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## Eggcellent Chicken Coops of Loudon

By Cammy Nolin

Drive down just about any road in Loudon these days and you will no doubt notice a trend: more and more of your neighbors are keeping chickens. Once a very commonplace practice — even a necessity — having chickens in the backyard became less important as commercial poultry farms and supermarkets started to crop up in the 1950s. The folks keeping chickens these days are varied in background, but share some common intentions: being self-sufficient and knowing where their food comes from. And if having birds leads to their kids gaining some responsibility and appreciation, so much the better!

I have a confession to make: I am a bird nerd. I love my chickens, all 30-something of them. (Yes, 30-something... have you ever tried to count roaming chickens?) My flock is a mix of standard laying breeds, ranging in age from one to four-and-a-half years. I've named a few, and marvel that they have distinct personalities, particularly by breed. And if you've had farm-fresh eggs, you can likely attest to the pronounced "eggy-ness" of the flavor, and the gorgeous, deep color of the yolks. We're not alone in this appreciation:



*Lily Moser snuggling a Buff Orpington.*



*Alex and Grace Stuart with their Leghorns.*

this article had an average of ten laying hens. While I'm curious about the variety of chicken breeds kept around town, I'm much nosier about the coops they live in. New Englanders are pretty clever, and I was not disappointed by the ingenious features incorporated into many of these chicken houses. I should explain the terminology a bit for the unbirded. Chickens are housed in a coop; they roost

there at night, and typically lay their eggs in a nest box inside the coop. Most folks also provide a run — a fenced area outside the coop where the birds can forage and scratch. And free-range birds are allowed to roam without boundaries, meandering and chasing bugs to their hearts' content.

Fifth-grader Isabel Roy helped her dad Kris, a builder, construct their beautiful coop in their basement about five winters ago. They moved it out to the yard that spring and populated it with about a half dozen birds. The Roys added chickens to their household to have fresh eggs, but they also wanted Isabel to learn responsibility in caring for the birds. In addition to the solid, gorgeous coop, the birds have a run that extends to a fenced area in the adjacent woods. They're allowed to scratch, dirt bathe, and eat bugs right

according to Agway in Concord, their sale of chicks (including laying hens, meat fowl, and ducks) topped 2,100 in 2012. And in 2013, they sold over 2,340 birds! There are no official statistics of the backyard chickens kept in New Hampshire, but there's pretty clear evidence that more and more families are choosing to give them a try. Dorothy Perkins with the UNH Cooperative Extension stated that she offered six husbandry classes this year to an average of 45 people per session, which is up from three classes last year.

As far as I can tell, Loudon's chicken boom started picking up steam about five years ago. Back in those days, the state required a minimum purchase of a dozen chicks. Last summer, the state legislature repealed that statute, so curious first-timers may now start out with a bird or two. Even still, the majority of people I met for

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## Mission Statement...

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

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PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • [townofloudon@comcast.net](mailto:townofloudon@comcast.net)  
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PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • [chief@loudonfire.com](mailto:chief@loudonfire.com)  
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30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon  
Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.  
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For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email [LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com](mailto:LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com)

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**Loudon Ledger Submission Policy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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: sludwick@hughes.net

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

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

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade 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



### Faith Community Bible Church

Evangelical Free Church of America

*Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor*

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

Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

*Sunday Worship Hours:* 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Nursery provided.)

*Sunday School Classes:* 9:30–10:30 a.m.

*Children’s Worship Bible Explorers for ages 3 up to 4th Grade*

*Youth Group:* Sunday 6:00 p.m.

*Bible Study:* Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, meets at noon)

FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



### Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring

*Pastor Paul J. Clow*

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

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

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

*Sunday Evening Worship:* 6 p.m.

*Wednesday Evening Service:* 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

*Please visit our website for more information!*



### Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

*Rev. Linda Overall, Pastor — 603-875-5822*

433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307

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

*Sunday Worship:* 9:00 a.m.



### Loudon Congregational Church

*Rev. Dick Carter, Interim Minister*

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

*Sunday Worship:* 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time

*Wednesday Evenings:* Bible Study

*Loudon Congregational is a member church of the*

*Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.ccccsusa.org).*



### New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

*Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson*

*Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger*

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

office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

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

*Kidsville* (Grades 1–4)

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

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

*Adult Bible Studies:* 6:30 p.m.

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

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



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

# Loudon Church News

## Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

**Monday, October 7, 2013 Suicide Prevention.** Join us for a **FREE** public presentation at 7 p.m. on Suicide Prevention. NAMI NH will present. Regardless of your age, race, or socio-economic status, this is a presentation for EVERYBODY, you never know who you may help or when! Please plan on attending and help us to spread the word! Please feel free to bring a donation for the Loudon Food Pantry. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Rev. Linda Overall at 603.875.5822

**Monday, October 14, 2013 at 6 p.m. is Caregivers Support Group.** Anyone caring for a sick and/or elderly person is welcome to join us. Please contact Rev. Linda Overall at 603.875.5822

**Saturday, October 19, 2013 starting at 6 p.m. is our monthly Potluck Supper and Concert.** Please bring a dish to share with everyone. Concert is at 7 p.m. Please feel free to bring a donation for the Loudon Food Pantry.

**Bible Study every other Saturday morning at 8 a.m.** with a potluck breakfast, join us as we journey through the book of Genesis. Please feel free to bring a donation for the Loudon Food Pantry. For more information please contact Rev. Linda Overall at 603.875.5822

**Saturday, October 26, 2013 8 a.m.–2 p.m. is our Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale!** Lunch will be available for a nominal fee.

**Monday, October 28, 2013 at 6 p.m. is Caregivers Support Group.** Anyone caring for a sick and/or elderly person is welcome to join us. Please contact Rev. Linda Overall at 603.875.5822

Mark your calendars for **November 16, 2013 for a “packing party” for Operation Christmas Child!** Join us at 6 p.m. for dinner and packing presents along with a short video on “Hope.” Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse. For anybody that wants to join us, you pick a boy or girl from the following age groups: 2–4, 5–9, and 10–14. Suggestions for gifts include small dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc. School supplies like pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, color books, story books. Toothbrush/toothpaste/floss, mild bar soap, combs, brushes, washcloths, hair bows/clips, hair elastics, headbands, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries). You may also enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. Please do not include war related items, chocolate, food, medications, breakable items. For more information please call Stephanie at 603.568.5080 or email [gagne7@live.com](mailto:gagne7@live.com). Our church has set a goal of filling 25 boxes, won’t you help us reach this goal? ■

# The Family Bible Church

**Come and enjoy dinner on us!**

**Saturday, October 12, 2013**

**Serving dinner 4:30–6:30 p.m.**

*Community Fellowship Kitchen*

*676 Loudon Ridge Road, Loudon, NH 03307*

Bring your friends • Bring your family

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**OUR MENU CHANGES EVERY MONTH**

**BUT THE LOVE IT IS SERVED WITH**

**ALWAYS REMAINS THE SAME**

**Call Cindy Blake at 393-4384 for directions**

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





*Jacob Pernaw being “at one” with his chicken.*



*Isabel Roy helped build this with her dad, Kris.*

### Chickens — cont. from 1

up to — but not in — their neighbors’ garden. My favorite feature of this coop is the feed hopper: it’s a large PVC pipe that is mounted vertically on the outside of the coop, enters the wall at an elbow, and opens up into a trough. Feed is poured into the top of the hopper and only has to be filled every week or so.

In contrast to the permanent structure of the Roys’ coop is the light-weight and portable chicken tractor built by Cherie Pernaw. An ingenious and economical construction of 2x3s, PVC pipes, plastic roofing, zip ties, and chicken wire, Cherie can move the coop all around her yard allowing the chickens to graze and fertilize the lawn. Chickens are great workers; they will eat anything that catches their eye (think ticks and garden pests), and their manure is super fertilizer. However, too much poop will kill a lawn, and they do like to dig holes to dust bathe. A chicken tractor allows you to graze your birds as long as you, or your lawn, like; then you can move them on to a fresh patch of grass.

If you don’t have the space (or the courage) to tackle chickens on you own, talk to the Laughlins. And the Broadstones. And the Morgans. And the Hermanns. These four families enjoyed the fresh, local

egg experience so much that they pooled their resources and share custody of two dozen hens. The birds are housed in a coop built inside the Broadstones’ barn, and each day they are let out into a fenced run by the coolest-ever automatic pet door. No feathers fly in the face of these savvy owners! And from what I’ve seen, these birds are the most pampered in



*The automatic door and run at the Broadstone-Laughlin barn.*

Loudon, having been treated to special dust baths and hospital stays in a certain pet owner’s bathroom. Those are some serious bird nerds!

Two new chicken families in town are the Mosers and the Jared-Brownes, both tickled to be on the chicken bandwagon. Elizabeth Moser was given her coop, built by her husband Link, for her birthday. It’s an adorable and tidy house, and Elizabeth’s favorite feature are the working shutters on the windows. They are loving their Buff Orpingtons Polly, Alice, and Daisy Mae, and are already thinking about adding to their feathered family. Kids Lily and Henry adore their Buffs, and spend lots of time with them snuggling, napping in the grass, and even bringing them for rides on their bikes! Patricia Jared and husband Philip Browne added chickens to their year-old coop this spring. They’d set up the house last summer, but were also in the process of establishing their bee hives; so they postponed the birds for the bees until this spring. When I visited them to see their coop and meet their Barred Plymouth Rocks and New Hampshire Reds, they were having solar panels installed on their home. With their bees, chickens, solar panels, and ample vegetable garden, they epitomize the spirit of self-sufficiency. They are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first eggs, which should happen any time now.

While a spanking-new coop is a beautiful thing, there’s a lot to be said for repurposing materials to build a chicken house. A quick internet search yields plans for a pallet house, instructions to build a coop over an old swing set, and even tips to convert a child’s plastic playhouse into a palace fit for an Araucana. The Stuart family made great use of an existing structure by converting one side of a small cow shed into the perfect home for their dozen white Leghorns. They added a long nest box made out of scrap lumber and a roosting bar converted from a garden trellis. Rebecca Stuart wants to add individual nest boxes by cutting the spouts off of 5-gallon water bottles



*Patty Jared with her coop.*



*The Mosers’ coop — what a great birthday present!*

and laying them on their sides. It’s a perfect blend of recycling and fit, and I can’t wait to see how these come out! By the way, their young Leghorns are already producing an average of eight eggs a day, plenty for their family of six!

Another family that firmly believes in using the materials on hand are the Merrills. Their current coop is in need of replacement, and son Tyler Powers is working on a new one built around a repurposed truck cap. Mom Jennifer also has plans to build a new chicken tractor for her next batch of meat birds. It will be made from wooden retail shelves, and will be a compact unit with a run and shelter all in one 8x2.5 foot area. When you’re raising your own food, function takes center stage, and there’s tremendous satisfaction — not to mention savings — in being resourceful!



*This truck cap serves as the model for Tyler Powers’ next coop.*

It’s easy to see that the allure of fresh eggs, local meat, and simple self-sufficiency is making a comeback in Loudon. These “pets with benefits” are loads of fun, teach responsibility and appreciation of our food sources, and can certainly spark creativity when it comes to building their shelter. If you are curious about your neighbors’ experience, why not stop and talk to them about it — we chicken folk like to talk about our birds! If you decide to take the plunge, there are some great books on flock management (we like Harvey Ussery); excellent resources and forums on the web (try backyardchickens.com); and of course the UNH Cooperative Extension ([extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Dairy-Live-stock-Poultry](http://extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Dairy-Live-stock-Poultry)) offers publications as well as classes on raising or processing poultry.

If we missed your coop for this article and you’d like to be considered for a follow-up story, please email me at [csnolin@gmail.com](mailto:csnolin@gmail.com). Happy clucking! ■



## Fun For the Whole Family at Miles Smith Farm Day

Local foods. Local vendors. Local fun. That's what the upcoming Farm Day at Miles Smith Farm will provide — and so much more!

Cow riding? Ever hear of it? It is true; your child can ride a friendly and well trained Scottish Highlander cow. This is a chance of a lifetime for young cowboys and cowgirls!

And cow riding is just one of the many activities planned for the Sixth Annual **Miles Smith Farm Day Sunday, October 13th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** (rain or shine) at Miles Smith Farm, 56 Whitehouse Road, Loudon. Admission is free with a fee for some activities. Enjoy spectacular fall foliage as you take a hay ride around the farm and feed our Scottish Highland cattle apples while listening to music provided by Celtic musicians. The Human Scarecrow (Linda Ray from Clover Clown Company) will add to the fun. Lunch can be purchased in the food tent where Miles Smith Farm beef will be cooked on an open fire by Swiss-trained Chef Rolf Strub.

Miles Smith Farm, a 36-acre farm located at 56 Whitehouse Road in Loudon, has been around for over 150 years and has provided Granite State citizens with locally-produced, grass-fed beef for the last eight years. Farm Day is a way to share the benefits of buying fresh and local as well as sharing local tradition and the simple way of life found on a working farm.

Throughout the day Miles Smith, farm founder, returns from the 1850's to guide visitors on a cemetery walk and to talk about the farm history. Visitors will be able to pet, brush and feed Highlander cattle, enjoy face painting and participate in fun activities designed for kids. Raffles for NASCAR tickets and local gift certificates will also take place.

The solar-powered, year-round farm store will be open where grass fed beef can be purchased. You can find local, humanely raised beef and many other local products, including produce. All of the food sold at the event will be from New Hampshire.

Mark your calendars for this free-admission event at Miles Smith Farm, Sunday, October 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or directions, contact the farm at 603-783-5159 or visit [www.milessmithfarm.com](http://www.milessmithfarm.com). ■



### Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

I urge you to use extra caution around school buses. We receive regular complaints about vehicles going through the flashing lights. This may result in receiving a ticket to court *even if it is not witnessed by a police officer*. An extra minute of caution may save a precious life.

It's hard to believe but Halloween is right around the corner! We celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31, 2013. It is encouraged to trick or treat between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please use caution when driving especially in the parks and village area where it becomes very congested with walkers.

I continue to ask the residents to be mindful of the activity that takes place around your home. If something looks suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact us. A reminder that if you do come home and feel something is out of place, *do not hesitate to contact us*. You can stop or call the station, go online to [www.loudonpolice.com](http://www.loudonpolice.com) and download a "vacant house check" form and send it to us.

Mark your calendars! The Loudon Police Department Annual Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 from 2 p.m.–7 p.m. at the Safety Building. If you are interested in donating some time, or would like to make a soup or stew, please contact Janice Morin at 798-5521 or e-mail at [jmorin@loudonpolice.com](mailto:jmorin@loudonpolice.com).

I again wish to thank the town residents for their patience during the major race events as the 2013 race season comes to an end.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me weekdays at 798-5521 or via e-mail at [loudonpd@loudonpolice.com](mailto:loudonpd@loudonpolice.com) or [chiefiske@loudonpolice.com](mailto:chiefiske@loudonpolice.com). ■

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## CUB SCOUT PACK 247 NEWS



*This group of boys went to camp this year.*



*The September meeting began with a Bike Rodeo!*

The Cub Scouts kicked off the year with a membership drive. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table at both LES open house nights.

On the 16th of September, the Latham family once again hosted the leaders and boys of pack 247 for a recruiting night. Boys had a chance to meet others who are already enjoying the Scouting Life while bouncing and climbing at Krazy Kids. Meanwhile parents completed paperwork and talked with leaders. A great time was had by all.

### September Pack Meeting

Our September pack meeting kicked off with a Bike Rodeo. The boys had a chance to learn new skills, practice existing talents, and review safety rules. Advancements earned over the summer both at camp and individually were handed out afterwards. It was good to get back together again.

### Popcorn! Get 'cher Popcorn!!

It's that time of year! Popcorn is back! Watch for Cub Scouts at Show and Sell booths around the Loudon and Concord area. The money raised helps each boy attend Cub Scout Camp over the summer and funds pack activities and community service projects through out the year. It's yummy, too! Don't miss out, get your popcorn today! ■

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## Loudon Recreation Committee News



“Like” us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events. Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website know that we add stuff after the publishing of the latest Loudon Ledger so please check frequently!!

Loudon does have talent!! This year’s talent show was another big success! The community was entertained by eight different acts involving sixteen young participants. There was lots of singing, dancing and even piano playing! All participants received a Loudon’s Got Talent t-shirt and the top three acts each received a gift certificate to Loudon Country Store. A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who shared their talents with us!

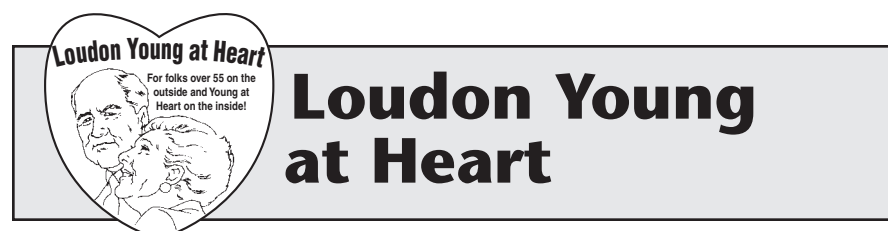
### Zumba

The next session of Zumba will be starting in November and runs on Monday nights. Zumba is officially described as an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Most of all it is FUN. Join us for six weeks of Zumba on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$42 for the six-week session. Registration is at the first class. Please make checks payable to Loudon Recreation and if you have any questions email Jen at [cjmercer@myfairpoint.net](mailto:cjmercer@myfairpoint.net).

### We Need Your Help With Recreation!!!

Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We are always looking for other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. This small group does quite a bit in town and we would like some fresh ideas. If you aren’t able to make a meeting but would like to share your ideas, suggestions or comments please take a moment to fill out the survey on the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org). Recreation Committee meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library HOWEVER, sometimes our busy schedules require meeting date modifications — watch Facebook for meeting dates and times. If you don’t see us at the library on the fourth Wednesday of the month, please email Alicia at [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) to be added to our contact list for meeting dates.

Remember to check the town website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) or Facebook between issues for updates and watch for updates in every issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. Thank you for your continued support! ■



Loudon Young at Heart held its annual picnic and meeting September 10, 2013 at the Richard Brown House. Fifty-two members shared the highlights of their summer with friends.

Letty Barton, Vice President, opened the business meeting and announced the elected officers. The individuals are: President — Janet Darling; Vice President — Letty Barton; Secretary — Maureen Prescott; Treasurer — Irene Dow; Membership — Barbara Follansbee; Scrapbook — Joanne Arsenaault; and Sunshine — Eileen Cummings.

The Young at Heart Float won second place in the Old Home Day Parade, with the theme being “Birthdays 1913 to 2013” (100 yrs) of Old Home Days.

Rebecca Rule entertained the members with her comical stories and all enjoyed many good laughs. Some members shared stories of their own with the group.

The cookout which followed featured hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill with Mike Smith, Roger Dow, and Stan Prescott doing the cooking. There was a huge selection of salads and even a larger selection of deserts. There was plenty to eat and a lot of fun had by all.

The door prizes were Apple Baskets donated from Meadow Ledge Farm. The winners of these baskets were: Nancy Young, Maureen Prescott, Bob Raney, and Sissy Pickering.

The October 8th meeting will be a trip to the Town and Country Inn in Gorham/Shelburne. Signup sheets were available at the picnic.

A big thank you goes out to Phyllis Woodside and others at the Richard Brown House for all their help with the cookout.

See you next month! ■



## Clough Pond Assn. Active Protecting Water Quality

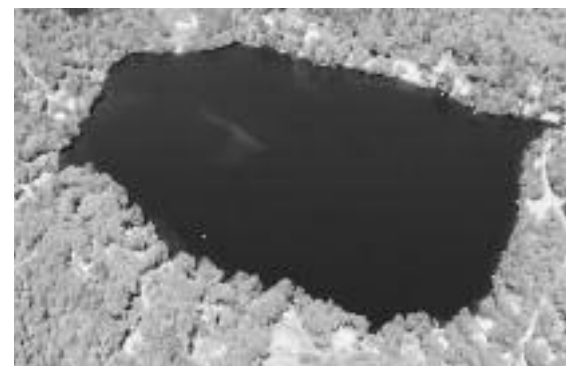
The Clough Pond Association (CPA) recently held its annual meeting, election of officers and Pot Luck at the home of Mike and Kathy Shields. Jay Aube from the Department of Environmental Services was the guest speaker and clarified the terms of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act which deals with storm water run off, septic systems, new homes, shade trees, wetlands, wave activity, permits, and invasive weeds and snails.

The CPA has two main goals for the upcoming year. One is to meet and invite folks who have an interest in Clough Pond to join the association and the other is to focus on the pond’s water quality. The association welcomes new members and encourages folks who use the pond to join (whether they live there or not).

The water quality of Clough Pond, though not as good as in the past, is still considered very good for such a populated pond. To help protect the water quality, the CPA sponsors the Lake Host program where both paid and volunteer Lake Hosts greet boaters at the state boat ramp. The Lake Hosts educate boaters to the dangers of invasive weeds and snails that rob the water of oxygen, healthy fish, and make swimming undesirable. Association members also test the water 2–3 times annually and the CPA pays for these samples to be analyzed at the State Lab.

Last summer the Association completed 6 storm water run off prevention projects, the most visible being at the town beach. With the generous help of the Town of Loudon, many volunteers, local donations, and a grant from the Lake Conservation Corps, large boulders were placed next to the road and back filled with small rock to lessen the deluge of storm water that runs off the road, eroding the beach.

The CPA is asking for your awareness in protecting the pond where you spend some of your best summer hours. For more information visit, [www.clough-pondnh.org](http://www.clough-pondnh.org) ■



*An aerial view of Clough Pond.*  
Photo courtesy of Debbie Kardaseski.

## Snediker-Swenson Wedding

Ashley Elizabeth Snediker and Kevin Arthur Swenson were married July 13 at the Granite Rose Event Center in Hampstead. Gregg Pitman, justice of the peace, performed the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Lindsey Snediker of Manchester, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Karin Cohen of Concord, sister of the groom, Amanda Gangle of North Billerica, Ma., cousin of the bride, Brenna Brink of South Boston, Ma., Jess Jalbert of Belmont, and Bonnie Lanigan of Londonderry were bridesmaids.

Eric Swenson, brother of the groom was best man. Lucas Hardy of Boscawen, Tim Rheume of South Boston, Ma., Steve Kurtz of Boscawen, Nate Conley of Chicago, IL. and Matt Staples of Derry were groomsmen. Crew Swenson, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

The bride, daughter of Ann Snediker and Tom Snediker, graduated from Londonderry High School in 2003, earned a bachelor’s degree in family studies in 2007 and earned a master’s degree in elementary education in 2008 from the University of New Hampshire. She is an elementary school teacher in Lawrence Ma.

The groom, son of Sheila and Arthur Swenson, Jr. of Loudon, graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 2004, earned a bachelor’s degree in criminology from the University of Southern Maine in 2008. He is a youth counselor at the Youth Development Center in Manchester.

The couple took a wedding trip to Hawaii and lives in Londonderry, NH. ■



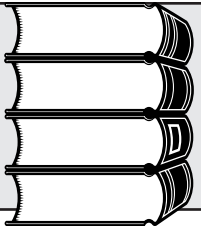


# **HALLOWEEN**

## **October 31, 2013**

**The Loudon Police Department  
encourages TRICK OR TREATING  
between the hours of  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**





## Maxfield Public Library News

### Fine Art Show And Sale — November 2 And 3

With fine art and beautiful music such a great combination, the library welcomes you to its Fall Fine Art Show and Sale. As you appreciate Frank Curatolo's live piano accompaniment, enjoy a variety of original paintings in oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed-media, and pastel as well as stunning works of photography. Notecards and miniatures will also be on sale.

The show is sponsored by the Loudon Village Arts and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, and from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Why not use this unique opportunity to find the perfect gift for your favorite art lover?

### Yoga — Four Sessions A Week

For exercise and flexibility, you can now choose from four different class times each week. Instructor Fran Nash offers one hour blocks of hatha yoga on Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Low-impact chair yoga is available on Thursdays at 11 a.m. No pre-registration is required. The cost is \$5.00 per session.

### Chinese Language Lessons

Depending on interest, we hope to offer a five-week introductory course in Chinese language and culture. There will be a minimum class size of four people. Please leave your name and phone number at the library's Circulation Desk for more details. The cost will be \$50.00. All are welcome.

### Story Time

October story timers will enjoy listening to *Apples and Pumpkins* by Anne Rockwell and *Pooh's Pumpkin* by Isabel Gaines. On the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of the month, each child will put together a decorative pumpkin for their autumn dinner table.

October 8th, 9th, and 10th children will learn about the butterflies that migrate from Canada to Mexico each fall in Antoine O Flatharta's *Hurry and the Monarch*. They will also hear about a caterpillar's appetite in Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry*



*Puzzles are lots of fun!*

*Caterpillar.* In the craft time to follow, the children will make a balancing butterfly sure to amaze.

Raccoon puppets are the craft for the week, October 15th, 16th, and 17th. Join us as we read about these crafty creatures in *Clever Raccoon* by Jane Thayer and *Raccoons and Ripe Corn* by Jim Arnosky.

Stories for October 22nd through the 24th will be about scarecrows. Story timers will listen to Ken Brown's *The Scarecrow's Hat* and *Six Crows* by Leo Lionni. They will leave the library with their very own scarecrow.

On Tuesday, October 29th, story time will take a look at spiders as we read *Dream Weaver* by Jonathon London and *Old Black Fly* by Jim Aylesworth. The craft room will be full of spider webs in the craft time to follow.

Join us Wednesday, October 30th at 2 p.m. or Thursday, October 31st at 10:30 a.m., in your favorite costume, for our annual Story Time Halloween Parade through the town offices. Afterwards, stay for a Halloween party. Please bring a treat to share, the library will provide juice.

*Giraffes were the craft of the day.*



## Maxfield Public Library Passes!

*Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either*

*by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.*

### CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 discounted admissions of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 18. Children under 6 free.

### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4. Children under age 1 free.

### CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

### MCAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

### MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

### MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY

Unlimited free admission to the Society's museum and free use of the Society's library.

### SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

Free trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$7 each.

### WRIGHT MUSEUM

Free admission for 2 adults and 4 children (under 18 years).





*Craft Time after Story Time is always lots of fun.*

## Book Groups

### Fiction/Nonfiction Group

In the world of innovators, Thomas Edison holds a place of remarkable accomplishment. In what ways did his invention of the incandescent bulb transform the world? Join book group on October 17, at 7 p.m., to discuss Ernest Freeberg's *The Age of Edison*. Newcomers are welcome.

### Classic Book Group

One of the most widely taught works of French literature, *Candide*, or *Optimism* by Voltaire still inspires lively discussion. This satirical allegory from the Age of Enlightenment poses philosophical questions regarding the ruling powers of the 1700's, but still packs a wallop when applied to our current state of world affairs. Book group will meet at 2:30 p.m. on October 22, to discuss the work. A creative writing sharing will follow the meeting.

## New Books

### Fiction

Bowen, Rhys	<i>Heirs and Graces</i>
Burke, Zoe	<i>Jump the Gun</i>
Coulter, Catherine	<i>The Final Cut</i>
Cussler, Clive	<i>The Mayan Secrets</i>
DeMille, Nelson	<i>The Quest</i>
Doig, Ivan	<i>Sweet Thunder</i>
Ford, Jamie	<i>Songs of Willow Frost</i>
Forsyth, Frederick	<i>The Kill List</i>
Jance, J. A.	<i>Second Watch</i>
Potzsch, Oliver	<i>The Ludwig Conspiracy</i>
Reichs, Kathy	<i>Bones of the Lost</i>
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>The Longest Ride</i>

### Nonfiction

Clark, Pamela	<i>Tapas: Tantalizing Small Plates from the Mediterranean</i>
Crystal, Billy	<i>Still Foolin' 'Em</i>
Dunkel, Tom	<i>Color Blind: The Forgotten Team That Broke Baseball's Color Line</i>
Epstein, David	<i>The Sports Gene</i>
Higashida, Naoki	<i>The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism</i>
Jubera, Drew	<i>Must Win: A Season of Survival for a Town and Its Team</i>

## New DVDs

*Cloud Atlas, Dead Man Down, Disconnect, Dresden, Into the White, Now You See Me, Phantom, Searching for Sugar Man, Snitch, Unfinished Song, Upside Down, What Maisie Knew, World War Z*

## Book Sale

An assortment of books for all ages will be on sale Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For phone or email notifications of upcoming sales, please contact Fran at 798-5153.

## Library Hours

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

## Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — August 19, 2013

*In Attendance:* Trustees Ken Krzewick, Steve Del Deo, Molly Ashland, Library Director Nancy Hendy, Guest Laura Vincent.

Ken Krzewick called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

The trustees reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 3, 2013 Library Trustees' Meeting. Library Director Nancy Hendy asked that today's minutes note that the August 5, 2013 Library Trustees' Meeting was rescheduled to Monday, August 19, 2013. Molly Ashland motioned that the June 3, 2013 Library Trustees' Meeting minutes are accepted. Steve Del Deo seconded. All were in favor. Motion adopted.

The Library Director reviewed the end of the 2012–2013 FY finances, and the 2013–2014 FY financial statements to date.

The Trustees discussed options for weekly staff hours changes, since summer part time employees have returned to school, and another has given notice to retire.

The Library Director provided and reviewed the Director's report. This includes the following:

- The library's three **Summer Reading Programs** concluded this past week with prize nights on Tuesday for adults, Wednesday for teens, and Thursday for children. The total number who completed the program was 117.
- We are in the process of implementing new cataloging/circulation software from **Atrium**. The system may require updated barcode scanners and/or slip printers.
- Another **yoga** session is being held on Mondays at 6 p.m., bringing the total to four a week.
- We have purchased two **Kindles**, one to use in-house to help patrons understand how to download books, and one to loan out.
- Milestone Engineering will begin implementing work on the **stairwell and the leak** over the bay window now that the SRP's have concluded.
- A repair was needed on the **AC** in the main part of library. We are still waiting for AC repairs in the Director's office where the drip pan in the ceiling caused a leak. That zone also cools the old section of the building and can't be used until the work is completed.
- Updated reference books and DVDs on **world travel** are now in the collection.
- The town **auditor** is reviewing the library's financial records today for the annual report.
- We replaced the almost twenty-year-old **projector** with one that allows wireless access.
- The next round of **computer updates** will begin this week for the Children's Librarian and two public computers on the main floor.
- The next **book sale** is scheduled for August 24.

The Trustees authorized the Library Director to purchase an intercom so that communication can be maintained between the main floor and the lower level.

The Trustees will perform an outside building walk-around for the September 5 Library Trustees' Meeting.

The Library Director and Steve Del Deo will work with contractors in obtaining estimates and completing some outside repairs.

Steve Del Deo will collect a water sample from the well and have it analyzed at the State Laboratory.

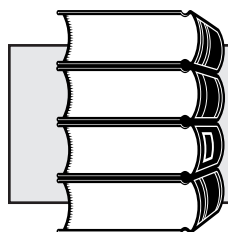
The next Library Trustees' Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Ken Krzewick motioned to adjourn. Molly Ashland seconded. All were in favor. The motioned was adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Kenneth Krzewick  
Molly Ashland  
Stephen Del Deo







## Between the Covers

By Kate Dockham

### Banned Books Week

Maurice Sendak's work is loved by children. Generations of young readers have enjoyed *Where the Wild Things Are* since its publication in 1963. This picture book has captured the collective imagination and has recently been turned into a movie. But, did you know people tried to restrict its placement in classrooms and libraries? Many parents and librarians were concerned over the dark and disturbing nature of the story.



September 21–27 was Banned Books Week here in the United States. Banned Books Week is the national book community's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Hundreds of libraries and bookstores around the country draw attention to the problem of censorship by mounting displays of challenged books and

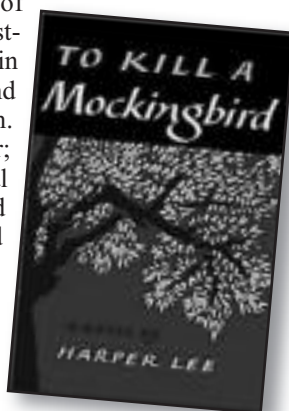
hosting a variety of events. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. More than 11,300 books have been challenged since 1982.

So, what is the difference between a "challenged" book and a "banned" book? A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or a group. This action is more than just expressing an opinion. This is a person or group attempting to remove materials from a curriculum or library, thereby restricting access to the material by others. Have you read *Where the Wild Things Are*? Is there a copy in your home? There were attempts made to remove this book from classrooms, school and local libraries. The actual removal of materials from a curriculum or library is to ban that material. Unfortunately, we have seen this happen all too many times in our country's history.

The American Library Association (ALA) receives reports of some of the challenges and bans occurring every year. On their list of the 100 most often banned or challenged classics, I have read 10. If you're a reader I bet you have also. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller, *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell and *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien have all made this list. Interesting to me is how many on the list have been made into movies to entertain the masses. Most often challenges are motivated by a desire to protect children from "inappropriate" sexual content or "offensive" language.

The most challenged book in 2012 was the series *Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey. These are humorous books written for a very target audience; 7–10 year old boys who dislike reading. I've had these books on my classroom shelf before and while I would never read one, this series kept some of my boys reading while they would read nothing else. This hilarious set of titles has talking toilets and relies on bathroom humor to keep their readers coming back. This book was challenged because of offensive language and the claim it was unsuited for the suggested age group. I'd like to find a group of 7 to 10 year old boys, or some even older, who don't enjoy a little potty humor.

*To Kill a Mockingbird*, an all time favorite of mine, has been on the most challenged book list since records have been kept. This unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it became both an instant best-seller and a critical success when it was first published in 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and was later made into an Academy Award-winning film. This deeply moving book is a study in human behavior; both the worst and the best of human behavior. Racial slurs, profanity, and blunt dialogue about rape have led people to challenge its appropriateness in libraries and classrooms. The first major controversy over *To Kill a Mockingbird* occurred in 1966 when a parent protested that the use of rape as a plot device was immoral. Later, in 1968 the National Education Association reported that Harper Lee's novel was second on the list of titles receiving the most complaints from private organizations. Top spot went to *Little Black Sambo*. As society changed so did the challenges. The many complaints about *To Kill a Mockingbird* in the 70s were that it did not deal with racism harshly enough. In the 1980s it was simply labeled as a "filthy, trashy novel." In 2007 a challenge was raised because of how blacks are treated by members of a racist white community in an Alabama town during the Depression



and feared the book would upset black children reading it. Historical records tell us that Lee's depiction of this treatment is accurate.

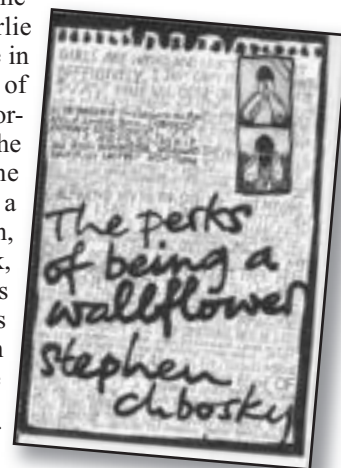
Another title unleashing a storm of controversy was *Peyton Place*. This debut novel by Grace Metalious shocked the country in its depiction of life in a small New England town. Written right here in New Hampshire, *Peyton Place* looked at the dark part of these idyllic towns. The story entwines the stories of three women coming to terms with their sexual identities in an environment of repression: the beautiful and emotionally distant Constance MacKenzie, her sensitive daughter Allison, and Allison's best friend Selena Cross, a poor girl from the wrong side of the tracks. Dealing with subjects such as abortion, alcoholism, incest, domestic violence and homosexuality, this novel received its share of petitions to ban the book. In Rhode Island *Peyton Place* was the first book banned in the whole state. Canada even banned its importation into that country under a tariff provision that forbade importing books "of an indecent or immoral character." Each banning, of course, only helped sales; *Peyton Place* sold 60,000 copies in its first ten days in print and went on to sell 12 million copies, one for every four and a half households that were in America at the end of the 1950s.



While my mother remembers reading the scandalous novel *Peyton Place* with a brown paper wrapper on it, the challenged book of my generation was *Forever* by Judy Blume. Published in 1975, this was Blume's first young adult book that dealt with sexually active teenagers. Parents trusted the author of classics such as *Fudge*, *Freckle Juice* and *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. All these stories told of growing up, making good decisions, family and friendship. I remember in the sixth grade picking up *Forever* expecting more of the same. In this novel Katherine, a senior in high school, falls in love with Michael and after time and many discussions about sex, they end up "going all the way." Michael goes away for the summer with both characters feeling that their love is forever. Then Theo, the handsome older tennis instructor shows up. Katherine needs to make a decision about "forever." I remember hushed conversations of "going all the way" around my lunch table at school. We passed the book between us like it was a treasure, the pages worn and dog-eared. And then, life went on. Reading *Forever* didn't change our sixth grade lives, but it did open conversations about should they? Would we? What if? Conversations that helped us become the adults we are today.

Today's version of *Forever* is *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. The author captures the voice of a boy teetering on the brink of adulthood with great accuracy and authenticity. Charlie is a freshman. And while he's not the biggest geek in the school, he is by no means popular. He's a wallflower — shy and introspective, and intelligent beyond his years. He is what we would call socially awkward. We learn about Charlie through the letters he writes to someone known to the reader only as "friend." Charlie encounters the same struggles that many kids face in high school — how to make friends, the intensity of a crush, family tensions, a first relationship, exploring sexuality, experimenting with drugs — but he must also deal with and avoid the depression he feels creeping up like kudzu. With the help of a teacher who recognizes his wisdom and intuition, and his two friends, seniors Samantha and Patrick, Charlie mostly manages to. When it all becomes too much, after a shocking realization about his beloved late Aunt Helen, Charlie retreats from reality for awhile. But he makes it back in due time, ready to face his sophomore year and all that it may bring. Published in 1999, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* has a long history of challenges. In 2003, it was challenged in Fairfax, VA school libraries, by a group called Parents Against Bad Books in Schools for "profanity, descriptions of drug abuse, sexually explicit conduct, and torture." In 2004 it was removed as a reading assignment in an elective sociology course at the Massapequa High School in New York because of its "offensive content." Also in 2004, it was among a staggering 58 books that parents in Fayetteville, Arkansas petitioned to have removed from school libraries. The parents, who formed Parents Protecting the Minds of Children (PPMC), objected to the profane language and depictions of sexuality in many books. The PPMC says the issues are children's safety and a parent's right to decide what is appropriate for their child.

I will agree with the PPMC and their statement, it is "a parent's right to decide what is appropriate for their child." Banned Books Week is about the freedom to read: the freedom to read whatever we choose. So pick up a book that has been challenged, you may be surprised. Until next time, keep turning those pages. ■







## Loudon Food Pantry News

### Annual Holiday 50/50 Raffle

Our annual raffle is starting November 1st and continues until December 13th. Half of the ticket sales will go to the winner and the other half benefits Loudon Food Pantry. Tickets are 50¢ each; \$2.00 for 5 or \$3.00 for 10. You can purchase your tickets at the pantry located at 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon on Mon., Tue., or Thu. 10 a.m.–5 a.m. and Wed. 10 a.m.–6 a.m. An order form will be on our website ([LoudonFoodPantry.org](http://LoudonFoodPantry.org)) during the dates of the raffle.

### Thanksgiving Box Time

It's that time of the year again! We expect to hand out between 120–125 boxes this year. The boxes will contain fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, as well as all the Thanksgiving Dinner fixings.

### Bon Ton Community Days Booklets

To help raise funds to support the pantry we are participating in Bon Ton's Community Days. Donate \$5 and receive a booklet containing over \$500 and more in exclusive coupon savings that are good on Friday November 15th and Saturday November 16th. The pantry keeps 100% of the donation. You can drop by the pantry (30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon) to get your booklet or go to <http://bit.ly/14WhEVH> and order yours today. Your order will be shipped free of charge and Bon Ton will send us your donation. Tell your friends and family. The more booklets sold, the more it helps the pantry and you get some great coupons as well!

### Feeding America's "Map the Meal Gap 2013" Study

"The new research found 1 in 9 residents in New Hampshire remain food insecure; however, the number of seniors and children in need are rising."

5% of seniors ages 60 and over are food insecure. This means that more than 13,000 seniors do not know where their next meal is coming from. Over the past 3 years the "Map the Meal Gap" study has shown a steady increase in senior hunger and projected that if the growth remains consistent, 22.3% of seniors will be food insecure in 2030.

1 in 7 children, more than 40,000, in New Hampshire are food insecure. Nearly half these children are not eligible for federal nutrition assistance. Additionally, only 27% of students in grades 1 through 12 are eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

The cost of an average meal in New Hampshire is \$2.83, which is 16¢ higher than the national average.

Nearly 23 million meals are missing from New Hampshire tables. The number of missing meals times the average meal cost means the total meal funding gap is almost \$65 million.

### Donations Needed

Check out [LoudonFoodPantry.org](http://LoudonFoodPantry.org) for an updated list of items we need. Thank-giving needs are listed there too. We will also have printed lists available at the pantry as well.

You can mail or drop off your donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. But if you find you're not in the neighborhood you can drop off at one of these convenient locations:

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### Thank You

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their help! Without volunteers this pantry would not have been able to take care of the ever-growing demand of feeding those in need.

Looking for the Monthly Veg Newsletter?

There has been an unavoidable delay in getting out our first newsletter. We are hoping for October 1st. Thank you for your patience. ■

Sarah, Sue, Bill

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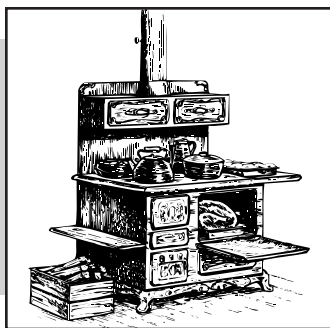
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# What's Cookin'!

## This month: Real Food Fast!

Jenn Pfeifer

Real food fast... It's that time of year again: school is in session, hockey is starting, the days are getting shorter, and the holidays are right around the corner. Who has the time to make a real meal? Not me! However, my family would much prefer to eat dinner at home in pajamas in front of the wood stove over going out to eat or grabbing takeout on the way home, so out comes the Crockpot, cast-iron, and even the microwave gets put to good use! Although dinner is almost ready when you get home, it sometimes does take just a little bit of planning ahead. I hope you try some of these recipes and that they make your week just a little less stressful.

### MICROWAVE MEAT LOAF

*Don't let this recipe scare you! It can be made the night before and stored in the refrigerator until you cook it. I've made some alterations to the original recipe because my husband, Nick, can't eat red meat so we use turkey burger. I am not a fan of bell pepper so I use zucchini instead for moisture.*

- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 2 Tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 onion, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped zucchini
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup saltine cracker crumbs or dry bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 pounds turkey burger

In a small bowl, mix together the tomato sauce, brown sugar, and mustard; stir until the brown sugar has dissolved. In a large mixing bowl, mix the eggs, minced onion and zucchini, garlic powder, cracker crumbs, salt, and black pepper; mix in the turkey burger and half the tomato sauce mixture, stirring until the meat loaf is thoroughly combined. Place the meat mixture into a 2-quart microwave-safe baking dish. Spread the remaining tomato sauce mixture over the meat loaf. Cook in microwave oven on High setting until set, the juices run clear, and meat is no longer pink inside, 10 to 15 minutes, depending on power of microwave oven. An instant-read meat thermometer, inserted into the center of the loaf, should read 165 degrees F. Drain any grease from the dish as soon as loaf is cooked; allow to stand, uncovered, 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

### CROCK POT MACARONI AND CHEESE

*Well, I have to say, I have been experimenting with this recipe for years now and I think I might finally have it right. I LOVE that the noodles go in dry, uncooked! I think that just dumping in all the ingredients, stir and starting the crock pot is the whole reason to use a crock pot in the first place.*

- Cooking oil spray
- 2½ cups milk
- 1 jar of alfredo sauce
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1½ cups pre-shredded sharp cheddar cheese\*
- 2 cups uncooked small penne pasta or elbow macaroni

Spray the pot of the slow cooker well. Whisk together milk, alfredo sauce, egg, salt, and pepper in the crock pot. Add cheese (\*I ALWAYS USE EXTRA AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF CHEESE) and uncooked macaroni. Stir gently to mix. Turn slow cooker on low and cook 3–4 hours, or until the macaroni is tender. (Try not to cook more than 4 hours).

### CHICKEN CROCK POT PIE STEW

*Everyone loves chicken pot pie but it can be a little time consuming to make from scratch so this is a great alternative. It's great alone but I usually have pre-made pie crust that I unroll onto a cookie sheet, cut into strips and bake until golden brown.*

- 4 large skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into cubes
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 8 medium red potatoes, quartered

- 2 cups of diced carrots
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 small onion chopped
- 2 cans condensed milk
- 8 cups of chicken stock
- 3 teaspoons garlic salt
- 2 teaspoon celery salt
- 2 teaspoons of paprika
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 1 16-ounce bag frozen mixed vegetables

Coat the chicken cubes with the corn starch then combine potatoes, carrots, celery, chicken stock, condensed milk, garlic salt, celery salt, and black pepper in a slow cooker; cook on High for 5 hours. Stir the frozen mixed vegetables into the slow cooker, and cook up to 1 hour.

### OVEN BARBECUED BRISKET SANDWICHES

*I know that not everyone has a crock pot but most of us have a heavy roasting pan with a lid. My favorite pans to cook in are enamel-coated cast iron. You can put any kind of meat, veggies and seasoning in them, cover and put into your oven. The trick is low and slow... I actually prefer to using them to the crock pot.*

- 1/2 cup white wine
- 2½ cup apple cider
- 1 cup beer
- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1½ tablespoon minced fresh ginger root
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 Brisket of beef (2½–3 lbs.)

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix wine, beer, vinegar, cider, honey, mustard, soy sauce, molasses, garlic, salt and pepper, and ginger root in Dutch oven or heavy roasting pan. Add the brisket. Cover and place in oven. Be sure to turn the oven to 250 degrees F when you put the pan in the oven and cook for 4–5 hours. (I have cooked it for 8+ hours at 225 degrees F.) Carefully remove brisket from cooking liquid, cover, and set aside. Place pan with cooking liquid over medium heat until reduced to a fairly thick glaze. Brush brisket with glaze and serve on soft rolls.

### CROCK POT PUMPKIN PIE PUDDING —

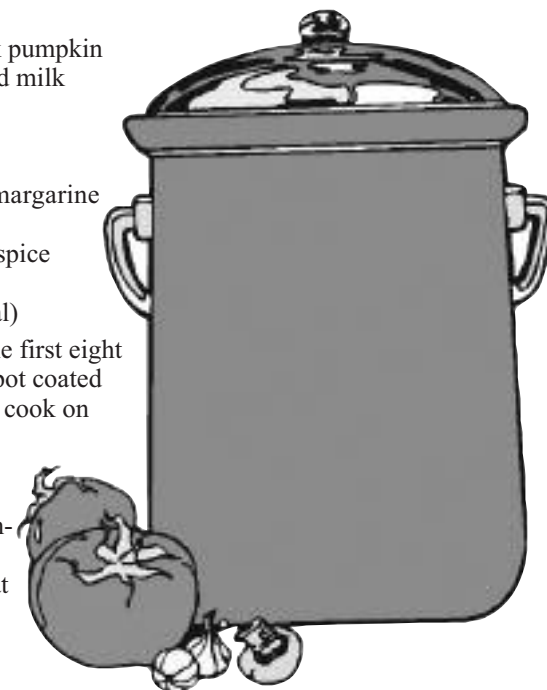
By DebM food.com

*This is a fabulous recipe for dessert or top with granola for a warm yummy breakfast.*

- 1 15-ounce can solid pack pumpkin
- 1 12-ounce can evaporated milk
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Bisquick
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine (melted)
- 2½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- whipped cream (optional)

In a large bowl mix together the first eight ingredients. Transfer to crock pot coated with cooking spray. Cover and cook on low 6–7 hours.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at [jtpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfeifer@comcast.net). ■







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## 2013–2014 N.H. Hunting Digest Is Here!

The 2013–2014 *New Hampshire Hunting and Trapping Digest* is out, featuring New Hampshire hunting season dates, bag limits, check stations and lots more info for the state’s hunters and trappers. Pick up a free copy from your local Fish and Game license agent when you buy your license, or view it online at <http://www.huntnh.com/pubs/hunting.html>.

New Hampshire’s hunting seasons kicked off on Sept. 1 with the opening of black bear and gray squirrel seasons. Archery seasons for turkey and white-tailed deer opened September 15. Waterfowl hunting dates are not in the digest, but are posted at [http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Hunt\\_species/hunt\\_waterfowl.htm](http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_waterfowl.htm).

New Hampshire’s regular firearms deer hunting season opens this year on November 13. As in recent years, both the archery and regular firearms seasons for deer will continue to end one week early in WMU A.

The Antlerless Deer Permits for Unit M in southeastern New Hampshire are still available. Hunters have the option of purchasing a permit with one tag for \$13, or a permit with two tags for \$26. Purchase online or at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord. Visit [http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Unit M permits.htm](http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Unit_M_permits.htm).

Following is a general overview of New Hampshire’s fall hunting seasons (please be sure to consult the *Digest* for additional information and regulation details):

### 2013 NEW HAMPSHIRE HUNTING SEASONS

#### WHITE-TAILED DEER:

- Archery: Sept. 15–Dec. 15 (ends Dec. 8 in WMU A)
- Youth Deer Weekend: Oct. 26–27
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 2–12
- Firearms: Nov. 13–Dec. 8 (ends Dec. 1 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

#### MOOSE:

Oct. 19–27 (by permit only)

#### FALL TURKEY:

- Shotgun: Oct. 14–18 (certain WMUs)
- Archery: Sept. 15–Dec. 15 (closed in WMU A)

Get your 2013 moose hunt shirt while they last! This year’s New Hampshire moose hunt commemorative shirt collection is now available. You don’t have to have a permit to buy one. To order yours today, visit <http://www.huntnh.com/mooseshirt>.

Once again this year, New Hampshire is offering the exciting opportunity for sharing the hunting experience, the Apprentice Hunting License. This program allows people a chance to hunt under the guidance of an experienced hunter age 18 or older, without having to take a Hunter Education course first. Learn more at <http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/apprentice.html>. The new license was a big hit in its first year (2012), with a total of 1,666 Apprentice Licenses sold. Of these 427 were purchased by women. “It was exciting to see the number of younger people who participated,” said Wildlife Programs Supervisor Kent Gustafson. The vast majority of the apprentice licenses were sold to people age 16–34, a demographic that bodes well for the future of hunting in New Hampshire.

So get out and enjoy New Hampshire’s big woods, with more than a million acres of public land open to hunting. If you need a hunter education class, don’t delay! Register online at [http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter ed.htm](http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm).

N.H. hunting licenses and permits can be purchased online anytime at <http://www.huntnh.com>. ■

## Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

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#### Lyon Berry Farm

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# Favorite Fall Road Trips Around New Hampshire

By Debbie Kardaseski



Fall is officially here! This is my favorite time of year, when the air is crisp, the leaves are beautiful (and still on the trees so they don't have to be raked!), the apples are ready to pick, and we can wear our snuggly clothes in the evening but still keep those summer t-shirts on during the day.

It is also a wonderful time to take a road trip. Pack a picnic, load up the family, and hit the road. New Hampshire has some of the prettiest scenery around and there are many beautiful and colorful spots right in Loudon!

Check out the view at the bridge across 106 just north of the Route 129 intersection. Be sure to park way off the road and watch the traffic. When foliage is peak, this is a stunning sight — in either direction. The leaves reflecting off the water and the blue sky above make life worth living! Sometimes you might even see a Great Blue Heron. Just north of the bridge on the east side of the road is a small marshy area that sports some gorgeous reds early in the foliage season.

Route 129 is a pretty ride in the fall. Be sure to stop along the way and get your fresh apples to go with your picnic — or donuts, depending on the day! There are a couple of marshes and ponds along 129 that are quite colorful. If you stay long enough and are quiet, you might even see some wildlife.

Another breathtaking view is from Loudon Ridge. The folks who live up there are very lucky, especially this time of year. On a clear day you can see all the way to Henniker and beyond. The colors on the hills paint a beautiful picture of New Hampshire at its very best.

If you have a canoe or kayak, the Soucook River or Hoit Road Marsh have some colorful trees to check out. You will almost certainly see wildlife on either body of water.

A longer trip will take you up Route 132, all the way to Ashland where you can either head over to Holderness and up toward Sandwich or — and this is one of my favorites on the motorcycle — take Route 175 north to Woodstock. Route 175 is an unknown gem to many, but if you have a motorcycle you are probably quite familiar with it! There are several hidden waterfalls to see — and I mean hidden! You really need to know where they are and one requires a fairly strenuous, white-knuckle scramble to get down to it, but it's definitely worth it.

The New Hampshire standard fall trip is across the Kancamagus! It seems the entire world knows about this route, though, so I don't recommend it on a quintessential fall weekend: it turns into a parking lot! If you can go during the week, it is well worth the drive to get there. And don't ignore the scenery along the way to the "Kanc": there are very few spots in this state that aren't offering brilliant color in the fall.

I also like to head over toward Newfound Lake and that region. It is less of a tourist destination in the fall so the roads aren't as busy, but the scenery is still stunning. Take a trip up into Sculptured Rocks, north of Newfound Lake. Make your way to Hebron and follow the signs to this "mini Flume."

White winter is coming, so pack your head full of colorful outdoor memories. Take lots of photos and enjoy the fresh air. We are very blessed to have all of these scenes right in our own back yard! Enjoy! ■

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## Red-Tailed Hawk, Wildlife Habitat, Apprentice Hunting Explored In *NH Wildlife Journal*

You'll be watching closely for soaring red-tailed hawks after reading about these amazing birds of prey in the September/October 2013 issue of *NH Wildlife Journal*. These beautiful birds of the open country have adapted well to human environments and are often seen hunting over highways and fields.

The new issue of the *Journal* also explores the teamwork that goes into conserving wildlife habitat in New Hampshire. Over the past ten years, Fish and Game has contributed nearly \$5 million to 50 land projects that have protected more than 45,000 acres of significant habitat. Hunters contribute directly to these efforts through Wildlife Habitat fees paid when they buy their licenses.

Next, get inspired to hit the autumn woods through the stories of new hunters who tried the Apprentice License last year. The new license was a big hit in its first year, with a total of 1,666 Apprentice Licenses sold in 2012. Of these 427 were purchased by women.

In *Naturalist's Notebook*, learn about the Eastern coyote, an adaptable predator now widespread in New England. Regular columns explore the fall spawning ritual of brook trout, conservation of the Hazelton Farm in Hebron, N.H., and true tales from Fish and Game Conservation Officers on the job in *Warden's Watch*.

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## NOT ALL PLASTICS ARE CREATED EQUAL

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

### Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6...what's the difference?

Going through the recent survey that so many of you took the time to fill out, it was clear that there is some confusion about the numbers. And there were many great questions as well like "Why can't we recycle yogurt cups?"

The Loudon Transfer Station currently accepts #1's (like water bottles) and #2's (like detergent bottles) - recycled in the covered bin area. And **bigger** recyclable items with #'s 2, 4 and 5 - known as the Bulky Rigid Plastics can be placed over on the other side of the office area. These big plastics are items like toys, buckets and pails, carts and crates, baskets and lawn chairs. If you look closely there is usually a recycling number on the bottom of these items. And sometimes there may be a metal handle on the bucket - that's acceptable too - however it would be nice if you took it off first.

**As a result of your desire to recycle the smaller #5's plastics like yogurt cups, Steve is researching the option to do so - so stay tuned for more news on this possibility.**

The following is a simple explanation of the numbers to help all of us better understand the difference.

Number 1 – is used for clear soda, juice, condiment and water bottles. When broken down it is most commonly turned into more bottles. It is intended for single use applications because repeated use increases the risk of leaching and bacterial growth. This type is easily recycled. It is crushed and shredded, then reprocessed to make new bottles, or spun into polyester fiber. This recycled fiber is used to make textiles such as fleece garments, carpets, stuffing for pillows and life jackets, and similar products.

Number 2 – is a higher density plastic used for detergent, milk, some juice, shampoo, and other "thicker" bottles. It too is primarily turned back into bottles and other bulky rigid #4 items (see above) when broken down. It is the most commonly recycled plastic and is considered one of the safest forms of plastic.

Number 3 – is very tough to recycle and has potentially hazardous health complications because it doesn't break down completely. Examples are children's and pet's toys, clear plastic food wrapping, teething rings, deli and meat wrap and blister packaging. It is called the "poison plastic" because it contains numerous toxins which it can leach throughout its entire life cycle. Less than 1% of PVC material is recycled.

Number 4 – is used for shopping and grocery store bags, fresh produce, shrink wraps, bread bags, dry cleaner garment bags, and squeezable bottles to name a few. It may not always be stamped with a symbol. When recycled, this kind can be used for plastic lumber, landscaping boards, garbage can liners and floor tiles.

Number 5 – is tough and lightweight used to create fibers that need durability to withstand tough conditions. It is commonly used for yogurt cups, disposable diapers, pails, plastic bottle tops, margarine and deli foods, medications and takeout meal trays, and straws.

Number 6 – otherwise known as Styrofoam - used to protect items during shipping because it can be heat molded to just about any shape. Coffee cups, plates, take-out containers, packaging, peanuts, the teeny little balls in a bean bag chair. It is highly flammable, made from petroleum, and known to be hazardous to humans. The bad news is that most places do not take this type and it is sent to landfills. It will break down eventually but the process for this type takes centuries. Avoid this type where possible.

Send your questions and recycling ideas to the recycling committee at [loudonrecycles@comcast.net](mailto:loudonrecycles@comcast.net)

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**





## Loudon American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Post Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

Our Commander's Fund raffle ticket sales are over. Although we fell short again this year of selling all 200 tickets we did sell enough tickets that will allow us to further benefit the communities we live in. Thanks to everyone who helped sell tickets again this year.

One thing we need to work on doing better is keeping track of our volunteer hours for reporting on our Consolidated Post Report. If you do any type of community service whether representing the Legion or not please keep track of the time you spend, whom you are volunteering with, and the dates you are performing the volunteer service on. Your Post Adjutant Joe Piroso has to have something to report to the Department on our post activities for the year. We report such things as our involvement with the annual Memorial Day parade and the charitable donations we make. I want to see us do a better job of reporting the individual activities that we are doing in our communities. We need to show our neighbors, state, and nation what the American Legion is doing to benefit the communities we have Posts in.

Below is an excerpt taken from the American Legion website concerning the CPR.

*"The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) was established in 1975 in order to assist departments in the documentation of the various activities a specific post has done during the twelve-month reporting period June 1, through May 31. The Consolidated Post Report may be the most important document your post will complete this year. Your post's information, combined with that of other posts, is used when the national commander and others testify on Capitol Hill on behalf of all veterans. Each post has a story to tell, and when we speak collectively our strength is magnified."*

Please report back to me your volunteer service hours at least once a year by the 3rd Wednesday in April. You can email me at [uscgr1987@tds.net](mailto:uscgr1987@tds.net) or better yet come to a meeting and bring us your information.

Another important piece of information I need to get out there is concerning the need for your post to keep a copy of your DD-214 (Discharge from Active Duty). New IRS regulations require all posts now to have available for inspection a copy of all eligible legion members DD-214's. It has been this post's practice of not keeping the member's DD-214 on file and returning them back to you. If you have access to a copy of your DD-214 please turn over a copy to myself, First Vice Commander Gary Tasker or Adjutant Joseph Piroso. We will be keeping these in a secured location. If we do not comply with this directive we can be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per day until we are in compliance.

Thank you for assistance in providing your DD-214 to us.

On Friday September 13th my wife Jenn and I attended the Testimonial Dinner of our National Commander Dan Dellinger hosted by William H. Jutras Post 43 in Manchester. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and the camaraderie of Legionnaires and their spouses. Also in attendance were members of the Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion (SAL). Commander Dellinger addressed the crowd speaking on what his goals are for his year in office. For more information go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

On Saturday September 14th I participated in two things. First was the "Ride To Remember" to benefit the New Hampshire Veteran's Home Resident Benefit Fund. Your post sponsored me with a donation of \$50. I successfully raised \$443.00 in contributions and collectively, approximately \$1,500.00 was raised by the American Legion Riders and their supporters. The second thing was during our second stop of the day at the NH Veteran's Home. Groups of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL took turns standing 15-minute watches at the POW/MIA 24-hour Vigil. It was a sight to see the number of veterans and non-veterans who turned out to participate or support the vigil. I later went back to the vigil and started standing additional watches beginning at 0015 hours. It was a humbling experience. I am still amazed by the dedication of some that where still there rotating through 15 minute watches 12 hours later. My only regret was I wasn't able to do more than the four watches I did complete. I would encourage any Post 88 member to sign up next year for a watch or two. You will be glad you did.



American Legion members and NH State Police Troopers standing watch during the 15th Annual Spirit of the Eagle POW/MIA 24-hour Vigil at the NH Veteran's home in Tilton, NH.

We hope to see you at our next meeting October 16th at 7 p.m. Remember "Everyone is a Recruiter" Just ask veteran, active duty, reserve or NG if they are a member of the American Legion. If not sign them up today. I have membership application if you need one. Have a Happy Fall season everyone. ■



### October Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. This month's clinics will be held on Tuesday, October 7 from 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, October 15 from 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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

### October Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, October 4 from 9:30–11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinics are at Concord Parks and Recreation (formerly Dame School), 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

### October Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics in October on Tuesday, October 22 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Richard Brown VOANNE Senior Housing. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment. ■

# LOUDON FOOD PANTRY'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Friday, Oct. 25, 2013  
6–8 p.m. at Loudon Elementary School**

A Halloween party for Loudon kids, K–5th grade. There will be all kinds of games for kids to play to earn tickets and candy. There will also be crafts, a fortune teller, and a haunted house.

*This is a charitable event to raise food and money for the Loudon Food Pantry.*

## **Admission Price: 3 FOOD Items per child**

(Additional FOOD items = more tickets)

One ticket given for each Food item donated. Tickets are used to get additional prizes.

See list of items below in need by the Loudon Food Pantry

## **An adult needs to be present with the child at the party**

There will be a concession stand selling food and beverages. **All proceeds go to the Loudon Food Pantry.**

This event is hosted by the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts of Loudon.

## **Food Pantry Immediate Needs:**

Breakfast Items (cereal, eggs, pancake mixes, etc.)

Tomato Products (tomato sauce, diced, crushed, pureed tomatoes, etc.)

Spaghetti Sauce

Baked Beans

Fruit: canned or fresh

Jellies, Jams, etc.

Vegetables: canned or fresh

Macaroni & Cheese

Pasta

Rice

Snacks (crackers, cookies, etc.)

Peanut Butter

Pasta: (no spaghetti please)

Mashed Potatoes

Canned Meats (Chili, hash, chicken, turkey, etc.)

Meat (fresh or frozen)

Soups (condensed, hearty, etc)

Beverages (juice, etc., no soda, tonic or energy drinks please)

Pet Food (dog, cat, etc.)

Toilet Paper

Diapers and Wipes

Feminine Hygiene Products

Clothes Detergent

Dish Detergent

**Each item donated in will receive  
1 ticket that can be turned  
in for prizes!**

## **WANT TO HELP OUT?**

There are a number of ways to help out with this town event.

- **Donate your TIME on 10/25 from 5:30–8:30 p.m.** We could use more volunteers helping with the prize tables, concession stand or running games.
- **Donate unopened bags of individually-wrapped.** (Candy can be dropped off at the Loudon Post Office at the Brookside Mall or contact Elizabeth West.)
- **Donate Prizes.** Prizes could be anything like little Halloween toys, glow sticks, stickers, pencils, mini stuffed animals, etc. (Prizes can be dropped off at the Loudon Post Office at the Brookside Mall or contact Elizabeth West.)
- **Donate baked goods that can be sold at the concession stand.** All money earned at the concession stand goes directly to the Loudon Food Pantry. (Please bring baked goods to Loudon Elementary School for 5 p.m. on 10/25.)

## **Thank you for any donations or help you can give.**

*Please contact Elizabeth West at [elizabethwest001@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethwest001@yahoo.com) or 798-5812 with any questions or if you are able to help volunteer your time (a head count of volunteers is needed for planning purposes).*

## **LATE-BREAKING NEWS!**

## **Makris Lobster & Steakhouse**

**is hosting its First Annual Blues & Lobster Fest**

**On October 13th (Rain Date Oct. 14) From 1–6 p.m.**

**Entrance fee is \$3.00 or \$3.00 value in non-perishable in date food.**

**The entrance fee will benefit the Loudon Food Pantry!**

**COME JOIN US FOR A LAST CHANCE TO DANCE IN THE SAND!**



# Are You Curious About Girl Scouts?

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Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls — all girls — where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives — like strong values, a social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Through a variety of innovative programs and outreach opportunities, we are committed to bring Girl Scouting to every girl, everywhere. Girl Scouting helps girls grow courageous and strong, develop their full potential, relate to others with understanding and respect, develop values to guide their actions, and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills and cooperation with others. The Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves girls in New Hampshire and Vermont. Membership is open to girls ages 5 through 17 who subscribe to its ideals as stated in the Girl Scout Promise and Law. It is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 140 countries through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts has changed with the times and there are more ways than ever to participate in the Girl Scout program. There are TROOPS, which meet on a regular basis and participate in activities and events such as earning badges based on girl interest and serving the community throughout the school year as a group. There is Girl Scout CAMP where girls can experience the great outdoors with other girls who have similar interests at overnight or day camp during the summer or special weeks throughout the year. There are EVENTS which girls can participate in events that center on topics that interest girls. There is the option of TRAVEL where girls can participate in travel across town, the country and around the world. VIRTUAL is a Girl Scout program option that lets girls interact online with other girls and volunteers in a safe secure environment. One of the virtual programs is a book club. SERIES is an option where girls can explore their interests in a series of activities without committing to a full year. Some of the options include a kayaking/paddling group called Swift Water Paddlers, a group about animae, Coastal Rompers which is a group that meets and does several activities/events centered on the ocean and its ecosystem and groups that are animal interest based like horses or dogs.

How do you get involved with these great opportunities?? Just register! Go online to [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org) and click on join today. Make sure you choose the option for the 2013–2014 Girl Scout year as that starts October 1st. You will

receive a confirmation email and then be placed according to the pathway that interests you.

If you are interested in the TROOP pathway for Girl Scouting, there are active troops here in Loudon and we are always looking for more troops to get started. Troops serve girls from kindergarten through middle and high school. There are Daisy troops for kindergarten and first grade girls, Brownie troops for girls in grades 2 and 3, Junior troops for girls in grades 4 and 5, Cadette troop for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and a Senior/Ambassador troop for older girls grades 9th on up. Register online today to get started in all the fun!

*Girl Scouting builds girls of confidence, courage and character, who make the world a better place. ■*

## Seeking Girls Who Want to Make a Difference — For Unique Leadership Opportunity in Concord

High-school age girls with an interest in government service and advocacy are invited to apply for Girls Rock the Capitol, a legislative internship led by Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains. No Girl Scout experience is needed.

This intensive program links girls to female legislators who act as mentors, while girls learn about and work on issues affecting the future of New Hampshire from inside the State House.

Through GRTC girls become critical thinkers, work as a team to advocate for themselves and others, prepare for leadership roles in their schools and communities, and have a rich understanding of the Granite State democratic process.

To apply, contact Nicole Nolan toll-free at 888-474-9686 x142 or [nnolan@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:nnolan@girlscoutsgwm.org). Applications are due Oct. 31, 2013.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves more than 14,000 girls across New Hampshire and Vermont, thanks to 5,500 trained and dedicated volunteers. See [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org) or call 888-474-9686 to register or join. We are a chartered council of Girl Scouts of the USA, celebrating 101 years of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. ■

## Fire Permits Required

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

To obtain a Fire Permit, please stop at the Fire Station on Cooper Street between the hours of 6 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Sunday.

Do you have suggestions and/or questions for Steve (the Dumpman) and the Loudon Transfer Station and Recycling Committee contact us at [loudonrecycles@comcast.net](mailto:loudonrecycles@comcast.net)



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# Merrimack Valley School District News

## Loudon Elementary School News

*"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in Autumn."*

B.C. FORBES



The library has been transformed into a media center. Students will be learning how to find books through a computerized system, research through the use of technology, and use presentation formats such as Prezis and Glogsters. The students will be introduced to these media activities through their curriculum. For example, the fifth grade has an immigration unit. While in the media center, the students will perform research and make presentations on immigration. This combines the media center to the classroom learning.

Becky Herrmann is the new media specialist. She comes to LES with past teacher experience in another district. She also plans to increase the time children have access to the media center. In the past, children were mostly limited to 40 minutes a week. It is our hope the media center will be more accessible to children and will allow them to use it when they need the materials in the

media center. Of course, the students will still be able to check out books just for the sake of a good pleasure read.

*In the top photo, children roam the aisles looking for the perfect book. In the lower photo, Mrs. Herrmann works with some students who are looking for a specific title.*

### Search for a New Leader

The Merrimack Valley and Andover School Boards are in the beginning phase of a search for a new Superintendent of Schools. Community meetings will be held in each town (Andover, Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, and Webster) to hear community member's thoughts and ideas on the qualities and attributes of a school superintendent. The first meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook. Meetings for the remaining communities will be announced after September 5, 2013. This is an important process and the hope is to involve many community members. Please join us!

### MVSD's New Website

Hopefully you have been able to view the new MVSD website: [www.mvsnpride.org](http://www.mvsnpride.org). We have tried to make it a more informational and user-friendly site that provides you with dates, policies, schedules, and anything else you may need. I encourage you to go to Loudon Elementary School's site and navigate through it. I

have added this newsletter to the site, which can be found under Principal's Message. If you'd like to get this newsletter online and save one sheet of paper at a time, please contact Mrs. Muzzey. We will stop the home delivery. *The News from LES* comes out every other week.

### A Nature's Classroom

A former LES student, Dan Dockham, is in the process of earning the prestigious honor of an Eagle Scout. For his culminating project Dan is building a Nature's Classroom on the wooded hill adjacent to the new soccer fields. He has already organized the construction of new tables that comfortably sit students as they write. The classroom is not yet complete, but Dan has made good progress and the LES staff will begin taking advantage of Dan's hard work and generosity in the near future.

It is good to see that Dan has not forgotten his home roots and is able to give back to his community.

The picture shows a group of volunteers who have been working on Dan's Eagle project.



### News & Notes

- If you would like to volunteer at LES, we would welcome you. Volunteerism could be providing supervision at field trips, helping teachers with their copying, or helping in the classroom. However, all volunteers must be fingerprinted. If you volunteered last year and were fingerprinted, you are all set. Any prospective volunteers must go through the process. It takes a good month before we get results back; consequently, it is important that interested parents contact us immediately to begin the process. If you would like to be a volunteer at LES, please contact Mrs. Muzzey.
- I would like to thank a good friend of LES: Brookside Pizza. They have always been very generous to the staff and students throughout the years and we are fortunate to have such good people in our small community. They offered and provided the staff free (and delicious) pizza on our August 30 professional development day.
- To end on a good note...it has been a pleasure to start the year with such a wonderful group of students. They have been cheerful, eager to learn, and enjoying all the good benefits that their teachers and peers bring to their lives.

By Tom Laliberte, Principal ([tlaliberte@mv.k12.nh.us](mailto:tlaliberte@mv.k12.nh.us))  
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**HALLOWEEN**  
**October 31, 2013**

**The Loudon Police Department**  
**encourages TRICK OR TREATING**  
**between the hours of**  
**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



## Merrimack Valley School District News — continued

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#### Locations, Dates, and Times for Meetings

- Salisbury Elementary School October 2 6:30 p.m.
- Penacook Elementary School October 3 6:00 p.m.
- Webster Elementary School October 8 6:00 p.m.
- Boscawen Elementary School October 17 6:30 p.m.

The meeting at Loudon Elementary School was held on September 24. If you were unable to attend that meeting and want to participate in the process, please plan on attending one of the meetings listed above. This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in the choice of the next District Superintendent of Schools. ■

### Loudon Elementary School PTA NEWS

The PTA is off to a great start for the 2013–2014 school year. A special Halloween event is in the works and we're trying for Touch-A-Truck too!

#### Fundraising

Our goal this year is to increase our donation toward technology funding from \$500 to \$2,000. This is only possible through successful fundraising events.

Thank you to Karen Bast of Ava Anderson Non-Toxic for donating her commission from the sale of AANT products purchased during the LES PTA sale. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the Genevieve's fundraiser.

#### PTA Web Page

Have you seen the new web site for the school district? If not, visit [www.mvmspride.org](http://www.mvmspride.org). The PTA has it's own page. You can find copies of minutes and newsletters at <https://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpride.org/les/pta>. Check it out!

Thanks to everyone who came out to our September and October PTA meetings. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 and free babysitting is provided. Can't make meetings? No problem! We would love to have your help during events or event preparation. Pick an event from the Save-the-Date list below and contact a

PTA board member to let them know you want to help. Thank you ahead of time for your help!

#### Contact the PTA

Interested in volunteering or have a question about the PTA? Please contact any of the LES PTA board members.

**Becky Herrmann:** *President*, [becky@handcut.com](mailto:becky@handcut.com)

**Rebecca Stuart:** *Vice President*, [stuartfamily9@comcast.net](mailto:stuartfamily9@comcast.net)

**Rachel Butler:** *Treasurer*, [rachelbutler1773@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelbutler1773@yahoo.com)

**Kristen Byron:** *Secretary*, [sbkk@tds.com](mailto:sbkk@tds.com)

#### Save The Date!

**October 7th:** Krazy Kids fundraiser begins! Please purchase tickets to Krazy Kids. For every \$10 admission to Krazy Kids (their normal price) the PTA earns 50%! Thank you Latham family for your support!

**October 31st:** Pickup your Genevieve's orders

**November 7th PTA Monthly Meeting**

**December 7th: SANTA'S BREAKFAST! ■**



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## OBITUARIES

### WILLIAM H. CLARK

William H. Clark passed away Sunday, August 25, 2013. He was born in Gloucester, MA on Sept. 28, 1936. Bill is the son of William and Jane (Fuge) Clark. He grew up in York Harbor, ME.

He graduated from York High School, Class of 1955. Bill served four years in the U.S. Navy.

Bill retired from the State of New Hampshire after 23 years.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Donna. He is also survived by his son, Brian, and his wife, Michelle; his son, Darryl, and his wife, Courtne; six grandchildren, Krystal, Michael, Travis, Katelyn, Joshua, and Hailey; and a great-granddaughter Briella; a sister, Adeline Whitney, of Gray, ME; a brother, Herbert, and his wife, Nancy, of York, ME; a brother, Bruce, and his wife, Sylvia, of Sanford, ME; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at P.O. Box 810, Memphis, TN 38101-0810. ■

### JEANNE L. SAVAGE

Jeanne L. Savage, 52, was surrounded by her husband, family, and friends Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. Jeanne grew up in Berlin, graduating from Berlin High School in 1979. From there she resided in the Concord area, settling in Loudon.

She is the daughter of the late Pauline Martin and is survived by her father, Donald Martin.

Her work in Concord started at Blue Seal Feeds. She then worked for the Office of Public Guardian for 20 years as an estate manager. It was in November 2002 she became an Herbalife Independent Distributor. This was her passion to bring health and wellness to all she encountered. She earned the 1 million dollar lifetime achievement award from Herbalife in 2013.

Jeanne will be remembered by her family and friends for her love of the outdoors, especially the ocean, the St. Lawrence Seaway, fishing, hiking, and soccer. Her beloved poodle, Moxy, will certainly miss their time together.

She is survived by the love of her life and soul mate of 22 years, William H. Savage; their son John F. House II, daughter-in-law Elyse House; son Brian M. Savage; daughter Jennifer L. Sevigny, son-in-law Andrew J. Sevigny; her grandchildren, Jakob M. House, Andrew J. Sevigny, Jr. and Olivia L. House; her siblings Diane Viger, Claude Martin, David Martin, and Roland Martin; nieces and nephews and their loved ones. They will all miss her dearly.

Donations may be made to the Concord Payson Center for Cancer Care at 250 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301-2598. ■

### BETTY C. ASHLAND

Betty C. Ashland, 87, died peacefully surrounded by family Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at Concord Hospital after battling lung disease.

Betty was born November 13, 1926 in Pittsfield to George M. Ashley Sr. and Alice M. (Humphries) Ashley. Betty graduated from Pittsfield High School, class of 1944. Upon graduation Betty joined the U.S. Nurse Corp in Manchester and attended a year of nursing school when she left to marry George L. Fiske, Sr. He and Betty had four children together and worked on various farms including their own till George's death in 1956. Betty then met and married Loys E. Ashland, Jr. in 1957 and moved to Somersworth. They owned and operated a garage there until 1963 when they moved permanently back to Loudon. They owned and operated "Ashland's Garage" in the Village until their retirement in 1986.

Betty was very active in her community, church, and social groups throughout her life. She and Loys were fond of travel and camping as members/officers of the NH Wanders Good Sam Club. She and her husband were also avid dancers and longtime members of the Concord Coach Square Dance Club. Betty was a former tax collector and town clerk for the town of Loudon. She was also a familiar face at

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the Loudon Town Meetings, catering meals for the workers and volunteers for many years.

After retirement, Betty and her husband traveled extensively across the United States from Mexico to Canada, and around Europe, as well as enjoying numerous cruises. They were able to winter in Donna, TX and returned home to Loudon every summer. Betty felt most of all that her greatest accomplishment and joy was her family.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Loys E. Ashland, Jr. of Loudon; two sons, Robert N. Fiske and his wife, Cheryl, of Loudon and William H. Fiske Sr. and his wife, Jean, of Loudon; two daughters, Betty L. (Fiske) Martin and her husband, Dennis, of Manchester and Barbara L. (Ashland) Jameson and her husband, Douglas, of Laconia. She also left a legacy of 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren! She is also survived by her sister Joyce (Ashley) Emerson of Hooksett and a brother, Jack Ashley.

Betty was predeceased by her first husband, George L. Fiske, Sr., her oldest son, George Fiske, Jr., two brothers, George and Keith, and two sisters, Kathryn and Sylvia. ■



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## OBITUARIES — cont.

### RALPH LELAND MARSTON

Ralph Leland Marston, 85, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, at Pleasant View Center in Concord.

Born in Loudon, he was the son of John C. and Alice (Heyward) Marston.

He worked as a lineman for New England Telephone. He was a member of Good Sam's Camping Club.

For several years he wintered in Texas. He enjoyed camping and traveling.

He was predeceased by his wife Marguerite.

Survivors include his son, Sidney Marston of Pittsfield and three daughters, Charlotte O'Connor of Barrington, Linda Filmore of New York, and Suzanne Livingston of Georgia. ■



### The Pros & Cons of Buying a Fixer Upper

By Jack Prendiville  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

A fixer upper can be very tempting when you are looking to buy a home. Whether you are a first time homebuyer or a real estate veteran, here are some pros and cons to consider before purchasing a property that needs major renovating.

#### Pros:

1. A less than perfect house often allows buyers to own in a neighborhood they otherwise couldn't afford. A fixer upper located in a desirable neighborhood often sells for less than surrounding homes.
2. When redoing a home there is opportunity to create space all your own and make it exactly how you would like
3. There are a lot of variables specific to each property, but often, there is a possibility for profit in resale once the property is renovated.

#### Cons:

1. You may be overwhelmed with the amount of work, time and money it takes to renovate. Always have a backup plan to access funds or credit if any unforeseen hurdles are discovered during the renovation. It may be wise to bring professionals with you to walk through the property before you buy to avoid underestimating the work and cost.
2. There is always a possibility that you could lose money on your investment. It is common to go over budget on repairs and renovations. The housing market is another variable that can be unpredictable.
3. Whether you're hiring a contractor or doing the work yourself, the renovation process is often stressful. Consider the commitment before you buy, especially if you plan on living on the property while doing the renovation. ■

### DEADLINE for November *Loudon Ledger*: Friday, Oct. 18, 2013

ALL ADS, AD PAYMENTS, ARTICLES, ETC. ARE DUE BY END OF DAY. THE COUNCIL MEETS THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY AT 6:30 AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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Monday, October 7, 2013 • 6:30 p.m.

At the Boscawen Municipal Complex  
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John Porter, Author and Professor Emeritus from UNH Cooperative Extension, shares how the evolution of barn architecture tells the story of NH agriculture. Barns changed from the early English style, to gambrel, and then pole barns to accommodate the changing agriculture. This presentation will be a chronological walk through time, with photo illustrations of barns around the state that are examples of these eras of agricultural history.

To register for this talk, please contact the Boscawen Agriculture Commission by calling 753-9188 ext. 301 or email: [agriculture03303@gmail.com](mailto:agriculture03303@gmail.com)

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#### One Full Day Session (Saturday)

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10/26/13	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
11/16/13	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
12/14/13	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham
01/25/14	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham ■

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## MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — July 8, 2013

### Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Chairman Thomas Godfrey at 7:15 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Laura Vincent

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Pat Severance, Jeff Drouin, Stephanie Wheeler, Chris Foley, Tom Laliberte, Assistant Principal James Tremblay; Assistant Principals for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan

**Others Present:** Marcia Murphy, Salisbury Resident; Paula Winter, Alisha Kingsbury, Amanda Moore, Jen Mercer, Roy Merrill, Loudon Residents; Leander Corbin

### Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Godfrey.

### Minutes of Previous Meetings:

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Mark Hutchins, to approve the June 10, 2013 Board Meeting minutes (pages 1–6 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Jim Lavery, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the June 24, 2013 Special Board Meeting minutes (pages 7–9 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Public Participation:

Jen Mercer, Loudon parent, speaking for a group of parents from Loudon, told the board they would be interested in full-day kindergarten in the district and requested a formal study by the board.

Marcia Murphy, Salisbury resident, said she had a question for the board. Chairman Godfrey explained that questions should be submitted to the Superintendent's Office.

### Good News:

Administrators reported on good news items and upcoming events in their buildings and throughout the district. Chris Barry reported that the list of recognition letters sent out since last month's board meeting and some sample letters are included in the packet (pages 12–16) for board review.

### Committee Reports:

#### POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the June 17, 2013 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on pages 17–25 in the packet). The following policies are included in the packet for a first reading.

#### POLICY BDB, BOARD OFFICERS

Policy BBAB, Roles and Duties of the Board Chairperson & Vice-chairperson

Policy BCA, School Board Member Ethics Policy

Policy BCA-R, Acknowledgment of School Board Ethics Policy

Policy BEC, Non-public Sessions

*The board scheduled a Policy Committee meeting for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU office.*

#### LONG RANGE PLAN COMMITTEE:

Mark Hutchins reported on tonight's Long Range Plan Committee meeting (minutes will be included in next month's packet). The next Long Range Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

#### OTHER:

None

#### Old Business:

#### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH:

Lorrie Carey reported on the status of the superintendent search. The next Search Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

#### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Tom Godfrey and the board discussed establishing a Communication Committee.

#### FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN — NEXT STEPS:

Chris Barry reviewed the summary information on research regarding full-day kindergarten included in the packet (pages 26–31). Mike Martin reviewed the draft Full Day Kindergarten Study Plan Timeline (page 30 in the packet). After a brief discussion, Lorrie Carey motioned, second by Seelye Longnecker, to adopt the draft timeline. Motion passed unanimously.

#### COMMITTEE LISTS:

Chairman Godfrey asked board members to review the updated Committee Assignment lists included in the packet (pages 32–33).

#### OTHER:

None

#### New Business:

##### FUND BALANCE RETURN PROCESS:

Mike Martin and the board discussed the process for returning funds to towns.

##### BOARD RETREAT:

Chairman Godfrey asked board members for ideas for a board retreat. Mike Martin reported on information about board retreats from other districts. Administration will gather additional information.

#### OTHER:

None

#### Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

*Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.* Manifests and journal entries were circulated for board member signatures.

#### Board Chairman's Report:

Chairman Godfrey suggested talking about the Long Range Plan at the board retreat. Chairman Godfrey told the board he will donate a day to Merrimack Valley School District to look at job hazards.

#### Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reported on the Lilac Project (pages 34–36 in the packet). Chris Barry also

reported that State of NH has received authorization for a waiver on NCLB. Chris discussed key points on how that will impact Merrimack Valley School District.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin briefly reported on three items: on-site diesel, converting gas busses to propane and the plan for Salisbury Elementary School entrance.

#### Public Participation:

A Loudon parent thanked the board for moving in such a timely manner regarding full-day kindergarten.

*Motion by Thomas Godfrey, second by Normandie Blake, to go into non-public session at 8:45 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (b) and (c) to discuss staff nominations, two resignations and personnel. Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.*

*Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Mark Hutchins,*

*Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Laura Vincent*

*Board member Will Renauld joined the non-public session at 8:50 p.m. 14. See Non-Public Session Minutes.*

#### Return to Public Session

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to go out of non-public session at 10:02 p.m. Motion passed.*

#### Action from Non-Public Session if Needed

*Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Lorrie Carrie, to accept the resignations. Motion passed. Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carrie, to approve the nomination. Motion passed.*

#### Adjournment.

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch, Clerk*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — August 13, 2013

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

*Also present:* Police Chief Bob Fiske, Stanley Prescott and Dave Powelson.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Krieger opened the Board of Permit.

Selectman Ives said it came to his attention that there is a boarding house on Greenview Drive; he's not aware of any boarding houses that have gone before planning or zoning. Mr. Prescott asked what constitutes a boarding house. Selectman Ives said that the owners of the house live in England; they rented the house to one guy who is subletting bedrooms out. Chief Fiske said that here are a bunch of guys and girls living there that share the monthly payment but is it a boarding house? Chief Fiske said the same thing is going on at a Clough Pond Road property. Selectman Ives said he has spoken to a few people that live on Greenview Drive and they are creating issues. Selectman Ives said he brought it up tonight at Board of Permit so they can talk about what constitutes a boarding house. Mr. Powelson said it is not specifically defined in our ordinance. He said his understanding of a boarding house is that it's a place where you stay and get your meals, paying for room and board and there would probably be a sign out front. Selectman Ives said that means anyone can rent out a room in their house. Chief Fiske agreed. Mr. Powelson said that up to four people can live in a house and count the same as any family presumably their sharing expenses. He said if one person is in charge of supplying and charging for the meals it's really a boarding house. Chairman Krieger asked how it can be checked into. Chief Fiske said that according to Wikipedia a bed and breakfast is a specialized form of boarding house, a place where accommodations and meals are supplied for paying guests. Mr. Prescott said that it is usually provided by the person that owns the house. Selectman Ives said that in this case he assumes that they are living there and feeding themselves. Mr. Powelson said that our ordinance specifically allows up to four unrelated people to live together.

Mr. Powelson said it might be worth asking questions and finding out just how many people are living there. Selectman Ives asked Chief Fiske to look into it. Chairman Krieger suggested that he check with the post office to see how many people are having mailed delivered there. Mr. Prescott said that four unrelated people fit the definition of family so if there are four they are all set; if there are five they are not. Chairman Krieger asked if anyone has been in contact with the owners of the house who might not know there is an issue. Chief Fiske said he has not. Chairman Krieger asked Chief Fiske to go to the house and get whatever information he can and then write a letter explaining the complaints from the neighborhood.

Chairman Krieger asked Chief Fiske if he has any problems with the business license for the September race for the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. He said he does not. The Board and Chief Fiske signed the licensed.

Chairman Krieger closed Board of Permit.

*Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 6, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske said that at the evacuation plan meetings the lack of air conditioning at Station 2 was brought up. He said that Mr. Plummer told him that he could probably borrow one from the Nation Guard. Chief Fiske said the other idea is that the town applies for a grant with a 50% match. Chairman Krieger asked how much money he's talking about. Chief Fiske said he's guessing eight thousand. Selectman Ives said it would be for just two weekends per year and then it has to be stored. Chief Fiske suggested that two big fans might work. Chairman Krieger said that if Mr. Plummer can get a unit that would be nice.

Chief Fiske explained that also mentioned at the evacuation/traffic control plan meeting is some concern for pedestrian's

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safety between the south and main gates. Also a concern is the width of the 106 emergency lane. It was concluded that the emergency lane will stay as is because if the cones are moved out it will stop the egress flow considerably. Chief Fiske said there was discussion about emergency vehicle use on local roads along 106. He said he spoke to Chief Wright and asked him to draft maps showing how they would get here from the south, west, east and north not using 106, these maps would become part of the plan.

Chief Fiske said they are putting together a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the cameras. Chief Fiske asked if the Board wants the town attorney to review the Memorandum. The Board agreed the attorney should look at it.

Chief Fiske reminded the Board that the triathlon runs through town this coming Sunday. He said that there is a motorcycle rally with approximately 100 motorcycles running through town at 10:30 on Saturday which won't be a problem however their rain date is Sunday.

Chief Fiske asked about Cascade Park. Chairman Krieger is waiting to hear back from her.

Chairman Krieger explained that NHMS and their representative will be attending the Selectmen's meeting on August 27th to discuss the GACIT hearings and asked Chief Fiske if he would attend. There will be a public hearing regarding this in October.

Selectman Bowles asked if Old Home Day went okay. Chief Fiske said it did.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the July property transfers.

The Board received copies of a memo from Upton & Hatfield and a copy of the 2012 Fairpoint Abatement.

The Board received a copy of a check from the Town of Chichester for the ambulance subsidy.

The Board received an anonymous letter regarding property taxes.

The Board received a letter from American Red Cross requesting funds.

The Board received a scholarship thank you.

The Board received an email from the Elm Research Institute.

The Board received a copy of the check from NHMS for the July race detail.

The Board received a letter from a resident of Currier Road regarding the lack of cable on that road.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received a list of pending items for review.

Scholarship letter signed by Mr. Bahre in 2010.

Assessing contract.

Dave Wiley and NHMS.

Cascade Park.

Comcast Franchise.

The Board received the following dates and reminders:

Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. is the Planning Board meeting.

Tuesday, August 20, 2013, Senator John Reagan will attend the Selectmen's meeting.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:03 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — August 20, 2013**

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

*Also present:* State Senator John Reagan, Fire Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Dave Rice.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 13, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger recognized Senator Reagan and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Senator Reagan asked the Board if they have anything in particular the Board wanted to discuss with him. Chairman Krieger explained that the Town will soon be facing whether or not 106 will be widened. Senator Reagan said that is handled by the DOT and it has to be in the plan. He said he doesn't think a special piece of legislation for that would fly because then everybody would say what about my town. Chairman Krieger said he understands it would be a huge bill for this to happen and the Town doesn't have the money to help with a project like that. Selectman Bowles said he understood that a project like this could be moved up the roster if there is private money coming in, he said that there are a lot more state roads in the area that need more attention than widening the road. Selectman Bowles said that the projections for traffic on 106 that were done back in the 90's were way off; everyday traffic has not increased as much as anticipated. Selectman Bowles said they are looking for things like the two intersections in town that have had deaths as the kinds of things they want to see moved up the roster.

Chairman Krieger asked if there has been any feedback on the high speed tolls. Senator Reagan said they already knew it would work, it's been working in New Jersey and in Hampton.

Selectman Ives explained that during the last race they had a command center set up, state police, track people, town fire and police, and other state agencies; everyone worked well together. He explained that they will do it again at the next race.

Senator Reagan said that they brought the budget in with a 3% increase with realistic revenue numbers. Senator Reagan said the state is in pretty good condition.

The Board thanked Senator Reagan for coming in. Senator Reagan said that he is available anytime to come in or by phone or email.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice said they are working on some of the dirt roads and getting ready to do Hemlock Hill and Plateau Ridge. Chairman Krieger asked if Mr. Rice will need help with flagging. Mr. Rice said that the guys were pretty upset about flagging on Mudgett Hill Road. Selectman Bowles said that they can't do the paving and they generally aren't off doing anything else so flagging can be part of what they do. Chairman Krieger said that if they are running behind on other projects and need help Dave needs to let the Selectmen know. Mr. Rice said they are not running behind, if everything works out they should have Hemlock Hill and Plateau Ridge paved by the 30th and then it's shoulder gravel there and on a couple of other town roads like Lower Ridge Road. Chairman Krieger said Lower Ridge needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

Mr. Rice said one of the trucks needs to go in to get a rear main seal fixed its leaking pretty good.

Mr. Rice said that the price for salt went up a little bit. He said they've been dealing with International so they are staying with them.

Chairman Krieger said that they received a letter from a resident on Village Road regarding drainage on her property. Mr. Rice said they aren't responsible for a culvert in the driveway but they are going to repave the swale and incorporate her apron into it. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Rice to contact the property owner and let her know what they intend to do.

Mr. Rice spoke to someone about getting his pickup lettered.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that he received an appraisal for the old engine 2 from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus.

Chief Wright said they had pump and cistern training the previous night. He said they filled all the cisterns. There were two that were down over 5000 gallons each. Selectman Bowles asked if that would be from evaporation. Chief Wright said he would think there is a leak because of the amount of water, he was told they were full when they were built but he wasn't there. He explained that from this point on they will keep track of it.

Chief Wright explained that as requested by the Board a couple of weeks ago, they inspected the food vendors at Old Home Day and everything was good.

Chief Wright said they are expecting Chichester to sign the lease agreement tonight.

Chief Wright explained that Mike Souther, scuba diver, went down and checked the pipe and strainer at the Village Road dry hydrant. Chief Wright said that they believe the problem is at the underground elbow where the vertical & horizontal pipes meet. Chief Wright said it will need to be excavated from the parking lot. Chairman Krieger asked if this is something the highway department can do. Selectman Bowles said no but Mike Labonte has a mini excavator. Selectman Ives said that Jim McNeil has a bobcat and might be able to do it. Selectman Ives also suggested Kenny Magoon. Selectman Bowles told Chief Wright to get either Jim or Mike if neither of them is available give Kenny Magoon a call. Chief Wright asked if they want him to get prices. The Board agreed.

Chief Wright said that he will be starting an EMT-B class on September 9.

Chief Wright said that the deadline for the Fire Department Deputy Chief position has passed and they have four applications. Chief Wright asked Selectman Ives to assist him with the interview process. He explained that they would like to have the position filled by September 1, 2013.

Chief Wright said that Mike Souther and Steve Roy needed to be thanked for helping the Town out. Chairman Krieger agreed and said he didn't realize Paul and Darlene Johnson of Best Septic pumped the tank at Station 2 for free during the races. Chief Wright said he didn't know until a few days ago when he called asking about a bill. The Board thanks them for their generous donation.

Selectman Ives said that he mentioned to Chief Wright that it's not necessary to attend their meeting every week. Selectman Bowles said that they generally like to see department heads twice a month; he said that it's nice to see the whole group for Board of Permit, the second Tuesday of each month.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Upton & Hatfield regarding Fairpoint Litigation. The board will each get a copy and review the questions.

The Board received copies of memos from Fire Chief Wright which they discussed earlier.

The Board received a copy of a memo that went to Map 59, Lot 56 property owners from the Code Enforcement Office regarding issues at that property with the renters.

The Board received a copy of a letter from a Village Road property owner regarding the drainage ditch on the side of her property. The Board discussed it earlier with Mr. Rice.

The Board received five (5) overdue ambulance bills for their review. *Selectman Bowles made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection; account 2506 in the amount of \$673.60, account 2138 in the amount of \$138.88, account 2026 in the amount of \$477.11, account 1914 in the amount of \$115.50, account in the amount of \$495.90. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a copy of the John O. Cate Van Association Meetings Minutes for May 30 and June 24.

The Board received a NH Bar Association Foreclosure Relief Clinic notification.

The Board received a scholarship thank you.

The Board received the reminder that Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. the Board is meeting with Government Policy Solutions and NHMS regarding the GACIT hearings.

*Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:47 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — August 27, 2013

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

*Also present:* State Senator John Reagan and Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

*Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 20, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske submitted a copy of a bill that was sent to the track, he explained that there was a glitch in the bill that was originally submitted.

Chief Fiske submitted a Letter of Intent from the track for the Color Run to be held Saturday, September 28, 2013. Chairman Krieger asked if they are ready for it, if Chief Fiske has people set to work that day. Chief Fiske explained that it is still in the planning stage and they aren't sure if it will be two lanes or not.

Chief Fiske submitted a copy of the electric bill for the police department and voiced his concern about the cost of services. Chairman Krieger said he will ask someone in the town office to look into it.

Chief Fiske said he looked into the Greenview Drive situation that they spoke about at a previous meeting. He got email confirmation from the property owner that there are only four people living in the house.

Chief Fiske asked about the reimbursement check for the camera grant. Selectman Bowles asked if it's here. Chief Fiske said he didn't know; he has reason to believe it's here and he wants to confirm it. He will check with the office.

Chairman Krieger asked Chief Fiske if someone from the Governor's office showed up for the post race meeting. Chief Fiske will look into it.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of a memo from Dave Wiley regarding New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The Board received a copy of the signed lease agreement from the Town of Chichester.

The Board received an email regarding the leased fire truck insurance. Chairman Krieger has concerns about Loudon holding the insurance, Chichester paying Loudon for it and Loudon being liable if an accident or something should happen. Chairman Krieger would like the office to talk to the Town's insurance company about it. He also

said that the signed lease agreement says that Chichester will hold the insurance.

The Board received a check from ESMI for the 2013 2nd quarter Host Community Fees in the amount of \$18,516.80.

The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Wright regarding him receiving a permit from DES for repairs to the S. Village Road hydrant. Mike Labonte will be getting the Chief an estimate for the job.

The Board received an invoice in the amount of \$1,178.00 from Harry-O Electrical Corp for work done in preparation for Old Home Day. The invoice was discounted \$1,178.00 for a balance due of zero. The Board thanks Harry for his generous donation. Selectman Ives read off the invoice the following *"I would like to send a big thank you to the Town of Loudon and the Old Home Day Committee for all of your hard work every single year to make our town look great. Due to all of your efforts we can all be proud to live in a decent and respectable community. So many of us truly appreciate everything that you do. Harry"*

The Board received the Annual Impact fee report from Donna White.

The Board received copies of the August 21, 2013 Joint Loss Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

The Board received a letter from DES regarding the 2012 Final Hydrological Monitoring Report for NHMS.

The Board received a note from Alan Gray who lives on Greenview Drive about the good work done on Mudgett Hill Road.

The Board received notification from PSNH about Welfare Informational Meetings.

The Board received a scholarship thank you note.

### Miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders.

Wednesday, August 28, 2012 at 7:00 a.m., Selectmen Bowles will be meeting with RPF Environmental at the American Legion building.

Monday, September 2, 2013 is a holiday the Town Offices will be closed.

The Board recognized Jerry Gappens from New Hampshire Motor Speedway and Scott Spradling. Mr. Spradling explained that what they are hoping to accomplish tonight is to put before the Board a "Statement of Support" for the DOT designed 106 plan to create the center turn lane in the 106 corridor from Concord at the 393 exit up to Loudon and eventually to Belmont. Mr. Spradling explained that along with him and Mr. Gappens is Gill Rogers, John Zudell

and a few voices from the local business community. Mr. Spradling said this is a proposal that has been lying dormant for awhile. He said this is a safety issue and a development issue for local businesses. Mr. Spradling said that they are hoping to get a more formalized statement of support from this board and go to surrounding towns and do the same. Mr. Gappens explained that in 2010 they met with then Governor Lynch and discussed the project and Governor Lynch said let's build a road. Mr. Gappens said at their expense they paid for updating the engineering study that had been done many years ago. The Study brought the road back from a four lane to a three lane road with the third lane being a turn lane; it also removed some of the medians. Mr. Gappens said he understands funding is tight and the DOT has said the total project will be about 20 million dollars. They are talking about breaking that down into three phases. Mr. Gappens said he met with Governor Hassan last week, she supports the project, Congresswomen Kuster is having her people look into some programs to try and find federal dollars. Mr. Gappens said there is no expectation for the town. Mr. Gappens submitted a draft support statement for the Board to consider. Mr. Spradling stated that this is no way a request for money from the Town of Loudon. Mr. Leombruno from the Loudon Country Club spoke in favor of the proposal for safety sake. Willie Stinson voiced his concern about the lack of lights at Chichester Road and by Red Roof Inn and the speed limits at lights. Steve Jakubowski said he has been to the meetings with the DOT and he remembers that the lights for those two places were already in the plan; it's just a matter of getting it done. Mr. Jakubowski has been against the expansion of 106 because he believes it is a misuse of limited state funds at this time when there are so many state roads in this town that are almost impassible. He said he believes the lights should be done but the expansion should be put off until other projects that are in more dire need are done. Chairman Krieger said that the State already has the plan in place; the intersections have been brought up, if the State has the money to do it he has to support it because of the safety aspect. Selectman Ives said that at the very

least they need signals at Chichester and Staniels Roads. He explained that he was rear-ended while sitting on 106 to turn into the Country Club so for safety reasons he would support the turning lane. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Gappens where they would be starting if the project is broken down into thirds. Mr. Gappens said that hasn't been determined yet. Selectman Bowles said that as far as the traffic light at Staniels road the Town along with the Planning Board pushed along with Central NH Regional Planning Commission to get that on the safety plan because of the number of incidents that happened there. He said that last year a lot of citizens expressed their concern about Chichester road through the survey that the Planning Board did. Selectman Bowles said it is two separate issues the safety of the two intersections and the widening of 106. He said it doesn't want the widening to bog down the safety issue. John Zudell said it wouldn't; the safety issue has a higher priority. Selectman Ives said that he would support the center lane but he wouldn't support a plan that had a divider with two lanes North and two lanes South. Mr. Zudell said that when DOT updated the engineering they said that is not necessary. Chairman Krieger read the following into the minutes: *"Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the town of Loudon fully support the expansion of Rt. 106 as currently envisioned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The Selectman urge the New Hampshire Executive Council to fund this project as part of the forthcoming Ten Year Infrastructure Plan due to pressing concerns of public safety, economic development and improved traffic control related to special events held at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway."* Chairman Krieger said he echoes the safety aspect; he has been too many accidents along 106.

*Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:06 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman  
Steven R. Ives, Selectman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — September 3, 2013

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

*Also present:* Fire Chief Rick Wright and Captain Bill Lake.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 27, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said that he has the paperwork for the deputy chief agreement dated September 1, 2013. Selectman Ives explained they are trying to get this done because Chief Wright won't be at next week's fire meeting and the meeting should be run by the Deputy Chief. He explained that they wanted it done so Captain Lake wouldn't be announcing his own appointment to the department. Chief Wright said they have an Officer's meeting at 7:00 p.m. tonight and he would like to make the announcement to them. The Board agreed that the effective date for the deputy chief will be September 1, 2013. *Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint William L. Lake to the position of Loudon Fire Department Deputy Chief to be subject to the liabilities of such office, until another person shall be chosen and qualified in your stead, this appointment to take affect September 1, 2013. Seconded by Selectmen Bowles. Selectman Ives stated that as part of the appointment William Lakes regular shift will still be 48 hours, due to his added responsibilities and in the event he will be working extra hours on a regular basis he will not be paid time and a half until after 53 hours on a regular work week from Sunday through Saturday. The extra five hours will be used for any compensated duties beyond his scheduled shift that comes with his new job position at a straight pay hourly rate. Selectman Bowles explained that they had a committee that went through a process, other applicants were considered, and Bill was chosen for the position. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chief Wright said he received an estimate from Mike Labonte regarding the

work on the dry hydrant. Chief Wright said that Mr. Labonte can do the work next week. Chairman Krieger stated that he is all for it, it is a safety issue.

Chief Wright said that Gary Brooks has done a great job fixing the window screens at the fire department.

Chief Wright explained that they are considering changing from a rubber boot to a leather boot. Selectman Ives said leather boots are more durable and better insulated. Chief Wright said in the old days everybody had rubber boots but now they have better boots that are more comfortable, have better protection, and are warmer but unfortunately twice the money. Chairman Krieger asked if they have the money for them. Chief Wright said they would take the money out of the protective equipment line. Selectman Bowles asked what happens to the boots when someone leaves. Chief Wright explained that the boots are town property, they are issued out, when someone leaves they stay just like the coats and helmets and are issued out again. Chairman Krieger asked if there would be a discount if they buy in bulk. Chief Wright will look into that. Deputy Chief Lake said they are in good shape as far as other gear goes so they can spend less on that, get some boots and stay within budget.

Chief Wright asked if the Selectmen have established a price for engine 2 based on the appraisal they got. He said Chichester has shown interest in purchasing it. Selectman Bowles said they will look over the appraisal and get a number for next week.

Chief Wright said that last Wednesday a lightning storm went through; Mr. Colby's shed got hit. Chief said that as a result of the storm their fax machine wasn't working, they had TDS come look at it, it's the machine not the line, a phone was damaged and the Opticom at 106/129 doesn't work anymore. Chief explained that the Opticom is out of warranty; a rebuilt one will be about \$700.00 and a new one about \$2700.00. Chairman Krieger said that this might be covered by insurance. Selectmen Bowles said he believes we have a \$1,000.00 deductible. Chairman Krieger stated that our insurance company should be notified.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the current expenditure report.

The Board received a copy of a surplus refund check from Property-Liability Trust in the amount of \$18,856.56.

The Board received a copy of the 2013 Utility Update from George Sansoucy.

The Board received information from NHDOT regarding a GACIT Public Hearing on Monday, Sept 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Executive Councilor Pappas and representatives from DOT will discuss the 2015–2024 Ten Year Transportation Plan for projects in the Loudon area with the public.

The Board received a copy of the Supreme Court decision regarding Fortier.

The Board received a copy of a Planning Board Appeal.

The Board received a copy of the estimate for the S. Village Road dry hydrant for their review.

The Board received an email and pictures from a resident on Bee Hole road regarding road runoff. A copy will be forwarded to the road agent.

The Board received a copy of a Letter from Property-Liability Trust regarding the change from LGC Property-Liability Trust, LLC to Property-Liability Trust, Inc.

The Board received a copy of a Letter from HealthTrust regarding the change from LGC HealthTrust, LLC to HealthTrust, Inc.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for July 2013.

The Board received a memo from the office manager. The Board discussed the indemnification language that Property-Liability Trust suggested be added to the agreement with the Town of Chichester. The language will be added to the lease agreement as "Attachment A." The Board discussed the cost of printing and selling tax maps. The Board decided to raise the price of the complete set of 24 x 36 maps to \$195.00 and the price of the 11 x 17 sets to \$100.00. A gentleman stopped by the office looking for volunteer opportunities; his information is at the town office if a committee or someone is looking for volunteers. Mr. St. Laurent called and said he would be interested in doing repair work to the fences etc. at the cemeteries if the town is looking to get any done.

The Board received a copy of the application sent in for Dustin and Robbie to attend a class at NHDES to raise their Solid Waste Operator Level of Certification.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders.

Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:15 is a School Board meeting.

Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 1:15 is a TCP meeting.

Chairman Krieger stated that he got the scholarship paperwork to Bob Bahre, Mr. Bahre is taking it to Gary Bahre for his signature and will get it back in a couple of days.

Chairman Krieger read the following aloud: "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b III, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 6:00 P.M. at the Loudon Community Building, located behind the Town Offices, for the purpose of accepting Homeland Security Grant Monies and a donation to the Arthur E. McNeil/Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund both in excess of \$5,000. Signed: Robert P. Krieger, Chairman Steven R. Ives, Selectman, Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman."

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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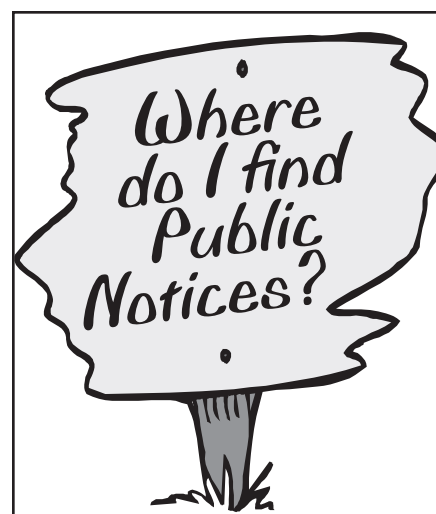
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## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — August 15, 2013

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

### Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, George Saunderson, Tom Moore, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and alternate Bob Ordway

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**July 18, 2013 Regular Meeting** — Tom Moore moved to accept the minutes as written. Resident Albert Jones asked about a section of the minutes relative to the site plan for New England Flower Farms. He said he had asked what exceptions the plan fell under but does not feel that the minutes reflect the full details. He said he recalled that he asked the question of the Vice Chairman who in turn looked at Mr. Bernier, representative for the applicant, but got no real answer. Vice Chairman Prescott said he had explained the proposal and the waivers were addressed later in the hearing. *Motion seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

### Board Discussion:

**MP Transportation sub-committee report** — Tom Moore reported that the group had received a draft of the chapter for review and comment. He has submitted his list of comments, mostly relative to spelling and grammar. Stan Prescott said he is still reviewing that draft. Mr. Moore stated that they should have the chapter printed for review before the next meeting. Donna was asked to contact Ruairi O'Mahony so see where things stand.

**MP Economics sub-committee** — George Saunderson reported that the group has had two meetings. A mission statement was created and has been reviewed and revised. A copy of the statement was presented to the Board members. Mr. Saunderson said it is in the beginning states and the group is open to comments from the Board. He reported that the group will meet with CNHRPC representatives in early October and then meet with stakeholders after that. Several local businesses were suggested for

the stakeholders meeting. Donna was asked to secure a list of businesses involved with the Loudon business group.

**MP Population chapter** — Chairman Dow asked Donna to handle this chapter.

**Creekwater Lane** — Donna reported that the town's assessor raised a question about the status of the road and if it was still part of the main lot. After review of the subdivision plans, the Board agreed that the road and the access to the remaining land are all part of the same lot.

**GACIT meeting** — Chairman Dow reported that a representative for NHMS requested a meeting with the Board relative to upcoming hearings on the widening of Route 106. He said he did not see any reason to hear what has already been heard in earlier hearings held by the State so he did not schedule a meeting. Donna reported that the representative and NHMS will meet with the Board of Selectmen on August 27th at 6:30 p.m. if anyone was interested in attending.

### Report of the ZBA:

There will be no ZBA meeting this month as no applications were received.

### Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was discussion about 157 Greenview Drive as someone felt it was a boarding house. He said the owners live out of the country so they rent the house out, and there have been complaints about the tenants' behavior. Bob Fiske was asked to look into the matter. Mr. Prescott said that an event permit was submitted for NHMS.

### Adjournment:

*Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*

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

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