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Seventh and Eighth Grades Reunite



By Eileen Cummings

They may be sixty years older, but memories of their time at the Yellow School on Route 129 in Loudon still remain vivid. This was evident at the reunion of the seventh and eighth grade classes who graduated from there at the Red Blazer Restaurant in Concord on Saturday evening, August 16. Fifteen of those students and their guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, and stories from those years. Only Joe Merrill, Merrill Sinclair, and Elaine Tibbetts from the 1949 class, attended the reunion.

These were the first classes, in 1948, to attend this school for many, many years, although it is not known exactly how many. Due to lack of classroom space, the school board members decided to re-open the school and bring the seventh and eighth graders from each of the one- or two-room schools to this school, leaving room in the other schools to accommodate the growing population of Loudon. The children were transported to school by local citizens. A few I can name were Herman Annis, Dorothy Dow, Pearl Cummings, and Eva Morin. Maybe some of you readers would have ridden to school with another and can let us know. Some people in town (younger ones or new residents) may not have known these people, but some probably would.

Some have been in touch through the years, but others had not seen one another since they graduated. We were unable to locate many of the classmates but did a lot of searching for them. Some just simply didn't want to come for reasons of their own or because of illness or distance to travel. Six mem-

bers of the class of 1948 and three of the class of 1949 (that we know of) are deceased.

Front row, left to right (ladies' names are maiden names): Lois Ricker, Eileen Mulkhey, "Jackie" Buzzell, Ramona Kelso, June French, Elaine Tibbetts, and Merrill Sinclair. Back row, left to right: "Joe" Merrill, "Dick" Smith, Edith Minery, John "Bobby" Hunt, Loys Ashland, Richard Merrill, "Danny" Creighton, and Karl Merrill. Below, left: The Yellow School on Route 129 when it was still used as a school. Below, right: As it appears today.



A few schoolmates brought pictures of the building as it was when we were in school there and also a picture of the building today, which is a private home. The young lady who lives there explained that her husband's great-great grandmother had gone to school there

years before this class did! How interesting is that!

Classmates who attended the reunion are pictured above.

Maybe members of the later graduating classes of that school might find it as wonderful an experience as we did to try a reunion of their own. ■

Harvest Supper — Oct. 18

The Loudon Fire Department will be holding its annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex on Cooper Street in Loudon. The dinner will be served family style, and consist of corned beef, cabbage, a wide assortment of vegetables, roll and butter, beverages, and, of course, delicious home-baked pies and apple crisp. Prices are still only \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 for this home-style meal.

The Loudon Fire Department hopes to see you there.

If you would like to make a donation of a home-baked pie or other items, please call Mike LaBonte at 603-783-4146.

Thank You!

Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr.
Chief Loudon Fire Department. 603-798-5612

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen's Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

Thurs.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

798-5203 (Mondays only) to schedule a ride.

For more information or on other days, call Barbara Cameron: 783-4534

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

Open most Wednesdays from 2–3 p.m. or for emergencies.

For more information, call Rev. Henry or Betty Frost: 783-4540

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley

Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303

Priscilla P. Lockwood: 435 Northwest Rd., PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224

Joy K. Tilton: 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276-1611

Frank A. Tupper: PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224-0092

Deborah H. Wheeler

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Classified Ads are available. Please mail your ad copy, along with a check payable to LCC, to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. A 1–3 line, 1-column ad will cost \$10. A 4–5 line, 1-column ad costs \$15.

"The Loudon Ledger" 2008 Schedule

January 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 12/17

February 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/21

March 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/18

April 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/17

May 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/21

June 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/19

July 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/16

August 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/21

September 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/18

October 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/12 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/15

November 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/20

December 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/17

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

Advertising: Samantha French — 783-4601 / harvestmoon@aol.com

Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

"Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus is Lord!"

Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577

www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: fbc@emlot.com

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs.

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–

5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor • Tom Stevens, Minister of Youth

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

Fall, Winter, and Spring Hours (Sept.–May):

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

Summer Worship Hours (June, July & August):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (no Sunday School classes)

Prayer Meeting: Weds. 6:30 p.m. • *Pioneer Club:* Weds. 6:30 p.m. (ages 3–5th grade)

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

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries. Please call the church

office for more details. Office Hours: 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Tues., Weds., Thurs.

Email: phyllis.minery@fcbe-loudon.org

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Landmark Baptist Church

Fundamental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurch.info

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) **(New Beginnings Class:**

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

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

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying

verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)

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

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

Monthly at 5:30 p.m. Please call for details.

Wednesday, 7–9 p.m.: **Family Night.** Small groups for men, women, teens, and kids.

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

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

phyllis@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

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

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

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

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

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

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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

New Offering at Landmark Baptist Church

Now on Wednesday nights at Landmark Baptist Church there is available, through the school year, a program for kids 5 yrs. old through 6th grade. It is called Master Clubs! It is every Wednesday night from 6:30–8:00 p.m. In this club children will play games, work on exciting and challenging handbooks, and learn God's Word. There are patches and badges to earn, good and godly role models to help them and friends to associate with. There is also an adult service available in the main church building during the club time from 7:00–8:00 p.m. ■

Upcoming Events at Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Saturday, October 25th

Big Christmas Craft Fair! Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church/Town Hall building from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Vendors welcome \$20 for a table, contact Henry Frost 783-4540.

October 18th

Contemporary Southern Gospel Concert. The evening will begin with a Potluck at 6:00 p.m. followed by the concert at 7:00 p.m. Contact Rev. Henry Frost for more info 783-4540. ■

Your child is invited to a ...


CHILDREN'S MISSION JAMBOREE

A Nazarene Fall Tradition


with Sherri Adams
from Guatemala.

Saturday, October 18, 2008
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

New Beginnings Church, Staniels Rd., Loudon



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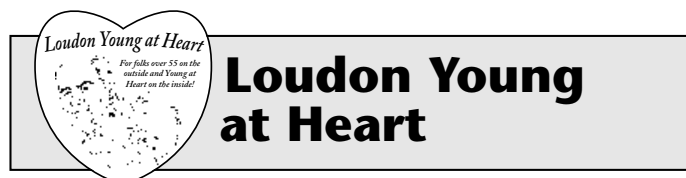
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GAMES
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FOR: All children ages 6-12. Children under 6 are welcome, if accompanied by an adult.

COST: \$5.00 (at the door)

BRING: A bag lunch and love offering for the guest missionary. (drinks provided.)

Please Pre-Register by Phone by Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 224-1311.



Loudon Young at Heart

Our “regular” meeting on September 9th was really more than just “regular.” We met at the Richard Brown House on South Village Road. We were welcomed by Marie Clark, the director of the new senior housing complex. We had our annual cookout there, but we ate inside in their community room due to the thunderstorm. As usual, the food was plentiful, tasty, and thoroughly enjoyed. Many of the residents of the facility joined us bringing the head count to sixty-three people present.

One of the residents generously offered to let us tour her apartment, and those of us who took advantage of the offer were quite impressed. Two of the residents, Barbara Cannon and Virginia Merrill, have joined us on our Advisory Committee and we are thrilled to have them with us.

A slate of officers for the coming year was approved as follows: President, Janet Darling; Vice-President, Shirley Preston; Treasurer, Irene Dow; and Secretary/Publicity, Joanne Arsneault. Apples donated by Meadow Ledge were won in our monthly raffle. We are always extremely grateful to Meadow Ledge and other local businesses who add so much to our programs with their generous donations.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for a bus trip to the Indian Head Resort in Lincoln on Tuesday, October 21st. Those people who have signed up should arrive at the Congregational Church on Church Street at 9:30 a.m. for a 9:45 departure. Loudon residents going on the trip should have exact change on \$14.00 per person, and non-Loudon residents should bring exact change of \$28.00 per person. Any expense incurred at the McDonalds’ coffee stop and Indian Head’s gift shop will be each person’s responsibility.

At our November 12th meeting Young at Heart members are reminded to bring canned or boxed non-perishable food items for donation to the local Food Pantry. We are thankful that we have been able to fill up several boxes for this cause.

Don’t forget these dates: October 21st for Indian Head Resort trip and November 12th for Food Pantry donations. ■

Snowmobile Vanity Decal Registrations Available

New Hampshire resident snowmobile owners take note — vanity snowmobile registration applications are now available. The deadline for submitting an application for a vanity decal is October 15 for registration to be issued by December 1.

Vanity decals are \$68 for snowmobile club members (you must show proof of membership) and \$98 for non-members. Registrations are valid until June 30, 2009. Proceeds from the sale of vanity decals benefit the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Safety Education Program; you can make a personal statement and support a good cause, too!

The guidelines for Snowmobile Vanity Decal requests are as follows:

1. Letters only, at least two; or
2. A combination of at least two letters and numbers; or
3. A combination of at least two letters and symbols; or
4. A combination of at least two letters, symbols and numbers;
5. There can be no spaces between the first and last characters;
6. The only symbols available for these decals are: dash (-), ampersand (&) and plus (+);
7. No two symbols can appear consecutively;
8. Maximum of six characters.

Messages with any appeal to prurient interest or obscene interpretation are not allowed. Vanity Decals should not be morally, ethically, racially or in any manner offensive to good taste.

Applications for Snowmobile Vanity Decals are only available from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord. To receive an application by mail, contact the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, OHRV Program at 603-271-3129.

If you have plans for purchasing a new snowmobile and will not be taking delivery until a later date, accommodations can be made. Just make a note on your application. Your decal will be printed and held until you notify the Department that you have taken delivery of the machine.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state’s fish, wildlife and marine resources and habitats. It is also responsible for registering and enforcing regulations related to Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRVs). Visit <http://www.ride.nh.gov/OHRV/ohrv.htm>. ■

Save Those Box Tops & Campbell Soup Labels!

Loudon Elementary School is continuing to save General Mills Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education are located on hundreds of General Mills products. You can help Loudon Elementary by clipping off the box tops and sending them in to the school or dropping them in the box at the lobby of the Maxfield Public Library. Each General Mills Box Top is worth 10¢. The funds received are used for different projects, activities, and books at the Loudon Elementary school library. Thank you to everyone for remembering to send in those box tops. If you have any questions, you can contact Mary Jo Powelson at the Elementary School 783-4400.

Loudon Elementary School also saves Campbell Soup Labels! There is also a collection bin located at the library. ■

Pittsfield Area Senior Activities

Bingo With a Prize!

October 16, 10–11:30 a.m.

Make your reservation for lunch and join us for the “renewal” of our Birthday celebrations. Sausage, Pub Burgers, potato, gravy, carrots, and cake with ice cream for desert.

Crafts

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

1st and 3rd Tuesday — Open. Come and share “girlfriend time” with other lovely women.

2nd and 4th Tuesday — Carol is teaching embroidery on plastic canvas. Make a tissue box cover or set of coasters. They can be as creative as you like.

Smoking Cessation

Our smoking cessation participants are enjoying their support group. Two seniors have quit smoking through the help of this program. They would love to share their journey with you. Why not try it out this month. You have nothing to lose! It still isn’t too late! Here are some of the supports people are using: 1-800-Try-to-Stop (879-8678), Daily Recorded Quit Tips: 1-800-9-Get-A-Tip (943-8284) and www.becomeanex.org, this site offers a free Smoking Cessation Manual full of helpful information. Call 435-8482 for information and speak with Elaine.

Easy Bridge Lessons

Tuesday, 10 a.m. and practice on Friday at 10:00.

Dan McQuire’s easy bridge lessons are great. We have new people starting all the time. If you like to play cards why not join the group to brush up on your bridge skills or learn Bridge as a new game. It is a good opportunity to put a new wrinkle in your brain to keep it in good working order!

Chair Dancing and Exercise

Wednesday’s and Friday’s 10 and 10:30 a.m.

One of our volunteers has a fabulous program going with great participation.

You will use EVERY part of your body exercising to music. People are having lots of fun, come and join them lunch at 12:30.

MYSTERY DINING

The Second Wednesday of the month.

This is a great opportunity to try a restaurant you have never tried before. Maybe you will discover a new favorite restaurant. Cost for transportation is between \$2 and \$5 depending on the destination! Reservations go quickly so plan to call the center and reserve your seat in the morning of the second Thursday (the day after the current month’s dinner trip) of the month to reserve your seat for the next months trip.

YOGA

Friday morning at 11:00 a.m.

The Sanderson Fund is sponsoring the third Yoga session this year. Seated YOGA is a wonderful exercise that helps develop and maintain flexibility, mobility and balance. A core group of 15 people will be glad to tell you how YOGA has improved their lives. Try it, what have you got to lose? How about what you may gain!

Book Club

The Book Club meets on Monday, October 27th, right after lunch at 12:30. This month’s selection is: *THE BOUNTY: The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty* by Caroline Alexander.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic

October 27th at 9 a.m. provided by Capitol Region Visiting Nurse Association. Call 224-4093 for an appointment.

Trip Schedule

Oct. 22 Kimbal Farm/Free Bus and Lunch Bag/\$5.00
Nov. TBA
Dec. 3 Christmas Tree Shop/Free Bus and Lunch Bag/\$7.00

The cost for the bus is the total amount less \$2.00 for the bag lunch. ■

**Transfer Station Hours Change Oct. 2.
Tues. & Thurs. 9–5 / Sat. 8–5**

Hunters Needed For Small Game Survey And Ruffed Grouse Wing And Tail Survey; Two Chances To Win A Quality Firearm

Small game hunters are being asked to participate in two important survey efforts being done by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department this year, the Ruffed Grouse Wing and Tail Survey, and the Small Game Survey:

Small Game Survey — Win a gun!

If you hunt ruffed grouse, woodcock, rabbits, hares or squirrel, we need your help! The New Hampshire Small Game Survey plays an important role in helping Fish and Game biologists manage the state's wildlife populations. The survey asks hunters to report when and where they hunt and which small game species they see, providing important records on the abundance and distribution of ruffed grouse, woodcock, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit and gray squirrel. Each year, the results of the Small Game Survey are compiled into a New Hampshire small game summary report. All survey participants receive a copy.

Fish and Game's annual small game survey uses hunter field observations to provide valuable management insight into all small game species. Hunters who fill in the Small Game Survey form and return it to Fish and Game by April 15, 2009, will be entered into a drawing for a 10/22 LR rifle donated by the Sturm Ruger Company. To get a survey form, call (603) 271-2461 or email wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov.

Ruffed Grouse Wing And Tail Survey — Win a gun!

Hunting grouse for grouse — the most sought-after small game species in New Hampshire — gets underway October 1. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is asking grouse hunters who hunt north of Route 112 (Kangamacus) to take part in a ruffed grouse Wing and Tail Survey that will provide important information for managing the species.

Fish and Game and the Ruffed Grouse Society are working together to increase our knowledge of ruffed grouse in the state's best range. The samples collected will provide age, sex and distribution data on this highly sought-after game bird and in so doing, help to determine grouse management needs.

Need extra incentive? For each usable sample submitted with a completed survey card, the hunter's name will be entered into a drawing for a Charles Daly, Superior Grade, 20-gauge semi-automatic shotgun generously donated by the Ruffed Grouse Society.

Hunters can pick up grouse sample packets, which include envelopes and survey cards for two grouse samples, at any of the participating locations listed below. Completed packets must be returned to one of the same locations. Participating grouse hunters are asked to remove all tissue from wing and tail samples and to let them dry completely before placing the samples in the envelopes. Hunters are reminded NOT to place the samples in plastic of any kind. Hunters should place only one wing and tail in each envelope with the corresponding completed survey card. Sample packets can be picked up and dropped off at the following locations:

- **Region 1 Fish and Game office**, Lancaster NH 03584 (open Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.)
- **Yesterday's Country Store**, 1156 West Milan Road, Milan, NH 03588 (Monday–Saturday, 5:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.–8:30 p.m.)
- **Wildcat Service Station**, Jackson, NH 03846 (8 a.m.–9 p.m. daily)
- **Errol General Store**, 76 Main Street, Errol, NH 03579 (Monday–Thursday 5 a.m.–7 p.m.; Friday 5 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 6 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m.–6 p.m.)
- **Emerson's Outdoor Outfitters**, 149 State Street, Groveton, NH 03582 (Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.)
- **Young's General Store**, 2792 North Main Street, Pittsburg, NH 03592 (Packets and tubs in entryway of store, which is open all the time)
- **Lopstick Lodge**, 1st Connecticut Lake, Pittsburg, NH. Open daily 8 a.m.–9 p.m.
- **Tall Timbers Lodge**, 609 Beach Road, Pittsburg, NH. Open daily 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

New Hampshire's ruffed grouse season runs from October 1 through December 31, with much of the action occurring early in the season. "This spring we had perfect weather during the nesting and brood rearing period. Production for both grouse and woodcock should be good," said New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Small Game Project Leader Julie Robinson.

Questions about the Small Game Survey or the Grouse Wing and Tail Survey should be directed to Robinson at (603) 868-1095.

"Hunter participation is key to our success, and our partners have provided some great prizes to be raffled off to participants," said Robinson.

For more information on grouse and other small game hunting in New Hampshire, including a link to the recently published 2007-2008 N.H. Small Game Summary Report, visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_small_game.htm. Purchase hunting licenses at www.HuntNH.com or from license agents statewide.

New Hampshire Fish and Game is the guardian of the state's marine, fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. ■

New Carpet at the Loudon Community Building

Some of you may have already noticed, there is something different at the Loudon Community Building. ... It is the carpet! Rev. Henry and Betty Frost read in the selectmen's meeting minutes that they were going to have the carpet cleaned instead of spending funds to replace it. Henry and Betty decided to purchase and have new carpet installed. They just wanted to show their great appreciation to the town for the use of the building during the restoration of the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church and Town Hall after the fire. They are so very thankful to live in this community for 40 years and wanted to show their appreciation. On behalf of the entire town, we thank you Henry and Betty Frost for their donation!!! ■

Conservation Commission Minutes

July 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Julie Robinson, Bob Butler, Dan Geiger, and Jess Storey were present. Dan and Julie reported on a sitewalk they attended at property off Old Shaker Road. The owners want to build a house on the property or part of the property. A swamp crosses the property, the topography of which features mounds and dips. The proposed house site is on one of the hummocks, and would require bulldozing to access it, as well as to level it. It is located in the wetlands buffer, and the 700 to 800 foot access would cross the wetland. Julie noted that she would prefer to see the house sited on the 5 acre parcel closer to the road, where the wetland crossing is not necessary. The commission agreed to do a sitewalk of the property prior to the August 13 meeting. Julie gave the planning board update, which was short. The update included brief descriptions of plans for Dell Gilbert's commercial lot (Gilbert and Sons, Co.), Don Boyer's parcel at Hot Hole Pond and Rainbow Drive, New England Flower Co., and New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Jess will attend the July planning board meeting. The commission scheduled a sitewalk workshop for members and Dan's intern as well. The commission attended a sitewalk at New Hampshire Motor Speedway regarding a possible plan to pave over the river that runs through the infield following the meeting.

August 13, 2008 Draft Meeting Minutes

Julie Robinson, Dan Geiger, Bob Butler, Jess Storey were present. The commission reviewed correspondence, which included notification from DES that rocks put in on the corner of Old Shaker Road by Clough Road was written up and that a case has been opened in Superior Court regarding the unpermitted culvert installed on Bee Hole Road, and notification of a dredge and fill application for Pleasant View Gardens. The Rocky Pond Association asked for financial assistance for its milfoil eradication program. The commission agreed to contribute \$500 as it did last year. Ashton Daley reported on her efforts to organize the commission's files on the properties in Loudon that have conservation easements or other conservation-style restrictions. The commission was duly impressed with her progress. It was concerned to note that it appears that some documentation of restrictions has not been completed, particularly of wetland buffers on Tony Merullo's development off of Shaker Road. It's the commission's understanding that several lots are supposed to have extended wetland buffers because of the steep slopes and proximity to the marsh, which are supposed to be reflected in the deeds to those lots, but the commission does not have copies of those. The commission also discussed Ernest and Lisa Mills' proposal to build a house on a lot off of Old Shaker Road. Julie and Dan had viewed the property with Web Stout and they viewed it again with Jess and Bob prior to this meeting. The commission questioned the feasibility of building at the proposed location. The property is very wet. The proposed house site, on one of the several humps of higher land overlooking the extensive wetland that crosses Old Shaker Road, would require several exceptions. The site would require direct impacts to wetlands and the wetland buffer for access via a long driveway. The driveway would wind through areas that were quite wet when viewed, had a variety of steep slopes, and shallow soils, creating a greater potential for injury to the wetland. The commission was also concerned that encroachments on the setback to neighboring land would be necessary. The July minutes were approved, and the meeting adjourned. ■



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Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinics on October 28 at the VOA-NNE Senior Housing on South Village Road from 9 a.m. until noon. Note the change in location. The Loudon Senior Health Clinics are no longer held at the Community Building. 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. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

October Walk-In Immunization Clinics

An affordable walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages will be offered by CRVNA on Monday, Oct. 6 from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call CRVNA Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

A FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow.

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

Concord Hospital Awarded Grant By New Hampshire State Council On The Arts

Concord Hospital Therapeutic Arts and Activity Services received a \$2,400 grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts for an innovative program that provides appropriate live therapeutic music at the bedside in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). This grant is made possible by appropriations from Gov. John Lynch and the State Legislature, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

To help create an optimal healing environment at Concord Hospital, Therapeutic Arts and Activity Services leads a multidisciplinary team effort in offering people opportunities to engage in expressive, creative and diversionary activities to support healing and wellness. This helps patients, families and friends feel calm, connected, hopeful and at ease in the hospital.

Since May, 2008, Therapeutic Arts and Activity Services has offered live music to hospitalized patients from independent certified music practitioners, who are accomplished musicians trained to use their musicianship therapeutically in a clinical setting. Based on emerging research that recognizes the powerful interaction between the art of music and the science of medicine, music practitioners are educated in the physics of sound and its effects on the body and psyche. They are trained in traditional and multicultural approaches to the use of music, and respond improvisationally to help patients experiencing pain, anxiety and muscle tension.

The grant also supports workshops and educational sessions for staff, physicians and hospital volunteers on music's role in healing and wellness.

Earlier this year, Concord Hospital was one of five businesses along with a business leader honored with a 2008 Business in the Arts Award by the New Hampshire Business Committee for the Arts. The hospital was highlighted for its extensive collection of visual arts and use of expressive and performing arts in therapeutic care, commitment to local artists. Additionally, Concord Hospital Therapeutic Arts and Activity Services have been previously recognized by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and at statewide conferences for creating an environment enhanced by the role of the arts in healing.

For more information on arts in healing programs at Concord Hospital, call Therapeutic Arts and Activity Services at (603) 227-7000, ext. 3867. ■

The Deadline for the November 2008 "Loudon Ledger" is Friday, Oct. 17.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Breaks Ground on New Home



Left to right: Steve Lauwer, CRVNA Board Member; Dick Holden, CRVNA Board Member; Mary DeVeau, CRVNA President/CEO; Eugene Slusser, Mark Lavalley, CRVNA Board Chair; NH Senator John Sununu, Jon Cholian, Foxfire Property Management.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (CRVNA) officially broke ground recently for a new 15,000SF building on 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord. The project is scheduled for completion in Spring 2009. CRVNA will move all its administrative offices currently at Concord Hospital to this new location. CRVNA's Hospice House will remain on the campus of Concord Hospital.

"This new building will allow CRVNA to continue to expand its services to the greater Capital Region," said Mary DeVeau, CRVNA President/CEO. "Our new home will support our staff training and development needs which will allow us to continue our mission of providing comprehensive home care and hospice care in the community." CRVNA recently received a \$1 million gift from Eugene (Gene) A. and Anne L. Slusser of Hopkinton. "This gracious gift from Mr. and Mrs. Slusser will enable us to buy information technology equipment and hardware to help support our staff training program. We are truly grateful for this generous donation," added DeVeau. "As our thank you to the Slussers, we have named our new home The Slusser Center. We are very focused on education and training and with the help of the Slussers, our dream of having a dedicated training room with state-of-the-art equipment could not have been possible without their help."

"Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is a cornerstone to this community," said Mark Lavalley, CRVNA Board Chairman. "From birth to end-of-life care, CRVNA has been there for countless families for more than 100 years. The success of CRVNA is a combination of our dedicated staff and this community. Without the support of this community, CRVNA would not be what it is today. It's people like the Slussers who have contributed to our success and allow us to achieve our mission. Our gratitude extends beyond naming this building after the Slussers — their legacy will continue with the next generation of dedicated professionals who will carry our mission of providing comprehensive care to this community. We are proud to be have the Slusser name on this building."

Among today's attendees was Senator John Sununu who congratulated CRVNA for their continued efforts, "I am pleased to attend today's groundbreaking for the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's new facility and to have this opportunity to thank the nurses and the agency's support staff for their important work. They can be assured that I will continue to strongly support their mission."

CRVNA will lease the building from FoxFire Property Management. A restricted fund will enable the creation of an annual Gene and Anne Slusser Scholarship Fund for the benefit of Hopkinton High School Students and CRVNA staff. In addition, a restricted fund will assist CRVNA in ultimately purchasing the 30 Pillsbury Street building. ■



Architect's rendering of the new Concord Regional Visiting Nurse building.

T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In 2004* (the most recent year numbers available):

■ **186,772 women and 1,815 men were diagnosed with breast cancer...**

■ **40,954 women and 362 men died from breast cancer**

**The Facts about Breast Cancer*

What is cancer? Cancer is a group of diseases that occur when cells become abnormal and divide without control or order. Each organ in the body is made up of various kinds of cells. Cells normally divide in an orderly way to produce more cells only when they are needed. This process helps keep the body healthy. If cells divide when new cells are not needed, they form too much tissue. This extra tissue, called a tumor, can be benign or malignant.

Benign tumors are not cancer. Eighty percent of all breast tumors are benign. They can usually be removed, and, in most cases, they don't come back. Most important, the cells in benign tumors do not invade other tissues and do not spread to other parts of the body. Benign breast tumors are not a threat to life.

Malignant tumors are cancer. The cancer cells grow and divide out of control, invading and damaging nearby tissues and organs. Cancer cells can also break away from the original tumor and enter the bloodstream or lymphatic system. This is how breast cancer spreads and forms secondary tumors in other parts of the body. This spread of cancer is called metastasis.

Scientific Detectives

To identify risk factors, scientists continually examine various trends and patterns among women worldwide who are diagnosed with the disease. Age, individual and family medical history, reproductive history, genetic alterations, race, economic status, neighborhood and workplace exposures to pollutants, and lifestyle habits are all examples of the factors that can be evaluated. This information tells a scientific story that helps experts predict with some certainty a person's odds for developing breast cancer. It's important to note, however, that this is not an exact science and that such predictions are not definite.

The most common risk factors

Age. The risk of breast cancer increases as a person grows older. The

risk is especially high for women age 60 and older. Breast cancer is uncommon in women younger than age 35. There is some evidence to suggest young African American women are at greater risk for breast cancer than young white women. Although less common, men can get breast cancer too.

Personal History. Women who have had breast cancer and women with a history of breast disease (not cancer, but a condition that may predispose them to cancer) may develop it again.

Family History. The risk of getting breast cancer increases for a person when two or more close relatives have had the disease. It is important to know how old they were at the time they were diagnosed.

Prevention/Early Detection

When breast cancer is detected early and treated promptly, suffering and ultimately the loss of life can be significantly reduced. Women are encouraged to ask their doctors and other health care providers about mammography screening. Mammography (an x-ray picture of the breast) is the single most effective method to detect breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. For early stage breast cancer, there are more treatment options, treatment can be less disfiguring and less toxic, and survival is improved.

As women age, their risk of breast cancer increases. For most women, high quality mammography screening should begin at age 40. As risk factors vary in everyone, each woman and her doctor should discuss the plan that's right for her. Most organizations recommend screening every 1 to 2 years; some recommend it take place every year. Screening should continue throughout a woman's lifetime.

In addition to the use of mammography, health care providers should also examine a woman's breasts, called a clinical breast examination (CBE), as part of routine health care to search for any abnormalities that may be missed by mammography. Breast self-examination (BSE) may alert a woman to any changes in her breasts, but it is not a substitute for mammography screening. The value of BSE is that it helps a woman become familiar with how her breasts normally feel and to notice any changes.

Treatment

When breast cancer is detected at an early stage of development, a number of effective treatment options are available. The patient and physician will choose the treatment that is right for her/him, based on the location and extent of the cancer, her/his age and preferences, and the risks

and benefits of each treatment. The basic treatment choices for breast cancer are surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and hormonal therapy. Local treatments such as breast surgery and radiation therapy are focused on the breast itself to remove or destroy the cancer cells confined to the breast. Systemic treatments such as chemotherapy and hormonal therapy aim to destroy the cancer cells that may have spread throughout the body.

Sources: American Cancer Society, The Centers for Disease Control*, National Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, National Cancer Institute,

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: dtingraham@comcast.net. ■

Breast Cancer Survivors Celebration

Concord Hospital Breast Care Center and the American Cancer Society will host the **Fourth Annual Breast Cancer Survivors Day on Saturday, October 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Concord Community Music School.**

Individuals previously and newly diagnosed with breast cancer are invited to join us for a free, relaxing program that includes education, including workshops on nutrition, self-hypnosis and relaxation, talking with your children about cancer, and managing side effects of hormonal therapy; pampering and socializing. A guest speaker will share her personal survivorship story. A light breakfast and luncheon will also be available. Space is limited and registration is required. To RSVP, please call the Breast Care Center at (603) 230-7266.

Concord Hospital Breast Care Center, in collaboration with Concord Imaging Center, Concord Surgical Associates and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord, provides streamlined care from education and detection to treatment and follow-up. Services provided include annual mammograms, breast ultrasound, ultrasound-guided breast biopsies, stereotactic breast biopsies, surgical consultations and genetic testing and counseling.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. ■

Water Fitness Program For Women Who Are Cancer Survivors

Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care and Rehabilitation Services are offering a free introductory session to a water fitness program for women who are cancer survivors on Thursday, October 16 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation. Following the introduction to "Strong Women in Motion (SWIM)," sessions will be held consecutive Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m., beginning on October 19 and ending on November 16 at the Racquet Club of Concord. The cost of each session is \$5 and scholarships are available.

Being active can help improve a cancer patient's quality of life. Physical activity has also been shown to improve anxiety, mood and depression, boost self-esteem and relieve fatigue among cancer survivors, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS). Consult your physician to discuss how physical activity may help you. "SWIM is an aquatic exercise program specifically designed for women who are cancer survivors," said Janet Lehoullier, PTA, Concord Hospital Rehabilitation Services. "You will learn how to exercise safely and enjoy the benefits of water to decrease the stress on joints and muscles." Registration for this program is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031.

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

Preparing For an Emergency

If you think about it, you take precautions every day, not just when a snowstorm is coming. For instance, you wear your seat belt in the car just in case you are in an accident. You make your children wear helmets when they ride their bicycles. You double check your iron to make sure it is unplugged.

Preparing for emergencies is not new. Your grandparents probably had extra supplies in their home: soap and shampoo in bathroom closets, onions and potatoes stored in the basement, and canned goods on pantry shelves. They understood the value and wisdom of having a little extra on hand for emergencies.

All states have disasters, even New Hampshire. We have ice storms, tornadoes, floods, and power outages. It is smart to prepare for the unexpected.

Step 1: Make Your Emergency Kit

Making a kit is easier than you think. In fact, you can start with the basics and add on over time. The checklist below gives ideas on what might go into a kit from the most basic to the most complete. Use this list to choose the things that best meet your own needs.

Your Grab Bag

It is important to have a Grab Bag ready to go in case you ever need to leave your home quickly in an emergency. Your Grab Bag should include:

- One day's clothing and shoes for each family member
- Personal care products (for example: toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, diapers)
- Towel
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Granola bars/trail mix
- Extra set of car keys
- Cash
- Prepaid phone card
- Copies of important documents: medical and prescription information, passports, birth certificates, drivers license, insurance papers, bank account information

If you have to leave your home quickly, don't forget your prescription medications, eyeglasses and/or hearing aids.

Your Car

If you have a car, keep your gas tank filled above halfway. In an emergency you may not be able to get fuel. Other items to have in your car include:

- Bottled water
- Food (granola/energy bars)
- First aid kit
- White distress flag
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Flares/light sticks
- Blanket or sleeping bag



- Emergency reflective blanket
- Jumper cables
- Tire jack and spare tire
- Fix-a-flat
- Shovel
- Maps

Think about keeping your Grab Bag in the trunk of your car. You'll be ready to go quickly and will have what you need if you are stuck on the road.

Your Home

In an emergency, having these few items in your home can help keep your family safe.

- Water: at least 1 gallon, per person, per day
- Can opener (non-electric)
- Battery powered radio
- ABC-type fire extinguisher
- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Prescription medications
- Wired telephone (not cordless)
- First aid kit
- Flashlight & battery powered lantern
- 3-day supply of canned or dried foods
- 3-day supply of baby food and formula

If you lose power, eat the food in your refrigerator first. Without power, a refrigerator should keep food at a safe temperature for about four hours. If the power is off longer than that, use your emergency food supply.

Your In-Home Kit

To be MORE prepared, add supplies to last 7–10 days. How can you build your 7- to 10-day supply? Buy a few extra supplies each month until you have enough to last for at least 7 extra days. Buy foods that need no refrigeration and little or no cooking. Try:

- Water: at least 1 gallon, per person, per day
- Canned or dried fruits, vegetables and soups
- Canned or dried meat and seafood
- Beverages: instant coffee, canned juice
- Rice, pasta, cereal, crackers

- Powdered or canned milk
- Baby food and formula
- Comfort foods: snacks, sweets
- Other foods: peanut butter, cooking oil, salt, nuts

Other needed items:

- Personal care products (for example: feminine hygiene products, diapers)

Pet needs:

- Food, water and medications

Store supplies in a dry, cool place. Use supplies before they expire and replace what you use.

Extra Supplies to Have at Home

In order to be MOST prepared, keep these things at home:

- Outdoor grill and fuel
- Fire escape ladder
- Rope and duct tape
- Extra batteries

Never use items such as grills, camp stoves, or generators indoors. They create carbon monoxide, a deadly gas that cannot be seen or smelled.

Step 2: Make a Family Communications Plan

If you are separated and cannot get in touch with your family, each family member should call the same contact out-of-state. Fill out the card above and give copies to all family members to keep with them. Identify:

- An emergency contact in your local area
- A contact out-of-state in case the emergency affects your local contact
- A neighborhood meeting place

Step 3: Make a Family Evacuation Plan

In an emergency, you may need to leave your home quickly. If you think you might need to evacuate, listen to the radio for more information. Make sure everyone knows:

- The best exits out of your home
- A neighborhood meeting place
- Local radio station
- Location of: Grab Bag, fire extinguisher and first-aid kit

- A plan for pets in case you need to evacuate

Step 4: Make a Plan for People with In-Home Care Needs

If someone needs special assistance in an emergency:

- Tell your local fire department about their special needs
- Identify a neighbor or family member who can help if a care provider cannot get to them
- Talk with a care provider about what should be done in an emergency
- Consider helping neighbors who may have special needs

Twice each year when you change your clocks you should also:

- Check the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check the pressure gauge on your fire extinguishers
- Practice getting out of your home quickly with your family
- Update your Grab Bag
- Use and replace any food in your kit that will expire soon

To help prevent the spread of disease and illness:

- Use a tissue when coughing or sneezing or sneeze into your elbow
- Wash hands often, especially when handling food, and after coughing, sneezing or using the bathroom
- Stay home when you are sick

Safe drinking water in an emergency

If your water comes from a city or town system, obey "boil water" orders from officials. Heat water to a rolling boil for 2 minutes. Do not use water from a well that has been submersed in flood water. Check with officials about testing for well water contamination. Never use flood water for any purpose because it could be contaminated.

This information was produced by the Community Health Institute in cooperation with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Department of Safety, and Capital Area Public Health Network. For more information about emergency preparedness, visit the following websites:

- www.ready.gov
- www.fema.gov
- www.cdc.gov
- www.redcross.org
- www.nhoem.state.nh.us
- www.dhhs.nh.gov

The Loudon Recreation Committee News

Do you want to learn to ballroom dance??? The Loudon Recreation Committee has secured a ballroom dance instructor, Ann Wilson with The Traveling Dance Studio. Class will run 6 weeks on Monday evenings from 6:30–7:15 at Loudon Elementary School starting Monday, October 6th. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org and print the brochure or pick one up around town. You can also call Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193. Don't miss out on this, it will be fun!!!

This winter look for another Winter Carnival event with fun for everyone!

If you attended any of the Loudon Recreation programs or events this summer and would like to share your thoughts, please go to the website www.loudonnh.org and print the event/activity evaluation form. Your comments and thoughts are important to us as we plan for future programming. If you have any ideas for events or activities you would like to see you can print and return the events and activities survey which is also available on the website.


The Loudon Recreation Committee is always looking for help. We are a small group of volunteers who need help as we continue to provide fun and exciting programs and activities to Loudon residents. The Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out. If you can't attend the meetings, but would like to get placed on our email contact list for volunteering at specific events, please email Alicia Grimaldi at affirmhealth@yahoo.com. ■

The Girl Scouts of Loudon Are Gearing Up for a Great Girl Scout year!!

The adult volunteers are very busy placing girls into troops and the troops are even busier getting started. It is also Fall Product Sale time!! Look for Girl Scouts who are selling nuts and chocolates as well as magazine subscriptions to raise funds for the Girl Scouting year. We had our first Girl Scout Volunteers meeting and are planning some great service unit events — these are events for all 9 Loudon troops. **Save the date of Saturday, November 22nd for our annual BAKE SALE!!!** We will be selling lots of pies for the holiday as well as breads, cookies and all sorts of yummy baked treats. Stop by the Maxfield Public Library. Exact details will follow in the next Loudon Ledger.

Please be sure to check back each month to see what the Girl Scouts in Loudon are up to.

We are still looking for Daisy Girl Scouts! If your daughter is in kindergarten and is interested in participating in Girl Scouting, a great Daisy troop is waiting for you! Even if you don't attend Loudon Elementary your daughter can join. The Daisy troop will meet two Tuesdays a month for an hour in the early evening. If your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts, or you are interested in volunteering (even just a little bit) please visit the website www.loudonnh.org and print the interest forms. ■



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LOUDON. Now is the perfect time to build yourself the home you have been wanting. This 3 bdrm 1 bath split plan home is priced right and the builder is ready to get started. Quality craftsmanship in this 1,130 sq ft home on 2 acres of level wooded land. Full finished walk-out bsmt. Looking for a different style home? This builder can accommodate your needs. **\$229,900**



LOUDON. WATERFRONT. Exclusive waterfront property on Clough Pond w/southern exposure, perfect for solar energy. 2 bdrm 1 bath 1,221 sq ft home w/an addn'l unfinished 800 sq. ft. 3 season porch, tranquil backyard. Detached 3 car garage w/storage above. **\$329,900. Also available for rent at \$1,200 mo.**



LOUDON. Beautiful 4 bdrm 2 bath Colonial in mint condition on 1.20 acres. 1st fl bdrm and full bath w/laundry. Gorgeous oak flooring welcomes you into this spacious home w/central air. Designer custom window treatments make this home show like a model. Full unfinished walk-out bsmt to well landscaped back yard. **\$264,900**

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PROPERTIES RECENTLY SOLD IN LOUDON

Beech St.	Mobile	3 bd/2ba	1,456 sq.ft	Park	\$100,000	150 days
Rte 129	Cape	3bd/2ba	1296 sq.ft.	2.07 ac.	\$190,000	14 days
No Village Rd.	Ranch	3 bd/2ba	1,344 sq.ft.	2.2 ac.	\$205,000	125 days
Lovering Ave.	Ranch	3 bd/1ba	1,008 sq.ft.	1.7 ac.	\$123,500	40 days
Oak Hill Rd.	Cape	3 bd/2.5 ba	2,734 sq.ft.	5.5 ac.	\$265,000	27 days
School St.	Land			2.54 ac.	\$70,000	209 days
Thistle Rd.	Land			5.2 ac.	\$95,000	264 days

The above properties were listed and sold by various MLS agents. Information based on data provided by NNEREN. While deemed to be accurate, this information may contain errors & omissions. Days refers to "days on market."



BALLROOM DANCING FOR BEGINNERS

The Loudon Recreation Committee is pleased to announce that Ann Wilson of The Traveling Dance Studio will be offering a 6-week beginners ballroom dance program for adult couples through the Loudon Recreation Committee which will be held at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The Traveling Dance Studio teaches smooth and latin dances including the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, rhumba, cha-cha, salsa, and more.

Loudon Program Details

Monday Evenings from 6:30–7:15

October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and November 3rd and 10th

Class fee per person: \$60

Class size: 4 student min., 20 student max.

All classes will be held at Loudon Elementary School gym. Students should wear comfortable clothing and non-marking shoes.

To register, please complete this form and return it with your check made payable to Ann Wilson. Your form should be mailed to **The Traveling Dance Studio**, 44 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. If you have any questions, please call the studio at 856-7075

Participant's Name(s) _____

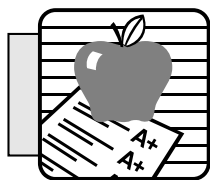
Address: _____

Phone # _____

Due to the physical demands of a ballroom dance program, we/I _____ understand that there is a risk of personal injury by participating in this class and accept complete responsibility for the health and well being in this voluntary program. We/I also understand that no responsibility is assumed by the instructor, program coordinator, Town of Loudon, The Traveling Dance Studio, Merrimack Valley School District and Loudon Elementary School. We/I will not hold them liable in the event of personal injury.

Participant(s) signature(s) _____

_____ Date



Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

October Events

The falling leaves and cooler weather can only mean one thing – HALLOWEEN! The annual LES Halloween parade will take place on Friday, October 31st. This celebration is anticipated by not only the students but the entire staff of our elementary school. The parade will start at 2:15.

Cold Weather Gear

The Fall weather patterns can be very unpredictable — we may have very hot weather one day and chilly weather the next day. Dressing in layers is the answer! Make sure your child has a warm outer layer to wear “just in case.”

Important Dates

October 1–23: NECAP testing for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade

October 2: PTA meets first Thursday of every month

October 3: Mid-term marks close

October 10: School closed for Teacher Workshop

October 31: Marks close

October 31: Halloween Parade & Celebration!

MV Middle School

Important Dates

October 6: Yankee candle fundraiser begins

October 10: School closed for Teacher Workshop

October 15: PTO meeting, 6:30 Library

October 24: PTO Halloween Party All Grades & Hat Day

October 27: 8th Grade Washington DC Trip; 10/27–31

October 29: HS Fall concert

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

MVHS News

To The Merrimack Valley School District Community,

Recently, the Beede Electric Company informed the School District that its property would be placed on the market for sale and inquired if the District had any interest in the property. As many of you may remember, the Beede property is the largest parcel of non-residential property adjacent to our High School/Middle School campus. You may also remember that over the last several years, you have generously approved the purchase of two parcels of land from Beede, now occupied by several of our game fields, our wood chip heating plant and our new bus garage.

After some review, including an independent appraisal, a site visit and Board conversations, the Board voted unanimously at the August School Board Meeting to officially explore the costs and benefits of purchasing the Beede property. As part of this exploration, we would also evaluate the potential consolidation of our operations at the Washington and Summer Street Schools and the “Fire Barn” to the Beede site,

with the ultimate potential goal of disposing of all three older facilities.

Some important aspects to be considered are summarized below:

1. The Beede property includes 9± acres of land, 6.9 acres of which are useable; a single story, well-constructed and maintained 56,000 square foot brick and masonry building; some additional out-buildings; and substantial parking areas. The total land, of the three proposed facilities for disposal is 3.1 acres, most of which is buildings.
2. The sale of both Washington and Summer Street Schools is consistent with earlier decisions that substantial investment in either building is not in the public interest. Both sites are being used now ONLY because no other District space is available.
3. If we are to continue long-term use of both or either of the schools, substantial renovations will eventually be needed, some sooner than others. Concerns include heating, ventilation, insulation, handicap access and other safety issues.
4. Approximately 50% of the District's operation exists at the High School/Middle School campus. It is believed that consolidation of District's off-site functions — the Maintenance Department, the educational programs at The Learning Center (Washington Street) and the Professional Development Center (Summer Street) — to the Beede building could result in a cost savings operation.
5. The Beede building can be connected to our wood chip plant. Although this would eliminate existing excess capacity at the plant (excess capacity is only needed for very cold days), overall heating costs could be substantially reduced.
6. An appraisal valued the Beede building and land at \$2,185,000. The purchase and renovations needed to make suitable for educational space would be eligible for State building aid of 55%. Furthermore, Beede wishes to rent approximately 60% of the building space for a minimum of three years and a maximum of

seven years. These revenue/reimbursements when combined with the retirement of the Penacook School bond in 2011 would mean that the Beede property could be purchased with little additional tax burden to the District communities.

Outline of Exploration:

The School Board will begin to formalize its evaluation of costs/benefits of acquisition of the Beede property immediately. In addition, the Board will establish a community-based task force by late September to assist in its evaluation, review the study results and the Board's options and recommend a course of action to the Board. Any recommendation involving the purchase of the Beede property or sale of excess District property would be presented at the March 2009 Annual Meeting for voter decision.

Given the tremendous support that voters have provided us in recent years, we were hesitant to even raise the subject of any additional property purchase, particularly in these difficult economic times. The Beede property represents an opportunity that may happen only once and one that has the potential to satisfy several of our immediate space needs, at reduced cost and increased efficiency, while securing future options for our High School/Middle School campus. The Board agreed with the assessment of one of our Board members who said “We would be negligent in our duties to the students and voters of the Merrimack Valley School District if we DIDN'T bring the issue to the voters for a decision.” Consequently, we are moving forward with exploration, as outlined above.

If you would like to participate in the process by serving on our task force or if you have any comment you would like to provide, please feel free to contact me at the SAU office.

On behalf of the Merrimack Valley School Board,

Michael J. Martin
Superintendent of Schools

Editor's Note: We understand the Task Force began work in late September. However, if you are interested in being part of the discussion, we encourage you to contact the SAU office at 753-6561. ■

MCCA Cheerleading

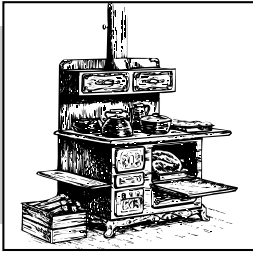
It's that time again, believe it or not. Where did the summer go?

Are we all ready for another great cheerleading season? I know I am looking forward to seeing you all again and meeting new little cheerleaders and getting reacquainted with our seasoned cheerleaders.

Letters will be going home soon through the Loudon Elementary School announcing cheerleading sign ups for all Loudon girls grades K–6 as well as it will have the forms attached so you can sign up via the school and submit your form and check through that process. If you know your daughter is interested, please do not hesitate to call me for the sign-up form. If you are interested in volunteering, coaching or sponsoring a team, please call me. I can be reached at 224-5079 or at crop4fun@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you. ■

Cheers everyone,
Gaylene Smith
Loudon Cheerleading Coordinator
MCCA Vice-President





What's Cookin'!

This month: Using Your Fall Harvest!

By Jennifer Pheifer

The crisp Fall air is moving on in. It's time to start making those comforting recipes that use the best ingredients that our seasons harvest has to offer.

UNSTUFFED CABBAGE CASSEROLE — Recipe courtesy Bob Ordway

This first recipe was given to me by one of my favorite people in Loudon, Mr. Bob Ordway. Bob suggested if I like stuffed cabbage I should try this recipe that saves a lot of time and mess in your kitchen. My family doesn't care for peppers so I substituted carrots and sautéed them with the onion and celery. I also add cheese to my mixture (I add cheese to anything I can).

So when you try this recipe and love it, be sure to thank Bob.

- 1 head cabbage (1-1 1/4 pounds)
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 medium chopped onion
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1 seeded and finely chopped sweet pepper, such as cubanelle or red, yellow or orange bell pepper
- 1/3 cup rice
- 1 14 1/2 ounce can stewed tomatoes with liquid
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Slice the cabbage in half vertically; remove core. Peel off large leaves only; slit each leaf from core halfway up. Coat a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray and line with the split large cabbage leaves. Coarsely chop the remaining cabbage to make 3 cups and add to casserole. In a large nonstick skillet on medium-high, cook beef, onion and celery 10 minutes, stirring constantly, until browned. Add the pepper, rice, tomatoes and liquid, ketchup, water, and salt and pepper to taste to skillet. Bring to boil. Spoon mixture into cabbage-lined dish. Cover tightly and bake 35 minutes.

MAINE PUMPKIN COOKIES WITH FROSTING — Livewell New Hampshire, Fall 2008

My dear friend Brenda Vintinner, who many of you may know as the manager of the Ivory Rose here in Loudon, is a wonderful cook. And, just like me, she is always on the lookout for a good recipe. While looking through the Fall 2008 issue of *Livewell New Hampshire* she came across a must-have recipe for Pumpkin Cookies. Thank you Brenda for being a loyal reader and friend.

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup canned or cooked strained pumpkin
- 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup raisins or candied fruit
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream sugars and shortening together. Add eggs, and beat well. Add pumpkin, then sifted dry ingredients. Mix well. Add vanilla, raisins or candied fruit, and nuts. Drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Remove from pans, cool then frost. (Makes 3 dozen cookies.)

Frosting:

- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup confectioners sugar

Mix margarine or butter with brown sugar in a saucepan. Cook over low heat for about 10 minutes. Add confectioners sugar and vanilla. Mix well and spread on cookies. If frosting is too thick, add a bit of cream or milk before spreading.

ROASTED PORK TENDERLOIN FILLED WITH SUN-DRIED CRANBERRY STUFFING WITH ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES — Recipe courtesy Bobby Flay

Cranberry Stuffing/Pork:

- 1 1/2 cups sun-dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- Pinch cloves
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cascabel powder
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 1/2-2 pound pork tenderloin, butterflied

Chicken Sauce:

- 6 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup apple juice
- 1 teaspoon chipotle puree
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon cold butter
- Salt

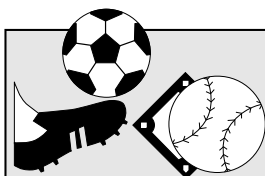
Roasted Root Vegetables:

- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 parsnips, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 red onions, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 turnips, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 4 whole shallots
- 1 head garlic, broken into cloves and peeled
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped flat leaf parsley

For the Cranberry Stuffing/Pork: Bring 2 cups of water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add the cranberries, remove from the heat and let rest 1 hour, drain, reserving the soaking liquid and place in the bowl of a food processor. Add the pine nuts, cinnamon, cloves, brown sugar, cascabel powder, and a few tablespoons of the soaking liquid. Pulse until coarsely chopped, remove to a bowl. Place the tenderloin on a work surface and season with salt and pepper to taste. Spread a thin layer of the stuffing down the center, fold each side over the filling, and tie with a butcher's twine and dredge lightly in the flour. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Heat the oil in a oven proof sauté pan until smoking. Sauté the tenderloin on all sides until golden brown. Place in the oven and roast until almost cooked through, about 10 minutes. Remove and let rest 10 minutes. Slice into 1-inch pieces.

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Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider



What's Cookin' — continued from page 12

For the Chicken Sauce: Place chicken stock in a medium saucepan and reduce to 3 cups over high heat. Add apple juice, chipotle puree and black peppercorns and cook until reduced to 2 cups. Swirl in the butter and season with salt.

For the Roasted Root Vegetables: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place vegetables and garlic in a large baking dish. Add the oil and toss to coat. Add the thyme and season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 20 minutes, remove foil and continue baking for 20 minutes or until just cooked through, stirring the vegetables occasionally. Remove from the oven and fold in the parsley.

BEEF AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH STEW — Recipe courtesy Giada De Laurentiis

- 3 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 2 pounds stew beef, cut into 2-inch cubes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Marsala wine
- 1 pound butternut squash, trimmed and cut into 2-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 3 to 4 cups beef broth
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Crusty bread, for serving

In a large soup pot heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Add the onions, garlic, rosemary, and thyme and sauté until the onions are tender, about 2 minutes. Toss the beef cubes in salt and pepper and flour. Turn up the heat to medium-high and add the beef to the pot. Cook until the beef is browned and golden around the edges, about 5 minutes. Add the Marsala wine. Using a wooden spoon, gently stir up all the brown bits off the bottom of the pan. Add the butternut squash and sun-dried tomatoes and stir to combine. Add enough beef broth to just cover the beef and squash. Bring the stew to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 1 hour. Season the stew with additional salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with the chopped parsley. Serve with crusty bread alongside.

Next Month: Preparing for the Holiday Season. As always, if you have any recipes or suggestions send them to me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send them by mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

ATTENTION BASEBALL& SOFTBALL FANS!

LYAA is currently accepting nominations for all volunteer positions on the LYAA Baseball Board. Free training and materials will be provided! We are looking for motivated individuals that are interested in helping make Baseball 2009 a hit out of the park! Open positions are:

- Baseball Commissioner(President)**
- Baseball Vice President**
- Safety Officer**
- Player's Agent**
- Coach's Agent**
- Equipment Manager**
- Game/Practice Scheduler**
- Softball Director**
- Information Officer**
- Sponsorship/Fundraiser Coordinator**
- Concessions Coordinator**

Most positions only require a few hours a month, along with monthly meeting attendance.

Board positions have a one year term. Job duties can be found online at www.lyaanh.org. Everyone is welcome to volunteer for these positions! The success of our league rests on the efforts of the volunteers who commit their time and effort to the league. The future of our baseball program heavily relies on volunteers like you to fill these positions, to ensure continued success!

This is your chance to hit a home run for the youth of Loudon!

Nominations are due by October 28th, and elections will be held at the November LYAA meeting.

Soccer:

The soccer season had its Jamboree on Saturday September 9th despite the rain, everyone had a great day! Special thanks to all the volunteers, parents, coaches and refs that gave their time to make the kick off of the season such a success! Please check website for updated season information. Feel free to contact Commissioner Scott Hagerty at 783-4735 with any questions or concerns.

Robinson Fields Project Update:

The MVSD/Loudon soccer fields will be constructed in an area of approximately 5.5 acres. The fields will be constructed on the MVSD-owned Robinson property located adjacent to Loudon Elementary School (LES), across Old Concord Road. The school is located at 7039 School Street in Loudon, New Hampshire.

The layout consists of 2 soccer fields, 1 youth size (70 X 50 Yards) and 1 regulation size (100 X 60 Yards). The ingress/ egress for the fields consist of a 55 space lighted parking lot that will double as overflow for Loudon Elementary School.

The field will provide a playing surface for a multitude of community sports activities throughout the year, primarily soccer and sports camps. LES will use the field for recess and P.E. classes.

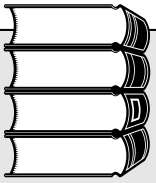
The completed fields will add significant value to the community and therefore this project has won the support of the MVSD Board of Directors, the Loudon Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors, the Town of Loudon Selectmen and Zoning Board of Directors.

LYAA is accepting bids for Timber Cutting & Stumping, Top Soil Screening & Grading, Aggregate Material Removal, Grass Seeding, and Installation of Well and Irrigation System.

If you would like to get involved with this exciting project or submit a proposal for services you or your company can provide, please contact Rick Broider at 267-8383 or visit the website for bid/proposal format.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 28th at 7:00 pm. Come see what's happening! For more info, please contact Melody Broider at 267-8383 or via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com or check the LYAA website for the latest updates at www.lyaanh.org. ■

**Next Ledger Deadline:
Friday, Oct. 17, 2008**



Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

On Thursday, August 21st, we held our annual Prize Party to reward the children who completed the Summer Reading Program. The library was hopping, with 104 children (of the 116 who completed the program) and their parents, picking out prizes. In only two months, they read a total of **2,819** books! Congratulations to the following:

Mike Ainsworth, Aubrie Angwin, Jordan Angwin, Josh Bodnar, Deanna Bourque, Sierra Bourque, Cameron Bruillard, Samantha Bruillard, Lily Chalsma, Melissa Chaput, Gabby Cheney, Jacob Cheney, Matthew Clark, Matt Cohen, Travis Cohen, Gabe Corliss, Jesse Corthell, Normand Corthell, Walter Corthell, Lucas Cram, Caroline Crouch, Thomas

Crouch, Johanna Darling, Krisztian Davis, Sarah Davis, Elisha Dodenhoff, Ethan Dodenhoff, Elizabeth Doody, Emily Doody, James Downs, Alex Drago, Katie Earle, Laura Earle, Kallie Fisher, Levi Fisher, Wade Fisher, Ojashwi Giri, Mason Graham, Mitchell Graham, Devin Guptill, Kristin Haycock, Madison Holbrook, Kathryn Ingerson, Casey Ingraham, Brandon Jackson, Chris Jackson, Elise Johnson, Kyle Kowalski, Brian Latham, Rebecca Latham, Elisa Lommen, Rebekah Lommen, Emma Losey, Misty Martell, Scott Martell, Sophia Maslauskas, Vanessa Maslauskas, Emily Masse, Lauryn Masse, Tyler Nichols, Harleigh Parker, Hannah Paul, Teegan Paul, Kelly Pedersen, Hannah Poland, Isaac Poland, Levi Poland, Chloe Rattee, Robbie Rattee, Tristan Rattee,

Chloe Renkert, Noah Renkert, Michaela Richard, Emily Robbins, Rebecca Robbins, Jacob Roz, Kristie Schoffield, Ryan Schoffield, Scott Schoffield, Collin Sedgley, Nick Sedgley, Hallie Seltzer, Noah Seltzer, Kevin Severance, Cole Sheppard, Ivy Sheppard, Hannah Siegen, Taylor Smith, Elijah Stringer, Luke Stringer, Sean Sweeney, Courtney Theberge, Emily Theberge, Kristen Therrien, Matthew Therrien, Clyde Thurber-Wells, Maizie Thurber-Wells, Andrew Tuson, Thomas Tuson, Emma Verville, Madison Verville, Aaron Walk, Brian Walk, Drew Weilbrenner, Evan Weilbrenner, Jared Weilbrenner, Alec White, Jolie White, Emma Whitehouse, Samantha Will, Griffin Worster, Sophie Worster, Harrison Worster.

APPLE PICKING

It's time for Story Time's annual apple picking field trip! You are invited to go with us to the Meadow Ledge Farm, on Tuesday, October 7th, at 9:30 a.m., or Wednesday, October 8th, at 1:00 p.m. This event includes a tractor ride and a taste of fresh apple cider. Please sign up for this event at the library. There is a small fee for children, and adults can pick apples at the regular price. Please call the library at 798-5153 for more details.

STORY TIME

If you couldn't join us for the apple picking field trip, we will be having a story time on Thursday, October 9th at 10:30 a.m. Apples will still be the subject as we hear *Apples and Pumpkins* by Anne Rockwell and Marjorie Priceman's *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World*. The craft for the day will be an apple pin to wear home.

On the 14th through the 16th of October, we will explore autumn with Kelli Nidely's book *When Autumn Falls* and *How Do You Know It's Fall?* by Allan Fowler. The children will leave the library with a creation rich with autumn colors.

Fire safety will be our topic for October 21st through the 23rd. The children will hear *Dot the Fire Dog* by Lisa Desimini and *Firefighters A to Z* by Chris L. Demarest. Afterwards, they will make their own fire helmet to wear as we practice our evacuation plan.

On the 28th of October, we will make our own three-dimensional cat after reading *The Copycat* by Kathleen and Donald Hersom, and *So, What's it Like to be a Cat?* by Karla Kuskin.

Join us on the 29th and 30th of October in your favorite costume for our Halloween parade through the town buildings! We will start off with a story by Eve Bunting, to get us in the trick-or-treating mood called *Scary, Scary Halloween*. Our parade will end with refreshments in the craft room. Parents are asked to bring a snack to share and the library will provide juice.

ART DISPLAY

Come in and enjoy artwork with a local flavor. Artist Bea Moore will be displaying a variety of her works at the library from October through mid-November. Look for items to add to your own collection or just admire these inspired pieces.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Bradford, Barbara Taylor
Brooks, Terry
Francis, Dick
Higgins, Jack
Kent, Kathleen

Being Elizabeth
Gypsy Morph
Silks
Rough Justice
The Heretic's Daughter

Library — cont. on 15



What is the best smelling position
on a football team?

EBOROCT

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NRKGAI

WLOENALHE

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THE _____ !



SEPTEMBER WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:
BEACH, POPSICLE, VACATION, DUNES, FIREWORKS,
SURFING, SIZZLE

WHY DO DOGS SIT IN THE SHADE?
BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BE HOT DOGS!



Scenes from the Summer Reading Program Prize Party



Library — continued from page 14

Parker, Barbara	<i>The Dark of Day</i>
Reichs, Kathy	<i>Devil Bones</i>
Robinson, Marilynne	<i>Home</i>
Sakey, Marcus	<i>Good People</i>
Sittenfield, Curtis	<i>American Wife</i>

Nonfiction

Boushey, Gail	<i>The Daily Five</i>
Conant, Jennet	<i>The Irregulars</i>
Dully, Howard	<i>My Lobotomy : a Memoir</i>

English, T.J.	<i>Havana Nocturne</i>
Friedman, Thomas L.	<i>Hot, Flat and Crowded</i>
Moore, Harold G.	<i>We Are Soldiers Still</i>
Pink, Daniel	<i>A Whole New Mind</i>
Spelling, Tori	<i>sTORI Telling</i>
Suskind, Ron	<i>The Way of the World</i>
Ten Boom, Corrie	<i>I Stand at the Door and Knock</i>

BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, October 29, is the next date for book discussion. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. Newcomers are welcome! Please call the library for more details.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — August 5, 2008

5:06 p.m. *In attendance:* Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Greg Silva, Sue Kowalski, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

Minutes of the July 15, 2008 meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Review of the reports spawned a discussion of what reports were most helpful. It was agreed that only one copy of the check register would be printed for review if needed. Greg asked that a different spreadsheet format be added for the non-town lines.

Director's Report:

- **Book group** attendance is up. Three new people came to the July discussion for a total of nineteen. Ken Krzewick, who works at Shaker Village, attended the discussion and gave us insight to the local history. We hope to take a field trip there as a follow-up to the latest book *Simple Gifts*.
- Use of the Library's passes has been vigorous, especially with people looking for family outings closer to home. Since Amanda Masse has said that the Recreation Department may be willing to sponsor new passes, we have asked if they want to purchase a library pass for the newly-opened **Children's Museum** of New Hampshire in Dover (formerly the Children's Museum of Portsmouth). Yearly cost is \$350.
- A selection of **graphic novels** is now available for children. These are especially good for sparking interest in reluctant readers. One set has adaptations of classic novels, another series retells legends from Greek, Egyptian, and Japanese mythology. Also in high demand are the titles we have added on how to draw manga and anime characters.
- The **Annual Report** has been submitted to the State Library. The Trustees received e-mail copies. The report is for the 2006–2007 fiscal year.
- We will be applying for a **Gates Grant** to buy another computer for public use as soon as we hear from the State Library that the application forms are available.

- A part-time employee sprained her ankle and was out for a week. **Jean Nelson** was called back to fill in for her hours as well as for employees' vacations.
- The **Children's Room** was flooded again from the heavy rains over the past weekend. *The Trustees had an impromptu meeting with Dave Rice outside the library after the meeting. He said he plans to place sandbags against the doors to solve the problem until the new culvert work is completed.*

Children's Librarian's Report:

- Number of Summer Reading Program (SRP) sign-ups for 2008: 176 children.
- Steve Blunt performed for the SRP children on July 12th. Attendance for this event was 36 children.
- The Community Kangaroo for the SRP has made appearances at Brookside, Dudley's, TD Banknorth, and the Police Station.
- Craft Night for the SRP was July 22nd; attendance for this event was 38 people.
- Attendance for the "Wednesday Afternoon Movies" for the month of July was 42 people in three weeks.
- Attendance for the "Thursday Drop-In Craft Day" for the month of July was 128 people in four weeks.

The Trustees greatly appreciated her report.

Old Business:

The Children's Room Committee decided it would be cost-effective to hire interior designer Shelby Hicks to consult on the completion projects. Her suggestions and ability to have furniture units built have saved the library money on past projects. They will meet with her on Monday, August 11.

Article for the *Ledger*. It was decided to submit the Children's Librarian's Report to emphasize how many Loudon families are using the library for different activities.

Nancy clarified a comment about the effect of reduced staffing in the previous month's minutes. She is spending more time on clerical duties because of the reduced clerk hours and has less time to catalog and

deal with other matters. Greg asked if there is a way to redistribute tasks or have a list of tasks or jobs for clerks to refer to during down times.

Nancy reported that she was awaiting a response from Terry Knowles before she and Sandy compose a letter to the Selectmen regarding the payroll credit offsetting the expense overage in the 2007–2008 budget.

Air-intake platform. The highway department has been delayed in removing the heavy cover but once it is removed the mason can begin. Discussion of the construction of the new cover resulted in Sandy Blanchard offering to get quotes for the work.

The Trustees made a tour of the basement and exterior. Several dead ants confirmed that the exterminator's efforts were working. The humidity levels in the basement appeared to be worse. There was mildew growing on the drywall and wet areas on the concrete. There was discussion of a dehumidifier but no conclusion.

7:10 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 5:00 p.m. The meeting was changed from the first Tuesday because one of the Trustees had a conflict. ■

Sandra Blanchard
Gregory Silva
Susan Kowalski



Mark Your Calendar Now For the Annual Loudon Fire Dept. HARVEST SUPPER.

**Sat., Oct. 18
5–7 p.m.**

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for children under 12**

Craft/Bake Sale Scheduled

The residents of The Richard Brown House, Loudon's new affordable senior housing, are planning a craft/bake sale for **Saturday, November 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** They are busy working on items for the sale and are inviting members of the community to participate also. Tables are available to rent for \$10.00 and the donation of a quality item for the raffle. Payment is due two weeks before the event. Please contact Phyllis at 798-3319 to sign up or for further details. Crafts will be screened. ***We hope to see you at our fair.***

LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee



This month's mystery.

Last month's mystery.



In the September issue I shared a photo of 9 people and the question was who are all these people and what do they have in common? The picture appears to be from a Loudon Elementary School yearbook of sorts, from probably around 1960. From the top left, Mildred Lampron taught grade 1, Nellie Frost grade 2, Bertha Mulkhey grade 3, Ruth Towle grade 4, Alice Marston grade 5, Doris Philbrick grade 6, Olive Edmunds grade 7, and Richard Hislop grade 8, who was also principal. The final picture is Martha Richardson and she was custodian. I had three callers. The first was Caroline Stintson who got out her report cards out and correctly named all of the people. The second caller was Becky Smith and she knew all except one, and my final caller was Roger Maxfield who knew all except two. Jean (Tewksbury) McShea, of Chicago, emailed me, she reads the online issue and attended Loudon Elementary from 1956–1964. She also knew them all except for one.

October's mystery picture is from a town parade. We want to know who is in it, what is the occasion and what year is it?? If you know the answers or even just one please email me at trattee@comcast.net or call me, Tina, at 783-0483. Thank you to all of you that have given me more mystery's to share. I am always looking for more though!! ■

Do you have an old photograph or object that is a mystery to you? Why not share it with the rest of us and see if someone else has information that could clear up that mystery?! Please contact Tina Rattee at trattee@comcast.net.

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS IN LOUDON: Michele's Sweet Shoppe, LLC

By Lee Laughlin



Michele Holbrook puts together another of her many delicious snacks. She is best known for her many flavors of popcorn, which you can order online at www.MicheleSweetShoppe.com.

Taking Care of Business In Loudon is a monthly feature spotlighting a Loudon business researched and written on a volunteer basis by Lee Laughlin. At this time, we have profiles lined up through the end of 2008. However, if you would like to add your business to be profiled, please contact her at laughlin@fearlessevents.com or 783-8971.

Believe it or not, it all started with whoopee pies.

Michele Holbrook has always had the entrepreneurial spirit. She owned her own sign making business, First Class Signs & Designs, in Nashua for four years. In 2006 she was feeling the urge to start another business. Friends and associates had always raved, nay, fought over her whoopee pies, so as is Michele's way, she set about researching what it takes to start a food business.

I have heard Michele affectionately and respectfully referred to as a Type A+ personality. I have to agree. Michele is precise, methodical, thorough, and above all passionate. She knows her strengths and weaknesses and if she can't do it right, she won't do it. All of these qualities meld together in her roles as a business owner, mother, wife, and Girl Scout Leader. Her face slowly flushes pink when we sit down to discuss her blossoming gourmet popcorn business Michele's Sweet Shop. As we talk, the pace of her voice quickens and she leans in to share her excitement for her hand crafted gourmet confection.

But back the beginning, her original intention was to start making whoopee pies, so, she began scouring the internet for information. She learned about licensing and packaging requirements and she researched the competition. Throughout this process, she was making white chocolate popcorn for teacher gifts and volunteer appreciation. After complimenting her on the fantastic confection, many recipients told her she should sell her creation. Whoopee pies are a very labor-intensive product, so Michele put them aside in favor of gourmet popcorn. She spent the fall of 2006 and early 2007 in the research and development phase of her business. She toiled away creating new flavors and perfecting her recipes. Michele recruited friends, family, and colleagues to help her with her research. People were more than willing to take new flavors to work and ask for feedback. Feedback came from the Nashua Police department, Barlo Signs in Hudson, and even an esteemed New York law firm.

Suppliers of all-natural ingredients were located and packaging tested. Michele was adamant that her popcorn would have no chemicals or preservatives, so it was necessary to locate

packaging that was airtight and affordable, yet attractive. "You it with your eyes and that first impression is so important."

She worked closely with our own Deb Kardaseski to formulate a logo and supporting branding materials. No detail was left to chance. In early spring, of 2007, she installed a commercial cooking kitchen in the basement of her home. She sought and received licensing from the state of New Hampshire and by the fall of 2007, Michele's Sweet Shoppe, LLC was open for business.

Just about one year later, business is good. Sales have increased every month but one since the company opened, and 2008 sales have well surpassed 2007 sales. This is especially notable since Michele's dedication to delivering a quality product lead her to the decision NOT to ship any chocolate popcorn from May 1 through September 30. Temperatures in shipping trucks would cause the chocolate to melt and make the popcorn soggy.

Much of her business to date has been via word of mouth or through her presence at craft and food shows. In June, Michele's was awarded Tastiest Creation for their Chocolate Peanut Butter Popcorn at the CareGivers Chocolate Lovers Fantasy. Michele's even got a mention in *New Hampshire Magazine* the same month.

In the last few months, she's been researching and contacting retail outlets that might be a good match for her product. "This is not convenience store food. Our popcorn is for someone willing to spend just a little bit extra for an all-natural, gourmet, snack." Her hard work is starting to pay off. Michele's popcorn is now available for purchase at several gift and gourmet stores throughout New Hampshire, including Loudon's own Meadow Ledge Farm (for a complete list of retail outlets, see MicheleSweetShoppe.com).

Michele is a 55% owner in the company with her husband Dave, but make no mistake, this is a family business. Her oldest son's put his culinary arts education to work developing many of the savory flavors (for the record, Garlic Rosemary is Michele's personal savory favorite while Chocolate Coconut is her all-time favorite). Her son Seth and daughter Madison pitch in with packaging and shipping as needed. Dave works with Michele in product development and production and crunches the numbers.

Owning a small business has a great many rewards, but challenges also come with the territory. It takes resources to start a business and Michele and Dave have invested plenty of their own blood, sweat and dimes to make Michele's Sweet Shop a viable

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entity. While the business is doing well, it needs working capital for continued growth; any income earned is immediately put back into running the company. As a result, Michele still works part time as the office manager for a child psychology practice in Nashua.

Finding a balance between work and family can also be a challenge. Especially since Michele is active with school activities for both Seth and Madison (Jessie is on his own) and she is a troop leader and Product Sale Manager for the Loudon Girl Scouts.

Long-term Michele hopes to resign from her office manager job to focus solely on developing and expanding Michele's Sweet Shoppe. Someday, she'd like to have a small production facility with a retail shop. "I want to be the one offering factory tours like Ben & Jerry's." In the short term She is focused on spreading the word about Michele's Sweet Shoppe's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn. She's working with Mulberry Creek Imagery in Epsom to enhance her marketing materials and Mirror Lake Media, in Wolfeboro to add e-commerce capabilities to her web site to better serve her customers.

Michele continues to improve her products and her processes. She continues to research cost effective ways to grow her business while minimizing the financial risk. "It is all about measured steps. I'm a realist."

You can order Michele's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn by visiting michelesweetshoppe.com or Meadow Ledge Farm. You can also call 603-798-5300 or email michelesweetshop@tds.net.

Lee Laughlin is an event planner and writer who lives in Loudon. She blogs at <http://independentbw.blog.spot.com/>



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Application for State Election Absentee Ballot
(RSA 657:4)

*Absence (Excluding Absence due to Residence Outside the Continental United States),
 Religious Observance, and Disability*

I. New Hampshire law requires that you vote in person at the polling place for your town or ward unless you:

- a. Plan to be absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place in which you are registered to vote.
- b. Cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment.
- c. Are unable to vote in person due to a disability.
- d. Cannot appear at any time during polling hours at your polling place because an employment obligation requires you to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from work from the time the polls open until after the time the polls close.

RSA 657:1. Any person who votes or attempts to vote using an absentee ballot who is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. RSA 657:24

II. I am requesting an absentee ballot for the following election:
 _____ **General Election.**

III. Applicant's Name

(Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Date of Birth) _____
 Applicant's Voting Domicile (home address) _____
 _____ (Street)

_____ (City/Town) _____ (zip) _____
 Mail the ballot to me at this address: _____
 _____ (Mailing Address)

_____ (City/Town) _____ (zip)

IV. I hereby declare that:

- ☐ I am a duly qualified voter who is currently registered to vote in this town/ward.
- ☐ I am absent from the town/city where I am domiciled and will be until after the next election, or I am unable to register in person due to a disability, and request that the forms necessary for absentee voter registration be sent to me with the absentee ballot.

V. I will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot at the election designated above because:

- ☐ I plan to be absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place where I am domiciled.
- ☐ I am requesting a ballot for the presidential primary election and I may be absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place where I am domiciled, but the date of the election has not been announced. I understand that I may only make such a request 14 days after the filing period for candidates has closed, and that if I will not be absent on the date of the election I am not eligible to vote by absentee ballot.
- ☐ I cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment.
- ☐ I am unable to vote in person due to a disability.
- ☐ I cannot appear at any time during polling hours at my polling place because an employment obligation requires me to remain physically at work, or to be in transit to or from work from the time the polls open until after the time the polls close.

VI. _____
 Applicant's Signature

The absentee ballot forms you receive will require you to sign an affidavit confirming that you are entitled to vote by absentee ballot due to one of the reasons stated above. The moderator is required to compare the signature on the affidavit to your signature on this form. The absentee ballot will not be counted if the affidavit and this form do not appear to have been signed by the same person. RSA

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2009 NH Fish & Wildlife Calendar Now For Sale — Makes Great Fundraiser

The all-new 2009 New Hampshire Fish & Wildlife Calendar has arrived, featuring twelve months of striking wildlife photography, plus handy dates for the outdoor enthusiast. This calendar includes dates like opening day for New Hampshire's trout ponds, youth hunt weekends, free fishing day, archery and firearms hunting seasons

and more. You'll be reminded through the seasons of New Hampshire's rich wildlife resources and exciting outdoor opportunities. As an added extra, each month suggests ideas for sharing nature with children.

This beautiful calendar is affordably priced at \$9.95. It's perfect for home or office use, and makes a great gift for

friends and relatives who love the outdoors and our native wildlife. To order, use the print-and-mail order form available at www.WildNH.com/Shop/calendar.html (shipping is free). Calendars are also offered for sale at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters building on Hazen Drive in Concord and at selected retail outlets around the state.

The 2009 N.H. Fish & Wildlife calendar features quality images by professional wildlife photographers, including Charles Willey, Roger Irwin, John R. Ford, John Gill, Fred Martin, Dwight Kuhn and the underwater photography of Eric Engbretson. Be inspired by a luxurious red fox, a tousled muskrat, deer, moose, wild turkeys, gray seals, and more. The spectrum of New Hampshire wildlife is represented, from snapping turtles to brilliant Baltimore orioles and colorful brook trout. For a preview of the images, visit www.WildNH.com and click on the calendar image.

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 N.H.

This Fall, Fish and Game is offering schools and clubs the opportunity to sell the 2009 N.H. Fish and Wildlife calendar as a fundraiser — a great way to raise money for your school or community group at the same time you support Fish and Game. Your organization will make a profit on each calendar your group sells. An easy-to-use fundraising kit makes this a popular fall fundraiser for September–October, just as school is getting underway. Call (603) 271-6355 today to request a calendar sales package and start making money for your school or club!

For a limited time, take advantage of Fish and Game's current "Wild Deals" offer. Just \$25 gets you the 2009 N.H. Fish & Wildlife calendar AND a two-year subscription to N.H. Wildlife Journal magazine (new subscribers only please), plus a free issue of the magazine, a package valued at \$32.90. For details and an order form, visit www.wildnh.com/wilddeals.

RETAILERS: If you would like to carry the 2009 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. ■

New England Environmental Education Alliance Hosts 42nd Annual Conference, October 3-5, 2008, In Hancock, NH

The New England Environmental Education Alliance (NEEEA) will host "A Journey Home: Fostering Ecologically Centered Communities" on October 3–5, 2008, at the BU Sargent Center in Hancock, N.H. Over 150 educators from across New England are expected to attend.

"With the increased interest in reconnecting children and nature, and communities moving towards locally produced food, this is a particularly timely theme," said Marilyn Wyzga, a Wildlife Educator with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department who also serves as the Vice President of the NEEEA Board, and co-chair of the NEEEA Conference. "New Hampshire educators will especially benefit from sessions on inquiry-based science education and integrating nature themes with other subjects."

Educators of K–12 children who wish to take part in the conference should visit www.neeea.org/conference to find registration information and more conference details.

Friday night will feature "Stories: The Heart of Community," a keynote address by New Hampshire native Rebecca Rule. Best known for her live presentations of humorous New Hampshire stories, many sponsored by the NH Humanities Council, she has entertained audiences from Stratford to Keene, prompting New Hampshire Magazine to name her "Thalia: the Muse of Comedy" in its list of notable New Hampshire muses.

Gibran Rivera of the Interaction Institute for Social Change (IISC) will headline Saturday's activities with "Journeying Together: Community Building Towards Inclusive Environmental Education." This inspiring session will explore incorporating social and economic justice into environmental education and bridging the gap between environmentalism in mainstream culture and the challenges to engaging underserved communities. The mission of IISC is to ignite and sustain social transformation, catalyze collaborative action, and build collaborative skills that can bring alive a vision of a just and sustainable world.

The conference will also host over 40 engaging workshop sessions in which participants can delve into related subjects such as population growth, the No Child Left Inside act, ecological design in the built environment, team-building and energy education. New-for-this-year field experiences will include a tour of the green technology building at the Harris Center for Conservation Education, a walking tour of the Well School community village, schoolyard habitat studies at Peterborough Elementary School, a visit to the Nubanusit Neighborhood co-housing project and more. Evening activities feature a sky watch with NH Astronomical Society and dancing with Daddio's Swing Orchestra.

The mission of the New England Environmental Education Alliance (NEEEA) is to promote quality environmental education across New England in partnership with the state environmental education organizations. NEEEA members include all state organizations in the six New England states. NEEEA is affiliated with the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). Visit www.neeea.org for details. ■

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N.H. Hunting Digest: Your Guide to Hunting in the Granite State

Fall is in the air, and some of New Hampshire's hunting seasons are already underway. The 2008–2009 *New Hampshire Hunting Digest* is hot off the press, with most everything you need to know about hunting in the Granite State. The pocket-sized publication is available online at www.HuntNH.com (click on the orange publication cover) or pick up a free copy when you buy your license from Fish and Game license agents across the state.

The *Hunting Digest* provides details about New Hampshire's hunting seasons, plus bag limits, Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries, license prices, check stations, and other information hunters need. New Hampshire hunting seasons already underway include the bear and gray squirrel seasons, which began September 1; and the September season for resident Canada geese, which began September 2. Archery seasons for turkey and white-tailed deer start September 15; most small game hunting, including grouse and pheasant, begins October 1. Opening day for New Hampshire's most popular hunting season — firearms deer hunting is November 12.

Another hunting resource, the 2007 *N.H. Wildlife Harvest Summary*, provides a useful guide to the status of wildlife populations in different WMUs and towns around the state. It includes the most recent harvest statistics and hunting/trophy records. This report can be accessed at www.HuntNH.com/Hunting/hunting.htm (click on the tan publication cover at right).

If you need a hunter education class — required for first-time hunting license holders — sign up for one right away. Several course offerings are available in September; they are listed at www.HuntNH.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_schedule.htm, or call (603) 271-3212.

2008 New Hampshire Hunting Seasons at a glance:

WHITE-TAILED DEER:

Archery: Sept. 15–Dec. 15 (closes Dec. 8 in WMU A*)

Youth Deer Weekend: Oct. 25–26 (note new residency restrictions, below**)

Firearms: Nov. 12–Dec. 7 (closes Nov. 30 in WMU A*)

Muzzleloader: Nov. 1–Nov. 11 (opens Nov. 3 in WMU A*)

BLACK BEAR: Starts Sept. 1 (end varies by WMU)

GRAY SQUIRREL: Sept. 1–Dec. 31

SNOWSHOE HARE: Oct. 1–March 31 (bag limit varies by WMU)

RUFFED GROUSE: Oct. 1–Dec. 31

WOODCOCK: Oct. 6–Nov. 4

MOOSE: Oct. 18–26 (by permit only, allocated by lottery)

FALL TURKEY:

Shotgun: Oct. 13–17 (certain WMUs only)

Archery: Sept. 15–Dec. 15 (Closed in WMU A)

*For 2008, WMU A in northern New Hampshire continues to have an antler point restriction and shortened season dates for deer. Please consult the *Hunting Digest* for more details.

**Starting this year, non-resident youth hunters may participate in the New Hampshire Youth Deer Hunt Weekend only if New Hampshire youth may hunt in their state if it holds a special youth deer hunt. Currently, Vermont youths may not participate in this fall's New Hampshire youth deer hunt because of residency restrictions on youth hunting in Vermont.

For specific hunting dates and seasons, see the 2008–2009 *N.H. Hunting Digest*.

New Hampshire hunting licenses and permits can be purchased online at www.HuntNH.com or from license agents statewide. ■



Understanding the Comparative Market Analysis

By Jack Prendiville,
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

As the old saying goes, "Knowledge is power." This adage can certainly be applied to the real estate transaction. The more you know, from the ins and outs of the process to the market conditions, the better your chance of selling and getting the most from your investment.

The Comparative Market Analysis or CMA is a report that will help you learn more about your marketplace. Many real estate professionals offer this free service or as part of their service package. A CMA offers you a snapshot of the real estate conditions in your area and can be a very useful tool when setting your own asking price.

Here are some of the elements contained in most reports:

- 1. Homes for Sale.** This is an inventory of the current active listings in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). It will give you an idea of how many other homes will be competing for buyer attention. Consider the asking prices for homes similar to yours, but remember the asking price is just that. It does not reflect what buyers are willing to pay.
- 2. Pending Sales.** These are active listings that are now under contract. Additional data on the sale will likely not be available until after the closing.
- 3. Comparable Sales.** This is perhaps the most revealing and interesting component. It details all the sold listings in the last six months and their sale prices. Look carefully at the numbers. Here you can discover how much buyers are willing to pay. This data can help you and your agent craft a realistic list price.

The final piece of the CMA puzzle is to make sure you look specifically at homes that are similar to yours. To make the most of this data, search for a home that is comparable to yours in location, size, age, amenities, etc. Use the expertise of your Realtor® to analyze the numbers and his or her market knowledge to adjust the numbers up or down accordingly. ■

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — August 12, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, and Planning Board member Stanley Prescott III.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 5, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives opened Board of Permit.

Chairman Ives stated the first item to discuss is the main entrance sign at NH Motor Speedway. He stated that the Selectmen have a letter that they will be sending to Gerry Gappens, General Manager of NHMS, advising him that he should come before the ZBA to discuss the sign issues. Mr. Powelson stated that in researching this issue Bob Fiske has stated that the new sign at the main entrance is smaller than the previous sign so the size should not be an issue. He discussed the issue with "changeable copy" and its definition within the ordinance. Chairman Ives discussed the interval between the message changes. Mr. Powelson said he could contact NH Traffic Bureau to see what standard is used in timing for the variable message boards that the State uses. Discussion ensued regarding the "special events" signage as well as the sign with "moving parts." It was discussed that the "moving parts" may be temporary. Mr. Prescott discussed the fact that NHMS went before the Board in Canterbury to get that sign approved, and felt that they should come before the Board in Loudon for the approvals. He also discussed the need to know how many days the moving portion of the sign is going to be utilized during the year. Mr. Prescott said he felt it was evident that NHMS is in violation of the sign ordinance. Mr. Fiske said that originally he stated the interval was 5 seconds but now he is counting it at 3 seconds. It was discussed that the State variable message boards do not fall under Loudon's Ordinances. Mr. Fiske asked about the term "changeable" and what the definition truly is. Chairman Ives stated that he would encourage everyone on the Planning Board and all of the Selectmen to attend the Zoning Board meeting when NHMS comes in to discuss this issue so everyone is on the same page. It was agreed that this would not be a hearing, just a discussion. Mr. Fiske said when the track came in regarding the replacement of

the sign it was smaller than the sign it was replacing and it fell within the ordinance regulations. He said the only thing that changed was the changeable message part, but he felt it fell within the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance; however, the initial changeable message needed to be tuned down. Mr. Fiske said if the Town were to set a time limit, the track would agree to abide by it. Chairman Ives said he had spoken with GM Gerry Gappens to let him know that a letter would be forwarded regarding this issue. Selectman Maxfield asked about the ordinance relative to the term "changeable." Mr. Powelson said that there is a definition for "changeable copy" and reviewed it for those present.

Selectman Maxfield addressed a phone call he received from Michael Harris regarding Tax Map 53, Lot 029, 474 Lower Ridge Road. Mr. Fiske stated this is the property formerly owned by Mr. Harris and Mr. Harris is questioning the Certificate of Occupancy for this property. He went on to say that the C O has not been issued as there are still two items that need to be addressed before it can be issued. Mr. Fiske said one of the remaining issues is the payment of the \$1,523.00 Impact Fee which is due prior to issuance of a CO. He said Ms. Attridge is working on obtaining the funds and the completion of the siding so she can obtain the CO. Mr. Fiske said that there is a temporary camper on the premises which can legally be there until April of 2009 to be used during construction. The Board stated that if the occupants are staying in the camper during construction, they have until April of 2009 before there are any issues. Discussion ensued regarding the Zoning Ordinance and precedence that has been set regarding campers during construction. Selectman Bowles said this new property owner has been working diligently on fixing the mess that they acquired and he feels the Town will work with the property owner if the CO is not obtained by April 2009. Mr. Fiske agreed that the new property owners have been working very hard to address the issues and agreed that he felt the Town should work with the property owners. The Board stated that once April 10, 2009 comes they will see what the status of the building is at that time.

Selectman Maxfield stated Mr. Harris also expressed his concerns regarding noise from the race track.

Chairman Ives stated that it has come to the Board's attention that Joanne Sanborn is advertising her property for sale as having two income producing apartments. He read

the advertisement for those present. Chairman Ives stated that this is a Code Enforcement issue. Mr. Fiske said that he will research this property, but his recollection is that it was an approved in-law apartment at the time it was constructed. Discussion ensued regarding the in-law apartment issue relative to rental or not allowing rentals. Discussion ensued regarding this property and the 50-foot easement.

Chairman Ives discussed the issue of the VOA and the requirement of the landscaping relative to what was agreed to and what has been done. It was stated that Gary Tasker has agreed to review the requirements and view the property.

Chairman Ives closed the Board of Permit and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

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

Mr. Fiske provided the Board with a copy of a thank you letter from M. Geoffrey Smith of Pittsfield Road for review.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Bowles stated he felt that all went well with Old Home Day including traffic control and he said that the volunteers for Old Home Day do a really good job on the event. The Board agreed.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr discussed the generator replacement for Station 2. He discussed the insurance payment based on the size of the old generator, the estimated costs associated with the purchase and installation of a larger generator, and funding. Chief Burr stated

the new generator would be 15 KW and would replace the 7½ KW generator. It was stated that the old generator had been used at the old fire station and was transferred to the new Station 2 when it was built. Discussion ensued. The Board will get back to Chief Burr once they get more information.

Chairman Ives stated that the Gator from the Fire Department had been sent to New Hampton for mutual aid purposes as New Hampton had sustained a lot of damage from the storms.

Don Boyer was recognized from the audience and stated he had questions regarding Rainbow Drive. The Board advised Mr. Boyer that since he was not on the agenda, they probably would not be able to give him any answers but they would listen to what he had to say. Mr. Boyer stated he was looking to purchase property on Rainbow Drive and to upgrade the road and subdivide a few lots. The Board advised Mr. Boyer that all of his questions relative to the road waiver due to the length, engineering, and bonding will go through the Planning Board. The Board advised Mr. Boyer that the Selectmen are the ones that accept a road, once it is built to town standards and inspected. Mr. Boyer will move forward with the Planning Board and Zoning Board on this issue.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from Rodney Phillips regarding the signs at NHMS and compliance with zoning ordinances.

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The Board received copies of the revised drainage specifications for the Library catch basins. Discussion ensued regarding the drainage project. The Board agreed that there was a need to do the project correctly the first time. Selectman Bowles will try to speak with Mike Bean to see if he can give some recommendations to this project. Discussion ensued regarding the need to have the specifications exact prior to going out to bid.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from the State Purchasing Agent regarding road salt purchases. Chairman Ives said that the supplier to the State has agreed to give towns within District #3 the same price as the State of \$62.73 per ton for road salt.

Discussion ensued regarding third party billing for attorney fees. The Board agreed that the town will not be responsible for bills created by a third party. All correspondence between the town and town counsel will be generated by the office, not individual residents.

The Board received copies of expenditure reports for review.

The Board received information regarding the pending Town Hall repairs and avail-

ability of funds. Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance of the building and funding. Selectman Bowles will review the proposal from FifiField Restoration, and the Selectmen will see what repairs can be made with the remaining \$9,500.00 in the building repair line along with the matching funds from the Freewill Baptist Church. Chairman Ives said that the Selectmen will look at increasing this budget line for next year's budget.

Selectman Maxfield advised the Board that Henry and Betty Frost have offered to purchase new carpeting for the Community Building. The Board was presented with carpet samples for review. The Selectmen made their recommendation for the carpet color.

The Board was advised that the carpet price for the Town Office Building lobby and upstairs room have been revised due to the fact that the selection originally chosen is no longer available. The Board agreed to the \$94.00 increase.

The Board received copies of a letter from Rocky Pond Association regarding the contribution to fight milfoil. Discussion ensued. Selectman Bowles said that Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson should be contacted regarding this issue.

The Board received the 2008 Merrimack County Assessment in the amount of \$1,408,490.00 which is due by December 17, 2008. Chairman Ives stated that Loudon pays the ninth highest amount for the County Taxes which is 3.3% of the budget. Selectman Bowles said that the total budget is \$41,928,579.00.

The Board received copies of the July Library Trustee Meeting Minutes.

The Board received copies of the Merrimack Valley School District alteration of terrain permit notice.

The Board received copies of the ESMI inspection report from DES for review.

The Board received copies of the fee and revenue adjustments from Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

The Board received scholarship thank you cards.

The Board received copies of information from NHMA on Legislative Policy proposals.

The Board received copies of a workshop notice on collective bargaining on September 29, 2008.

The Board received copies of a letter from Comcast on their new billing format for review.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Commercial

Haulers Application with Bestway Disposal Services for hauling commercial trash in Loudon. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Plummer was recognized from the audience. Mr. Plummer said it was very generous of Henry and Betty Frost to donate the new carpet for the Community Building. The Board agreed. Chairman Ives said the Board was planning to replace the carpet next year as there were not enough funds in this budget to cover the cost. He said the Selectmen were very grateful for their donation and will be sure that the townspeople know about it.

Discussion ensued regarding the new Merrimack County Nursing Home.

Chairman Ives stated he wanted to wish Dave Rice a Happy Birthday. He said Mr. Rice was not feeling well and was not in attendance at tonight's meeting but wanted to be sure to wish him Happy Birthday.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — August 19, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 12, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice discussed the progress on Goshen Drive and Sheeprock Road. He advised the Board that a culvert at the end of Goshen Drive needs to be replaced and discussed the paving schedule. Mr. Rice discussed some new changes relative to the culvert and Route 106. He said that Pike would begin paving on Wednesday. Mr. Rice stated that Pike would come back to finish paving the end of Goshen Drive once the culvert is replaced.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the reclaiming of Upper City Road is tentatively set for the week after Labor Day.

Mr. Rice said that the Highway Crew had been dealing with issues with dirt roads due to all of the rain. He stated that they had been patching roads as well. Mr. Rice advised the Board that Bumfagon Road and Asby Road need additional work as well.

Chairman Ives stated he had spoken with Recreation Chairman Alicia Grimaldi and she agreed it would be best to wait until spring time to resurface the tennis courts. Mr. Rice will advise the tennis court company that the work will be done as early as possible in the spring. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having a Warrant Article for resurfacing versus just filling the cracks. Discussion ensued regarding different companies for this service.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr advised the Board that the generator for Station 2 has been ordered and he should have the bill for payment next week. Chairman Ives asked about the status of the old generator. Chief Burr stated it has already been taken to the Transfer Station

for disposal. He advised the Board that the transfer switch has been ordered.

Chief Burr advised the Board that he has received the results of the energy audit from Public Service Company and they have provided a list of items that should be addressed. He stated that the total cost to make all the changes PSNH suggested be cost \$7,478.30. Chief Burr said that PSNH has a grant program where they will cover half of the cost and the Town would be responsible for the remaining \$3,739.15. He said the estimated annual savings is projected to be \$1,406.82 per year. Chief Burr said he does not have the \$3,739.15 in his budget this year. He went on to say that PSNH has another option where the Town could continue to pay a monthly amount at the current rate and over the next 2.7 years it would pay for the work and the Town would not have to put any additional money upfront. Selectman Maxfield asked what was causing the inefficiency at the Fire Station. Chief Burr said it was the lights that appear to be the biggest problem. Discussion ensued regarding paying for this outright or the monthly payments. Chief Burr discussed his concerns regarding the Fire Department budget already being tight, fuel costs, and the added expense due to the replacement generator. He said he does not see where his budget can find the \$3,739.15. Chip Cochran was recognized from the audience. Mr. Cochran stated that the company he works for does this type of energy audit every year and the company has seen a savings with all of the changes they made. Selectman Bowles stated he felt if the Board was to agree to these changes, the payment should be made all at once so the actual savings could be monitored. He said he felt that by paying monthly installments it would not show any savings. Selectman Bowles asked if there was a time limit on the grant. Chief Burr will contact PSNH to find out if there is a specific timeframe for this offer and get back to the Board. Discussion ensued. Chief Burr will find out if there are any other payment options with PSNH.

Chairman Ives asked about the status of the fire pond on Loudon Ridge Road. Chief

Burr stated that this will begin late September.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of a letter to the Editor of the Concord Monitor thanking Dave Rice and the Highway Crew for their prompt attention to a road matter.

The Board received a letter from Ruth Murray regarding work done on Country Hill Road.

The Board received copies of a response from Planning Board member Gary Tasker regarding the VOA plantings. Mr. Tasker stated that the plantings appear to be what was included on the plan with the exception of a few dead plants that need to be addressed. Selectman Bowles said he felt the issue is not with the plan; it is with the changes to the boundary line between Craig Maxfield's property and the VOA. He said the VOA took out more trees than they initially said they were going to do and the agreement was to replace as necessary to keep the neighbors happy. Chairman Ives said he felt Mr. Maxfield should go before the Planning Board with his concerns. Selectman Bowles said Mr. Maxfield has been before the Planning Board before. Discussion ensued regarding VOA funding and having VOA and Mr. Maxfield come before the Planning Board or turning it over to the Compliance Department. Chairman Ives suggested that this issue be brought up at the next Board of Permit.

The Board received copies of a newspaper article regarding Talladega economics for review.

The Board received copies of a letter Bob Fiske sent to Joanne Sanborn for review.

The Board received copies of a DES notice regarding Pleasant View Gardens application.

The Board received copies of the ESMI 2nd Quarter Host Community Fee payment in the amount of \$12,178.88.

The Board received copies of a notice of resolution adopted by NH General Court for review.

The Board received copies of past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Maxfield moved to forward past due ambulance account #31466 in the amount of \$589.80, account #18670 in the amount of \$606.80, and account #21085 in the amount of \$544.10 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from Attorney O'Brien regarding the redistricting litigation.

The Board received a scholarship thank you card for review.

The Board received copies of the MS-4 Revenue Report for review and changes.

The Board received copies of a letter from NH Land Surveyors Association regarding stamped plans.

The Board received a request by the County Commissioner to meet with the Selectmen on September 30, 2008 to discuss an inmate work program.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

**The Deadline for the
November 2008 "Loudon Ledger"
is Friday, October 17.**

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — August 26, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

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

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 19, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Selectman Bowles moved to enter into executive session with Road Agent David Rice to discuss a personnel issue at 6:32 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Bowles yes, Maxfield yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Bowles yes, Maxfield yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives stated the results of the executive session were discussion of a new employee for the Highway Department and a pay increase for an existing employee.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that reclaiming should begin on Upper City Road next week.

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

Mr. Fiske discussed a culvert issue on Wellington Lane. He stated that the new landowner filled in the swale and has now caused issues with drainage. Discussion ensued regarding this property and the initial requirement that it needed a culvert under the driveway. The Board agreed the culvert needed to be installed as originally required. Discussion ensued regarding the pitch of the driveway.

Mr. Fiske discussed a property on Hemlock Hill Drive regarding a request to turn the home into a duplex. He stated that the frontage is on Route 106 which is commercial. Chairman Ives asked what the acreage requirement is for this use. Mr. Fiske said 3 acres and the driveway is on Hemlock Hill Drive. Discussion ensued regarding that this is a residential property/use within the commercial corridor, being sure that the codes and zoning requirements are met, and the requirement of the building permit. The Board agreed that as long as all requirements are met, Mr. Fiske could move forward on this issue.

Mr. Fiske discussed the August 19, 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes regarding the VOA discussion and the reference that this issue could be turned over to the Compliance Officer. Mr. Fiske said he recalled the Selectmen were going to address this issue

with Town Counsel to get an opinion on how to proceed, and he has not heard that there was any response yet. Chairman Ives stated that the Selectmen agreed to have the Planning Board review the property relative to the plantings to be sure that what was planted is what the plans called for. He said that Mr. Tasker reviewed the property and concurred that VOA had planted what they were supposed to plant, with the exception of a few plants dying, they have done what was required. Chairman Ives said that at this point the Board is not sure if this should be a civil issue between Craig Maxfield and VOA or if this is an issue for the town. Chairman Ives said he feels that VOA has met their obligation and does not think that the Compliance Office needs to get involved at this time. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of trees cut and the type of trees planted.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that 5 pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Bowles moved to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss an issue with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Bowles yes, Maxfield yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Bowles yes, Maxfield yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives stated the results of the executive session were discussion of issues in dealing with NHMS with the Compliance Officer and that a plan of action was formulated.

Mr. Fiske discussed Tax Map 47, Lot 17 relative to Impact Fee questions. He said that after further research it appears there should be an Impact Fee. Mr. Fiske said that the current property owner is going before the Planning Board to contest the fee.

Selectman Maxfield discussed the designated fund being set up to provide funds for the Town to maintain the Veterans War Memorial and Monument. He reviewed the purpose of the fund which states "the purpose of this designated fund is to provide the Town of Loudon with funds to maintain the Loudon Veteran's War Memorial Monument. Maintenance may include the upkeep of the surrounding grounds, new Veterans rosters, flags, flagpoles, walkway, and granite benches. Any funds distributed annually to the Town of Loudon but not expended for these purposes are to be reserved in a separate account for future improvements to the Veterans Memorial Monument site. The Town Selectmen are responsible for the periodic review of this separate account". Selectman Maxfield stated that the fund is set up through the year 2108 and he hopes

that the Selectmen in the future will keep an eye on this account. Discussion ensued.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a reminder that the State Election Law Training is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2008.

The Board received copies of the revised drainage repair specifications for review and approval.

The Board received copies of the Zaleski Contracting roof invoices for review and approval. *Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the payment to Zaleski Contracting in the amount of \$5,802.50 for removing and replacing the asphalt roof on the Town Office Building, in addition, approve the additional invoice in the amount \$235.00 for nailing down plywood with 8 penny ring shank nails. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Bowles said the reason for the additional cost in nails is due to the fact that the original roof was nailed with the incorrect nails for the job and Zaleski*

Contracting re-nailed the roof to correct the problem. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received the Utility Assessment figures from George Sansoucy's office.

The Board received copies of an advertisement for R&D Paving for budget purposes for tennis court repairs and resurfacing.

The Board received copies of upcoming workshops from Local Government Center for review.

The Board received copies of an abutter notice regarding Concord Ventures Area Development LLC on Tax Map 001, Lot 049 for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Steven R. Ives, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Planning Board Minutes — August 21, 2008

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Steve Jackson, Tom Moore, and Alternate Bob Ordway. Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Gary Tasker.

Fire Chief Jeff Burr was present and Bob Butler was present to represent the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

July 17, 2008 Regular Meeting. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Steve Jackson. Majority in favor; Tom Dow and Tom Moore abstained from voting as they were not present at that meeting.

Discussion:

Tony Merullo — Map 38, Lot 8, School Street. Mr. Merullo explained that this parcel is a subdivision approved as Peter & Gary, LLC. He said that a cistern was required as part of the approval and stated that it has been ordered. Mr. Merullo said that he has met with Chief Burr and the road agent about the location of the cistern. He explained that he would prefer not to put the cistern against the abutting property so did test pits in a different location but found that area less suitable. Mr. Merullo said that he is proposing to deepen the cistern easement so that it would not be as long as proposed. He said that he is in the process of beginning the work, anticipating installation in October. Mr. Merullo asked to set a site walk to see the re-location point and the improvements planned. He stated that the fire chief is in agreement with the new proposal. They have looked at the location, the way the town setbacks are, the stonewall, and the apron. Tom Dow asked how far they would be moving the location. Mr. Merullo said that the easement would go from 115' x 53' to 75' x 75'. He said they would be changing the configuration, not really moving the cistern. Tom Dow said that they would need a revised site plan with all easements and the new configuration. He said

he does not see any reason for a site walk if the fire chief has been to review the proposal and has no concerns. Tom Moore said that his only concern would be that the easement be large enough that the cistern could be replaced if need be without going onto someone else's property.

Mr. Merullo explained that the configuration would be four 7,500 gallon tanks. There was discussion of access, elevations, and a nearby culvert. Tom Moore asked if the apron would meet the driveway requirements. Mr. Merullo explained the way that the road is crowned and the design of the proposed access. Bob Ordway asked how the tanks are interconnected. Mr. Merullo explained the plumbing of the tanks, pointing out the circular motion through the four tanks and the fill and suction hookups. Tom Moore asked how far this would be off the road. Mr. Merullo said they are proposing bollards for protection. Chief Burr said the measurement from the edge of the pavement to the stonewall is 23'. He said they were originally looking at the edge of the property line. The chief said there is enough distance to get a truck off the road and hook up. Mr. Merullo stated that they will have 10' from the loading area to fill the trucks. Chairman Dow stated that Mr. Merullo must get a revised plan with the easement to the office.

Mr. Merullo stated that three lots in this area are required to have a cistern. He said that one house has been built and a second is ready to be started. Mr. Merullo noted that Lot 38-8-4 of a recently subdivided lot 1,000' up the road is not required to have a cistern. He said that house may be ready for a CO before the cistern is operational. Mr. Merullo said that he would probably come back to the Board to ask for a waiver of that CO. He said that he has discussed this with the fire chief and is requesting that the house on the new subdivision lot be used as one toward the cistern requirement, swapped with the third lot of this particular area. Mr. Merullo asked if the Board would waive Lot 38-8-4 needing the cistern for the

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issuance of the CO. The Board did not feel that shuffling lots and requirements was advisable. Mr. Merullo was again instructed to get the revised cistern plan to the Board.

Dan Aversa — Attorney Simon Leeming represented Mr. Aversa, Wellington Lane — Mr. Leeming stated that Mr. Aversa has agreed to do 100' of additional guardrail per the letter sent by the Board to Mr. Aversa last month. Donna stated that Sara of NH Picket Fences called the Planning office recently and said that they had been contracted to do 50' of guardrail and would be scheduling it for the latter part of October. Board members questioned Mr. Leeming on Mr. Aversa's intentions. Mr. Leeming said that he was told by his client that he was going to do 100' and it is a "done deal." Mr. Leeming also addressed the culvert that was mentioned in the letter to Mr. Aversa. He said that he was told by his client that it will be fixed but was not sure of a timeframe. Stan Prescott suggested that they give Mr. Aversa sixty days to get the guardrail and culvert taken care of, and Tom Dow agreed that it would be a reasonable timeframe to get the work completed.

Loudon Woods Estates — Mr. Leeming stated that Mr. Aversa is requesting relief from last month's decision about the exten-

sion of the timeframe for the off-site improvements on Bee Hole Road and not being able to sell any lots on the new subdivision road. Mr. Leeming said that Mr. Aversa gave the town a 25' easement along Bee Hole for future widening and agreed to do the improvements at the corner of Bee Hole and Chichester Roads at the cost of \$150,000 +/- . He stated that this subdivision has been asked to do all of the improvements despite the fact that there are other developments on the road. Mr. Leeming said that his client would honor that agreement. He stated that the Board agreed to extend the timeframe for the improvements to the end of the 2009 construction season with the condition added that no homes may be sold on the new road during the improvements construction. Mr. Leeming said that the new road is currently under construction. He explained that the owners have equity lines on their homes to do the improvements and they are asking that they be allowed to sell four lots on the new road without the completion of the off-site improvements. He stated that they are not backing off their obligations.

Mr. Leeming said they would bond whatever is necessary to complete the new roadway. He said that the road has been grubbed and staked and they would bond the remainder of the new road as well as request a bond for the off-site improvements. Steve Jackson asked what level the new road would be brought to before requesting a certificate of occupancy. Mr. Leeming said that it was his understanding that the road would be brought to the base coat and the final coat would be done once all of the houses are built. Mr. Jackson asked if there was a proposal for some kind of turnaround. Mr. Leeming said that the road and cul-de-sac would be completed. Mr. Jackson asked to clarify that Mr. Leeming was saying that the whole road would be done to base coat with a bond in place for the completion of the road for the approval of selling four lots without having to do the off-site improvements. Mr. Leeming said that was his understanding and that he would check with his client by phone.

Stan Prescott asked how many lots other than those on the new road are available for Mr. Aversa to sell. There are two lots on Bee Hole Road that cannot be sold as they are in the area of the off-site improvements and part of the original restriction. That would leave four lots on Chichester Road, two of which have already been sold. Stan Prescott stated that the purpose of the restriction made at last month's meeting was that the Board wanted the improvements done before new traffic was added to the intersection. Donna informed the Board of a call that she received from Mr. Aversa. In that call, Mr. Aversa stated that he has five 2009

building permits, three on the new road and two on Chichester Road. He said that the off-site improvements would be underway simultaneously with the selling and building of the homes, all in 2009. Mr. Aversa pointed out that the improvements would be completed prior to the sale and completion of those three homes.

Bob Ordway said that he would be receptive to the request as long as Mr. Aversa is willing to post bonds for the new road and off-site improvements. Stan Prescott said that he was in agreement if both are bonded. Steve Jackson said that it is his understanding that Mr. Leeming is saying that the road will be brought to base coat and the cistern will be installed before COs are issued, and the Board will relieve the stipulation to allow the sale of four lots on the new road but not Lots 8 and 9 on Bee Hole Road. Mr. Leeming stepped out of the room to call his client for confirmation of his intentions.

Don Boyer — Steve Jackson stepped down from the Board so that he could represent Mr. Boyer. Mr. Jackson explained that Mr. Boyer has made an offer on property owned by Deb Rattee off Rainbow Drive. He said that Mr. Boyer would like to know if the Board would look favorably to a five lot subdivision on the backside of Rainbow Drive if he was to improve Rainbow Drive to town standards. Mr. Jackson explained that this would be on the opposite side of the road from the water and pointed out that there is a plan portraying the steep slopes but the lots have not yet been delineated for wetlands. He said that Mr. Boyer was in to discuss this proposal with the Board a couple of months ago and at that time the discussion included a loop road. Mr. Jackson said that is not a consideration due to the terrain. Bob Ordway stated that Mr. Boyer had previously told the Board that the purchase depended on the lot on the water. Mr. Jackson said that is not part of this deal. Tom Dow asked how long the road is off School Street. Mr. Jackson said it would be about 3000' to access all five lots and 3500' to the end of the cul-de-sac. There was discussion about the slopes, the length of the road, how this is only improving the road that is there and not adding any length, and that Mr. Boyer would want the town to accept the road. Tom Dow said that he does not see anything wrong with the proposal. Stan Prescott stated that he would agree. The Board was in agreement as long as Mr. Boyer meets the town's specifications and does not intend to go around Hot Hole Pond.

Steve Jackson returned to the Board.

Dan Aversa — Mr. Leeming returned to the room after calling Mr. Aversa. He said that Mr. Aversa is agreeable to complete the new road to base coat before the four lots are sold, would post two bonds, Lots 8 and 9 are not part of the waiver, and the cistern would be in before certificates of occupancy are issued. A letter of these conditions will be sent to Mr. Aversa and copied to Mr. Leeming.

Andy Palhof of Wellington Lane asked about the culvert repair that was discussed at the last meeting. He asked if his driveway would be repaired to pavement once the culvert is installed. Mr. Leeming said that he felt that his client would make the installation and repair the driveway pavement. He

said that he would confirm that with Mr. Aversa.

Steve Jackson made a motion to release four lots on the new Loudon Woods Estates subdivision road to be sold with the condition that the new road is to be completed to base coat; two bonds are to be in place prior to the sale of the lots, one for the off-site improvements to be completed by the end of the 2009 construction season and one to finish the new road; cistern must be in place prior to the issuance of any certificates of occupancy; Lots 8 and 9 on Bee Hole Road are not part of this waiver; and a new construction estimate for the off-site improvements must be submitted prior to the bond request. Seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

An agreement of these conditions will be sent to Mr. Aversa for signature, and a letter of the guardrail and culvert timeframe of sixty days will also be sent to Mr. Aversa. The agreement will be recorded upon receipt from Mr. Aversa.

Leonard Lapadula — Map 34, Lot 2, Young's Hill Road. Mr. Lapadula stated that some cutting has been done at the subdivision that was approved in 2006. He said that, as part of the approval, he agreed to install a cistern 1600' in from Young's Hill Road and to do 2800' of improvement to Young's Hill Road. Mr. Lapadula said that economics are currently different from that time. He said that he would like to sell his home in Amherst and build and live in the first house at this location as a model home to get things started. Mr. Lapadula asked if the Board would be willing to consider letting him put this first home on the very first lot and think of the access as a driveway. He said he would bring in temporary service until he could sell and develop the remainder of the lots. Mr. Lapadula said that before selling the first lot the cistern would be installed and the road would be brought up to subgrade/base coat at least to the first lot sold.

Steve Jackson asked to clarify that Mr. Lapadula is asking for one home and no improvements at this time. Stan Prescott pointed out that Mr. Lapadula could have one building permit with the frontage on Young's Hill Road. Mr. Jackson asked if Mr. Lapadula would put a sprinkler system in this home. Mr. Lapadula said that sprinklers are not desirable and stated that he would do the cistern before any other houses were sold. Stan Prescott said that he does not see a problem with the request. Mr. Lapadula said that he would be living in the house and would have a vested interest. Mr. Prescott said that the Board cannot realistically hold Mr. Lapadula up from building a house on the property. Steve Jackson, Bob Ordway, and Tom Moore stated that they were in agreement.

Matt Moulton — Mr. Moulton explained that he just moved to 373 Lovejoy Road and that he had no knowledge of an impact fee on the property until he went for his certificate of occupancy. He showed the Board a letter from the code enforcement officer dated 4/11/07 that stated that there was no impact fee on the property. Tony Merullo stated that he built the house and explained the process of getting this type of letter prior to the issuance of a building per-

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mit. Mr. Moulton explained that he did not have the additional funds to get the certificate of occupancy but Mr. Merullo had paid it so that they could get into the new house. He said that the letter clearly says that there is no impact fee due. Donna explained the process of determining if an impact fee is to be assessed on properties. She said that this particular lot was the "mother" lot prior to the subdivision that was done in 2002 and because the lot existed before the ordinance was established it was determined that the fee was due. Chairman Dow will talk with Bob Fiske and get back to Mr. Moulton.

Old Business:

Application #08-14, Kenneth St. Cyr — Minor Subdivision, Located on Clough Hill Road in the RR District. Map 33, Lot 13. Steve Luger represented Mr. St. Cyr. He explained that this property is at the corner of Clough Hill and Coaster Roads and that the subdivision is cutting the parcel in half with 2.58 acres staying with the existing house and the other parcel having 2.43 acres. Mr. Luger presented revised plans, noting that the pool and shed have been removed and that he added a note of that. State subdivision approval was granted on 7/28/08, the wetlands have been delineated and the plans are stamped accordingly. Mr. Luger said that the plan now meets all of the requirements. He said that they were asked to make reference of the building buffer which he has done as note #7 on sheet one of two. He has also added the subdivision approval number.

Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. Steve Jackson asked which sheet is to be recorded. Mr. Luger said that sheet one would be recorded. Tom Dow said that notes about the pool and shed should be removed if the structures have actually been removed from the setback. He said there is no need to show them as existing and then have a note that they have been removed. Tom Moore made a motion to approve the subdivision with the removal of the pool and shed note and the pool and shed depictions on the plan; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. There was brief discussion about recording the plans as each sheet has pertinent information on it. It was decided that both sheets must be recorded.

New Business:

Application #08-15, Merrimack Valley School District — Site Development, Located on Old Concord Road, in the RR District. Map 29, Lot 87. Abutters Janet Darling, Leonida Edwards, and Carolyn Fiske were present. Fred Reagan of MVSD, Rick Broider of LYAA, and Erin Reardon of Nobis Engineering presented the proposal. Mr. Broider gave an overview of the project which includes two soccer fields and additional parking. Ms. Reardon explained that access would be gained through the school property. She said that there would be drainage improvements at the end of the

school property, fifty-four gravel parking spaces, and two soccer fields, one youth regulation size and one adult regulation size which could be used for multiple games during tournaments. Ms. Reardon stated that there would be six lights in the parking lot, none at the fields. The parking lot would not be maintained in the winter. She said that they have met with the road agent and he was in agreement with the proposal for work on Old Concord Road. Mr. Broider said that the additional parking will help alleviate parking problems when there are events at the school as well as accommodate those using the soccer fields. He said that the fields would give the school additional recess areas. Mr. Broider explained that Loudon is the only town in the MVSD that does not have a dedicated soccer field, noting that they currently use the recreation field which is not ideal when trying to play soccer on a baseball field. He said that there would be an onsite snow removal area which would eliminate the cost of trucking snow offsite.

Stan Prescott asked what kind of lights would be used and at what height. Mr. Reagan said that there would be enough light to provide safety in the parking lot and they would be unobtrusive lights. He said he does not yet have a lighting plan but could come back to the Board once he does if that was preferred. Mr. Prescott said it would not be necessary for them to come back as long as the lights would not be too high and they used shoebox lights. Tom Moore asked if the lights would be on a timer. Mr. Reagan said they would not be on the same timer as the school lights. He said that he has talked with Carolyn Fiske about that concern. Mr. Reagan explained that the outside school lights are on all night but that would not be necessary at the field parking area. He said they will have to work it out when doing the final lighting plan.

Tom Dow asked if they have given any thought to the other access and how to handle people using that rather than going through the school property. Mr. Reagan said that the access would be through the school and that there would be signs directing traffic to enter and exit by way of School Street. Ms. Reardon said that they are looking for appropriate signage. Mr. Reagan stated that they are thinking of gating the parking lot on the Old Concord Road side. Ms. Reardon stated that the vegetation will remain. Carolyn Fiske asked if the Fox Pond Road side would be fenced. Ms. Reardon said that no fencing has been proposed and that the trees will remain. Ms. Fiske stated that she is concerned about children that are not involved in the sporting events coming her way. Mr. Reagan said that he will see Chief Fiske and the road agent for signage requirements and preferences.

Steve Jackson confirmed that the school district is doing the permitting. Ms. Reardon said that they have done some cutting but no stumping. They have submitted their alteration of terrain application to DES. Tony Marcotte stated that the road by the proposed field connects to the Villages of

Loudon. He asked if there was any interest by the Board to do a connector road for a future exit. There was brief discussion and it was decided that is not of interest at this point in time. Ms. Reardon, Mr. Reagan, and Mr. Broider talked with abutters and addressed their questions and concerns.

Old Business:

Application #08-06, CVAD, LLC — Major Site Development, Located on Route 106 in the C/I District. Map 1, Lot 49. There were no abutters present. Tony Marcotte stated that they have received comments from town engineer Tony Puntin and have a couple of items to address from those. One item is the height of the building. He said that the regulations refer to the point of access to the roof being no more than 35'. Mr. Marcotte explained that they have proposed a cistern at the front of the building and meet the requirements of the point of access at the front. He said he felt that they met the Zoning Ordinance at 35'. Mr. Marcotte stated that he has met with Fire Chief Burr about the proposed 10,000 gallon cistern. He said that the chief would like to have a 20,000 gallon cistern in order to serve other sites in the area. Mr. Marcotte said that the Board had decided at last month's meeting that the applicant had to go to the ZBA for a special exception on the building height and that they are on the agenda for this month's ZBA meeting.

Mr. Marcotte said that NH DOT has offered some minor comments. DOT has asked them to increase the right hand turn lane a little, do some restriping, and utilize the shoulders. Mr. Marcotte said that they have submitted their alteration of terrain application and due to the length of that process they now have to deal with the new shoreland protection rules that have recently been adopted. He said that they have not been able to get a meeting with the state or much in the way of responses so that process is holding them up at this point. Mr. Marcotte submitted a copy of their shoreland protection application to be delivered to the town clerk.

There was brief discussion about Tony Puntin's comments, most of which have been addressed. Mr. Marcotte said that the remaining comments involved retaining walls. Tom Dow said that he had read through the comments and agrees that they have done a lot to accommodate Mr. Puntin's comments and there are minor things left to be addressed. Steve Jackson asked about the number of parking spaces. Mr. Marcotte stated that they have already been to the ZBA and have a variance for the parking spaces based on 26,000 sf of retail space. There was discussion about the proposed drainage work that involved Staniels Road. Mr. Marcotte explained that the selectmen would prefer to look at discontinuing the road at town meeting before any work is done on that section of the old road. The selectmen were concerned about the maintenance if the town still owned the road.

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to September 18, 2008,

7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Application #08-07, DJP Realty Trust — Major Subdivision, Located on Bee Hole Road, in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 4. There were no abutters present. Gary Spaulding of GR Spaulding Design Co. and Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Spaulding said that they have received additional comments from the town engineer and went through the comments with the Board.

Design plans: #1) Mr. Stout said that they are at 13' but could slide back 2' so that they would be at the DOT recommended distance of 15'. He said they would not hit the stonewall by doing so. #3) Mr. Spaulding said that they purposely left the curbing back 2' so that it would not be hit by plows. He said that the curbing is tipped down. Steve Jackson asked about drainage in that area. Mr. Spaulding said that water would go down the 2' shoulder that ties into the swale. Mr. Jackson asked if water from Bee Hole Road would go onto the new road. Mr. Spaulding said it would not. Tom Dow stated that he likes it better with the curb back from the edge of the pavement. Stan Prescott said he was fine with the design as long as it is tipped down. Mr. Spaulding said that they are using sloped curbing. It was agreed to leave the plan as is. #10) (fourth bullet) — Mr. Spaulding said that they have addressed the 3' shoulders, guardrail, and raising the headwall. He said that they came down behind the headwall and tied to the top of the headwall. Mr. Spaulding said that Tony Puntin is asking them to raise the headwall. He explained that the top of the box culvert is typically the headwall. It was agreed that they should raise the headwall by one foot. (seventh bullet) — inlet-outlet protection — Mr. Spaulding discussed the plans that were submitted to DES Wetlands and that DES had requested that some of the protection material be removed as previously discussed. He explained that they are calling for rip rap inside the entire 40' length of the box culvert as well as the 10' outlet apron. It was felt that the rip rap was needed for scouring. Mr. Spaulding said that DES asked them to fill the void spaces with native material so the Blandings turtle and other aquatic wildlife can pass through the culvert. He said that the rip rap inside and on the outlet will protect from scouring and floodwaters and they may lose some material but would not lose all of it. Outlet — Mr. Spaulding stated that rip rap is noted on the plan and it has to remain, noting that it has been shown on all of the submissions. He explained that this is not the typical exposed rip rap because it has to be filled with native material to create a smooth surface. Steve Jackson asked if they are proposing to build this according to DES standards. Mr. Spaulding said that is how they got the permit. Mr. Jackson asked if the engineer is questioning some parts. Mr. Spaulding said that there is a note that can be removed and a clarification can be written. General —

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Mr. Spaulding said that scour/erosion calculations have been developed and they have provided rip rap as erosion control. He noted that this has been pointed out several times and is what is required by DES Wetlands. #13) Mr. Spaulding said that they moved everything back 3' and did what they were told by the Planning Board last month when it was decided that they should stay with the "G" end sections.

Stormwater Management Report: #1) Mr. Spaulding noted that Mr. Puntin agreed with their response in an earlier point but is bringing it up again under this point. Stan Prescott suggested that they ask Mr. Puntin what he is asking for. Mr. Spaulding stated that DES has regulated this point. He pointed out that the Planning Board requires all permits before hearing a case so that permit was applied for and received and cannot be changed. Mr. Spaulding said that the 1½% increase in flow is minimal. Mr. Prescott said that Mr. Spaulding should address this back to Mr. Puntin. Mr. Spaulding said that he has done that and Mr. Puntin had agreed but is now bringing it up again. There was discussion of how this should be addressed. #4) Mr. Spaulding stated that catch basins, level spreaders, swales, and rip rap on the driveway culvert have been pro-

posed and have been left in the executive summary so that the contractors can use them to write their SWP plan. He explained that they may not be on the plans but that does not mean that it should not be there. Mr. Spaulding said that BMP notes are listed and can be used and feels that it is important to have this information in the document. Mr. Spaulding said that they have typical of all of those items. He noted that there is a wide right-of-way and all of these are within that right-of-way. Mr. Spaulding said that they have provided the required information and asked what the Board's desire would be. Stan Prescott said that they should write to Mr. Puntin and clarify the information provided. Mr. Spaulding read his last response to Mr. Puntin. Stan Prescott suggested that Mr. Spaulding refer to the note when addressing this to Mr. Puntin and put it on the plan as well as in the Stormwater Plan. Steve Jackson went through notes from the previous meeting's minutes and it was agreed that all items have been addressed.

Construction Cost Estimate: Mr. Spaulding asked what format is preferable for the construction cost estimate. It was stated that the estimate should include values, sequences, and milestones.

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue the hearing to September 18, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded

by Tom Moore. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

Donna handed out information on upcoming Law Lecture Series and a copy of a letter from the NH Land Surveyors Association.

Chairman Dow asked Board members to be thinking ahead about any matters that should be addressed in the Zoning Ordinance for upcoming workshops. He said that small wind energy is one topic that will have to be discussed. Stan Prescott suggested that the scale to be used on plans should be changed in the Land Development Regulations.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there are two applications for special exceptions for accessory structures prior to the residence, an application for a special exception for a real estate office in the Village District, an application for a special exception for a driveway turnaround in the setback, and an application for a special exception for a building height on this month's agenda. There is also a request for a building permit extension.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that the following items were discussed at this month's Board of Permit meeting: Speedway sign, Board of

Selectmen sent a letter advising the owners to meet with the ZBA; an occupancy permit for 474 Lower Ridge Road; Mike Harris complaint of noise at the track; an ad for an income producing apartment, the code enforcement officer will investigate; landscaping at the VOA center, appealing an abutter; and Don Boyer about Rainbow Drive, instructed to see the Planning Board.

There was discussion about the landscaping at the VOA center. Gary Tasker took the approved plans to the site and confirmed that the plantings were done as designed and approved. It was noted that the discussion at the last Selectmen's meeting was to send Mr. Maxfield and/or VOA to the Planning Board to discuss the concerns of Mr. Maxfield. It was agreed that the work has been done according to the approved plans and that any further discussion should take place between VOA and Mr. Maxfield. A letter will be sent to the VOA and copied to the Selectmen.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — August 28, 2008

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of August 28, 2008 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: George Saunderson, Chairman Dave Powelson, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Roy Mer-

rill, and Alternates Jim Venne and Jon Huntington.

Jim Venne was appointed to be a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing — Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2008; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

Debra Rattee — Request for building permit extension. A request was received from Ms. Rattee to extend building permit #07-028 for one year. Ms. Rattee was unable to attend or have a representative in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Rattee's letter states that she has a buyer for the property that has this permit and the buyer would not be ready to build until 2009. There was discussion that this permit was extended once in January 2008 and how this would be a different owner once the sale is completed. Jim Venne stated that it would not be changing the total number of building permits. The process of carryover of unused permits was discussed. Roy Merrill said that the new owner could come to the ZBA. Dave Powelson suggested that the new owner could apply for a new permit in their own name. Ned Lizotte and George Saunderson said that they did not see a problem with the extension or either suggestion. Mr. Saunderson said that he thought the safest way to handle this might be to have the buyer come before the Board. Jim Venne said that he felt the Board should allow the extension. Jon Huntington said that they are assuming that the buyer will build a house with the permit but they do not really know. He said that he is alright with the extension as long as there is an abundance of building permits. Ned Lizotte discussed what has been considered on similar extension requests and that he

feels this is a reasonable request based on the fact that Ms. Rattee has a buyer for this piece but they are not prepared to build until next year. The chairman asked if there was any advantage to waiting a month. Mr. Lizotte asked if it would be prudent to go with just the letter or if they should have someone come to the Board in person to address the request. The chairman pointed out that this would be the second extension, noting that extending one year is not much of a hurdle but he was not sure about a second time. Roy Merrill stated that a second extension should be handled on a case by case basis. Mr. Lizotte asked if the buyer should come in and explain their intentions to the Board if they were going to handle these on a case by case basis. Mr. Merrill said that it would not be a bad idea to at least find out where the building permit list stands at this point. Mr. Huntington said that they could let Ms. Rattee sell the lot and the new owners would then apply for a 2009 permit. Mr. Merrill said that he was not sure that there are not cases that cannot be extended a second time. Ned Lizotte stated that the building permit is in effect until the end of the year so there is no rush to make a decision. George Saunderson said that he would like more information and postpone a month. Ned Lizotte made a motion to postpone discussion for one month; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. Dis-

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cussion tabled to meeting of September 25, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #08-19, Steve Jackson — Special Exception for Real Estate Office, Map 20, Lot 40. A letter asking that this application be withdrawn was received from the applicant on this date.

Case #08-20, Richard & Denise Byrne — Special Exception for an Accessory Structure and Building Permit Extension, Map 12, Lot 56. Mr. Byrne explained that they would like to build a barn on their lot on Thistle Hill Road so that they can start cleaning out their current house while waiting for it to sell. He also explained that the building permit that they have was originally for 2009 in Wayne Thistle's name and it was moved to 2008. Roy Merrill asked if the Byrnes has personally bumped the permit to 2008. Mr. Byrnes said that it was automatically moved up. Mr. Merrill explained the building permit process, saying that the owner is given the choice but the permits are not automatically moved up. Dave Powelson asked if the Byrnes would be in a position to build in 2009. Mr. Byrne said that was their plan as long as the economy turns around and they can sell their Concord house. Mrs. Byrne said that at the very least they might have to put in the house foundation. Dave Powelson stated that would count as a substantial start on the building according to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Byrne said he had thought that the shed would keep the permit active but found out that the permit is for the main residence only.

Chairman Powelson stated that the Board has two parts to consider, one being the extension and the other being the special exception. Mrs. Byrne said that they would like to build the accessory building now and the house next year. Jon Huntington pointed out that the sketch shows a barn and a shed and asked which they are asking to build. Mr. Byrne explained that the proposal is for a 28' x 30' structure with two separate rooms, one being a 16' x 30' with a second floor as the main barn and one being a 12' x 16' smaller area with one level. George Saunderson asked if this would be for stor-

age or animals. Mr. Byrne said it would be for storage, saying that they would park a car in it instead of renting a storage space as well as store items from their current house. Mr. Saunderson asked if there would be electricity, plumbing, water, heat or insulation. Mr. Byrne stated that there would not. Roy Merrill asked if they had plans of the building. Mr. Byrne said that their contractor has the building plans. George Saunderson asked about the barn foundation. Mr. Byrne said that it would be a slab.

Roy Merrill asked if this is the lot with the paved driveway. Mr. Byrne said that it was, explaining that Wayne Thistle put the driveway in and they had it paved. Mr. Merrill stated that the Planning Board did a site visit on the road to review several items and noted that the driveway is not pitched correctly. Mr. Byrne said that Mr. Thistle had mentioned that when they put the second coat on and that Mr. Thistle was planning to do something to redirect the water. Mr. Merrill talked about options to correct the situation or the applicant might have to come to the Board for a variance. George Saunderson asked if Mr. Merrill thought they could extend the building permit with the condition that the driveway be corrected. Roy Merrill said that the Board could do a site visit. Donna informed the Board that town engineer Tony Puntin did an inspection of the road construction on the previous day and had addressed the problems with the driveways being at the wrong pitch in his inspection report to Mr. Thistle and the Planning Board. Chairman Powelson said that the driveway should be cleaned up separately as it is not involved with the application or extension. Mr. Merrill said that the Board saw plans with a similar request on Bear Hill Road. Mr. Powelson said that that was different because the Board had tried to be sure that was an accessory building to a permitted use. He pointed out that the Board would not generally have anything to do with a residential accessory structure as far as the design is concerned.

George Saunderson said that the extension is fairly simple, stating that it was originally for 2009 and has not been extended previously. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to extend the building permit for one year; sec-*

onded by George Saunderson. There was discussion about the applicants being able to build the accessory structure if the permit is extended back to 2009. Dave Powelson pointed out that the applicants could do their foundation now without the special exception but there is some real concern of having a foundation in the ground due to damage from it freezing. *All were in favor of the extension.*

The chairman went through the points of the application. #3 special conditions — the chairman pointed out that Section 208.4 requires that driveways slope away from the road. Roy Merrill said that it not necessarily a requirement for this application but it should be noted that there is a problem with the driveway for this lot. He said that it would need to be corrected or the applicant should seek a variance. Chairman Powelson said that he was not sure that it needs to be considered by the ZBA if it is being addressed elsewhere. Mr. Merrill mentioned another driveway that was discovered to be incorrectly built at the time that the owner asked for their occupancy permit and had to be bonded until it could be corrected in the spring. He said the Byrnes needed to be warned that it should be corrected before they get to the point of wanting their occupancy permit.

George Saunderson suggested doing a site visit, noting that the applicants could still pour their slab after the September meeting. Mr. Byrne said that they are on the contractor's list for the end of September. Dave Powelson said that he was not sure that the Board needed to see the end of the driveway to decide the special exception application. Jim Venne said that they have plenty of time to fix the driveway before being ready to get their CO. The chairman completed the review of the seven points of the application. He asked if there was anyone wishing

to speak in favor of or against the application or if there were any questions from the Board. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing and opened it to the Board only. *Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the special exception to construct an accessory structure prior to the residence; seconded by Jim Venne. A roll vote was taken: Jim Venne — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED*

Case #08-21, Concord Ventures Area Development (CVAD), LLC — Special Exception for Building Height, Map 1, Lot 49. Tony Marcotte represented CVAD. Ned Lizotte said that he thought the Board had already handled all areas of concern on this project. Mr. Marcotte said that they thought the same but have since received comments from town engineer Tony Puntin after his review of the proposed project on Route 106. Mr. Marcotte said that he feels that they met the Ordinance with the access to the building being at the front and where they will be installing a 20,000 gallon fire cistern. He said that Mr. Puntin raised the issue of the building being too tall if accessed from the rear which has a lower level, designed that way because of the terrain. He said that he asked the Planning Board for a decision on Mr. Puntin's comments and was instructed to see the Zoning Board for a special exception. Mr. Marcotte explained that the state has amended their shoreland protection act as of July 1st and this property now has to have a shoreland protection permit because it is 230' from the river at the rear. He said that the site specific permit is now being held up because of having to apply for the additional permit.

Mr. Marcotte stated that he feels that they meet the requirements of a special exception because Section 208.2 allows for sites larger than required for the proposed

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use to increase the height of structures by 10 feet per additional acre up to a maximum of 50 feet. Chairman Powelson asked what height the applicants are looking for. Mr. Marcotte said that they would like approval for 50' at the back of the building. He said that they could make the building with a flat roof but they had designed it based on the 106 Corridor Study's design preferences. George Saunderson asked how high the building is at the front. Mr. Marcotte said it is 34'. Mr. Saunderson said that was in the spirit of the Ordinance.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application. #2) Mr. Marcotte stated that he feels that the building fits the New England style and would not be detrimental to the neighborhood. #3) Mr. Marcotte said the site was designed to take advantage of the slope. #4) Mr. Marcotte said there would be a 20,000 gallon cistern at the front of the building. #6) Mr. Marcotte said that there would be no adverse impact on the environment whether flat or pitched roof.

The chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board. Ned Lizotte asked Mr. Marcotte if they needed 50' or a little more. Mr. Marcotte said that 50' would be enough. Mr. Lizotte asked if it would be prudent to have a little more. Mr. Marcotte stated that he did not think that the Ordinance would allow more than 50'. Dave Powelson stated that they have always allowed taller structures in the C/I district but they have been uninhabited structures whereas this building is intended to be occupied. He said that this one would probably closer fall under the 50' special exception for having extra land. Roy Merrill said that if Mr. Marcotte was comfortable with 50' it would fit. Jon Huntington stated that the additional height cannot be seen from the road. Mr. Marcotte said that leaving it at 50' would be workable, noting that they could bring the roof down a little if necessary.

Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of or against the application. There were none. Donna stated that an abutter, Mr. Bresciani, had called the office to inquire about the application and had no concerns with the request. The chairman closed the public hearing and opened it to the Board only. Ned Lizotte made a motion to grant the special exception for the height of the building to be a maximum of 50' as measured at the rear of the building; seconded by Roy Merrill. Mr. Merrill said that he personally thinks that the town has run into this before as there are a good number of houses around town that do not meet the 35' height restriction. He said that this matter has been discussed in the past about buildings being measured in the front. Mr. Merrill said that this project meets the 35' in the front, noting that it would be impossible to build a two story commercial building or with a basement. Ned Lizotte said that this property is conducive to this design. Mr. Merrill said that this is a good use of this lot. Mr. Lizotte said

that he would agree. *A roll vote was taken: Jim Venne — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED*

Case #08-22, Jake Bronnenberg — Special Exception for an Accessory Structure, Map 7, Lot 4. Mr. Bronnenberg explained that he has a building permit and plans to start building his home in the spring but wants to put up a pole barn first. There was discussion about the building permit and whether it is for 2008 or 2009. Members explained to Mr. Bronnenberg what the options were if it is a 2008 permit, those being that he put in the foundation this fall or get an extension to 2009. Mr. Bronnenberg said that the barn would be a 30' x 50' structure for forestry and agricultural purposes. He stated that he is a licensed forester and has a seventy-four acre woodlot with a conservation easement that permits a building of this nature to manage the tree farm.

George Saunderson asked if the barn would be insulated or have electricity. Mr. Bronnenberg said it would not, explaining that it would be four walls, a roof, and sliding doors. Roy Merrill asked about the map and lot for clarification. Mr. Bronnenberg explained that the seventy-four acres consist of a 2.9 acre house lot and the remainder is in the conservation easement. He said that he would be putting the barn on the conservation section, not on the house lot. Jon Huntington asked how far it is back to the swamp. Mr. Bronnenberg pointed out the wooded area, brook, swamp and grassy area.

Chairman Powelson said this is a bit of an awkward spot because the applicant is looking for building a house and then on a separate parcel wants to build a barn. Roy Merrill asked if there are two deeds. Mr. Bronnenberg said that it is one lot, one deed, easement and non-easement sections. Mr. Powelson asked if they could put an accessory use for a house in the forest preserve or if they could put an accessory use for forestry if it was part of the house. Mr. Bronnenberg asked what the issue would be. There was discussion of current use, the easement, and the intent of the Ordinance. Mr. Powelson stated that the applicant has an easement to control some of the land. He asked if the easement allows the applicant to build buildings. Mr. Bronnenberg said that it does as long as it is for use with forestry or agriculture. Mr. Powelson asked if this structure would be considered to be an accessory structure to be built in the house part of the lot. Roy Merrill said that it is not going to be built in the house portion. Ned Lizotte said that this would be similar to the situation on Bear Hill Road and that the barn would be built to house equipment for that use. Roy Merrill asked if Mr. Bronnenberg was putting the barn in the proposed location because the house portion of the lot is not large enough to accommodate the house and the barn. Mr. Bronnenberg said that was part of it but also that he is in the process of getting approval to build a woods road that would access the wood lot and be going by this barn.

Discussion continued about the terms of the easement, this being an accessory use of the land or accessory structure to the primary residence, review of a previous similar situation, and the need to see a copy of the easement. Roy Merrill said that the Board should do a site visit. Mr. Bronnenberg said that he was fine with that and would get a copy of the conservation easement for the members to review at that time. He went through the points of the application. Mr. Powelson said that he as alright with the points but they do have to clarify if Mr. Bronnenberg's building permit is for 2008 or 2009 and if this would be an accessory building for a home or an accessory building for forestry. Roy Merrill said that he felt forestry would be more likely. Jim Venne asked Mr. Bronnenberg if he would have skidders where he is a forester. Mr. Bronnenberg said that they use skidders when harvesting but those would stay elsewhere. He explained that he and his father have a logging business but that is different. He said that this woodlot is management, not commercial forestry, would be low key as a homeowner, and not with big equipment. Mr. Bronnenberg said that his wife has oxen that will eventually be used to haul the logs on this property.

The chairman asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of or against the application. Abutter Tom Bardwell said that he is not opposed to the application but did have some questions about property lines. Mr. Bardwell stated that the lines on the surveyed subdivision plan that Mr. Bronnenberg submitted do not agree with his deed. He said he is concerned about the placement of the barn as it pertains to the deed. Chairman Powelson said that it is not really up to the Board to figure out where the property lines are. Mr. Bardwell said that his concern is that Mr. Bronnenberg would be using the setbacks from the property lines on the plan which he feels are incorrect. Mr. Powelson pointed out that Mr. Bronnenberg's proposal puts the barn at 245' from the boundary, asking if that might be enough of a margin to compensate for what the line may be off. Mr. Bronnenberg said that he is willing to meet with Mr. Bardwell to go over the property lines. Mr. Bardwell said that he would also be interested in what is in the easement. He said he is not against the barn, he just wants to be sure it is placed on Mr. Bronnenberg's own property. There was no one else wishing to speak about the application.

A site visit was scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bardwell was informed that he, along with any other abutter, is welcome to attend. The hearing was continued until the next meeting on September 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no further notification. Mr.

Bronnenberg was asked to have a copy of the easement at the site visit as well as confirm the date of his building permit.

Case #08-23, David & Karen Bast — Special Exception for Reduced Setback for Driveway Turnaround, Map 39, Lot 11-3. Roy Merrill recused himself; Jon Huntington was appointed to sit as a voting member for this case. The points of the application were covered with Mr. Bast. Chairman Powelson stated that the Board has seen the site as part of a previous application process. He asked Mr. Bast how much of a reduction they are actually asking for. Mr. Bast said that they would like to do a 12' x 8' turnaround which would require an encroachment in the side setback of 7' at the rear of the turnaround and 5' at the front of the turnaround because of the angle of it. The chairman stated that Mr. Bast was asking for a 23' setback. Mr. Bast explained the location and layout of the proposed turnaround.

Jon Huntington said that he could not remember what the Board had decided on the size of the proposed garage that was before the Board last month. The chairman said that the application for the reduced setback for the garage was denied. He said that the Board had looked at the site and tried to figure out if there would be a reasonable alternative. Mr. Huntington said that he thought they had talked about 20' or 22'. Mr. Powelson said that they had discussed the size to stay within the 30' setback at the last hearing when the applicant had not been present so the Board had used the information available and subsequently denied the application. There was discussion of what the applicant had needed for the garage to work and Jon Huntington pointed out that the diagram submitted with this application shows a 24' garage. He wanted it noted that the Board is not in any way approving that as part of this decision. The diagram is being used to show the turnaround only and this application is for the driveway turnaround only. Ned Lizotte made a motion to grant the special exception for a reduced side setback from 30' to 23' for the driveway turnaround; seconded by Jon Huntington. Chairman Powelson asked if there were any questions from the Board. *Hearing none, a roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Jim Venne — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED*

ADJOURNMENT:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

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			1 NECAP Testing for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades through Oct. 23 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Historical Society	2 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ LES	3 MID-TERM MARKS CLOSE	4 MVMS Yankee Candle fundraiser begins
5	6 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4H Club @ the American Legion	7 9:30am•Storytime Trip to Meadow Ledge @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees Meeting @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	8 1pm•Storytime Trip to Meadow Ledge @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES	9 10:30am•Storytime @ Library	10 NO SCHOOL. TEACHER WORKSHOP.	11
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	14 10am•Young at Heart @ VOANNE 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	15 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•MVMS PTO meets @ Middle School Library 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting	16 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	17 LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE	18 LOUDON FIRE DEPT. HARVEST SUPPER 5-7 p.m.
19	20 6:30pm•Communications Council Meeting @ Com. Bldg.	21 9:30am•Young at Heart trip to Indian Head. Meet at Congregational Church 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	22 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Rec Committee @ Library 7:30pm•Library Book Group	23 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Zoning Board of Adjustment @ Com. Bldg.	24 PTO Halloween Party for Middle School all grades & Hat Day.	25
26	27 8th Grade Washington, DC trip. Through Oct. 31	28 9-12•Senior Health Clinic at VOANNE 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	29 MVHS Fall Concert.	30	31 MARKS CLOSE. 2:15pm•Halloween Parade, Loudon Elementary School. HALLOWEEN	



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