix well. Pour batter into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

**Fresh Apple Cake Recipe**

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 3 cups chopped apples, such as Rome Beauty
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Brown sugar topping, below

**Topping**

- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

Sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon; set aside. Beat eggs; add sugar and oil and beat for 3 minutes. Gradually stir in sifted dry ingredients. Fold in apples, walnuts, and vanilla. Pour batter into a greased and floured 10-inch tube pan



## Moose Hunt Opening Weekend Brings 26% Success

More than a quarter of New Hampshire's moose hunters were successful during the first two days of the season, achieving a 26% success rate on the opening weekend of the hunt. On Saturday and Sunday (October 17 and 18), a total of 134 moose were taken by moose hunters statewide — 80 bulls and 54 cows.

"Moose hunting can be affected greatly by the weather, which was varied around the state this weekend," said Kristine Rines, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's moose biologist. "In Berlin, it was sunny and warm for Saturday's opening day. Moose are less active on warm, sunny days, with the result being that hunters were less successful in locating moose. Things picked up on Sunday when seasonably cool weather afforded more opportunity to the state's moose hunters."

One successful opening weekend hunter was Richard Noyes of Hancock, who bagged a bull moose that topped 1,300 pounds (live weight), with an antler spread of 53.75 inches, in WMU C-2 in Errol on Sunday. It was late in the afternoon, about 4:30 p.m., and Noyes and his hunting party were changing a tire on a back country road, cursing their luck. Shortly after they got the tire changed, Noyes' prize bull and three other moose appeared in an adjoining clearing. Had it not been for the delay caused by the tire change, Noyes would have missed the prize of his life!

New Hampshire's nine-day moose hunt continues through Sunday, October 25, 2009.

This year, more than 14,500 people entered the 2009 moose hunt lottery, held last spring, for a chance to win one of the 515 permits drawn for the New Hampshire moose hunt.

For more about moose hunting in New Hampshire, including a list of check stations, visit [www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Hunt\\_species/hunt\\_moose.htm](http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_moose.htm).

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and bake at 350° for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Pour topping over the cake as soon as it comes out of the oven. Let cool, loosen sides, invert on a plate, then invert on another plate, topping-side up.

**Chocolate Pumpkin Pie****Graham Cracker Crust**

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted and cooled
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon
- 1 tbsp sugar

**Filling**

- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 15-oz. can pumpkin puree (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon (or pumpkin pie spice)
- 1/2 tsp ground allspice
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1/8 tsp freshly ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup milk (low fat is fine)

Preheat oven to 350F. Combine all crust ingredients into a medium bowl and stir to combine. Press wet crumbs into the bottom and sides of a 9 or 10 inch pie plate. Bake 12–15 minutes, until just beginning to brown at the corners. Set aside to cool completely before filling.

Turn oven up to 425F.

In a large bowl, beat eggs with a whisk until slightly foamy, about 1 minute. Whisk in all the remaining ingredients, except the milk, and beat until smooth. Then whisk in the milk.

Pour mixture into prepared, cooled pie crust (you can also use a pastry crust or a store-bought pie crust) and bake for 15 minutes at 425F. Reduce the temperature to 350F and bake for about 30 more minutes, until the pie filling jiggles only slightly and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

Cool completely on a wire rack before cutting and refrigerate if storing leftovers

*Next month:* Holiday Spirits. What is your favorite cocktail?



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# Merrimack Valley School District News

## Elementary School News

**November 5** — PTA 6:30 p.m.

**November 10** — First and Kindergarten field trip

**November 11** — No School Veteran's Day

**November 13** — Turkey Trot (rain/snow day Nov. 16)

**November 23** — Third Grade Field Trip

**November 24** — Marks close for Report Cards

**November 25–27** — No School. Thanksgiving Break

## Middle School News

The school district will be testing the new **PENN Alert automated call system** on 11/10/09 to announce no school on 11/11/09. If you do not receive a call please notify the school so we can correct the information in our system.

**1st Quarter Report Cards will be mailed on 11/6/09.** Remember you can access your child's grades online, this is a great tool for parents. If you need your login information or are experiencing difficulty please email [mmiller@mv.k12.nh.us](mailto:mmiller@mv.k12.nh.us).

**Yearbooks** are on sale for \$22.00

**Ski/Snowboard Club** — The cost is \$150.00 for 5 Friday nights starting in January. Enrollment open until 11/12/09. Informational meeting will be held on 10/15/09 for students.

MVMS received the **Blue Ribbon Award** for 2008–09! Given by the NH Partners in Education for recognition of volunteer involvement and accomplishments, MVMS was privileged to have over 300 volunteers provide over 3,500 hours of service to our school and its activities, including working with clubs, attending field trips, chaperoning dances and supporting the PTO and their projects. Thank you to so many for your assistance to our school, our staff and our students!

The MVMS **Garden Club** was recognized as one of this year's Gold Circle Award recipients. The Annual Gold Circle Achievement Awards are sponsored by New Hampshire Partners in Education to recognize the outstanding business and community partnerships with schools throughout the Granite State. The American Legion of Penacook, Murray's Greenhouse in Penacook, The Penacook Community Center, The Penacook Historical Society, and Pleasant View Gardens in Loudon all received Gold Circle Awards for their partnerships with the MVMS Garden Club in 2009. The Garden Club is very appreciative of all the community support — Thank you!!

## Week of November 2nd — BOOK FAIR

The library and students will be enjoying the Scholastic Book Fair that will be at the Middle School from Monday, Nov. 2–Thurs., Nov. 5th. It will be open daily from 7:30–3:00 with extended hours until 7:00 on Thursday. Parents and community members are welcome to come anytime during the day. Support your library, support reading and shop for the holidays!

## ONLINE Card Catalog!

If you haven't checked it out yet, please do. Our collection can now be seen from anywhere — classroom or home. There is a link on the library webpage and feel free to link it to your classroom homework page. Now you can see what resources we have and what is in.

There are also links to helpful databases and sites on the lefthand side.

**Discovery Education** reminder — MVSD has a subscription for this great resource. (Actually, it may only be great if you have an LCD/computer set up that allows you to show things easily.) Passcode for the middle school is: FFB6-5292. I just tried it and it seems to work. Once you get in you must create your own account w/password, etc. There are many videos and related teacher materials for all areas of instruction. Worth checking out!

Team 8A students participated in the *Concord Monitor's Constitution Day Essay Contest*. In an interdisciplinary unit students studied their first amendment rights and wrote essays regarding their opinions on dress codes in school.

**8th Graders are looking forward to the upcoming Washington D.C. Trip.** The 8th grade staff would like to thank the PTO for their continued support of this valuable academic activity.

**Think Quest 2009!!!** MVMS 6th grader Harrison Worster, was part of a team that took 3rd place in the 12 and under category "A Croak of Caution." Harrison traveled to California the week of 10/12/09 to receive his award. Congratulations, Harrison! Students from 13 countries took top honors in the 2009 Think Quest Competition.

This is a Website Competition that challenges student teams to develop educational websites on topics of their choosing. Prizes for winning teams include laptop computers, digital cameras, school grants, and a trip to the awards event in the San Francisco Bay Area, depending on placement. 15 winning teams were selected from among 955 teams from 83 countries. Countries represented by winners include Australia, China, Hungary, India, Italy, Pakistan, Singapore, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Visit the Think Quest website to view the teams winning website.

## News from PTO:

The **PRIDE clothing order** has been submitted and we are looking forward to it being completed and delivered to students and staff in the next two weeks. We had a lot of orders, so we should be seeing lots of PRIDE around school soon! Thanks for your support of MV!

The **Yankee Candle fundraiser** will be delivered on October 16th. Families may pick up there order on 10/23 during the during the Halloween Party. Other pick up times will be announced, please check the website. We generally do not send the student home with the order, unless he/she is a car pick-up. The items are heavy and breakable not easy for a student to transport.

Our total sales were \$15,319.00. Our profit is \$6,127.60. This money will be deposited into our general account and will be used for various MVMS activities and programs.

Thank you to our students and families for your support of the Yankee Candle Fundraiser and our school!

Winners per grade:

6th grade: Christopher Walker -

7th grade: Brittany Wheeler

8th grade: Brittany Fisher

Overall highest total sales: Christopher Walker — (Mathews) in the 6th grade

Classroom with the highest total sales: Ms. Mathews — 6th grade class — for classroom use

Highest participation by grade (several tied):

6th: Shaw, Letendre, and Myers

7th: Still, Lochhead, and Neilson

8th: Masterson and Veiga

Total prize money distributed: \$325.00

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

## Commended Students In The 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program

The principal, Michael Jette, of Merrimack Valley High School announced today that Merike E. Youngs daughter of Susan and Steven Youngs of Webster has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of academically talented students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC.

"As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country.

We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

## September "Student of the Month" Finalists

I am pleased to announce that the faculty have nominated the following students to be recognized as finalists for Student of the Month for September 2009.

The two winners, selected at random from the list of exceptional nominees, are also noted below. We have split the list out by town.

### Andover:

Alexis King, Elise Goodwin, Charles Barry, Tenzin Dickinson, Mariah Lansdown-Howard

### Penacook:

Katy Copp, Jennifer Field, Brinkley Matulaitis, **Si Shyamsundar** — **Winner**, Chloe Wood, Alexndria Desantis

### Boscawen:

Bridget Tevnan, Ann Huckins, Andy Monaghan, Zach Blanchard, Nathaniel Hillsgrrove

### Loudon:

Travis Landry, Brad Caldwell, Maddy Acquilano, Sarah Blake, Abby Blake, Brittany Stevens

### Webster:

Lindsey Snelling, Alex Cilley, Merike Youngs, Shelby Hamel

### Salisbury:

Melissa Moody, **Kaitlyn Brace** — **Winner**, Shania Gerhlein, Kaila Narry, Lily Weyant, Kasey Weyant ■

# State Of New Hampshire Department Of Safety Boating Education Class Schedule

Call 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 (Monday through Friday 8:15 AM–4:15 PM). WEBSITE ADDRESS: [www.nhboatingeducation.com](http://www.nhboatingeducation.com)  
 The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required. Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

## ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

11/07/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham
11/14/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
11/14/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
11/14/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
11/14/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
11/14/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	St. Joseph’s Hospital	Nashua
11/14/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Winnisquam Marine	Belmont
11/21/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
11/21/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Plaistow Library	Plaistow
12/05/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Plaistow Library	Plaistow
12/05/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham
12/05/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Winnisquam Marine	Belmont
12/12/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
12/12/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
01/16/09	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
01/23/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
01/30/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry

## ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/22/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
05/23/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/29/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/30/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
06/05/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
06/12/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
06/12/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
06/19/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
06/26/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
06/26/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
06/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
07/03/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
07/10/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
07/10/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
07/11/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
07/17/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
07/18/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
07/24/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
07/24/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
07/31/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord

## TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

11/03/09 and 11/05/09	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
11/16/09 and 11/18/09	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
11/17/09 and 11/19/09	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
11/30/09 and 12/02/09	5:00 PM–8:30 PM	Meredith Community Center	Meredith
12/08/09 and 12/10/09	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
12/08/09 and 12/10/09	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
12/14/09 and 12/16/09	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
01/25/10 and 01/27/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
01/26/10 and 01/27/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
01/26/10 and 01/28/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover

# Fuel Assistance Guidelines

If you or someone you know is having trouble paying for heat during the winter season, the Office of Energy and Planning Fuel Assistance Program (FAP) may be able to provide some relief.

The Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) is responsible for the statewide administration of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant (LIHEAP), referred to as the Fuel Assistance Program. LIHEAP is federally funded through the US Department of Health and Human Services. OEP in turn contracts with six local Community Action Agencies (also known as CAAs) to provide service to eligible households.

As funds become available, the Fuel Assistance Program provides benefits to qualified New Hampshire households to assist with heating costs. Renters and homeowners are eligible for the Fuel Assistance Program.

## Who is Eligible for Assistance

Eligibility and benefits for the Fuel Assistance and Weatherization Programs are determined by gross household income (total income, including rent, tips, dividends, and all wages or salary, before deductions), number of household members, and vulnerability to heating costs. Eligibility for both Fuel Assistance and Weatherization Programs usually can be determined during one appointment. Homeowners and renters, including renters whose heat is included in rent, are eligible to apply.

NH’s Fuel Assistance and Weatherization Programs prohibit discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital or familial status, sexual orientation, and mental or physical disability.

Income eligibility guidelines for the 2009–2010 fuel assistance program appear in the chart below.

**Fuel Assistance benefits are a grant and do not have to be paid back.**

The Fuel Assistance Program can also help households in a heating emergency by securing an emergency delivery of fuel, delaying a shut-off notice or referring clients to another source of assistance.

FAP provides income-eligible households with assistance in paying their energy bills during the winter heating season. Households where elderly, disabled persons, and/or young children reside receive priority. Benefits are calculated taking into account household income, energy costs, number of heating degree days within a region, and housing type. This targeting allows FAP to provide those households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs with the highest benefits.

Fuel Assistance benefits range from \$120 to \$975, depending on household income and energy costs. The average benefit is \$500.

Fuel Assistance benefits are not counted as income when applying for other assistance programs.

To apply for Fuel Assistance, contact your local Community Action Agency (CAA) at 225-6880 to set up an appointment or learn more about the application process. The CAA staff will tell you what information is required to complete your application. To prevent processing delays, be sure to provide all information they request and follow through with appointments.

If you are homebound and unable to visit a CAA office, telephone your local CAA to arrange a home interview or an interview over the phone.

For more information, contact the Community Action Agency in your area, contact Celeste Lovett, Fuel Assistance Program Manager, Office of Energy and Planning, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord NH 03301, call (603) 271-8317, fax (603) 271-2615 or e-mail: [celeste.lovett@nh.gov](mailto:celeste.lovett@nh.gov). ■

Weatherization Program								
Maximum gross household income by number of people in the household is currently established at 200% of the federal poverty guideline (FPG) for the Weatherization Program.								
200% FPG Household size								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30 Days	\$1,780	\$2,395	\$3,010	\$3,625	\$4,240	\$4,854	\$5,469	\$6,080
365 Days	\$21,660	\$29,140	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,066	\$66,540	\$74,020
Fuel Assistance Program								
Income guidelines are currently at 200% FPG (see above) but may be increased to 60% of the state median income (SMI).								
60%SMI Household size								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30 Days	\$2,273	\$2,972	\$3,671	\$4,370	\$5,070	\$5,769	\$5,900	\$6,032
365 Days	\$27,651	\$36,159	\$44,667	\$53,175	\$61,683	\$70,191	\$71,786	\$73,382
For households with more than 8 persons, contact your Community Action Agency (CAA) for eligibility guidelines. Other program guidelines and requirements may apply — your CAA will provide you with all the details.								

## Snowbirds May Still Get Their Ledger!

If you are one of the lucky folks who escape our New Hampshire winter and “fly” south each Fall, you can still stay in touch with what’s happening here in Loudon by having the *Loudon Ledger* mailed to you while you are gone.

To receive this service, send your mailing address to Debbie Kardaseski, 622 Old Shaker Road, Loudon, NH 03307 or email her at [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com). The Communications Council would appreciate any donation you could make to help cover first-class postage. Due to recent changes in postal regulations it now costs \$1.39 to send each issue of the paper via first-class mail. ■

## Resources Available at Loudon’s Planning and Zoning Office

Loudon’s Planning and Zoning Office has a wealth of information available to people who have question about the town’s zoning ordinances, planning regulations, the master plan, and the open space trail system plan.

In addition to printed materials available for purchase, Donna White, Planning/Zoning Secretary, is in the office Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. to answer your questions in person. She may be reached at 798-4540.

It is suggested you purchase the most recent copy of zoning ordinances and/or planning regulations before you submit an application to either board. These publications spell out the steps involved in completing an application, plus give you the most current ordinances and regulations, which you’ll want to be familiar with before appearing before either board.

### Publications Available:

Master Plan	\$35.00
Zoning Ordinances	\$ 7.00
Planning Regulations	\$ 7.00
Open Space Trail System Plan	\$25.00 / \$5.00 for CD

Please call ahead to determine availability of these booklets as copies may need to be made. ■

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# ATTENTION CRAFTERS

## 3rd Annual PTA Craft Fair

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Snow Date: Sunday, December 13, 2009

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

\$15.00 rental fee for an 8-foot table, plus an item donated to the raffle.

The PTA will hold its 3rd Annual Craft Fair during Santa's Breakfast.

Tables will be set-up in the new gym.

Electricity will be available if needed. Anyone wishing to rent a table can contact Jenn Becker at 798-5926 or email [randy.b@comcast.net](mailto:randy.b@comcast.net).

*Direct Sales companies also welcome.*

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## Santa's Breakfast

December 12, 2009

Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria

(snow date December 13)

**Breakfast – 8 to 10 am • \$5/person or \$20/family**

Enjoy breakfast and a visit from Santa from 8:00 to 9:45.

**Craft Fair – 8 to noon**

A great way to shop for the holidays and support local artisans.

**Quarter Raffle – 10 am**

Dozens of items to choose from, just 25¢ a chance!

**Cookie Walk – 8 to noon**

Fill a bag with delicious home-baked cookies.

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benefit the  
LES PTA.

\* To donate a raffle item, call Sue Kowalski at 513-1744

\* To rent a table at the craft fair, call Jennifer Becker at 798-5926

# Heating Safety Tips From the NH Office of Energy and Planning

In our efforts to stay warm this winter, it's important to remember that heating equipment is the number one cause of home fires in New Hampshire. To ensure your safety, consumers should follow these safety tips.

## GENERAL TIPS

Follow these safety tips in your home regardless of what type of heating system you use:

- When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory, and be sure to have fixed space heaters installed by a qualified technician, according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes. Or make sure a qualified technician checks to see that the unit has been properly installed.

- Keep or maintain a 36-inch clearance between heating systems and anything that can burn.

- Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

- Develop and practice a home escape plan.

- Never Use Your Gas Oven for Heating. Prolonged use of the open oven in a closed house burns oxygen, thereby causing improper combustion of gas, which creates a lethal carbon monoxide gas.

## BEWARE OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a natural product of incomplete combustion. That includes wood, kerosene, gasoline, oil, propane, or natural gas. CO is a toxic, tasteless, colorless, and odorless gas. Even small amounts can cause severe illness and even death. Symptoms include headaches, dizziness, faintness, drowsiness, pain in the ears, or seeing spots. Many people often mistake CO symptoms for the flu. If you or any of your family members are experiencing flu-like symptoms that seem to disappear when you leave your home, have your heating system checked immediately. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, open the windows and leave the home at once.

## WOOD BURNING HEATING SYSTEMS

General safety tips for both fireplace and woodstove use:

- Have your fireplace, wood stove and chimney cleaned and inspected annually for creosote build-up and cracks in mortar or chimney flues.

- Use only wood that is properly seasoned to reduce creosote build-up.

- Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container. Place container with ashes outside your home, away from decks, landscape materials and other combustibles, and soak them with water.

- Use paper and kindling wood to ignite a fire. Avoid using lighter fluid, kerosene, or gasoline.

- Only a competent adult should start and supervise a fireplace or wood stove fire.

- Build small fires that burn completely and produce little smoke.

- Do not exceed the fuel capacity of your fireplace or wood stove.

- Never leave any burning fire unattended.

- Always supervise kids and pets around a fireplace or wood stove.

- Always extinguish your fireplace or wood stove fire before going to bed.

- Store firewood away from the fireplace and at least 30 feet away from your home.

- Make sure that the roof is clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.

- Remove branches hanging above chimneys, flues or vents.

## Warning Signs Of Chimney Problems

- Build up of creosote (dripping from the base of the chimney or staining of the outer chimney shell)

- Sluggish draft (smoke spilling out when the woodstove door is opened)

- Corrosion of the outer shell of a factory built chimney

- Deterioration of the brickwork of a masonry chimney

## Fireplace

If you love to cozy up to a warm fire during cold winter nights, make sure you're not letting energy escape out the chimney along with the smoke. A wood-burning fireplace is one of the most inefficient ways to heat a room.

Here's why: hot air rises, so the majority of the air warmed by the fire goes up the chimney — only a small percentage finds its way into the room. The warm air leaving the room is replaced by cold air from other areas of the house. If your furnace or other heating system is running while the fireplace is going, you're consuming energy to heat air that's being drawn into the fireplace and right up the chimney.

If you can't bear to give up your wood-burning fireplace, follow these efficiency tips to reduce your energy loss:

- Keep the damper closed whenever the fireplace isn't being used — leaving a damper open is the equivalent of keeping a two-foot-square window wide open.

- Check the seal on the damper by closing it off and holding a piece of tissue paper inside the firebox. If drafts blow the tissue paper around, repair or replace the damper.

- Tight-fitting glass doors can prevent air from escaping out the chimney; they also improve the combustion efficiency while the fire is going.

- Add caulking around the fireplace hearth.

- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.

- Keep the hearth area clear of decorations, debris and combustible materials.

## Woodstove

Woodstoves are a popular alternative heating source for many homeowners, especially those who own older model homes. Make sure to take proper precautions to ensure that you enjoy the added comfort while minimizing the risk to your family and home.

- Open the dampers before starting a fire in a wood stove.

- Vent your stove properly and insulate vent from flammable materials.

- Keep dry wood away from the stove.

- Remember that slow burning fires can create creosote and soot problems. Small hot fires are more efficient.

## FURNACES

Maintenance and safety tips for your furnace:

- Look for cracked, rusted, misaligned, or clogged vents.

- Check your flue assembly for alignment and rigidity.

- Make sure the flame is blue — a yellow flame may be a sign that the burner could be out of adjustment.

- Inspect for soot in the burning area and vents — this can be an indication that the gas burner is not properly adjusted and requires servicing.

- Look for cracked or frayed blower belts.

- Clean all dust and lint near the burning chamber. Please ensure that the thermostat is in the off position prior to cleaning.

- Clean or replace your furnace filter and make sure the blower door is properly secured.

- Securely fasten the door that covers the pilot light and burner area.

- Do not store or use combustible materials or liquids near any gas appliance.

- Check ducts for leaks and have them properly insulated.

- Keep the area around your furnace clean and unobstructed.

- Keep the burner area of your furnace clean.

- A qualified heating technician should attend to furnaces that require lubrication on the motors and bearings once a year.

- Do not have anything combustible within six inches of your vent pipe.

- Do not close off more than 20% of the registers in your house. This can cause high resistance and unnecessary heat build-up in the furnace.

- Do not store combustible material such as paint thinners, gasoline, etc. near your furnace.

## How To Tell When Your Furnace May Be Malfunctioning

**Scale:** Flakes of rust, produced by the by-products of burning gas (carbon dioxide and water vapor). Scale may fall on the burners and impede gas flow. Over time, it can damage your furnace by harboring moisture, thereby fostering rust on a large scale.

**The solution:** Your service technician can take out the burners and clean them. You can clean out excess rust flakes that fall to the bottom of the furnace housing.

**Grinding, chattering sounds** from relays (signifying electrical problems), a burner that huffs and puffs, banging (delayed ignition), or clunking and bumping (cracked belt passing over pulleys).

**The solution:** A good rule of thumb: if it's an unusual noise, it's a problem. Unless you're completely comfortable with changing a relay or a belt, call your service technician.

**Carbon Monoxide:** It's colorless, odorless and tasteless, and it can kill you if it's concentrated enough. It is caused by a lack of oxygen or a disruption of the fuel-burning process.

**The solutions:** Your furnace breathes, just like you. Provide adequate ventilation to the unit and consider installing a fresh-air (combustion) intake. Use carbon monoxide detectors, combined with routine maintenance checks by qualified service technicians (mark them on your calendar).

**Yellow Flame:** That flame should be sharp and blue, clean and stable, burning as purely as possible. A yellow flame indicates dirt in the burner, which prevents it from mixing the gas and air properly.

**The solution:** Call your technician to thoroughly test the system and clean it.

**Dusty Smell:** You turn up the thermostat and within minutes, your home is filled with a dry, dusty smell.

**The solutions:** 1) Don't worry; it's just burning the dust out of the combustion chamber. Change your filter. 2) If it's a constant odor, call your technician. 3) If it smells like gas, call your utility company.

**Backdrafting/Negative Pressure:** Negative pressure results when you take air out of the house by using oxygen faster than air can enter the house. Backdrafting is a natural consequence of negative pressure; air rushes into the house through the chimney, effectively choking off the natural process of venting.

**The solution:** Run a combustible air duct to the unit from the outside.

This information came from [www.staywarmnh.org/safety.htm](http://www.staywarmnh.org/safety.htm). ■

## Loudon Recreation Committee News

The Loudon Recreation Committee is wrapping up a great six-week session of art classes for children with Robin Tautkus of *Kidz Art*. We hope that all who attended enjoyed the program and welcome any feedback you have for future art programs. If your child is interested in this program if it is offered again, please let us know so we can form a class!

We also held an equipment swap on Halloween morning — we hope to have another if there is enough interest — just let us know!

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

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



By Tracy Koufos

**Become a Member of LYAA!** LYAA asks that you get involved to help the youth of Loudon and to keep our programs running strong. We have many different ways you can help and any amount of time you can commit will go a long way! Becoming an LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings, which are scheduled every fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. You can also contact Tracy at [tkoufos@msn.com](mailto:tkoufos@msn.com) to request to be on our email and/or to see where help is needed.

### Current happenings!

**Soccer:** A huge thank you to all that volunteered their time to make this season a fun success for the kids of Loudon. We'd also like to thank all our sponsors for their continued support of the programs LYAA offers the youth of Loudon.

Thank you to all who participated and purchased this season's Fundraiser calendars. The money from the sale of these calendars went towards our new soccer fields.

### Soccer Fields Update

The fields are now green with grass. However we are continuing to work hard to raise the monies needed to complete this project. We hope that this can be accomplished through a combination of fundraising activities and manpower and material donations.

Currently there are two ways you can make a donation and any amount is greatly appreciated. One way is to donate online by visiting <http://donate.lyaanh.org/>. The second is through our "Soccer Ball" donation, which can be found in past issues of the *Ledger*. With your donation, you can write your name and/or your child's name on the soccer ball and mail it to LYAA, PO Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307. The soccer balls will be displayed along the main entrance hall of Loudon Elementary School showcasing all those who support this project.

### Please get involved!

The next LYAA meeting will be held Tuesday, November 24 at Maxfield Public Library, beginning at 7 p.m. The board alone cannot make these programs happen. Come to the meeting to find out how you can keep the programs LYAA offers Loudon youth a success! For more about LYAA and how you can help with any of the activities please visit [www.lyaanh.org](http://www.lyaanh.org) and let an LYAA Board Member know. ■



### Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinics in Loudon at the Richard Brown House senior housing on November 24 from 9 a.m. until noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203. ■

## Concord Regional VNA Provides 'Grief and Holidays' Session

The loss of a loved one hurts more on holidays, birthdays, anniversaries or other special days, when the grief one feels takes on additional clarity and depth. These feelings are normal and to be expected. Special days intensify grief because they focus on feelings of loss. The absence of a loved one may alter or completely change the traditions once shared, which in turn may awaken many memories. However, one can learn how to live with the grief and not be consumed by it.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will provide a free informational and supportive session called "Grief and the Holidays" for adults coping with loss during the holiday season. It will take place on Thursday, November 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel Meeting Room at Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton Street, Concord. The facilitator is Laurie Farmer, ACHP-SW, Hospice Director of Social Work, Spiritual Care and Bereavement Services Concord Regional VNA.

Please RSVP to Laurie Brooks at 224-4093 extension 2826 or [laurie.brooks@crvna.org](mailto:laurie.brooks@crvna.org). A donation of one non-perishable food item per person is appreciated. Food items to benefit Wesley United Methodist Church food pantry. ■

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## Miles Smith Farm Day a Big Success

The scarecrow was lively, the day was breezy, and the music cheerful. It was Oct. 11 and the Second Annual Farm Day at Miles Smith Farm was underway. Sarah Whitehouse (who lived on the farm from 1917 to the 1940s) and Miles and Eliza Smith (who founded the farm in the 1830s) were present to entertain the over 900 visitors to the farm. Actors from the Hampstead Stage Company of Barnstead brought Miles and Eliza Smith and Sarah Whitehouse to life for the day and shared stories about farm life with visitors.

A lively scarecrow, Linda Ray of Clover Clown Company, Canterbury, reminded us all of the hard work scarecrows do. John Storrs of Hill Top Feeds explained about feed and music was provided by two bands, *Reganta* and *The Pressure is On*. Young and old petted Puff, the heifer and guessed at the weight of her 4-month-old sister, Blu-Moo — who was 280 lbs!

The tractor hay ride brought visitors up close to some of the farm's Scottish Highlander cattle herd where riders could feed apples to the cattle. And, of course, the WMUR TV *Chronicle* feature about Miles Smith Farm was playing all day.

Vegetable and meat vendors, Kelly Corner Farm, Red Manse Farm, Hidden Wonder Farm, and Three Acre Farm shared samples with everyone. Local food was provided and included Miles Smith Farm beef stew, Meadow Ledge apples, Squamscot soda, Stonyfield yogurt, Canterbury coffee, Rising Stone bread, Concord Coop Celery Stick cookies, and hot apple cider. All the food was local and disappeared quickly.

Heard at the Manchester Airport: "We had a wonderful time at the Miles Smith Farm Day. It was a great event and we plan on attending again next year!" If you missed Miles Smith Farm Day this year mark your calendar for Sunday October 10, 2010 (10-10-10) and join us for a "local adventure" right here in Loudon. ■

*Alex Jacobs and Amanda Pawlik of the Hampstead Stage Company, Barnstead, NH portray Miles and Eliza Smith who founded the farm in the 1830's. Sarah Whitehouse was played by Meagan Edmonds and Angie Hansen directed.*



*A young visitor makes friends with Puff, a yearling Scottish Highlander heifer.*



*Linda Ray of the Clover Clown Company, Canterbury, NH is the scarecrow who has come to life!*



*People enjoy a hayride around Miles Smith Farm where they get to meet some of the "locals" up close!*



# Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

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

**Meadow Ledge Farm**  
612 Route 129  
Peaches, Corn, Apples, Country Store  
798-5860

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

**Red Manse Farm**  
Corner Route 129 & Pittsfield Road  
Organic Produce, Farm Patron Program  
Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
[www.redmansefarm.com](http://www.redmansefarm.com)  
435-9943

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

**Miles Smith Farm**  
56 Whitehouse Road  
Locally raised beef, individual cuts and sides  
M, Tue, Th 4–9 p.m. W, Sat 8–1 p.m.  
[www.milessmithfarm.com](http://www.milessmithfarm.com)  
783 5159

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

**Sanborn Mills Farm**  
7097 Sanborn Road  
Traditional working farm providing workshops  
[www.sanbornmills.org](http://www.sanbornmills.org)  
435-7314

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

**Aznive Farm**  
7046 Pleasant Street  
Hay, Beef  
435-7509

**Lyon Berry Farm**  
986 Route 129  
Highbush blueberries  
435-7640

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

**Mudget Hill Mumblin Maplers**  
255 Mudgett Hill Road  
Maple products: syrup & candy  
783-4447

**D.S. Cole Growers**  
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783-9561  
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[www.colegardens.com](http://www.colegardens.com)

## Field Crop Meeting

### Making the most of homegrown forages and feeds

**When:** Wednesday, November 4, 2009  
9:30 a.m.–2:15 p.m.

**Where:** Webster Town Hall, Webster, NH

**Registration is required.** \$10 per person fee includes morning refreshments, lunch, and program expenses.

**Call Mary at UNH Cooperative Extension at (603) 746-2151 for directions or questions.**

Brochure with registration form available under  
What's New on-line at  
<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Merrimack/Merrimack.htm>

## Rock 'N Race "Team Captains' Breakfast" Set for January 28, 2010

The Merrimack County Savings Bank Rock 'N Race benefiting Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care holds its "Team Captains' Breakfast" on Thursday, January 28, 2010 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at The Courtyard by Marriott Grapevine Conference Center in Concord. The eighth annual Rock 'N Race on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 6 p.m. is a 5K fun run/walk that starts and finishes on the State House lawn in downtown Concord.

Learn more about the annual race at the "Team Captains' Breakfast" that includes breakfast, music, and prizes. Race organizers hope to surpass 2009's amazing results by attracting over 6,000 runners and walkers and raising more than \$300,000 toward support programs and services, and financial assistance for cancer patients. Participants are asked to raise funds for the Payson Center for Cancer Care by securing sponsorships.

RSVP for the breakfast by calling (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076. The Payson Center provides comprehensive treatment and support for cancer patients and their families close to home, including radiation therapy treatment, medical oncology, and surgery. ■

## Upcoming meetings of the Loudon Agriculture Commission

**Monday, November 23**

**Monday, December 14**

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The 2010 N.H. Fish & Wildlife calendar features images by professional wildlife photographers, including Charles Willey, Roger Irwin, Alan Briere, and

Dwight Kuhn. Representing the spectrum of N.H. wildlife, the calendar photos include a leaping snowshoe hare, a colorful wood duck and two moose peering over a frosty landscape. For a preview, visit [www.wildnh.com/Shop/calendar.html](http://www.wildnh.com/Shop/calendar.html).

Calendar purchases help support the N.H. Fish and Game Department's work managing the natural resources we all enjoy — the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats — as well as promoting conservation education and creating opportunities for outdoor recreation in New Hampshire.

Don't forget, if your school or club needs a worthwhile fundraiser, group sales of the 2010 N.H. Fish & Wildlife calendar is a great way to raise money for your school or community group. Find out more about this option, including a fundraising kit you can download, at [www.wildnh.com/Newsroom/News\\_2009/News\\_2009\\_Q3/calendar\\_fundraiser\\_081809.html](http://www.wildnh.com/Newsroom/News_2009/News_2009_Q3/calendar_fundraiser_081809.html), or call (603) 271-6355.

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If you would like to carry the 2010 N.H. Fish & Wildlife calendar in your shop or store, contact Mark Beauchesne for wholesale pricing and ordering info at 603-271-6355.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit [www.WildNH.com](http://www.WildNH.com). ■



## 5 Ways to Improve Your Credit Score

By Jack Prendiville@c21nh.com,  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

With mortgage markets still tight, it's more important than ever to have a good credit score. Having a good score not only increases the odds of being approved for a mortgage, but it can also affect your rate, as the best interest rates are generally reserved for applicants with top credit scores.

Many consumers aren't knowledgeable about their credit scores or what impacts them. More importantly, they may not be aware of the many things they can do to improve their scores. Here are some tips that could help boost your score.


**Get a copy of your credit report.** Review it carefully to ensure that it's correct. If you find an error, contact the creditor to have it corrected. You can request a free copy of your report at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). Under federal law, you are entitled to a free report from each of the three national credit reporting agencies every 12 months.

**Pay your bills on time.** This is probably one of the most important, and simple, things you can do to improve your credit score. Just pay your bills by their due date. Consider setting up automatic payments from your bank account to help you pay on time.


**Pay down your credit cards.** Paying off your credit cards or loans will help increase yourscore, but so will paying down your balances. Try to keep your balances below 30 percent of your credit limit.

**Avoid closing unused credit cards.** The older your credit history, the better. So keep your older cards and use them periodically to keep the account active. Just be sure to pay your bill on time.

**Check your credit limits.** If your lender has reported a lower credit limit than you actually have, your score will be depressed. Once the information is corrected, your score should improve. ■



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## Merrimack Valley School Board Meeting Minutes — Sept. 14, 2009

### 1. Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Salisbury Elementary School was called to order by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Craig Saltmarsh, Laura Vincent

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

**Others Present:** Sarah Ford, PES Grade 3 Teacher; Alex Cilley, MVHS Student Representative; Jesselyn Silva, Boscawen PTA; Ellen Kontinos-Cilley, Parent

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

*Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the August 10, 2009 meeting minutes (pages 1-5 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

### 3. Public Participation:

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

Lorrie Carey gave the board a letter she received from Brenda Bartlett.

### 4. Good News:

Mike Martin, Linda McAllister & Sarah Ford presented information on IB including the IB Learner Profile on the front cover of this month's board packet.

Mike Martin and the building principals reported on the good news items included in the packet (pages 5-17).

### 5. Committee Reports:

#### WELLNESS TASK FORCE:

Chris Barry reported on the August 17, 2009 Wellness Task Force meeting (minutes on page 16 in the packet).

#### POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the August 17, 2009 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on pages 17-26 in the packet). Included in the packet for a second read is Policy KH (Public Solicitations in the Schools). *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve Policy KH as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

Included in the packet for a first read are Policy IFA (Instructional Need of Students with Different Talents), Policy IHAM (Health Education and Exemption from Instruction), Policy IHBBA (Limited English Proficiency Instruction), IHCA (Summer Activities) and Policy IJO (Community Resources).

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

#### FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Thomas Godfrey reported on the August 24, 2009 Facilities Committee meeting (minutes on page 27 in the packet). *Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to authorize spending up to \$60,000 of the bond funds on facility improvements throughout the district. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

Laura Vincent reported on the August 31, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting (minutes on page 28 in the packet). Thomas Godfrey pointed out that his name was omitted from the list of Board Members Present at the August 31, 2009 meeting.



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The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

**OTHER:**

Robin Heins reminded the board that a Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

**6. Old Business:****CITY REQUESTS MEETING — RECREATION FACILITIES:**

Mike Martin reported on the letter from the City of Concord regarding meeting to review City School District Agreements for Reciprocal Use of Facilities.

**SNOWPLOWING SIDEWALKS — PENACOOK:**

Mike Martin reported on correspondence received from the City of Concord regarding MVSD's request to be put on a priority list for snow removal/plowing around the high school and middle school. After a brief discussion, the board decided to invite city officials to a Transportation Committee meeting.

**REVIEW OF NH SCHOOL BOARD LAWSUIT:**

Mike Martin reviewed information regarding the NHSBA lawsuit against the State. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Lorrie Carey, to contribute \$2,820 to support the lawsuit. Motion passed unanimously.*

**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT (IB):**

Chris Barry reported on the September 3, 2009 Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) (minutes on page 38 in the packet).

The next Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009 at the SAU office.

**ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK:**

Mike Martin and the board discussed information regarding transitioning from textbooks to netbooks.

**BOARD NEWSLETTER — COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK:**

Chris Barry reported that the September Community Pride Link (pages 39–40 in the packet) will be distributed this week. Also included in the packet (pages 41–43) is a draft of the October issue. After a brief discussion, the board confirmed the topic for the November issue, Student Learning at MV.

**OTHER:**

None

**7. New Business:****NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGES:**

Mike Martin reported that the next high school evaluation has been scheduled for March 13, 2011. Mike Jette discussed the process and timeline for the evaluation.

**OTHER:**

Normandie Blake presented a request from the church in Webster for permission to use the school field on October 24, 2009 for Harvest Day.

**8. Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:**

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

**9. Board Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Mark Hutchins asked for input from board members regarding upcoming teacher contract negotiations. Mark also reported on meeting with members of the Andover School Board regarding the tuition rate.

**10. Assistant Superintendent's Report:**

Chris Barry reported that results from last May's Science NECAPS will be released this Friday.

**11. Superintendent's Report:**

Mike Martin reported that he will send letters to Boscawen, Webster, Salisbury and Loudon Selectmen and Concord City Councilors regarding agenda items for the October 29th meeting with the selectmen.

*Break at 9:00 p.m.*

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Craig Saltmarsh, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel at 9:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Craig Saltmarsh, Laura Vincent*

**12. See Non-Public Session Minutes.**

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to go out of non-public session at 10:15 p.m. Motion passed.*

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to adjourn. Motion passed.*

**13. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch  
Clerk*

## Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — August 26, 2009

**Upcoming Meetings**

- **Monday, Sept. 28, 2009** 7 p.m. Community Building
- **Monday, Oct. 26, 2009** 7 p.m. — speaker Alex Lehman, Cultural Homestay International
- **Monday, Nov. 23, 2009** 7 p.m. — no speaker yet
- **Monday, Dec. 14, 2009** 7 p.m. — speaker Rob Johnson, NH Farm Bureau

**Board Members:** Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Earl Tuson, Cory Clark

**Attendees:** Pearl Aznive, Charlie Aznive, Roy Merrill

**Minutes:**

1. Minutes of the July 22, 2009 were reviewed. "Paul Aznive" was corrected to "Pearl Aznive." *Minutes were accepted.*
2. The speaker, Jeff Holmes, from the New Hampshire Farm Bureau did not attend due to a scheduling conflict.
3. The commission reviewed the NH State definition of a farm as detailed in: RSA 21:34-a and available here: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/i/21/21-34-a.htm>. It was agreed this document would be used to define farms in Loudon.
4. A list of farms has been sent to the *Loudon Ledger* for inclusion in the Sept. issue. Farms located in Loudon but with retail outlets outside of Loudon will be listed. Also farms in Loudon will be listed even if the owner is not a Loudon resident. It is expected that the list of farms will be dynamic with farms requesting to be listed as they become aware of the Agricultural Commission purpose.

5. A web site was discussed. Bruce Dawson will provide a web site and requested that the board provide the URL. Possible names are: [ag.ci.loudon.nh.us](http://ag.ci.loudon.nh.us), [loudonagcommission.org](http://loudonagcommission.org).
6. The board will review the Loudon Zoning Ordinances and pay particular attention to how the ordinances effect farms and farming activities: [http://www.loudonnh.org/documents/zb/2009\\_Zoning\\_Ordinance.pdf](http://www.loudonnh.org/documents/zb/2009_Zoning_Ordinance.pdf)
7. Commission Members will attempt to attend other Loudon board meetings including the Conservation Commission, Zoning and Planning Board meetings to help identify and provide input on farm related issues.
8. All members and attendees will continue to identify farms in Loudon.
9. Cory Clark pointed out that the "Appointment Paper" identified this organization as the Loudon Agricultural Committee not Agricultural Commission as approved at the March 2009 Town Meeting.
10. The Commission will attempt to make Town's people aware of farm issues.
11. An accurate soil type map of Loudon is needed. Pearl Aznive will locate a speaker who might be willing to address the Commission. Earl Tuson will contact NRCS for soils information.
12. It was decided that Carole Soule will take notes. If Carole is unavailable for any meeting Earl Tuson will preside.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.*

## Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — Sept. 8, 2009

**5:10 pm**

In attendance: Trustees Susan Kowalski and Deborah Kardaseski, Library Director Nancy Hendy and town resident Laura Vincent.

Minutes of the August 4, 2009 meeting were approved.

**Financial Report:** Nancy reported that the books were audited. There was some confusion due to changing bank accounts twice during the year. The auditor, Paul Mercier, made a journal entry as explanation. There was also discussion of expanding use of QuickBooks. Debbie stated she had been in e-mail contact with Paul Mercier about the audit and had questioned whether the trustees should pre-approve bills. Currently, the director pays the bills and a trustee initials the invoices once a month. Debbie feels they should be approved by a majority of the trustees prior to paying. After a discussion, it was decided

bills to be paid will be made available to trustees by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Nancy will provide a detailed profit and loss report for the preceding month at each trustees meeting. It was also decided the trustees will invite Paul Mercier to a meeting.

**Director's Report:**

The reception for artist Sue Harris will be held on September 19, from noon to 2 p.m.

Photographs by Jean Buck will be here on display from late September through October.

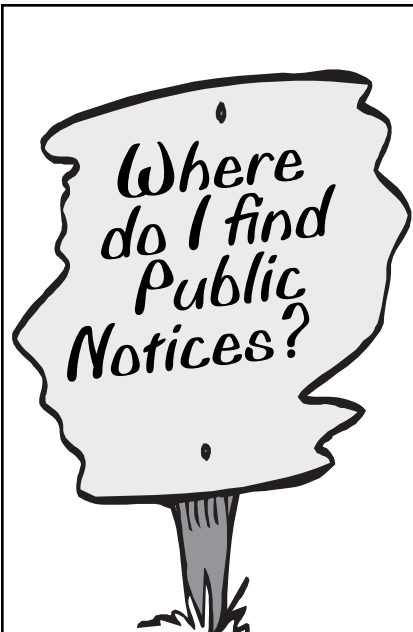
Jane Parker is displaying her storybook dolls in the Children's Room over the next few months.

The metal sheets at Lowe's were unsuitable for topping the air intake due to being

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

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



## Deadline for the December issue: Friday, November 13, 2009

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corrugated. We have some on order that will fit flatly on the plywood and are interlocking.

We need to replace some damaged exterior window screens. Sue suggested having Adrian try to replace the screening in the frames first, if the frames are intact.

We no longer have a volunteer with a truck to take leftover book sale books to the Chichester Library. Our loss, the "clunker" program's gain. Does anyone know someone who will take over the job? It's a monthly task.

There has been some progress on obtaining a stencil to label the parking spaces for disabled patrons. The office of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and the Peep-site on Route 106 have made suggestions for us. (The day following the meeting the

town highway department painted signs on the two parking spots.)

The next book sale will be on Sept. 26.

We've been finding misinformation in the *Loudon Ledger* regarding library news. The latest was the wrong start date for story time. Debbie apologized for the mistake. Nancy stated that story time will now only run through Memorial Day due to conflicts with Loudon Elementary School class visits at the end of the school year.

We are looking into the possibility of getting a grant for running art classes that include developmentally disabled people.

We are in the process of replacing the insert to the outside bulletin board with Lexan. We need to take the door frame down for exact cutting. Cost estimate \$120.

Circulation statistics for August 2009 (2,752 materials) are up 28% over those for August 2008 (2,153 materials).

Children's Librarian's Report:

There were 20 children and 13 adults in attendance for the last two movies. Kathryn Bousquet and Ali Skibicki volunteered their help for these events.

Twenty-seven children and 16 adults attended the last two drop in craft day events.

On the Craft Night, August 6, 14 children and 9 adults attended. The craft was Sharpie Tie-dye, which proved to be a lot of fun. Some people stayed for two hours.

One-hundred and twenty-five children completed the Summer Reading Program (SRP).

Prize night for the SRP was held August 20th. Ninety-six children attended the event. Volunteers for the night were: Carly Colby, Jess Ingerson, Mike Ingerson, Sara Kowalski, Sue Kowalski, Scott Martell, Ali Skibicki and Laura Vincent.

The story time's annual apple picking trips to Meadow Ledge Farm are scheduled for October 6th and 7th. The fee is \$6 per child. In past years the library has paid for half of the fee.

Old Business:

Sue will print off the Personnel Policy with the changes that were made some months ago so that the board can revisit and complete changes to the policy at the next meeting.

Sandy will be presenting and Sue and Debbie will be attending the Trustees Night event sponsored by SILC (Suncook Interlibrary Cooperative) at the Epsom Library on Monday, September 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 5:00 pm.

Susan Kowalski  
Deborah Kardaseski

## MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations 2009-2010

### MEETINGS START AT 7:15 PM

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
November 9, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
December 14, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
January 11, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
February 8, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
March 8, 2010	Penacook Elementary School

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — September 15, 2009

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Road Agent David Rice and Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Loudon Conservation Commission.

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

*Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 8, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

The Board met with Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Loudon Conservation Commission.

Mrs. Robinson stated she wanted to update the Board on the Moore FRPP project (Farm and Ranch Protection Program). Mrs. Robinson said the original application submitted to NRCS, for 100 acres of land, was denied. She said Mr. and Mrs. Moore have discussed this project with the Conservation Commission and will be re-submitting a second application for 40 acres to the FRPP, with a donation of land and easement on the land to the town. Mrs. Robinson said the Conservation Commission supports this proposal, with the town's portion being 25%, or \$59,000. She said this is a fair price for this amount of land and the location is in the Commission's focus area. She said the application deadline is in October, so it would be after that before Mr. and Mrs. Moore receive a decision on their application. Chairman Bowles asked if this was the former Bennett property and Mrs. Robinson said yes it was. The Board thanked Mrs. Robinson for keeping them informed of this project.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that September is inspection month for the highway vehicles. He said two trucks need springs replaced. One truck needs the clutch replaced.

Mr. Rice said the crew has been replacing culverts on Bumfagon Road. Hollow Route Road was addressed last week. These two roads are almost up to paving specifications.

Mr. Rice asked for the Board's input on striping School Street and Village Road. Chairman Bowles asked if Mr. Rice had a cost estimate. Mr. Rice said not at this time, he wanted to get the Board's input first. Selectman Maxfield said he thought it was a good idea but he would like to know the cost involved before any approval is given. Selectman Ives asked if it would be better to wait until next spring. Mr. Rice said he would like to wait until spring, but he can go ahead and get a cost estimate. Selectman Maxfield asked how long the stripes last. Mr. Rice said most towns re-do the stripes annually. He said it has been two years since he has had any done.

Mr. Rice said Bob Fiske asked if the Highway Department could move the gasoline tank from Huckleberry Heating Oils to the Safety Complex. He said the tank is approximately half full, but should be able to be moved with the utility trailer. Selectman Maxfield asked about the status of the credit card arrangement with CN Brown. Chairman Bowles said he will check with Mrs. Lee on this item.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he needed to order additional culverts for replacement. Mr. Rice said wherever possible the sizing is being increased to 15".

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Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice if Matt Magoon had contacted him regarding Bear Hill Road. Mr. Magoon is doing a logging operation in that area and needs to get access for the log trucks. Mr. Rice said he had not been contacted as of yet. Mr. Rice said he has received calls from residents of Kenney Road regarding a logging operation in that area. He said Kenney Road has become very rough. Discussion ensued on whose responsibility it will be to fix or repair any damage done to the road, which is a Class VI road, with maintenance being the responsibility of the abutting property owners. The Board concurred any damage done during the lumbering operation should be the responsibility of the land owner and the logger.

*Selectman Ives moved to go into executive session at 6:46 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with Road Agent David Rice. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote; Ives yes, Maxfield yes, Bowles yes. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of executive session at 7:25 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. Roll call*

*vote; Ives yes, Maxfield yes, Bowles yes. Motion carried.* The purpose of the executive session was to discuss supply purchases and budgeting with the Road Agent.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Planning Board secretary Donna White in reference to any bonding requirements for the off-site improvements on Bee Hole Road as part of the Loudon Woods Estates development. Chairman Bowles said the Board will have to review the procedure that was in place for other developers, Joe Bohi and Wayne Thistle and the work they did on Bee Hole Road. The Board will have Mrs. Lee research how this was handled in the past.

The Board received a request from David Little regarding an in-law apartment on his property on Flagg Road. Mr. Little is looking for a letter from the Board confirming this is a legal conforming use of this property. The Board agreed to draft a letter to this affect.

The Board received copies of correspondence from New Hampshire Motor Speedway General Manager Jerry Gappens regarding the police coverage for the September 18–20 Sylvania 300.

The Board acknowledged receipt of copies from Mark Furlone regarding the same issue.

The Board received a letter signed by President and CEO O. Bruton Smith of Speedway Motorsports Inc., confirming the track is in agreement to pay \$174,500 for police and fire coverage for the September 18–20 race event in Loudon, with payment to be made within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Selectman Ives noted for the record this letter does not take any rain delays into account at this time.

The Board noted receipt of a copy of a letter from the State Fire Marshal regarding an inspection conducted at NH Motor Speedway. The letter addresses installation of windows in the main grandstand areas.

The Board received a letter from NH Department of Transportation regarding the traffic patterns for the Town of Belmont during race week-end.

The Board received copies of Bob Fiske's response to Lee Ann Childress addressing her concerns for a traffic signal at Route 106 and Chichester Road.

The Board received a letter from NH Department of Environmental Services in

regards to the dam on the Soucook River at N. Village Road.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Ives moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection; Account #42657 in the amount of \$624.80, Account #41701 in the amount of \$734.80, Account #23243 in the amount of \$116.28, Account #42047 in the amount of \$727.30, Account #31609 in the amount of \$569.10, Account #17247 in the amount of \$110.52, Account #35406 in the amount of \$104.28, Account #42586 in the amount of \$545.10, and Account #8679 in the amount of \$545.10. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the State's assessment of the public utility companies for review.

*Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — September 22, 2009**

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

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

*Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 15, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles stated for the record two pistol permits were approved for signature.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board of a letter of deficiency received from Department of Transportation regarding the bridge over Academy Brook on Kenney Road. Mr. Rice said he was aware of the erosion and had been in discussion on making the repairs prior to receipt of the letter from DOT. Mr. Rice said he will use concrete to shore up the decking.

Mr. Rice asked Chairman Bowles if he can use a hay rake to pick up the grass that was recently cut on the cap at the landfill. This is a recommendation from The Louis Berger Group in regards to the annual post closure reporting requirements. Chairman Bowles said he would look at the situation before procuring a hay rake as suggested in the report.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that Russ Jeffers had re-vamped the ditch line below Wellington Lane in regards to the Bragdon property on Tax Map 2, Lot 026. He said the drainage should all flow into the culvert. Mr. Rice said this should take care of the

drainage problems. Selectman Ives said the Board will draft a letter advising Mr. Aversa that all the conditions of the acceptance of Wellington Lane have now been met and the town will assume responsibility for the road maintenance.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he ordered additional stop signs today. He said he had also spoken with New England Barricade regarding the chevrons for Wiggins Road. They are on order and should be in soon. Mr. Rice said he had also been approached by Ken Berwick about putting a snowmobile bridge over that crossing. The Board said if the club wanted to do that, they would need approval from DES and then they could proceed.

Chairman Bowles asked if Mr. Rice had spoken with Dan Aversa regarding placing the top coat on Chichester Road in the spring. Mr. Rice said he told Mr. Aversa it was alright with him, but he needed the Selectmen's permission. Chairman Bowles said a bond to cover the cost of the top coat will need to remain in place until the project is completed.

The Board discussed Mr. Rice's accrued annual leave and the need for him to take some time off and reduce the total hours currently on the books. Mr. Rice said he will be taking some time as requested.

Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Rice he had spoken with the highway crew about fixing the guardrail on the bridge by Dan Ladd's. The guard rail was damaged during the past winter. Chairman Bowles said this needs to be addressed as soon as the crew can get to it.

Selectman Maxfield asked about the roadside mowing. Mr. Rice said he was under the impression once the tractor had been repaired the mowing would resume.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Selectman Maxfield read a letter from Police Chief Robert Fiske, which he requested to be read into the minutes as follows:

*September 21, 2009*

**TO ALL LOUDON  
POLICE PERSONNEL:**

*I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the hard and dedicated work you did this past race weekend.*

*It was truly a group effort that worked in total harmony. With the vast reduction in personnel at NHMS, every person involved gave it their all in their performance and the successful weekend that it was. The department received numerous compliments for the policing of the track grounds as well as the mass exodus at the end of the race.*

*There have been many tense situations regarding crowd control, traffic and administrative nightmares, but the overall results were a success and for this I am proud of every one of you and I know the Town of Loudon is as well.*

*With the performance of all of personnel this weekend, there is no doubt that we can accomplish anything and everything we set out to do.*

*Again, thank you and I am proud to have you aboard!*

*Sincerely,  
Robert N. Fiske  
Chief of Police*

Chairman Bowles said he spent many hours at the track over the past week-end riding with the police officers and also with the fire department. He said for the reduction in manpower the Chief's were asked to do, he said things went very well. He said there were a lot of calls and a lot of confusion with changes implemented by track officials at the last minute. He said Chief Fiske, Chief Burr, and Dick Wright were able to sort through them, along with the personnel from other communities. He said he feels it was a success. Selectman Maxfield said he seconded those comments. Selectman Ives said he also feels the personnel from the other departments work well with our local officials. Selectman Ives said while everything went well on this event, it needs to be kept in mind that being in September, the weather as well as a reduction in the crowds played a part too. Chairman Bowles said he agreed, and all these factors need to be kept in mind when the plans are formulated for next June's event. Chairman Bowles said he is not sure how the track owners view all of the hard work that went into this event, but these people need to be commended for all their hard work and dedication.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department billing for NHMS in the amount of

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\$36,654.25, representing an approximate \$1,200 reduction from the June event.

The Board reviewed a draft of an inventory form to be used by every department to determine what supplies and materials are on hand. This will start with the Highway Department, and then be incorporated to other departments in the future.

The Board reviewed information obtained in regards to a billing from Gold Star Products for ice melt product. The Board agreed this invoice will need to be paid as the product was actually delivered in February of 2009, with billing requested for July 1.

The Board discussed Loudon Woods Estates bond reduction and bonding for the off-site improvements. The Board reviewed emails between Dan Aversa and Engineer Tony Puntin as well as previous bonding on off-site improvements. Chairman Bowles said a bond should be in place for a period of one year on the off-site improvements. Selectman Ives said this was discussed at this month's Planning Board meeting. Selectman Ives said the bond should remain at \$60,000 to cover the cost of the top coat plus the maintenance bond. Chairman Bowles said his recommendation would be \$75,000 to \$80,000. Selectman Ives will pass this on to the Planning Board.

The Board noted receipt of an email from Donna White regarding a site visit at NHMS on September 30 at 4:00 P.M.

The Board received information on the Capital Improvement Plan subcommittee meeting on October 7 at 9:00 A.M.

The Board received a copy of the Northeast Resource Recovery Market Bulletin which included a picture and comment on the draft horses owned by Larry Stone. Mr. Stone drives the team to the Transfer Station occasionally to drop his recyclables.

The Board received the 2009 assessment from Merrimack County in the amount of \$1,388,193.

The Board reviewed additional information received in regards to an application for a bonded dealer's license on School Street. The applicants have stated there will be no signage on the premises. The property owner agrees that no sign will be placed on the property but has no problem with a home office on the premises. Chairman Bowles signed the application form with the notation that no sign will be allowed.

The Board discussed the energy committee and information received from Glacial Energy. Selectman Maxfield discussed the information received from Clean Air Cool Planet and energy audits for municipal buildings. Selectman Maxfield said he has received calls from Trudy Mott-Smith regarding the energy audit. He said it is his

understanding the Board was in agreement that no funds will be expended for auditing purposes at this time. Energy improvements have already been implemented at the Town Offices, the Town Hall, and the Safety Complex. Selectman Ives said the energy committee should focus on how to get information out to the residents on how they can improve their energy consumption. Chairman Bowles said he agrees that should be the focus.

The Board received a copy of the Shore Land Impact permit for BDJ Realty.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Department of Revenue Administration to the Trustees of the Trust Funds asking for information on Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds. Bonnie Theriault did research through town meeting minutes, which was then provided to the Trustees so they may respond to DRA. The Board thanked Mrs. Theriault for her assistance to the Trustees.

The Board received copies of the Merrimack Valley School District Community Pride newsletter for review.

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

The Board received information on the State auction scheduled for October 17.

The Board received information on fixed pricing on natural gas from National Grid.

This will be taken under advisement at this time.

The Board received information on the Silver Star Families proclamation. Selectman Maxfield will follow up on this.

The Board began opening the bids for completion of the reclamation on Tax Map 40, Lot 009, Currier Road. The bids received are as follows:

- Jeffers Excavation: \$6,995.00
- Kip Cormier Builders: \$6,625.00
- Four Corners Excavation: \$8,690.00
- Dubois Excavation Company: \$12,000.00
- Russ Pearl Excavation LLC: \$9,780.00
- Northern New England Field Services LLC: \$11,213.00

Selectman Maxfield moved to take the currier road bids under advisement at this time with a decision to be reached at the September 29 selectmens meeting. Second by selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Second by selectman maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — September 29, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 22, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Bowles advised those present the Board has reviewed the bids received for the reclamation of a portion of Tax Map 40, Lot 009. Selectman Ives moved to award the bid for the gravel pit reclamation project on Currier Road to Kip Cormier Builders Inc. of Northfield NH in the amount of \$6,625.00. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield stated this project has gone out to bid because the gravel pit owner has not completed the reclamation of the parcel, therefore the Selectmen called the reclamation bond for this parcel. Selectman Ives noted the bond was for \$7,000, and Mr. Cormier's bid was within funding range. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a request from Cross Country Appraisal Group to use the Selectmen's comments included in a letter dated 11/04/08 in a brochure they are preparing for the Local Government Center's Annual Conference in November. The Board concurred they will allow their letter to be included in the brochure and would like to see a copy of the brochure at some point.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the upcoming budget preparation for fiscal year 2010-2011. The Board agreed to November 16 as being the deadline for budget submission.

The Board received a request to use the Town Hall for a gathering following a funeral service on November 7. The Board agreed to waive the rental fee and only asked the hall be left clean and orderly.

In response to a brochure from Glacial Energy that had been left for the Board's review, the Selectmen confirmed they are not interested in pursuing additional information from this company at this time.

The Board received a current expenditure report for review.

The Board received the Police Department billing for the September NASCAR event for NHMS in the amount of \$133,434.25 for approval.

The Board acknowledged receipt of an email from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding the September 22, 2009 Selectmen's minutes. Chief Burr noted the \$1,200 reduction stated in the minutes reflects the difference between the estimate provided to NHMS prior to the September race. The actual reduction in Fire Department personnel and hours for the September race, compared to the June race is \$3,128.25. The reduction in the Police Department personnel and hours for the September race, compared to the June race is \$131,514.50.

Selectman Ives stated both Chiefs did a fantastic job in reducing the hours worked. However, the Selectmen noted that June 2010 race could prove to be a different story, contingent on weather and the crowds attending.

The Board received a copy of a letter to members of the Loudon Fire Department from Fire Chief Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr. "I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your continued support of the Town of Loudon and the Loudon Fire Department with the two NASCAR events. With the personnel cuts that have been made the work load for you has increased and you have met this challenge. Your hard work and dedication to the Loudon Fire Department throughout the year and on the weeks of these events is a great part of what makes these events as safe as possible."

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Retta and Jim Weaver tendering their resignation from the energy committee. The Selectmen accepted their resignation with regret and thanked them for the time they have been involved with the energy committee.

The Board received a copy of a letter to the Planning Board from Fire Chief Jeff Burr in regards to the fire cistern on Bert Lane.

The Board was reminded of the site visit to NH Motor Speedway on Wednesday at 4:00 P.M.

The Board received the September ZBA minutes for their review.

The Board noted receipt of an email from Judy Houston of The Louis Berger Group and an attached letter from NHDES on the Wiggins Road restoration.

The Board received a fax from Bob Fiske regarding an event scheduled at the Jackson property on Cooper Street. This coincides with the Harvest Supper put on by the Fire Department. The Board expressed their concerns for this activity being scheduled at the same time as the Harvest Supper. Chairman Bowles will follow up on this item with Chief Fiske.

The Board received a notice of price adjustments from Comcast. Selectman Ives discussed the franchise agreement and negotiations that will begin within the next year.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Ives moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection: Account # 43196 in the amount of \$569.10, Account #43059 in the amount of \$97.32, and Account #3020 in the amount of \$545.10. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board noted receipt of emergency preparedness information from Fire Chief Jeff Burr for review.

The Board received the September draft Planning Board minutes for review.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Michael Harris regarding the "job well done" by the Police during the September race.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 6, 2009

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

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

*Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 29, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Selectman Ives asked when the crew from Merrimack County would be in town. Chief Burr said they started on Monday doing some maintenance chores. Everything seems to be going good.

Selectman Ives asked Chief Burr about the renovations to the Fire Department side of the Safety Building. Chief Burr said everything was going good. There is still some painting left to do. Chief Burr said the hot top needs to be fixed to drain the water away from the building as they had water come into the kitchen area and lift some of the tiles. The tiles will be replaced once the hot top issue has been addressed. Chairman Bowles asked Chief Burr why the Selectmen were not notified of the renovations at the Safety Building. He said it appears these renovations are major changes and the Selectmen should have been notified of the plans before the construction was started. Chief Burr said one wall was removed to allow easier access throughout the building. One room is being turned into a bunk room for the on call personnel so they have a bed to sleep in if necessary. Chairman Bowles said he feels the Selectmen should have been notified of the alterations as this is a town building. The changes could possibly affect the town's insurance so the Selectmen should be included in the discussion of any proposed changes. Selectman Ives concurred, and recommended that in the future the Selectmen be consulted before any changes are made. Chairman Bowles said it is not that the Selectmen oppose the changes, but the Board should be included in any discussion of proposed alterations or changes to town property. Selectman Maxfield asked if Chief Burr is one of the three day people he referenced. Chief Burr replied no, there are three full time personnel plus himself. Selectman Maxfield said maybe he had misunderstood, but thought one of the full time personnel was for the night shift. Chief Burr said the third full time person was to be able to provide full time seven day per week coverage. The bunk room is to provide accommodations for the night shift on call personnel.

Chief Burr advised the Board the annual harvest supper is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice informed the Board the bridge on Kenney Road has been fixed and the two bridges on Loudon Ridge have been addressed. He said the crew is also working

on Bumfagon Road and hope to pave approximately 20 feet of the roadway. Selectman Ives expressed his concerns of completing more work than was specified in the warrant article voted on at the March 2009 town meeting.

Mr. Rice said he had spoken with Joe Bohi about using his sand screener to prepare the town's sand for winter use.

Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Rice about cleaning and painting the railings on the Village Road Bridge. Selectman Ives also asked about putting a no parking sign near the new abutment. Mr. Rice said he could do this.

*Selectman Ives moved to go into executive session with Road Agent David Rice to discuss a personnel matter at 6:49 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Maxfield yes, Bowles yes. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 7:00 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Maxfield yes, Bowles yes. Motion carried.* The purpose and results of the executive session was to discuss purchasing policies and budgeting issues with Mr. Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he has received a telephone call from Guy Petell who owns property on Wiggins Road. Mr. Petell has expressed concerns of other residents on the road moving debris onto his property when they work on the road maintenance. Chairman Bowles said Mr. Rice needs to look at the situation and advise the other property owners of what they can and cannot do. If the situation persists then Code Enforcement should be notified.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board was reminded of the Capital Improvement Plan meeting on Wednesday morning at 9:00. Selectman Maxfield will represent the Selectmen at this meeting.

The Board was given a copy of the draft audit for review and comment.

The Board discussed scheduling the appointment with Department of Revenue to get the 2009 tax rate. The Board provided some dates that would be suitable.

The Board received Invoice #3 for the Wiggins Road restoration project from the Louis Berger Group for approval for payment. This will be taken under advisement at this time.

The Board received an email from Rodney Phillips requesting a response to an earlier email sent in regards to the gravel excavation operation and the property assessment of the NHMS track property. Chairman Bowles said the required permits for the gravel excavation have been filed and an as built plan of the construction will be provided. The Board will discuss the assessment value of the property with the town's contract assessor and provide this information to Mr. Phillips. Mrs. Lee will draft a letter for the Board's signature.

The Board received an email from Jim Preshner of the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Co-Operative as a follow up to the single stream recycling project being undertaken by the Co-Op. The

Board agreed the presentation was very informative and will continue to work with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett in reviewing the requirements of single stream recycling.

The Board received correspondence from Earl Tuson of the Loudon Agricultural Commission advising the Board he has requested an updated soil map for the town. Selectmen Ives thanked the Commission for proceeding in this positive direction for the town.

The Board received a copy of a letter from DES sent to Rob Hamilton regarding the storm water run-off on his property on Berry Road.

The Board received a letter from Comcast regarding service changes for Loudon subscribers.

The Board received two abutter letters for applications before the Planning Board at their October meeting.

The Board received notification from Department of Transportation of completion of the Route 106 paving project.

The Board received the June and August Cate Van Committee minutes for review.

The Board received advertising materials from Log Pro Inc.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the annual town meeting workshop flyer from Local Government Center as well as the basic budget law handbook and law lecture series books.

The Board received a memo from Jim Dymont, Commander of American Legion Post 88 regarding the parking lot use by attendees of programs at the Recreation Field. The Legion is concerned about the liability issues. The Board agreed they will meet with a representative of the Post to discuss what options are available. In addition, the Board was advised the insurance certificates requested from Loudon Youth Athletic Association for their activities have still not been received. Mrs. Lee will draft a letter to LYAA for the Board's signature.

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

### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — September 17, 2009

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

### Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Steve Jackson, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Alternates Bob Ordway and Jeff Green, and Ex-Officio Steve Ives

Julie Robinson represented the Conservation Commission. Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske and Fire Chief Jeff Burr were present.

Zoning Board members Jon Huntington, Roy Merrill, and Ned Lizotte were present.

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Gary Tasker. Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Henry Huntington.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

*August 20, 2009 Regular Meeting — Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Tom Moore. Chairman Dow asked Stan Prescott if the administrative assistant's notes relative to corrections on the minutes of July*

were consistent with his statements at that meeting. Mr. Prescott said that he had said that one building was on one side of the line and one was on the other. He said if the notes reflected what was on the meeting tape he was alright with the minutes. *All were in favor.*

### Discussion:

**NHMS** — Cindy Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental spoke on behalf of NHMS. Also present were Greg Vachon on Stoney Ridge, Naomi Praul and Tim Andrews of Nobis Engineering, and John Zudell, Vice President of NHMS Facilities and Operations. Ms. Balcius handed out a summary of the work that has been done at NHMS since their approval for site work in April 2009. She said that they will be doing a walk-through a couple of weeks after the race with the Conservation Commission. She said this could be coordinated jointly with all of the boards. Ms. Praul discussed changes that were made to some of the wet-

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land mitigation plan. She will get a revised plan to the Planning office. A letter of the revised wetlands permit has been received by the office. A letter from DES amending the Alteration of Terrain permit was submitted at this meeting. Chairman Dow asked if the lower lot had been expanded and if revised plans were done. Ms. Balcius said that they have finished the slope work and are in the process of doing an as-built plan. She explained some of the work that was done and said that the plan would be submitted once done. A site visit was scheduled for September 30, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Members of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board will meet at the main track office. Steve Ives asked if gravel had left the site. Ms. Balcius said that there has been some exchange of material. John Zudell explained that 7,500 yards, including stone dust, loam, and twenty-five loads of crushed, went to Roy Merrill's pit across Lower Ridge Road. He said some also went to Frank Merrill's pit as 3" and came back in as ¾" stone. Mr. Zudell said that four or five Intent to Excavate forms have been filed and there are still 5,000 yards at Roy Merrill's pit that they intend to bring back. Chairman Dow asked Chief Fiske if he had any questions or comments. Mr. Fiske said that he was "ok" if the board was "ok."

**Villages at Loudon** — Tony Marcotte spoke on behalf of MDP Development. Mr. Marcotte explained that he was at the meeting to determine if they had to come back with a more formal application. He said the developer would like to do some two-story houses. Mr. Marcotte handed out copies of minutes that he was given. The first set of minutes was from November 2004, those being of non-binding discussion. He noted that it was said that the houses would be two-bedroom and he stated that will not change. He also referred to minutes of April and June 2005 where there were references of the types of house that were planned. Mr. Marcotte talked of the development ownership changes. He pointed out that it was said in the June 2005 minutes that there would be some flexibility between the developer and buyer with regard to house design. Mr. Marcotte said they would like to build some two-story homes and would work with the building department as noted in the minutes. He asked if that would be permissible as long as they are meeting the intent of the development. Mr. Marcotte spoke of the roads that have been built and the different marketing strategies that have been used to promote the project. He said they are trying to add variety as a means of satisfying inquiries from prospective buyers. Chairman Dow asked if the houses are 1200 square feet. Mr. Marcotte said that the houses have ranged from 1200 to 1600 square feet which Mr. Fiske has said meets the intent. Mr. Marcotte said that a two-story house allows for a computer, sitting, or sewing room as has been requested by

interested parties. He said they are not looking to do anything larger or all two-story houses. Stan Prescott said that it sounds like they are trying to change the intent of the development. He said he is opposed to making it so families can move in. Mr. Marcotte said that the houses have to be two bedroom and the occupants 55+. He said they are not trying to change the intent, simply meeting the requests for more storage, extra room for the uses mentioned earlier, and to add variety. Jeff Green asked if there were any conditions set with the approval. Chairman Dow said there was no mention of size or design in the motion to approve the initial plan. Bob Ordway asked about the square footage of a proposed two-story house. Mr. Marcotte said it would be 1800 square feet. He explained that prospective buyers have voiced their desire for more space to bring more things with them when moving from larger homes. He said the developer cannot do more than two bedrooms. Steve Jackson said that the Villages approval came before his time on the board so he wanted to clarify if the references to code enforcement meant that this is left open to code enforcement. He said he thought it could get out of the intended spirit if so. Jeff Green referred to statements that Mr. Marcotte made about trying to talk to code enforcement. He said he felt that several houses may have been discussed but they did not have to have the specifics at the time of approval; then whichever house they chose to build would simply have to meet code, giving them flexibility. He said the minutes reference one-story buildings with a garage and basement. Mr. Green said he did not feel it would be the intent if it was not discussed in the initial application process. Tom Dow said that the Board was told the houses would be 1200 square feet and single story. Stan Prescott said he agreed, noting that 1800 square feet would be one third bigger. Bob Ordway asked why the board would object to the request. Stan Prescott said they would have kids living in there. Discussion ensued about potential issues and the different opinions.

Chairman Dow suggested that Mr. Marcotte come back with a formal application and the group agreed. Mr. Marcotte said that the developer would like to view the Villages as a positive thing for the town. He said people are interested and do not want to give up furniture due to space limits.

**Conceptual Consultation:**

**Joanne Sanborn** — Steve Jackson recused himself from this matter. Surveyor Mitch Cummings spoke on behalf of Mrs. Sanborn. Mr. Cummings explained that Mrs. Sanborn owns two parcels on Kenney Road, one being 17 acres and the other being 66.3 acres. He pointed out the location of the existing buildings and explained the changes that would be accomplished through the proposed lot line adjustment. Chairman Dow said it could be possible to survey just the piece being traded and the surveyor/applicant could ask to waive the survey of the entire lot. Tom Moore said the

lot line adjustment would clean things up by putting the house and barn onto one property. Jeff Green asked if it would be 7½ acres that would be transferred. Mr. Cummings said that was correct. Mr. Green said he did not see any problem with the proposed lot line adjustment as long as the piece being transferred is surveyed and certified. Other board members agreed.

Steve Jackson returned to the table.

**Old Business:**

**#09-10, BDJ Real Estate, LLC — Major Site Development, Located on Staniels Road, in the C/I District, Map 1, Lot 58.** No abutters were present. Applicant Bob Bollinger was present. Jeff Brem of Meisner Brem Corporation spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Brem gave an overview of the project. He said that they received their Shoreland permit today and handed in a copy of the permit. Mr. Brem went over the comments received from The Louis Berger Group and how each comment has been addressed. He pointed out that additional trees have been placed at the front of the property, additional plants have been added, and the pot sizes have been increased from 18"-24" to 24"-30" as requested at the July meeting. Board members reviewed the revised plans. It was noted that a letter is needed from the fire department. A letter was received from the fire chief in July, outlining what he wanted to see from the applicant. Mr. Bollinger said that he gave the fire chief some plans of the building and code information. Chairman Dow said that a letter is needed to let the Board know that all of his expectations have been met.

Steve Jackson referred to the minutes of the July meeting. He pointed out that Stan Prescott had asked about lighting. Mr. Prescott said that the changes were made. Mr. Jackson said that an upgraded landscape plan was requested. It was agreed that the upgrade requests have been met. Mr. Brem asked for a conditional approval with the letter forthcoming from the fire department. The Board reviewed the changes that had been requested and have been made. Hearing no questions or comments from the public, Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Jeff Green pointed out an area on SP1 that has notes printed over other notes and an area on L1 that needs to be cleaned up where it refers to the dumpster location. He said these are minor items but should be cleaned up before submitting the final plans. Tom Moore asked what the corners are set with. Jeff Green said that he set them and they are shown but it is not showing what they are. Mr. Brem pointed out that there is a legend on Sheet 1 of the plans that shows that iron pins were used but that has to be changed. Mr. Green asked if there was any reference that he did the survey. Mr. Brem said EX1 shows that the plans were done by JL Green. Stan Prescott said that Mr. Brem should make a note on the plan to show what they are. Tom Moore agreed. He asked if the Shoreland Protection area has to be

marked. Mr. Brem said that the amount of square footage that they are allowed to work in is on the permit. He said the only thing that is required is that they place orange construction fence around the area of work. He pointed out that they will be working over 100' from the river, the well is approximately 105', and the catch basin is 130'. Mr. Brem said they just got the permit today and he will add the notes to the plan.

*Tom Moore made a motion to conditionally approve the site plan with the following conditions: construction fence note on the plans, letter from the fire department, corners identified with type of monuments, SP1 overwritten notes cleaned up, and L1 dumpster wording cleaned up; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

**New Business:**

**Board Discussion:** A request to reduce the letter of credit for Loudon Woods Estates was received from Dan Aversa. Board members had several questions; Mr. Aversa was not present. It was agreed that the maintenance sureties for the new road and the off-site improvements of Chichester and Bee Hole Roads should be kept separate. The Board of Selectmen will handle the surety on the off-site improvements. The Board agreed that Chief Burr should be asked to inspect the cistern on Bert Lane to be sure that it was operational prior to any reductions being granted. No action will be taken on the request until Mr. Aversa is in attendance and all information is available.

Donna reported that she, Steve Jackson, Gary Tasker, Roy Merrill, and Ned Lizotte attended the workforce housing presentation that was held recently in Chichester. There was discussion about the presentation. Donna will talk with the ZBA at their next meeting about who is interested in sitting on the workforce housing committee and setting a meeting date to begin work on the ordinance.

Steve Jackson asked if there is any concept for site developments being required to do off-site improvements as can be done with subdivisions. Discussion ensued.

**CIP** — Donna will be sending project packets and letters out to all town departments and committees. The first CIP subcommittee meeting is set for October 7th at 9:00 a.m.

**Report of the ZBA:**

Donna reported that there is one application before the ZBA this month. It is a special exception for Huckleberry Heating Oils to put propane storage tanks at their site on Chichester Road.

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

Stan Prescott reported that there was no meeting this month.

**Adjournment:**

*A motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. was made by Steve Jackson; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White*

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## Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — September 24, 2009

### REGULAR HEARING

Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of September 24, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

### ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, Howard Pearl, George Saunderson, and Alternates Jim Venne and Jon Huntington.

Jon Huntington was appointed to sit as a voting member in the absence of Dave Powelson.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

**Regular Hearing** — *Jim Venne made a motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**#09-19, Huckleberry Heating Oils, LLC** — **Special Exception for Storage Tanks, Map 11, Lot 34.** Abutters were notified; none were present. Applicants David and Tracy Huckins were present. Mr. Huckins explained that they own the business located on Chichester Road. He said they are proposing to install two 30,000 gallon above ground propane tanks. Mr. Huckins explained the layout of the property, pointing out existing gasoline and oil tank locations. He informed the Board that he will be removing the underground gasoline tanks due to updates in regulations that would be cost prohibitive for what they realize from the sale of the product. Mr. Huckins said that the entire area of tanks will be fenced.

Jon Huntington asked how long the Huckins have owned the business. Mr. Huckins said they have operated the business since 2001, purchasing it in 2002 from Ray Cummings. In reviewing the application, it was noted that the applicant did not anticipate any impact on traffic. It was asked how this could be if they were adding another product. Mr. Huckins said they have 24/7 key card service at the pumps and that will be discontinued with the removal of the gasoline tanks, thus actually decreasing the traffic. Mr. Huckins was asked if they will continue to carry diesel at the site. He said they were not sure but they probably would not. Mr. Huntington asked if the facility was in compliance with all requirements, noting that he has viewed the property and felt it could be neater. He also said that he did not feel much effort was put into the application. Mr. Huckins said that the facility was just inspected by the State and they are in complete compliance. He explained that he did spend a good amount of time reviewing the town's regulations and felt that his answers on the application were appropriate as most of the points did not pertain to this request.

George Saunderson asked about the permitted distance between the tanks and buildings. Mr. Huckins explained the codes

that are in place, noting that it is a national code. Howard Pearl said that he was disappointed in the amount of information on the application. Mr. Huckins again explained that he felt that most of the points did not apply to this request and they had spent considerable time going over the application and regulations. Ned Lizotte asked if the fire chief has seen the request. Donna informed the Board that the fire chief receives the same packet of information that the members receive. Mr. Huckins said that Chief Burr has seen the plans and has signed off on the project.

After reviewing the request and application responses, Vice Chairman Lizotte closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board for decision. *Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the special exception application for two 30,000 gallon aboveground propane storage tanks; seconded by George Saunderson.* Mr. Saunderson said that he would like a site walk as he is not familiar with the area and the layout. He said he would like Chief Burr there as well. Howard Pearl said that he felt this would be an improvement to the site, particularly environmentally since they will be removing the gasoline tanks. Mr. Saunderson said that he felt it had the potential to improve the site. Mr. Pearl said that it would appear that the traffic will be decreased. Jim Venne said that he has no problem with the request. Roy Merrill asked the applicants how a site walk delay would affect their plans. Mrs. Huckins explained that they still have to go to the Planning Board and would like not to delay. She said another month before the ZBA would mean they could not go to the Planning Board until November, and, not knowing how long they might be before the Planning Board, they could be delayed enough to be into winter before beginning work. George Saunderson asked why they were not before the ZBA in June instead of pressing the board now. Mr. Huckins said they are not pressing the board and explained that they had to get the plans done by the engineer to know it would meet all of the criteria before coming to the ZBA. He said they got the fire department approval on the plans.

Discussion continued about doing a site visit. Because there were no other hearings on the agenda it was suggested that the site visit be done as part of this hearing. Vice Chairman Lizotte recessed the meeting so that the board members and applicants could view the proposed location of the storage tanks. The group left the Community Building at 7:28 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m. Vice Chairman Lizotte reconvened the meeting. There were no further questions. Mr. Lizotte gave an overview of the application and motion. *A roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED*

### BOARD DISCUSSION:

**Tombarello request** — A letter was received from George Tombarello, explaining that he has purchased substantial acreage since being before the ZBA in March of 2008 for an appeal of an administrative decision. Because of the increased acreage Mr. Tombarello has purchased more equipment for use in managing his forestry and wildlife projects. In his letter, Mr. Tombarello explained that he went to the building department for a permit to construct a carriage shed to be used for the storage of his smaller equipment. Mr. Tombarello stated in his letter that Mr. Fiske wanted the approval of the ZBA before granting the permit "since it was the board that granted the last building." Mr. Tombarello said that he could not be at this meeting as he is attending a forestry course. Board members reviewed the Zoning Ordinance and unanimously agreed that there was no reason for the request to come before the board. It was agreed that the building falls under Section 204.2 L and is an accessory use to Section 204.2 K, as found with the original building. The members agreed that the same criteria (no electricity, no septic, etc.) would apply as with

the original decision. *For advisory purposes, George Saunderson made a motion to agree to the use; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.*

**Workforce Housing** — Donna informed the members that a sub-committee would be meeting to begin work on zoning amendments relative to the new workforce housing law that goes into effect on January 1, 2010. The Planning Board chairman instructed Donna to see if any ZBA members were interested in sitting on the committee and what would work best for a meeting schedule. The members discussed the new legislation and voiced their thoughts and concerns. Ned Lizotte said that he would be interested in the process. Roy Merrill said that he would probably be attending the meetings but did not want to commit.

### ADJOURNMENT:

*Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*

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

**Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 6pm•Loudon Business Connection @ Loudon Country Club 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ American Legion	3 10:30am•Storytime 5pm•Library Trustees 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	4 1pm•Storytime 7pm•Historical Society	5 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ Elem. School 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	6	7 7pm•GraveRobbers Coffeehouse, First Congregational Church  BOY SCOUTS "SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE" BEGINS
	M.V. Middle School Book Fair					
8	9 7•15pm•MVSD School Board @ MVHS 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	10 Kindergarten & First Grade Field Trip 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	11 VETERANS DAY  NO SCHOOL  2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 	12 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	13 Turkey Trot @ LES  LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 2009 ISSUE	14 "SCOUTING FOR FOOD" BAG PICK-UP Boy Scouts Popcorn delivery begins 9-1•Book Sale @ Library
15	16 6:30pm•COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING @ COM. BLDG.	17 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	18 Cub Scout Pack 247 Meeting 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Legion & Auxilliary  6:30-8:30pm•MADE IN LOUDON EXPO @ Community Building	19 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Book Group @ Library	20	21 9-12•Girl Scouts Bake Sale @ Library 6pm•Potluck Dinner @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church 7pm•Alan Frink in Concert @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church
22	23 Third Grade Field Trip 7pm•Agricultural Commission @ Com. Bldg.	24 MARKS CLOSE  9-12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Richard Brown House 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	25 6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library	26 THANKSGIVING  Library Closed 	27	28
		No Storytime This Week		No School		
29	30 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	12/1 10:30am•Storytime @ Library  2-7pm•Police Dept. Annual Blood Drive @ Safety Building  6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg.	12/2 10:30am•Storytime @ Library	12/3 2pm•Storytime @ Library e	12/4	12/5 5-8pm•Movie & Game Night @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

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**LOUDON.** Charming 1 bedroom Cottage/Camp situated on beautiful 1.65 acre commercial level lot, packed with opportunity and potential for commercial/business ideas, a great house lot, or the perfect summer getaway as is. 2-1/2 miles N of the NH Speedway, 15 minutes to Concord, Laconia, Tilton Tanger Outlets, Lake Winnepesaukee, Lake Winnisquam or Gunstock Ski Area. **\$159,900** MLS #2797582



**LOUDON.** Beautiful open concept 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3-story Colonial on 5.59 private wooded acres with brook frontage. Featuring hardwood floors, newly-remodeled bath, mudroom, cozy 19x15 family room, finished 3rd floor with two bedrooms, master bedroom and bath, central air, full walk-out basement, 2-car garage and 2,660 square feet of living space. **\$379,900** MLS #2759214



**LOUDON.** Custom bilt 2.5 story Colonial in quiet cul-de-sac neighborhood of fine homes tucked back on a nicely landscaped fenced lot. Hickory flooring thru-out 1st fl. Open kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances, corian sink and natural cherry cabinets. 9 ft ceilings, 1st floor laundry, gas fireplace, huge mstr bdrm w/ walk-in closet and central air. **\$324,900** MLS #2765183



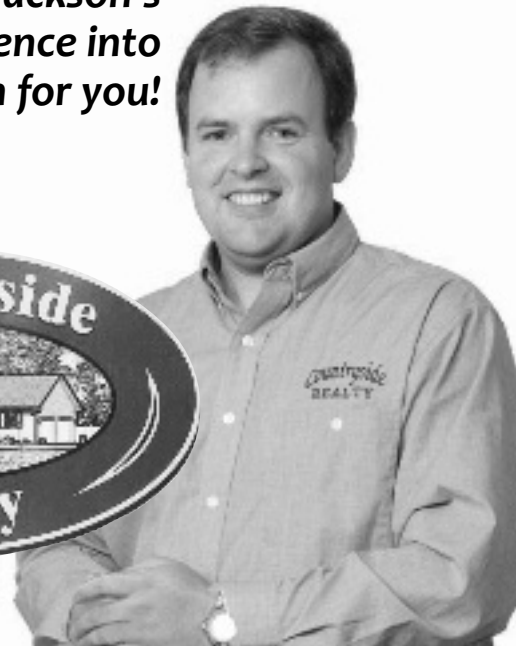
**LOUDON.** Exceptional home in move-in condition nestled on wooded lot, well off the main rd on 12 acres. Bilt in 05 this home features 4 bd 3 ba, french doors leading to huge fam rm, 1st fl bd and 3/4 ba, mudroom, huge mstr w/his & her closets and mstr bath, oak flooring, central air, 2 car gar under, auto open, deck and farmers porch. **\$359,900** MLS #2756874

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51 Ricker Road	Colonial	3 bd/2.5 ba	1,872 sq ft	3.32	<b>\$315,000</b>
7338 School St	Cape	3 bd/1.5 ba	1,638 sq ft	2.96	<b>\$280,000</b>
Batchelder Road	Land	n/a	n/a	14.64	<b>\$160,000</b>

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