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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.

99 Donors At LPD Blood Drive

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

Welcome to the New Year!

On November 30, 2010, the Loudon Police Department held our annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 99 donors gave 97 pints of blood and we were excited to see 8 first time donors!! Our appreciation and thanks to everyone who came out to support this worthwhile cause. Many thanks not only to the donors but the many volunteers that assisted with their time or providing a soup, chili, stew, bread or dessert. These volunteers include Marjorie Schoonmaker, Brenda Pearl, Marilyn Jenks, Girl Scout Troop 12356, Girl Scout Troop 10454, Roxanne Spencer, Barbara Sullivan, Carol Pike, Kate Dockham, Carolyn Stinson, Jean Cooper, Lysa Crouch, and Paula Wells.

The Loudon Police Association Community Calendars are here! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by purchasing advertisement or purchasing a calendar. Extra calendars are available while supplies last (\$5.00 each). A big thank you goes to Brenda Pearl for all her hard work on this project!!

I continue to stress the importance of calling us when you suspect or see any-



Pastor Jeff Owens smiles after giving blood. See page 4 for more pictures of the Blood Drive.

thing out of the ordinary. We are here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to serve. As we have learned in the past, something that was called in as "I really don't think this means anything, but" has helped us solve crimes and we depend on extra eyes and ears of our

residents to help us and continue to make this a safe community.

Again, we thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department and on behalf of all members of the Loudon Police Department, Happy New Year! ■

Town Pound Restoration Proceeds

by Bob Ordway Director Loudon Historical Society

If you have traveled Youngs Hill Rd. recently you may have noticed some changes around the Pound or perhaps have seen a large part of the structure for the first time. This would be because the initial phase of the project to restore the Town Pound, undertaken a year ago by the Loudon Historical Society, was completed in November. This step is to clear the area around the outside to permit access to the walls by equipment needed to perform the task of rebuilding portions which have tumbled down over the past nearly 250 years.

The work was performed by Travis Barr and Rick Senter of TR Tree Service, Center Barnstead and consisted of felling several large trees and removal or chipping of branches and trunks. One formidable oak at a rear corner which overhung the Pound required considerable aerial trimming prior to felling. The cut stone which adorned the gate and bore the 1774 inscription



See page 4 for more pictures of the Town Pound.

was removed to the Town garage for safety considerations as its position resting on the two posts had become quite precarious. Funding for the effort was from donations to the Society, sale of puzzles featuring Loudon scenes, the 50-50 raffle and operation of the jail at "Loudon Old Home Days".

Cost of the masonry work on the walls themselves will be considerable and we are in the process of applying for an available Moose License Plate

Grant to secure all or most of this funding.

An important element of the success of this application is to prove strong local support for the project through correspondence from residents. Only a couple of sentences are sufficient and we need participation from as many as possible. Respond by letter to Loudon Historical Society, PO Box 7837, Loudon, NH 03307 or by E-mail to cbaonis@gmail.com by Feb. 1st. ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen's Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings open until 7 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$1.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

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

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.

Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays.

For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email

LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley: PO Box 67, Andover, NH 03216. 682-3782

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

Priscilla P. Lockwood: PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224. 783-4349

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

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

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

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway: 225 Tyler Rd., Webster, NH 03303. 271-7585

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The Loudon Ledger” 2011 Schedule

January 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/20

February 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/17

March 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/11 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/14

April 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/21

May 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/18

June 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/16

July 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/20

August 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/18

September 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/22

October 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/19

November 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/17

December 2011 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/21

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TO ADVERTISE, CONTACT: Samantha French/783-4601**

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1/2 Page	9¾"W x 6"H — or — 4½"W x 11¾"H	\$115.00/issue
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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

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

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

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

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbc-loudon.org
phyllis.minery@fcbc-loudon.org • Office Hours: Tues.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sunday Worship Hours:

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.) • Children's Church for ages 3–grade 3

Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study: Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of month meets at noon)

Men's Ministry/Men of Faith: Saturday 7:00 a.m.

Women's Ministry: Third Friday at 6:30 p.m. • Senior Ministry/SAGES: Third Monday

Small Group Ministry/BRIDGES: Various locations during the week



Landmark Baptist Church

Fundamental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (New Beginnings Class: for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

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

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

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

verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)

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

We never cancel services for any reason!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

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

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

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church.

GraveRobbers is a safe, fun setting for everyone! Coffeehouse concerts are held the first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. featuring accomplished musical artists of various styles in a casual, café setting (doors open at 6:30). There is no admission to the concerts; however, donations for the artists are encouraged. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices.



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

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

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

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

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

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

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

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

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

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



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of Every Month: Communion Service followed by potluck luncheon. Third Sunday of Every Month: Men's and Women's Ministry Luncheon following services.



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

Speedway Children's Charities Distributes More Than \$100,000 to Aid Area Children

The New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities spread early holiday cheer on Nov. 30 in Manchester, N.H., distributing over \$100,000 to 24 non-profit organizations that assist underprivileged children throughout New England.

Representatives from each organization were on hand at Manchester City Hall to receive the grant money that will benefit 12,000 children in need. Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas and Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway, also took part in the festivities.

Speedway Children's Charities raised the money through numerous fundraising efforts during the LENOX Industrial Tools 301 and SYLVANIA 300 NASCAR weekends. Events included driver memorabilia auctions, the Ride of a Lifetime auction and a media lobster bake.

In addition to those events, SCC partnered with the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth and David's House, a home-away-from-home for families receiving care at the hospital, to host the annual Governor's Breakfast. That event generated over \$100,000 for CHaD and David's House.

"This has been such a wonderful year for the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities, raising significant funds for local charities," Gappens said. "Because of the tremendous efforts of many volunteers and the generous support of these events by corporate partners and the race fans, we are able to make a difference in the lives of many young people throughout the region."

SCC's next fundraising event is a Jan. 22 snowmobile ride that will follow some of New Hampshire's most scenic trails. For more information, please visit <http://newhampshire.speedwaycharities.org/events>.

The mission of Speedway Children's Charities remains true to the ideals upon which the organization was founded in 1982: To care for children in educational, financial, social and medical need in order to help them lead productive lives. SCC provides funding for hundreds of non-profit organizations throughout the nation that meet the direct needs of children. The organization's vision is that every child has the same opportunities no matter what obstacle they are facing. Since its inception, Speedway Children's Charities has raised over \$30 million to benefit children in need.

Grant Recipients include:

- Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake, Inc., Casco, Maine The Children's Place and Parent Education Center, Concord, N.H.
- New Hampshire Catholic Charities (dba NH Food Bank), Manchester, N.H.
- The Home for Little Wanderers, Boston, Mass.
- The Friends Program, Inc., Concord, N.H.
- New England K-9 Search & Rescue, New London, N.H.
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH, Manchester, N.H.
- America's Youth Teenage Unemployment Reduction Network, (MY TURN) Inc., Nashua, N.H.
- Concord Boys & Girls Club, Concord, N.H.
- Field of Dreams Equestrian Center, Inc. Therapeutic Riding Program, Chichester, N.H.
- City Year, Inc, Manchester, N.H.
- Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, Boston, Mass.
- Wolfboro Area Children's Center, Inc., Wolfboro, N.H.
- Lakes Region Community Services Council d/b/a Lakes Region Community Services, Laconia, N.H.
- Northeast Passage, Durham, N.H.
- On Belay, Inc., Durham, N.H.
- Concord Family YMCA, Concord, N.H.
- Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region, Laconia, N.H.
- Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, Gilford, N.H.
- NFI North, Inc., Contoocook, N.H.
- Hearts & Noses Hospital Clown Troupe, Needham, Mass.
- Boys & Girls Club of Metro West, Inc., Marlborough, Mass.
- YMCA of Greater Nashua, Merrimack, N.H.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester Inc., Manchester, N.H. ■

Scenes from the 2010 LPD Blood Drive



Jake Williams gives blood.



Even the selectmen get in on the fun: Selectman Steve Ives.



Alichia Kingsbury waits to donate blood with her daughter Haley.

The Town Pound Restoration

Black



Travis Barr and Rick Senter of TR Tree Service, Center Barnstead cut several trees near the Town Pound on Youngs Hill Road.



Trees needed to be cleared around the Town Pound in order to bring in heavy equipment to straighten up the walls.



Tree clearing and trimming proceeds.



The Town Pound is much more visible now.



CONCORD REGIONAL
VISITING NURSE
ASSOCIATION

Senior Health Clinics

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic in Loudon at the VOANNE Senior Housing on Tuesday, January 25 from 9 a.m. until noon. All services are provided for a requested fee of \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information, call CRVNA at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, ext. 5815. If you live in Loudon and need a ride, please call the JO Cate Van at 798-5203.

Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages:

Monday January 3 1-3 p.m.
Tuesday January 18 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 5815.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics:

Wed., Jan. 5, 10 a.m. to Noon Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord
Fri., Jan. 7, 9-11 a.m. West Street Ward House, Concord
Wed., Jan. 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m. White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow

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

Concord Regional VNA Hospice Volunteers Complete Training

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Volunteers recently completed their training. Volunteers enhance the Concord Regional VNA services provided to patients and their families. Activities may include providing caregiver respite support, engaging in conversation, listening, bedside vigil, bereavement support and in many other ways. *Pictured below are the new Concord Regional VNA Hospice volunteers who completed the fall training program. Front row (l-r): Kathy Perron, Diane Klabecek, Mary Prescott, Linda Robbins, and Marina Parmenter. Back row (l-r): Melanie McSteen, Anne Diefendorf, George Gagne, Laurie Brooks, Mary Marsh, Rane Washburn, Elaine Coffey, and Peter Scheller.* ■



**DEADLINE FOR THE
FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE
LOUDON LEDGER:
FRIDAY, JAN. 14, 2010**



Boy Scouts Troop 30 Donates "Best Youth Tree" to Fez-tival

The Boy Scouts of Troop 30 decorated and donated a 9' Christmas tree to the Shriners Fez-tival of Trees in November. This community service project met one of the requirements for their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, plus it was fun! They also received an award for the "Best Youth Tree." ■

New Year's Resolution Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By LeeAnn Childress, Loudon Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

It's a brand new year, and you have another opportunity to do the right thing. It's time for all of us to do our part and help make a difference in saving ourselves and providing a healthier place to live.

Why? Because recycling saves us money. We all know that recycling conserves our natural resources, saves landfill space, and reduces water pollution and air pollution. However, did you know when you toss trash without recycling first, it costs us all money and it's expensive. We have to pay to have trash transported to the incinerator and if you are putting recyclable goods in the trash you are costing us all more money. When you take a couple of minutes and sort your recyclables, the town profits financially by selling those recycled items. And it reduces the amount of tonnage taken to the incinerator which means we reduce the cost for that service. When our town of Loudon saves money, we all benefit from it.

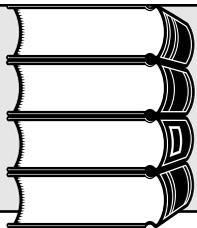
For example, aluminum cans make up only a small part of the waste stream (approximately 1%). However, when you recycle those cans, the transfer station resells them. The aluminum can holds the highest value of any recyclable items. It can return approximately 25% of the total revenue from the sale of all recyclables.

SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **Recycling Bins** – Use recycling bins to sort your recyclables.
- **No More Plastic Grocery Bags** – Use reusable canvas shopping bags for all your shopping.
- **Reusable Water Bottles** – Invest in a reusable water bottle. Save money while reducing waste in the landfills.
- **Rechargeable Batteries** – Reduce waste buy using rechargeable batteries.
- **Buy Recycled** – Buying products made from recycled materials help you to save the planet while shopping.
- **Donate Clothing** – Never throw out clothing! Donate old clothes to your local thrift stores.

Questions? What items are recyclable? Just ask anyone at the transfer station. The men are happy to answer your recycling questions. ■





Maxfield Public Library News



Kids enjoy the fun furniture in the Children's Room.



A Storytime youngster colors a holiday picture.

Why did the clock get kicked out
of the classroom?

IMSNTTE

OTOSB

EKCTAJ

TNKAISG

OSNGSHENIWO

SLDDNGEI



Because it _____ too much!



December Word Scramble Answers:

FROSTY, PRESENTS, SNOW, SNOWSUIT, SANTA,
DECEMBER, REINDEER, ELF, HOLLY, MANGER,
SNOWFLAKE, COOKIES, CHRISTMAS

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
"FROSTED FLAKES"

Story Time

January usually brings to mind snowstorms, cold temperatures, and early nights, but this month story time gets warm and cozy as we read about mittens and quilts.

Join us January 4th, 5th, and 6th, as we take a look at a creature that loves the cold — penguins! The children will hear Betty Tatham's *Penguin Chick* and Oliver Jeffers' *Lost and Found*. The penguin they create at craft time will prefer to stay indoors; not venture to the Antarctic.

On the 11th through the 13th, story timers will leave with a fashionable mitten once they've heard Jan Brett's rendition of *The Mitten* and *Snow Moon* by Nicholas Brunelle.

There should be enough snow to build a snowman on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of January. The children will listen to *Snow* by Manya Stojic and *Midnight Snowman* by Caroline Feller Bauer. A snowman will accompany each child back to their home.

January 25th, 26th, and 27th, we'll snuggle under the covers while listening to *Geraldine's Blanket* and *A Quilt for Baby* by Holly Keller and Kim Lewis. At craft time, the children will put together their own crazy paper quilt, sure to bring warm smiles in the chilly days to come.

Snow Policy For Story Time

Story time will follow the Merrimack Valley School District with closings and delays.

If school is cancelled for the day, there will be NO story time that day. If school has a delayed opening on Tuesday or Thursday, story time will start at 11:00 a.m. A delayed opening on Wednesday, does NOT affect story time.

You can check for delays or cancellations on channel 9, the WMUR website, or you can call the library at 798-5153

Sit 'N Stitch

The stitching group has started at the library. If you have a piece of handiwork you've started, whether it's knitting, crochet, or embroidery; and are just looking for a little inspiration to get it finished, join us Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the children's room.

If you have any questions, please call 798-5153 and ask for Cheryl.

New Books

Fiction

Berry, Steve	<i>The Emperor's Tomb</i>
Clancy, Tom	<i>Dead or Alive</i>
King, Stephen	<i>Full Dark, No Stars</i>
Patterson, James	<i>Cross Fire</i>
Rushdie, Salman	<i>Luka and the Fire of Life</i>
Shreve, Anita	<i>Rescue</i>

Nonfiction

Callahan, Maggie	<i>Final Gifts</i>
Ephron, Nora	<i>I Remember Nothing</i>
Rohde, David	<i>A Rope and a Prayer</i>
Shelton, Hugh	<i>Without Hesitation</i>

Fire Department Will Present Warrant Article for New Engine at 2011 Town Meeting in March

At the March 2011 Town Meeting, residents will be asked to vote on the following warrant article:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$375,223.00, for the purchase of a fire engine and equipment with said funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Apparatus Capitol Reserve Fund, and to appoint the board if Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect.

This fire engine is listed in the 2010–2011 Capital Improvements Plan as proposed by the Fire Department. A Capital Improvements Plan is created to map out long-range major expenses within town government. Frequently, money is deposited into Capital Reserve Funds based on these plans. Just after the 2009 town meeting a committee was formed to look at replacing the current fire engine, a 1990 E-One Pumper. The committee looked at the needs of the department, viewed engines from four manufacturers, and then wrote a set of specifications based on those needs and town growth. Those specifications were then sent out to four fire apparatus manufacturers.

The fire engine decided on is a KME Predator Panther Pumper with a 1,000 gal. water tank and a 1,500 gal./min. pump. The engine will become our front line attack pumper for building fire response and carry the Jaws of Life and basic first aid equipment for motor vehicle accidents.

This fire engine was selected because, out of the four manufacturers, it best meets the needs of the department and the Town of Loudon. Because of the care and planning on the part of the department, the engine will serve the town well for 20 years to come. ■



Cole Gardens owner Doug Cole uses a fire extinguisher to put out a fire during a training session with the Loudon Fire Department. The Department offers fire extinguisher training to any business in town that requests it. Businesses have extinguishers everywhere but often employees don't know how to use them. A fire extinguisher can make the difference between a large, destructive fire and a small, easily-cleaned-up mess.

Maxfield Public Library — cont. from page 6

New DVDs

The A-Team, Cairo Time, Charlie St. Cloud, Creation, Eat Pray Love, Flipped, Going the Distance, Inception, The Lightkeepers, The Secret of Kells, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, and A Wrinkle in Time.

Book Group

Author James Bradley's books about World War II, *Flags of Our Fathers* and *Flyboys*, were widely read. His latest book, *The Imperial Cruise*, centers on a 1905 cruise to Asia by Theodore Roosevelt's emissary William Howard Taft, accompanied by Teddy's publicity-courting daughter Alice. Book group readers will have to decide for themselves whether or not this trip was a blatant show of imperialism that sowed disastrous seeds of foreign policy. The discussion will be held on January 20 at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

The Classic Book Group

From the idiosyncrasies of early 1800's English society in *Vanity Fair*, the Classic Book Group will shift to American mores of the 1950's with John O'Hara's *From the Terrace*. Are the burning relationship issues and governmental attitudes of that time still relevant? Join in the discussion on January 18, at 2 p.m. Readers are asked to provide their own copies of the book.

Art Display

Photographs by Gilford artist Mary Villaume will be on display from mid-January through the end of February. Mary has enjoyed art through a camera lens since childhood. Her father gave her a Kodak Brownie when she was ten years old. When her family moved to West Africa, the Kodak went with her. Once settled in a new home, she entered the world of transparencies with her father's cast-off Zeiss. Africa's tropical terrain, ocean views, and unique photo opportunities made a solid impact that still shines through in her work.

Art Show

After the fun and excitement of their Fall Fine Arts Show, the Loudon Village Arts group is gearing up for a follow-up show in the spring on May 6 and 7. All work will be juried. Artists are invited to contact Nancy Hendy for details about how to submit work.

Yoga for Beginners

Are you interested in being more flexible? Would you like to relax with some gentle stretching accompanied by deep breathing techniques? Yoga may be the key to your success. Tom Sherman has been teaching yoga techniques for over twelve years. His style of yoga is very senior-friendly, you don't have to bend like a pretzel to benefit from this program. From eighteen to eighty, everyone can use a good stretch. If you are interested in participating in our free yoga clinic, call Fran at 798-5153.

Library Hours

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

Calling Young Wildlife Artists: 2011 Junior Duck Stamp Contest Offers Scholarship Prize

Young New Hampshire artists kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to submit original artwork depicting North American waterfowl to the 2011 New Hampshire Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. The Best-of-Show winner will receive a \$500 scholarship award, made possible by a grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. First place winners in the contest will be awarded cash prizes of at least \$25. Entries are judged on both artistic merit and scientific accuracy with which specific waterfowl species are depicted.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department runs the statewide competition, which is part of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The contest serves a dual purpose, giving students a chance to use their artistic talents at the same time they learn about wildlife and conservation. The art competition is open to public, private and home-schooled New Hampshire students.

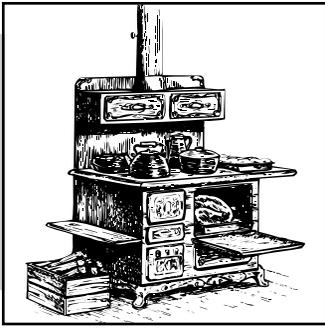
Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2011. Competition guidelines, including dimension requirements and an entry form, can be downloaded from http://www.wildnh.com/Education/ed_Junior_Duck_Contest.htm, or contact N.H. Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Coordinator Ellen MacNeil at the N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or call 603-271-2461.

The N.H. Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest will award first, second, third and honorable mention ribbons in four groups: grades K-3; 4-6; 7-9; and 10-12. The State Best-of-Show is selected from among the first-place winning designs. Winning artwork in all categories will be displayed at N.H. Fish and Game headquarters in Concord, N.H., in April 2011. The Best-of-Show New Hampshire winner advances to the National Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest, in which the three top winners receive a cash award and a trip to the adult Federal Duck Stamp Contest.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is an integrated art and science activity developed to teach environmental science and habitat conservation. Teachers who want to integrate these lessons into their coursework can find a curriculum guide for teaching conservation through the arts at <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck/EducationProgram.htm>. ■



2010 BEST OF SHOW. "Quiet Waters." Oil painting of a harlequin duck by Samantha Merrill, age 10, of Stratham, NH.



What's Cookin'!

This month: Warm Up In Winter

By Jenn Pfeifer

Happy New Year!!! What better way to stay warm in the cold winter months than with a nice hot drink! With the hockey juices flowing through my eight-year-old's veins much of the winter is spent on the ice. As soon as he gets up, even on school days, Alex hurries to gear up for the ice rink. It is nice to make him a yummy cup of hot cocoa before I send him off to school. Or maybe you're like me: I like to watch the snow fall from inside the house by the wood stove and I also like to add a little extra spirits to my mug. The * will indicate optional suggestions for adults but experiment with your favorites for an extra special treat.

HOT COCOA — BY ALTON BROWN

Makes 5½ cups dry mix. This is by far the best hot cocoa recipe I've found to have on hand or even jar to give as gifts.

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup cocoa (Dutch-process preferred)
- 2½ cups powdered milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or more to taste

Hot water

*Cinnamon liqueur, optional

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl and incorporate evenly. In a small pot, heat 4 to 6 cups of water. Fill your mug half full with the mixture and pour in hot water. Stir to combine. Seal the rest in an airtight container, keeps indefinitely in the pantry. This also works great with warm milk — and don't forget the marshmallows!

GINGER ORANGE HOT COCOA RECIPE — BY LINDSEY GOODWIN

This dark chocolate ginger orange hot cocoa recipe hot cocoa recipe is spiced with orange zest and ginger root for a dazzlingly bold flavor. Serve in small glasses or mugs — a little goes a long way!

- 4 tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. peeled, chopped fresh ginger root
- 1/4 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- The zest of 1/2 orange (preferably organic; be sure to avoid grating the white pith of the orange)
- 4 tbsp. unsweetened, extra dark cocoa powder (available from Hershey's and other brands)
- 1 cup milk (or milk substitute)
- 1/2 cup water

*Orange liqueur, optional

Combine the brown sugar, ginger root, orange zest and vanilla extract in a small food processor. Blend for one minute, stirring if needed. Add the cocoa powder and continue to blend until the mixture is even. If needed, periodically stop blending, allow the powder to settle and stir the mixture with a spoon before resuming the blending. Combine the milk and water in a small pot. Warm on low heat over the stove. As the milk-water mixture warms to a simmer, begin to add small quantities of it to the cocoa mixture. Add about 1 tsp. liquid at a time, stirring well before adding more. Once your cocoa has become a thin paste, very slowly stir it into the simmering liquid. Once the mixture is well mixed and hot, it is ready to be served.

WHITE HOT CHOCOLATE — RECIPE COURTESY SANDRA LEE

- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 4 cups half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- Vanilla whipped topping, for garnish
- Candy cane, crushed or whole, for garnish

*Peppermint liqueur, optional

*White chocolate liqueur, optional

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine white chocolate chips and heavy cream. Stir continuously until white chocolate chips have completely melted. Stir in the half-and-half, vanilla extract and peppermint extract. Stir occasionally

until heated through. Pour into mugs and top with a dollop of vanilla whipped topping and a candy cane.

BUTTERSCOTCH COFFEE

Individual servings of the warm coffee creation are topped with whipped cream and fun garnishes made from melted butterscotch chips.

- 1 cup butterscotch chips, divided
- 8 cups hot brewed coffee
- 1/2 cup half-and-half cream
- 5 to 8 tablespoons sugar
- *Butterscotch schnapps liqueur, optional
- Whipped cream in a can

In a microwave-safe bowl, heat 1/2 cup butterscotch chips at 70% power for 2–3 minutes or until melted, stirring occasionally. Cut a small hole in the corner of a pastry or plastic bag; insert a #4 round tip. Fill with melted chips. Pipe circles swirls onto a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate until set, about 10 minutes. In a large bowl, stir the coffee and remaining butterscotch chips until chips are melted. Stir in half-and-half and sugar. Serve in mugs with whipped cream and circle swirls garnishes.

HOT MULLED PINEAPPLE DRINK

This is a fun and different way to use pineapple juice. Serve this tasty hot beverage in tall mugs and top each drink with a whole clove pressed into a lemon slice.

- 1 can (48 ounces) unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1 cup cranberry juice
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 medium lemon, sliced
- 7 cinnamon sticks

*Spiced Rum, optional

In a large saucepan, combine the first seven ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Strain. Garnish each serving with a lemon slice and cinnamon stick.

BROWN BUTTER SPOON COOKIES

In my opinion you can't enjoy a nice warm beverage without a delicious cookie to go with it! This is the perfect cookie to go with anyone of these drinks or just on their own.

- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, cut into cubes
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt, slightly rounded

Fill the kitchen sink with about 2 inches of very cold water. In a heavy saucepan, melt the butter over moderate heat and cook, stirring often, until the butter turns golden and smells nutty and flecks turn a rich caramel brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Place the pan in the sink to stop the butter from cooking. Cool, stirring occasionally, about 4 minutes. Remove the pan from the sink, and stir in the sugar and vanilla. In a bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda and salt. Stir into the butter mixture until a dough forms. Set aside at room temperature for 1 to 2 hours to allow the flavors to develop. (Or refrigerate, then allow to soften at room temperature at least one hour.) Set an oven rack in the middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Choose a teaspoon with a deep bowl. Pinch off a bit of dough and press it into the bowl of the spoon, flattening the top. The dough will feel crumbly, but as you press, it will become cohesive. Pressing gently, slide the shaped dough out of the spoon and onto an ungreased baking sheet, flat side down. Continue forming and arranging dough; you should be able to fit about 18 cookies on each pan. Bake until just pale golden, about 8 to 13 minutes, depending upon the size of the teaspoon. Cool on the pan on a wire rack for 5 minutes, then transfer to the rack and cool completely.

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

Elementary School Chorus Sings National Anthem at Monarch's Game



The Loudon Elementary School Chorus sang the National Anthem at the Verizon Wireless Arena in front of hundreds of fans on November 19, 2010. This is the third time the chorus performed at the arena for a Manchester Monarch's game. LES music teacher Jennifer Keaton directed the fifty students that performed that evening.

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**The Annual Meeting of the Loudon Communications Council
will be held
Monday, January 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
at the Community Building
Council members and officers will be elected.
The public is invited to attend.**



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Loudon Girl Scout News

The first week in December, the Loudon Girl Scouts serenaded the residents of Loudon Village with Christmas carols. The girls made a stop at the Richard Brown House, caroled some more and gathered for some hot cocoa and cookies.

By the time you read this, we will have held our first gathering and community service event of 2011. Girls gathered to celebrate the kick-off of the 2011, Girl Scout Cookie Sale and to collect donations of pajamas and books for kids in need. We enjoyed songs, Thin Mint Shakers and some movie shorts all in their jammies!

Did someone say GIRL SCOUT COOKIES?

Cookies, COOKIES COOKIES! Yes, folks it is that time of year again. It is time to place your Girl Scout Cookie orders, time to stock up on that yummy goodness that is Thin Mints, Samoas and Trefoils. Proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies support Girl Scouting in New Hampshire, but they also provide the troops with working capital for their community service projects and other activities. Trying not to eat sweets? Once again this year, the Girls Scouts are participating in Operation Cookie; you can donate your cookie order to the members of the military serving around the world. Thank you in advance for your support of the 2011 Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

February will bring our annual **World Thinking Day** celebration. This year, we will be celebrating holidays and festivals from around the world. The Girls will spend time learning about how other countries support Girl Scouting, but also how that country's culture is passed down via celebrations. Troops will perform songs or skits and sample food from around the world.

The Loudon Girl Scouts are happy to welcome new girls who want to join so look for the forms on the website www.loudonnh.org for more info.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We are always looking for more girls who want to be part of the fun. Visit www.loudonnh.org for information and the registration forms. For more information about the Loudon Girl Scouts, or to request help with your community service project please contact Service Unit Manager Cecile Merrill at 798-3876 cmerrill01@comcast.net.

Daisy Troop 10955

Sarah Earle, Lynette LeBlanc, Erin Dunbar, Tonya Carpenter

December was a month of — what else? — goodies and crafts for the Daisies. We made bead wreath ornaments for our Christmas trees and worked on our “honest and fair” petal by putting together a yummy snack mix. The girls each got a baggie containing food such as M&Ms, raisins and

Teddy Grahams and had to distribute the contents evenly to everyone in the troop. At our second meeting of the month we had a holiday party with Christmas music, lots of treats, stories and games. We did an investiture ceremony for our three new Daisies, presenting them with the middle portion of their Daisy badges and a Daisy pin. The girls also made bookmarks to give to parents or loved ones, along with an “alone time” ticket. This was part of our “considerate and caring” petal. We're looking forward to a fun 2011.

Brownie Troop 10300

Tracy Koufos, Tammy Bourque

The girls have been busy working on their “try-it” patches. The first patch they chose to work on was an “Animals” try-it. The girls each picked an animal, stated some facts about that animal and then pretended to be one. The girls then decided to work on their “Stitch It Together” try-it. They began by learning how to sew on animal sewing cards. They then progressed to stitching together some great Christmas tree ornaments. The girls sewed buttons (ornaments) onto a felt piece (cut in the shape of a tree) then stitched that piece to a backing, stuffed it and stitched it closed. Great job girls! We also bundled up to walk Village Rd. singing Christmas carols with the rest of the Loudon Girl Scouts troops. We will finish up our month with a holiday party and look forward to meeting again in the New Year!

Brownie Troop 10454

Melissa Himes, Rebecca Stuart

At our seventh meeting the girls made aprons from old dresses to wear while baking cookies for the bake sale, and for other messy craft projects. They cut the backs off their dresses and used existing style elements while also adding necessary ties around the neck and waist. One dress had a collar that was cut around and made into a halter style apron. The extra fabric from the backs of the dresses was cut into strips, sewed together, flipped around, and attached as ties. Others already had ties around the waist that were saved. Each apron was unique and they all came out beautiful! They also made Veteran's Day cards to thank the veterans for their valuable service to our country.

Our eighth meeting was final preparation for our cookie baking slumber party. The girls packed their pack packs for the slumber party and brought everything to the meeting including their sleeping bags. They went through their bags naming off the items they had remembered to pack, and wrote down the items that they also needed to include. Then they did a dressing relay. They broke into two teams and had to put on a t-shirt, three sweaters, and a pair of pants as fast as they could, then tag their next team member and get the clothes on them as fast as they could.



Brownie Troop 10454 girls race to put on multiple layers of clothing.



Brownie Troop 10454 held a cookie baking slumber party.



Brownie Troop 10454 girls model their aprons made from old dresses.



Brownie Troop 10454 girls make Thanksgiving turkeys.

Girl Scouts — cont. from 10

Hilarious! Then the girls learned how to roll up their sleeping bags themselves in preparation for the roll-a-bag relay. In their teams they had to roll the bag, run it to their team member who unrolled it, tagged the next who rolled it, and so on until each person in the team had rolled it up. Fun! Lastly each team of girls went through the recipes for the cookies that had chosen to make and made lists of all the ingredients that we needed to have to make them.

The slumber party was that Friday night and was loads of fun! Each team of girls had an adult volunteer who helped them. Special thanks go to Andrea Robbins, Cheryl Himes, and Heather Tobine. The girls read their recipes, measured their ingredients, rolled, cut out, and of course decorated their cookies. They made double batches of gingerbread women, snickerdoodles, peanut butter, and sugar cookies with smiley faces. Special thanks also to Apple Hill Farm in Concord, NH for their generous donation of apples, apple crisps, and cookies for the bake sale. Thank you to everyone who made and purchased baked goods to help support our Loudon Girl Scout troops!!

They brought their papier mâché turkeys back for their ninth meeting to construct and paint them for Thanksgiving. First they cut about a three inch circle into the bottom of the turkey and a matching circle in the middle of the plate they had paper mached. Then using a hole punch we made small holes around the perimeter of each and used yarn to sew the turkey onto the plate so it would stand up. They mixed their own colors and painted away until no more newspaper was visible. Yellow and orange feather fingers soon accentuated brown turkey bodies.

The girls donated their time for their tenth meeting to volunteer at the Loudon Blood Drive held at the Safety Building. The girls were very eager to thank all the donors for giving blood. They enthusiastically served drinks, soups, and an array of baked goods and cleaned the tables for their dining donors. Thank you to everyone who made the time to donate blood!

Junior Troop 10361

Tara Memmelo, Karen Minery

In December we made beautiful Christmas ornaments out of glass balls, tinsel stick on gems and pipe cleaners with small bells. At our second meeting we learned about good construction practices as we clued together gingerbread houses and “curb appeal” when we decorated them. We wrapped up the month was a special trip to attend Santa’s Big Party and The Lighted Winter Wonderland at Charmingfare Farm in Candia. Don’t forget our Peanut Butter and Jelly drive, we still have collection boxes at around Loudon. Hunger knows no season. Be sure and tell us

know how many boxes of Girl Scout Cookies you need. We’re happy to take your order.

Junior Troop 12083

Leader Julie Segien, Co-Leader Karen Thurber-Wells

The girls have been earning their Sew Simple badge. They had a choice to make a water bottle holder or a book bag. Both projects were made out of recycled denim jeans with embellishments of a jean pocket and cutouts from felt. The girls practiced both hand and machine sewing skills. The cutting of the patterns was also a new skill. Threading a needle and not sticking their fingers was a challenge, but they are up for it. This is a good experience for a 4th grader to have. Special thanks go to co-leader Karen Thurber for sharing her expertise.

Cadette Troop #12356

Advisors: Amanda Masse, Lysa Bennet-Crouch, Cecile Merrill & Sandi Lyle

Happy New Year from our troop!!! Seven of the girls of Cadette Troop #12356 helped out at the annual Loudon Blood Drive at the Arthur Colby Safety Complex at the end of November. The girls assisted the younger Brownie girls in serving food to those who donated. Some of us were able to attend the Christmas Caroling event held in early December and had fun singing with all the other Loudon Girl Scouts. We had our holiday gathering, exchanged small gifts, made some crafts, Happy New Year cards for soldiers serving overseas and shared some tasty treats. We will be making SWAPS (special whatchamacallits affectionately pinned somewhere) these are fun crafts that the girls will make and wear with pins — at the Jammies & Cookies event in January. We have chosen our countries for the upcoming World Thinking Day event to be held in February — as we celebrate “Holidays Around The World” with the other troops. Half of our troop chose Russia and the other half chose Easter Island. We will all learn about Girl Scouting in those countries and share a holiday that is special from that country with all those who attend the event. We are working hard on our projects and can’t wait to share them with the entire group. Two girls are beginning their Silver Award projects – we will keep you updated on their projects. We want to thank Mrs. Merrill for organizing our troop’s fall product sale! We did very well and are looking forward to planning a great end of year experience. We hope you continue to read what we are up to each month. We are always looking for ways to help out in our community — please let us know if we can help!! We are looking forward to great things in 2011. ■



Junior Troop 10361 girls make Christmas decorations.



Showing off a beautiful decoration made the Junior Troop 10361 girls.



Having fun as a Junior Troop 10361 member.

More Girl Scout photos on the next page.

CORRECTION: The web site address for B&B Associates has been wrong. The correct url is: www.bobandbossassociates.com. The Ledger apologizes for any inconvenience and confusion this may have caused.



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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.

Maple Ridge Farm

268 Loudon Ridge Road
Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup. 435-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm

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

Ramsay's Farm Stand

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

Red Manse Farm

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

Windswept Maples

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

Miles Smith Farm

56 Whitehouse Road
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Hill Top Feeds

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

Sanborn Mills Farm

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

Our Place Farm

290 Route 129
Goat milk, meat goats, eggs, freezer pigs, handspun yarn, sheep fleeces. 798-3183

Pearl and Sons

409 Loudon Ridge Road
Maple products: syrup, candies & cream. 435-6587, 435-6883

Aznive Farm

7046 Pleasant Street
Hay, Beef. 435-7509

Lyon Berry Farm

986 Route 129
Highbush blueberries. 435-7640

B&B Syrup. Barton & Bowles

227 Flagg Road
783-4341, 783-9123

Mudget Hill Mumbling Maplers

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

D.S. Cole Growers

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

Ledgeview Greenhouses

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

Liliana Flower Farm

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

Snowmobile Safety Classes Underway

Don't wait until the last minute to sign up for snowmobile education classes offered across the state. To operate a snowmobile in New Hampshire, any person age 12 or older must have either a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License or have successfully completed an approved Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Safety Education class taught by volunteer instructors trained by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Additionally, all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult when operating a snowmobile, unless they are on property belonging to their parents, grandparents or guardians.

Classes are underway and are filling up fast, so don't delay. There is no charge for the classes, which are usually completed in a single day. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their children. For a current class schedule, visit <http://www.ride.nh.gov>.

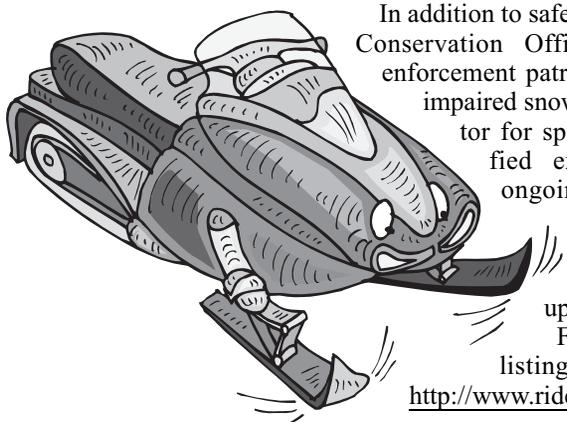
"Snowmobiling is a great way for families to have fun exploring the great outdoors, but riders have a responsibility to obey the rules of the trails, to be courteous and — most of all — to ride safely," said Captain John Wimsatt, who coordinates Fish and Game's OHRV Education Program.

Many of the trained volunteer instructors teaching the safety classes are affiliated with one of the more than 100 snowmobile clubs in New Hampshire. "Joining a snowmobile club is a great way to learn about safe riding and help maintain trails for your own and others' enjoyment," Wimsatt said, noting that club membership also gives riders a \$30 discount on snowmobile registration fees.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and its member clubs have actively promoted safe and responsible riding since 1969. NHSA members work with Fish and Game to manage over 7,000 miles of trails in New Hampshire and provide safety education to more than 2,500 children each year. For more information on how to become involved with a snowmobile club, visit <http://www.nhsa.com>.

In addition to safety education, Fish and Game Conservation Officers will use innovative enforcement patrols to detect and apprehend impaired snowmobile operators and monitor for speed enforcement and modified exhaust regulations. These ongoing initiatives will help to keep the state's snowmobile trails safe for all outdoor enthusiasts during the upcoming season.

For snowmobile safety class listings and more, visit <http://www.ride.nh.gov>. ■



MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations

2011

MEETINGS START AT 7:15 PM

Date of Meeting

January 10, 2011
February 14, 2011
March 4, 2011

Place of Meeting

Merrimack Valley High School
Merrimack Valley High School
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Hunters and Anglers: Thank a Landowner Today

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is reminding hunters and anglers that the holiday season is an important time to extend thanks to landowners who share their land with you.

“As another year of outdoor adventures comes to a close, be sure to let landowners know you appreciate their allowing access to hunt and fish on their property,” says Charles Miner Jr., Fish and Game’s Landowner Relations Program Administrator. “Their generosity in sharing their land often makes these experiences possible.”

A few ways to say thanks to landowners:

- Visit the landowner at the end of the season to express your appreciation and provide them with some of your harvest.
- Send a personal note or holiday card to the landowner, thanking them for sharing their land.
- Send them a gift basket or gift certificate to a local restaurant.
- Offer to help with tasks around their property.
- Assist them in protecting their property by documenting and reporting suspicious activities.
- Offer to clean up and properly dispose of illegal dumping that has occurred on their property.
- If you are mentoring a young hunter or angler, be sure to include them in thanking the landowner — it’s a great lesson for them to learn!

Remember — the tradition of hunting in New Hampshire will only continue if we all follow the basic principle of landowner relations: Treat the landowner as you would like to be treated and treat their land as you would like yours to be treated.

Fish and Game’s Landowner Relations Program works in partnership with landowners, hunters and anglers to identify problems landowners experience in providing access, and work proactively to address them.

As the foundation of the Landowner Relations Program’s efforts to work with landowners who provide access for hunting, Operation Land Share provides direct assistance to landowners to resolve issues resulting from sharing their land.

Landowner Relations Program efforts are funded through generous donations, sponsorships and grants. If you’d like to help, or to learn more about the program, visit <http://www.wildnh.com/landshare>. Your support will help to provide access for present and future generations of hunters and anglers.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state’s fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.WildNH.com>. ■

**DEADLINE FOR THE
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Breakfast With Santa

On December 11th, the PTA held its annual Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair. This year's event was even bigger than last year!

The event featured scrumptious pancakes served with butter, real maple syrup and sausage by Principal, Tom Lalibertie and LES staffers Cathy Klapproth and Roseann Storrs. Santa was there to hear all the children's wishes and there was a cookie walk too. LES parents provided over dozens and dozens of delicious cookies. Attendees purchased a bag and selected their favorites to take home with them. I can assure you it was very hard to choose!

There was the annual raffle and new this year, the PTA collected canned goods for the Loudon Food Pantry. For every can donated, attendees received a raffle ticket.

For the third year in a row, the PTA sponsored a craft fair featuring vendors from around the area. This year 44 vendors exhibited their wares, up from 25 last year. Offerings included handmade candles, scrap booking supplies, hand made jewelry, doll clothes, wood crafts, décor, cards and home made Hula hoops and much more. Thanks to all who participated.

Santa's Breakfast is one of the PTA's largest fundraisers. This year's event raised over \$2,800 more than \$500 more than last year. The money raised directly benefits the students in Loudon in the form of field trips and scholarships. Thank you to everyone in the community who made Santa's Breakfast such a successful event.

The PTA would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to those whose time and efforts made this event possible. The PTA gratefully acknowledges Countryside Reality, and Jay's Auto, The Ivory Rose, Miles Smith Farm, Mumbling Maplers, and Stuart Page for the items they donated to the raffle. A big thanks to also goes to Pearl and Sons and Windswept Maples for their donation of REAL New Hampshire Maple Syrup for the breakfast. We'd also like to thank, Bob Labonte, The Currier Family, Tom Lalibertie, Cathy Klapproth, Roseann Storrs and the Magnificent Mr. Larry for their support of Santa's Breakfast. We couldn't have done it without you.

There will be no PTA meeting in January, but join us February 3rd as we make plans for our spring events including the annual sock hop. ■



Raffle prizes are lined up and ready to go.



Cooking pa...



The Thurber-Wells Family made Hula Hoops. Proceeds from the sales benefited the LES Environmental Club.



For the second year in a row, Trisha La... Hand Made To Help. Trisha sold handm... cards to benefi...



Tom Lalibertie and Cathy Klapproth serve breakfast.



Decisions, a...

Community and PTA Craft Fair



Pancakes.



Crafters prepare for holiday shoppers.



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Laughlin raised money for charity via handmade headbands, duct tape bags, and the NHSPCA.



Lots of cookies for the cookie walk.



A crowd enjoys the raffle and the breakfast.



Decisions!



A visit with Santa.



Mr. Libertie shows off his hula hooping skills!

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Free Winter 2011 Ice Fishing Classes Offered

The temperatures are dropping, and lakes and ponds are beginning to freeze over — tell-tale signs that Old Man Winter is almost here. Once the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over, why not get outside and enjoy the New Hampshire winter by taking an ice fishing class?

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Let's Go Fishing Program, in partnership with other groups, will be offering several ice fishing classes open to the public this winter. Classes are free. Be sure to call ahead to reserve your space:

- **Fitzwilliam Open Space Committee** — Two-part course on Monday, January 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Saturday, January 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Call (603) 585-2205 for more information.
- **Lebanon Recreation Department** — Three-part course on Tuesdays, January 18 and 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, January 29 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Call (603) 448-5121 for more information.
- **Greenland Recreation Department** — One-day workshop on Sunday, January 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Smith at (603) 436-3769 for more information.
- **Riley Brothers Lumber, Milford** — Three-part Saturday course on January 29 and February 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and February 12 (time to be determined). Contact Dale Riley, Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at (603) 673-2987 or evenings at (603) 673-4036.
- **Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester** — Two-part class on Friday, February 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Contact the Amoskeag Fishways at (603) 626-3474 for more information.
- **Haverhill Recreation Department** — Three-part course on Thursdays, February 24 and March 3, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday March 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call (603) 787-6096 for more information.

All the ice fishing classes include a hands-on indoor session where students learn about ice fishing equipment, safety and practices, and winter ecology of lakes and ponds; plus a field trip where students head out to a local pond and put their newly learned skills to the test! Classes are open to anyone, however, those 16 and under are encouraged to be accompanied by an adult.

New Hampshire Fish and Game's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. Find out more at http://www.fishnh.com/Fishing/lets_go_fishing_class_schedule.htm. The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit <http://www.fishnh.com>. ■

Staying Fire Safe After the Holidays

As holiday season winds down, NFPA offers reminders for keeping fire-safe by disposing of Christmas trees properly. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is offering reminders to keep folks fire-safe as they wind down the holiday season. Roughly one-third of home fires and home fire deaths occur in December, January, and February, according to NFPA.

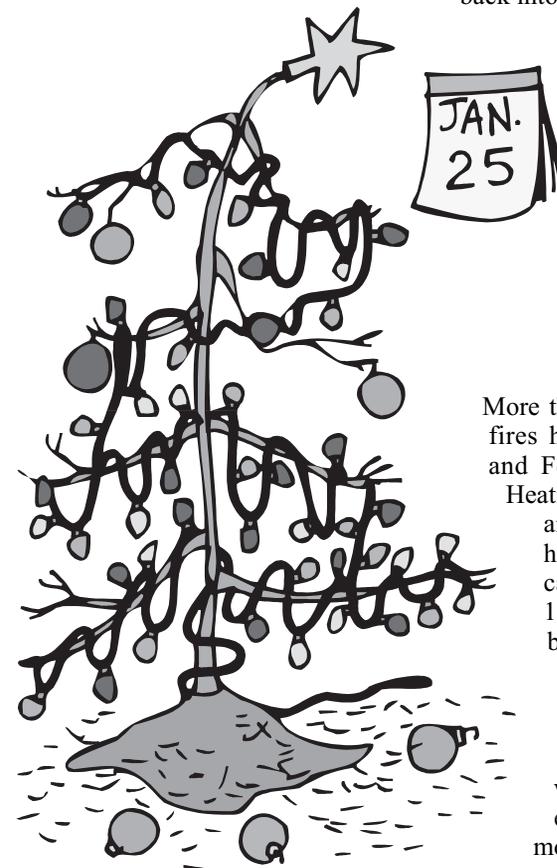
Although Christmas tree fires are uncommon, when they do occur, they are often serious; one out of every 21 reported Christmas tree fires results in a fatality. One-third of Christmas tree fires occurred in January.

"The longer Christmas trees are in the home, the more they dry out and increasingly become fire hazards," says Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "Removing the tree from your home and properly disposing of it as soon as possible will minimize the risk of a treasured holiday season becoming a tragic one."

Dried-out trees should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Carli recommends checking with your local community to find a recycling program. Also, remove outdoor holiday lights.

As you unplug and store electric holiday decorations, remember that that practicing safety now can keep decorations in working condition and prevent potential hazards from occurring next year. Following are safety tips that can be used when putting away seasonal decorations:

- To unplug electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can harm the cord's wire and insulation and even lead to an electrical shock or fire.
- As you're putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect each for damage. Throw out light sets if they have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.
- Do not place a damaged set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use.



- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap the lights around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children and pets.

More than half of U.S. home heating fires happen in December, January and February, according to NFPA.

Heating equipment was involved in an estimated 66,100 reported home structure fires in 2008, causing 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage. Learn more about heating safety.

NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are working together to remind everyone that home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season. ■

REMEMBER WHEN?

By Debbie Kardaseski

Last month we shared a photo of the Parks Store and asked for more information about the store. Several people contacted me with information about the store, including memories of when it burned. Next month, I'll have an article about Parks Store and hopefully, more photos of the building. In the meantime, if you have an old photo or story you'd like to share with our readers, please contact the *Loudon Ledger*. There is a wealth of history and memories in Loudon and we'd love to get some of it written down. ■

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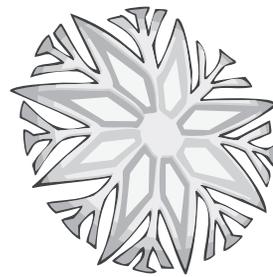
Loudon Recreation Committee News

ARCHERY CLASSES

Loudon Recreation Committee is offering another four week session of Olympic style archery lessons through New England School of Archery. Classes will be held on 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, and 1/21 at Loudon Elementary School in the cafeteria from 6:30–7:30. Cost is \$55 per person. For class information and registration forms please visit www.loudonnh.org



LOUDON WINTER CARNIVAL...



On Saturday, February 19th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with fun for all!! We will have snowman building competition – with prizes, snow-

shoeing with snowshoes available or bring your own, and tons winter fun for all! There will be a bonfire to keep warm and free hot cocoa and cookies. Also available for a nominal fee will be drink, hot dog and chip combos and those proceeds will benefit the Loudon Food Pantry. Stoneboat Farm will be there with their Belgian horses providing hay rides. We will be holding a skate swap — bring the skates you've outgrown and swap for the next size if available. Come on down to the Recreation Fields for some fun with your friends and neighbors from Loudon. We are always looking for help on the day of the event, if you can help please let us know!! In the event of bad weather or no-snow on the 19th, we will hold the event on Feb. 26th.

MANCHESTER MONARCH'S and VERTICAL DREAMS RECREATION OUTING



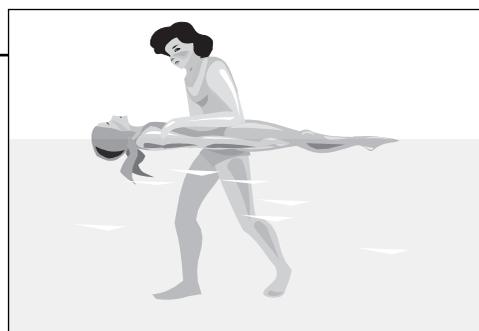
The Manchester Monarchs and Vertical Dreams created a package that is sure to be a hit! It includes a day beginning with indoor climbing at Vertical Dreams from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. followed by a Monarchs game starting at 3:00 p.m. on a Sunday. This event will be scheduled in February and if successful again in March. Look for details to come home through LES flyers or visit www.loudonnh.org

IN THE WORKS...

Look for pottery classes through Salty Dog Pottery in Barnstead during February and April school vacation weeks. Also in the works are the American Red Cross Safe on My Own class for kids between the ages of 8–11 who may be home alone and the Babysitting class for youth ages 11-15 who are interested in babysitting. We are aiming for these classes to be held in February and March. We are trying to put together craft classes and children's art classes.

PRESCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Since Clough Pond is now frozen over it is time to move swimming lessons indoors! We had such a successful summer swim lesson program last year, Swim NH, LLC has decided to schedule classes at The Red Roof Inn right here in Loudon. There are four levels of classes. A parent and child class for 6 months to 3 years; preschool classes for children 3-5 years; level 1 beginner swimmers for 5 and older and a level 2 program for 5 and older swimmers for stroke development. If you are interested in class information, please contact Karen Jenovese at 724-7484 or www.nhswimschool.com



For those who plan REALLY far in advance... Children's Summer Theater Camp will be held July 25th – July 29th at Loudon Elementary School. Children's Stage Adventures is excited to be bringing their theater camp back to Loudon for the 4th year in a row!

Please watch future issues of The Loudon Ledger and the website for more details on these upcoming events. As always, you should check the website www.loudonnh.org between issues of The Loudon Ledger to make sure you aren't missing anything!! Thank you for your continued support!

We don't know what you want, if we don't hear from you!!! We have held many great workshops in the past, if you were interested in something but couldn't attend and want to see it offered again – let us know!!! We always welcome ideas and comments about recreation programming here in Loudon. If you have ideas, comments or would like to be placed on our email contact list please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or by email at affirmhealth@yahoo.com The Loudon Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Maxfield Public Library, join us if you are interested! We hope to see you there!! ■



State Of New Hampshire Department Of Safety Boating Education

Call 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 (Monday through Friday 8:15 a.m.–4:15 p.m.)
WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.boatingeducation.nh.gov

BOATING EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required. Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register.

Seating is still available in the following courses:

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

01/29/11	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Department of Safety	Concord
02/19/11	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Department of Safety	Concord
02/26/11	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
03/12/11	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
03/26/11	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Department of Safety	Concord

TWO DAY SESSIONS

01/31/11 and 02/02/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	West Running Brook School	Derry
02/28/11 and 03/02/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	West Running Brook School	Derry
03/22/11 and 03/29/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	Lakes Region General Hosp	Laconia
03/07/11 and 03/09/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	Dover High School	Dover
03/14/11 and 03/16/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	West Running Brook School	Derry
03/21/11 and 03/23/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	West Running Brook School	Derry
03/28/11 and 03/30/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	West Running Brook School	Derry
03/28/11 and 03/29/11	6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	Lakes Region General Hosp	Laconia

OBITUARIES

Jane A. Merrow

Mrs. Jane A. (Fanny) Merrow, 47, of Loudon Ridge Road, died Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, after a battle with leukemia.

Born May 9, 1963, in Concord, Jane was the daughter of the late Richard Fanny and Priscilla (Gelinias) Fanny of Loudon.

Jane graduated from Concord High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She earned her bachelor's degree from Keene State Col-

It's Not Paranoid To Want To Protect Against Bedbugs

(NAPS)—They're back—and they're making even going to the movies a feat of bravery.

No, we're not talking "Alien8." We're talking bedbugs—those nasty, bloodsucking ectoparasites (external parasites) that have returned to the U.S. with a vengeance after decades of being seemingly eradicated.

In New York City, the problem is so acute—more than 10 percent of residents reported having had them in their homes—that even the Metropolitan Opera House was recently hit. And similar sightings and/or bitings wherever throngs of people congregate—including schools, department stores, public transportation and movie theaters—have inspired near panic in cities across the nation.

With the Centers for Disease Control now warning that "bedbugs are experts in hiding," read on for ways to fight back:

- **Think Minimalist.** Let's make it immediately clear that once these blood-suckers come out of hiding, they can travel on clothing, crawl into pocketbooks, and lurk in the nooks of furniture. So your watchword when going out in public—really, hibernating won't do—should be "minimalist." Meaning, no unnecessary bags or jackets. And if you do suspect you've brought some "hitchhikers" home with you, Richard J. Pollack, an entomologist and research associate at the Harvard School of Public Health, suggests "laundering clothes on high heat or dry-cleaning them."

- **Encase It.** If they didn't like beds so much, they'd be called microwavebugs...or refrigeratorbugs. It may feel and/or look funny to some, but cover your mattress and boxspring with an encasement made of such non-bedbug-friendly material as vinyl or polyester fiber.

- **Spray 'Em.** Even assuming you're not allergic to bedbug bites (which is a whole different story), they can leave you so itchy and swollen that even friends might fear coming near you. (Among psychiatrists, this is known as Bedbug Stigma.) One clinically proven solution, meant for at-home use or traveling: Stop Bugging Me!™ Aim this new, nontoxic, naturally derived spray at any bedbug-prone area—including luggage, mattresses, sofas, bedding, carpets and walls—and studies have shown it to be a bedbug-killing machine (100% of the bugs tested dropped dead within 15 minutes). What's more, the environmentally friendly product (www.StopBuggingMe.com) also prevents against bedbugs for up to two weeks, has a pleasant botanical scent, and is safe to use around children and pets.

- **Travel Smart.** Experts blame bedbugs' resurgence on two things: increased travel (including from Third World countries where the problem is even worse than here); and the 1972 ban on the use of the poisonous chemical DDT (environmentalists, then as now, love all non-human living things). We've already cited a pesticide-free alternative to the latter (see above), but immediately upon entering a hotel room travelers should drop their luggage in the bathroom and then do a top-to-bottom check of the bed. Mainly, you're looking for what the travel site travelandleisure.com calls "spotty dark stains." And don't hesitate to request a different room if something doesn't seem right.

- **Go Tech.** If you've got an iPhone, there's now an app that lets you both report and peruse data about bedbug sightings anywhere in the country. That's if you're not busy downloading those newly available Beatles songs.

- **No Scavenging.** You know those people you sometimes see on the street going through piles of discarded furniture they can cart home? Even if something looks 10 times better than what you already own, now is definitely not the time to be one of them.

- **Know Your Rights.** There's a move on to copy a new New York State law requiring landlords to disclose to prospective tenants any history of bedbug infestations in apartment buildings and individual units within the past year.

Check to see if there's anything like it where you live.

One last word from the CDC, to deal with as you may: "Bedbugs, like head lice, feed on the blood of humans, but are not believed to transmit disease." ■



lege and her master's degree in education from the University of New Hampshire. For 24 years, Jane was employed by the Concord Union School District and taught at Rundlett Middle School. She was a member of both the National Education Association and the Concord Education Association.

A lover of horses, Jane was active with the Mount Kearsarge Pony Club, the Easy Riders 4-H Club, New Hampshire Horse and Trail, New Hampshire Arabian Horse Association, and the Merrimack Trail Riders.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband of 34 years, Lyford Merrow III of Loudon; two sons, Lyford Merrow IV and Nathan Merrow, both of Loudon; a brother William Fanny of Concord; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Maxfield Public Library, 8 Route 129, Loudon, NH 03307.

Lily E. Benton

Lily E. (Ahern) Benton, 78, of Route 106, died at home, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Concord, the daughter of the late Hilda (Rowland) Ahern Bean and John Leo Ahern. She was a graduate of Concord High School, Class of 1950. She was a member of the National Honor Society. She attended nursing school for one year at Concord Hospital, before the present hospital was built. She had classes and ward work at the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital and lived in the dormitory at New Hampshire Memorial. She lived in the Concord area all of her life, except for the first years of her marriage, when she lived in Boston, returning to Concord in 1955. She spent her working years at New Hampshire Hospital and self-employed with Tupperware Home Parties.

She was a member of St. Peter's Church in Concord, where she was eucharistic minister, and she was a past president of the Dame School PTO.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by one brother and sister-in-law, John Edward and Dolores (Silva) Ahern; a sister-in-law, Elaine Ahern; and one nephew, William James Ahern.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Samuel Benton; four children and their spouses, Gail and James Kirouac of Concord, Samuel J. and Kim Benton of Concord, Matthew L. and Edith Benton of Loudon and CindyLou and Robert Gelinias Jr. of Pembroke; one brother William J. Ahern of Hopkinton; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one on the way; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. She also leaves her dear friend Maureen Barton, and fierce Scrabble competitor of many years and lifetime friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry, c/o St. Peter's Church, 135 N. State St., Concord, NH 03301.

Elizabeth E. Outhuse

Elizabeth Evelyn Nesmith Outhuse passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, in Epsom.

Elizabeth was born May 31, 1913, in the Westford, MA area, in the town of Parkerville, to Hattie and Harry Nesmith. It was there that she attended Parkerville School, a one-room school house that would come to mean so much to her as she would later be married there.

After graduating from Westford Academy and Lowell Teachers College, she taught fourth grade at Sargent School in Graniteville. In 1934, Elizabeth married Alexander James Outhuse. They lived in the Westford area until 1944, when they moved to a dairy farm in Cornish, ME. There they raised their family and stayed until they sold the farm in 1983 and moved to West Bath, ME. Alex died in 1984 and Elizabeth lived there until 1999 when she moved to Loudon.

Elizabeth always stayed active. She was a member of the Bath Seniors while in Maine and in New Hampshire she joined the Pittsfield Seniors Group and also the Young at Heart of Loudon. She was an avid button collector and belonged to the York County Button Club (Maine), Belknap Button Club (NH), and the National-Button Society. She also enjoyed Bible studies and, until most recently, attended the Faith Community Bible Church in Loudon.

During her lifetime, Elizabeth taught school, was a substitute teacher, tutored, and ran a mail route. She also worked with Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and taught Sunday School at various times. Along with the daily work on the farm, she enjoyed her extensive flower and vegetable gardens and canning and preserving food.

Elizabeth chronicled her life for her family and friends in a book titled *My Story*. A copy of this is in the local history section at the Fletcher Library in Westford, MA.

She is survived by her children, Priscilla Stewart of Loudon, Richard and Gayle Outhuse of Bath, ME; Ronald and Claudia Outhuse of Cornish, ME, and Russell and Priscilla Outhuse of Alexandria, VA. She also leaves nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkerville School House, PO Box 466, Westford, MA 01886; or the Faith Community Bible Church, 334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

MVHS News

MVHS News

The **sophomore class** hosted a fundraiser December 8 at UNOs in Concord. 20% of your meal expense that night was donated to the class by the restaurant.

Concert: Our annual HS Holiday Concert was held on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. We featured holiday songs performed by our Concert Band, Concert Chorus, Jazz Band, Vocal Ensemble, and Chamber groups. — *Submitted by Mr. Burns, Music Teacher*

Food Choices News: During the week of Thanksgiving, each Food Choices student had the opportunity to create a double crust fruit pie and a blind shell for a pudding pie. At the end of each day most of the pies went home to their families. A few only made it to the halls before being devoured! The classes are now studying the high protein section of the Food Pyramid, with an emphasis this week on eggs. So far, fantastic and not so fantastic omelets have been made. Next, they will see for themselves the difference between a hard-boiled egg and a hard cooked egg. — *Submitted by Ms. Woodward, Foods Teacher*

Student Council News: MV's Student Council has been very busy this year! We organized and ran a fabulous Homecoming pep rally and weekend of events, hosted the annual Thanksgiving dinner for faculty, staff and students, and planned and carried out a food drive. We were very successful in collecting just over 2,300 non-perishable items. All the food collected was donated to the food pantries in our school district. Up next we are planning our next pep rally and gearing up for Winter Carnival week in February. Mrs. Constant would like to thank the 30 students who make up this year's Council and work so diligently for the school and Ms. Grant for all her help in making this possible. — *Submitted by Ms. Constant, Student Council Advisor*

SAP News: Welcome to the Holiday Season! Two concerns to be alert to this time of year are financial stress and general mental health. We are in difficult times, increasing the likelihood that youth might use substances as well as have issues with anxiety or depression. This is a great time of year to connect with friends and family focusing on the good in our lives. Even in hard times, try to find one positive truth in your life. If you have questions or concerns about your children or yourself feel free to contact Heather Kingston, Student Assistance Program counselor at hkingston@mv.k12.nh.us or her phone number: 491-2714. Happy Holidays!

Yearbook News: Yearbooks are now \$55 and can be ordered with personalization and icons before 1/24/11. After this date, you may no longer order "add-ons" and the book will go up to \$60. Yearbooks may be ordered online at www.jostens-yearbooks.com or in school with Ms. Libby. Please make your checks payable to MVHS.

Art National Honor Society News: The following students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society on December 1st; Seniors: Alexandra Ainsworth, Shylar Chevalier, Emily Davis, Janice Disla, Hannah Dziezanowski, Tess Hodges, Brianna Keniston, Isaac Ladd, Spencer Murphy, Sam Pender, Olivia Polep, Cara Pratt, Zoe Stoddard, Haley Wilson, Tess Wright Juniors: Eileen Crutchfield, Shelby Hamel, Bobby Krieger, Rebecca Landry, Taylor Seltzer, Rebecca Silveria, Kaitlin Sweeney Sophomore: Melina Caron, Brandon Frost, Lexie King, Sarah Millett, Walter Moody and Trevor Warren. Congrats to you all!

For \$20.00 you can purchase a season pass that will get you into all home basketball games. Season passes are available at the gate.

Student Recognition: Travis Landry, son of Robert and Karen Landry of Loudon, was recently recognized by the New Hampshire Golf Coaches Association as the recipient of the 2010 "Spirit of the Game Award." This recognition is awarded to one high school athlete each year that demonstrates a true love for the game and always displays outstanding sportsmanship. Travis was singled out for this recognition from the roughly 500 high school golfers in the state of NH. Travis is a senior at MVHS who plans to study environmental science after graduating.

Guidance News: Greeting from MVHS Guidance! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday season, and highlight some important Guidance related topics!

Seniors — You are urged to complete your college applications by the holiday break. Please don't forget to stop by Guidance to fill out the transcript request form.

This form is very important — it is the tool that we use to track where our students are applying to college so that mid-year reports can be sent out as well as final transcripts to the college of your choice. This form is also how we determine which schools require a paper transcript as part of the application process, and which schools use the "Common Application" and therefore do not require a paper transcript. It is also important because it gives the student the chance to list any other supporting documentation you may need for the application, such as a guidance counselor letter of recommendation, SAT/ACT scores (which do not go on the transcript unless you ask them to!) and anything else you may need.

Juniors — applications to St. Paul's Advanced Studies Summer program are due Dec. 15th. For students interested in Philips Exeter Advanced Studies Summer Program, info will come out this winter. Stay tuned to announcements in the morning! These are very prestigious programs and our past MVHS students have both benefitted from, and contributed to, their success!

Sophomores and Juniors who took the PSAT — score results are in! Results will be returned to students in homeroom. Please take a look at your scores to see where you did well and what areas may need work! On your score report you will find a personal access code to College Quickstart on Collegeboard.com. This code will enable you to access the helpful tools on Collegeboard, including a personalized score report, detailed advice on how to improve your scores, a suggested list of colleges to start exploring that offer your major, and career information as well. Please take advantage of these free services you now have! Remember- "Fortune Favors the Bold," but it also favors those who take the time to prepare!!

Attention Juniors and Seniors! Have you considered enrolling in an evening course at NHTI in Concord? If you are interested in doing this, please see your guidance counselor about NHTI scholarship vouchers to pay for the course. Vouchers are limited and you must apply for them.

Upcoming Events:

January 3-7 NWEA Testing (Freshmen and Sophomores)

January 10 Parent Advisory Group meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

January 14 Term 2 Ends

January 17 No School — Martin Luther King Day

MVHS French Teacher Receives Grant from Target

Stephanie Hassapes, the French Teacher at Merrimack Valley High school, was recently awarded a \$700 grant from Target Corporation. She will be using this grant to fund a field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She is planning to take her advanced French students to MFA this coming spring.

Congratulations to Steph for the work that went into receiving this grant and thank you to Target for supporting our students with this funding!

All-State Music Festival

Congratulations to Becca Hashem (daughter of George and Elaine Hasham of Webster), Krysti Courchesne (Daughter of Paul and Lisa Courchesne of Penacook), and Abby Blake (Daughter of Brian and Annette Blake of Loudon) for being accepted into All-State Festival this year.

Auditions were held last Saturday in Manchester and they auditioned among almost 300 of the top music students in the state. The festival will be held in April.

— *Submitted by Bobby Burns, Music Director*

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students for being accepted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Members must show leadership, a high degree of musical aptitude, foster a sense of community, and consistently meet high academic standards.

Abby Blake, Daughter of Annette & Brian Blake of Loudon

Kama Kaushik, of Andover, Michelle & David Grover, guardians

Pat Monaghan, Son of Kim & Patrick Monaghan of Salisbury

Tom Philbin, Son of Rebecca & Thomas Philbin of Penacook

Kaity Smith, Daughter of Kathryn & Bob Smith of Loudon

The advisor of Tri-M is Mr. Bobby Burns.



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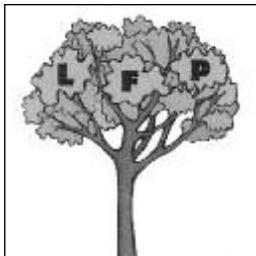




Travis Landry Receives "Spirit of Game Award"

Travis Landry, son of Robert and Karen Landry of Loudon, was recently recognized by the New Hampshire Golf Coaches Association as the recipient of the 2010 "Spirit of the Game Award." This recognition is awarded to one high school athlete each year who demonstrates a true love for the game and always displays outstanding sportsmanship. Travis was singled out for this recognition from the roughly 500 high school golfers in the state of NH.

The photo above shows Travis with Mr. Kevin O'Brien (left), MVHS Athletic Administrator and Dr. Michael Jette, MVHS Principal. Travis is a senior at MVHS who plans to study environmental science after graduating. ■



Loudon Food Pantry News Winter is Here! And So Are We At The Food Pantry

During the holidays people are very generous and for that, we are very thankful. The holidays are over and it's time to get back to our normal lives and routines. I ask that as you do so, please don't leave that holiday generosity behind.

Soon we will be in what we call our "slow season." It is the time of year when funds and donations drop off and it is very difficult to keep enough funds and food in stock to feed the 100 plus households that come in to our pantry on a weekly basis.

So please, keep that holiday spirit and generosity going all year long. Households in need don't just need to eat on the holiday, but year around as well. During the school year children are fed at school utilizing subsidized programs. They don't have that advantage during the summer.

If you're in need please call us at (603) 724-9731 to book an appointment. If you want to donate, we are at 30 Chichester Rd., Loudon NH Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (Wednesdays until 6 p.m.).

With your generosity and our hard work, we can give our neighbors, family, and co-workers that are in need something positive in their lives. ■

Wildlife Action Grants Available

Grant Application Deadline: February 1, 2011

Teachers and community members interested in involving youth to make a difference for wildlife through habitat projects on schoolyards, public areas or community lands can apply to the Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program for start-up funds. This New Hampshire Fish and Game Department program provides mini-grants of \$300–\$600. Habitat projects create spaces for outdoor learning, and can range from a butterfly garden to shrubs for birds to a pond for amphibians — your imagination is the limit.

The grant application deadline is February 15, 2011. To download a proposal packet, visit http://www.wildnh.com/Education/ed_project_HOME.htm or contact Marilyn Wyzga, Public Affairs Division, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03301; email marilyn.wyzga@wildlife.nh.gov; or call 603-271-3211.

The Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program is designed to support students, educators and community members in projects that create or enhance habitat for wildlife, and to provide inquiry-based, hands-on learning opportunities. The grant program is funded by the Conservation License Plate fund (moose plates), through the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program at Fish and Game. Each applicant may request up to \$300, or up to \$600 if a dollar-for-dollar match can be provided by the school or organization for any amount over the initial \$300. A match is not required for the first \$300.

Grants are available to teachers, educators, school staff and community members, especially those trained in Project WILD or Project HOME or who have a member of one of these programs on their project team. Project HOME is an award-winning schoolyard habitat program coordinated by Fish and Game. Project WILD is a K-12, interdisciplinary program about wildlife and the environment.

"We're looking for youth-driven action projects that will directly benefit wildlife," says Marilyn Wyzga, coordinator of the Project HOME schoolyard habitat program at Fish and Game. "Projects with the best chance of long-term success involve assembling a team of staff, students, community members and resource professionals."

Examples of past projects funded by Wildlife Action Grants include:

- The Squam Lakes Association planted native New Hampshire plants for wildlife and put up nest boxes at their Resource Center.
- Boy Scout Troop 207 of Berlin established native plants on their site to benefit birds and butterflies.
- Waterville Valley Elementary School created a bird habitat on their school grounds, including plants, a bird bath and nest boxes.
- Peter Woodbury School in Bedford installed a rain garden using native plants as part of their "Growing Inside...Out" renovation of the schoolyard.
- Friends of Bicentennial Park worked with Winnacunnet High School students to benefit migrating monarch butterflies by planting milkweed and nectar plants for pollinators, as well as berry-producing shrubs.

Grant applications will be evaluated by Project HOME staff and biologists and educators from the N.H. Fish and Game Department. Grant recipients are required to evaluate the progress of their project within 6 months of the award. Recipients may apply for grants in subsequent years if additional funding is necessary, and also may apply for funds for new projects.

For more resources for teachers from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, visit http://www.wildnh.com/Education/for_teachers.htm.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit online at <http://www.wildnh.com>. ■

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7 Tips for De-Cluttering Your Home

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We all want our homes to be tranquil places where we can unwind and escape from the stress in our everyday lives. But if your home is filled with clutter, relaxing may be difficult. Here are some tips for turning your home into an organized, stress free retreat.

- Set realistic goals. Don't expect to clean up your entire house in an hour or two. Instead of saying, "I'm going to get organized," break your goal down into achievable tasks. That way you won't become overwhelmed.
- Overcome your emotional attachment to the objects in your home. You may not be able to part with certain pieces, such as antiques handed down from generation to generation, but other items can be sold, donated or tossed.
- Remove visual clutter, such as extensive photo displays, knickknacks, artwork on walls or even heavy curtains. Your rooms will appear more open and spacious.
- Check your pantry for foods that are past their expiration date. Also, go through medicine cabinets and throw out expired medications and cosmetics.
- Organize closets. Get rid of old clothes and linens.
- Stop papers from taking over. Throw out junk mail immediately. Keep bills and other important letters, as well as periodicals, in a file cabinet or folder.
- Once you've de-cluttered your home, maintain it. Deal with the little things as they arise, and they won't pile up and overwhelm you. ■

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Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

Next Meetings: Monday, December 13, 2010, Loudon Community Building/Charlie's Barn, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Dawson, Earl Tuson, Alice Tuson, Carole Soule, Larry Moore, Melissa Moore.

Attendees: None

Minutes:

No meeting last month, so no prior minutes to accept.

Bruce moved to accept Alice Tuson as a board member, Carole seconded. Passed with no objections.

There was a discussion about the Harvest Dinner; everyone agreed that it was a success. A thank-you letter should be written and sent to the Recreation Committee, Selectman, and Loudon Ledger. Carole will do this.

It was discussed that no Ag Commission meetings should occur between June and September, inclusive (except for special meetings). This was because it's the busy

Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — November 9, 2010

5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Trustees Sue Kowalski, Sandy Blanchard, Ken Krzewick, Library Director Nancy Hendy, and Alternate Steve Del Deo, and Town resident Laura Vincent.

Minutes from the October 5, 2010 Trustees meeting were read and approved.

Building Maintenance Review

The Board did an exterior walk-around of the library to see what maintenance/repairs would be necessary. The following was apparent: the metal caps are slipping down at the corners. The three locations are South West, North West and North East corners. The trim is in need of painting. On the roof snow rails are coming apart and need adjustment. Moss has built up on various areas of the brick outside walls and the moss should be removed. The board decided that the work should be hired out in the Spring.

Budget 2011-2012

The Board is in the process of reviewing the budget for 2011/2012. The Board decided to level fund most lines but there was a discussion of heating oil prices. Trustee Sandy Blanchard offered to contact Jean Lee about expected increases in FICA/Medicaid, NH Retirement System, electric rates, and fuel oil prices.

Library Director's Report — November 2, 2010

The Loudon Village Arts Fall Show, held on October 8 and 9, was a big success. The LVA hopes to have more events during the upcoming year including a display of artwork by children and teens. Megan and Maddy Stuart volunteered to run the raffle during the show. People attending the Oil Painting for Beginners course are asking if the library will offer a follow-up class. A Just the Classics book group will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. Participants will provide their own books. The first title chosen is Barchester Towers by Anthony Trollope. Tara Nemmo's Girl

Scout Troop will have a bin in the entryway to collect food for the Loudon Food Pantry from now through February. Samantha French's Girl Scout Cadets will hold a bake sale on November 20. Only Cheryl Ingerson attended the Children's Literature Festival on October 30. The staff had a series of challenges during the time that the director was out due to a health issue: the wireless router had to be replaced, the heat in the main part of the building was not working for a week, and the digital dialer of the alarm system needed to be replaced. Irving Energy is doing an estimate for work needed on the furnace exhaust system. Budget figures for 2011-2012 are needed from the Town Offices in regard to estimates for FICA, insurance, etc. Budget is due on November 15. The next book sale will be on November 13.

Children's Librarian's Report

Stories and crafts were picked for the November story time. Crafts were prepared for story time on October the 4th, 11th, and the 18th. On October 5th there were 17 children and 15 adults who went on the apple picking field trip to Meadow Ledge Farm. On October 7, there were 11 children and 8 adults who went on the apple picking field trip to Meadow Ledge Farm. On October 26th and 27th there was story time trick or treating at the LPD, LFD, and Town Offices. On Tuesday there were 32 children and 20 adults in attendance. On Wednesday there were 13 children and 9 adults in attendance. The story time numbers for the month of October were 175 children and 126 adults.

Metal Roof Report

A rust problem concerning the metal roof is being researched and is in the process of being discussed by the Board of Trustees. Alternate trustee Steve Del Deo is pursuing communication with Ryerson. The

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season for farmers, of which all on the board are.

The Ag Commission sold the flowers donated by Cole Growers for Loudon Old Home Day (LOHD), and netted \$52. Carole suggested this money be spent to cover the cost of printing the farm maps. All agreed.

A discussion ensued about doing LOHD again, and the alternatives were:

- Harvest Dinner.
- Loudon Business Association.

No decision was reached.

There was a discussion around Melissa Minery's maps and the NH Mini Promotional Grant. Carole moved to apply for the NH Mini Promotional Grant. Melissa seconded it; no nays. Motion passed.

Bruce moved to not do Loudon Old Home Days in 2011. Carole seconded. There were no nays.

There was a discussion of having speakers at future meetings. Possibilities were:

- Jeff Holmes of NH Farm Bureau.
- Bureau of Weights and Measures.

Someone to talk about stone walls (John Corelle?).

We should have a speaker in January and February. The NH Humanities Council has speakers. Melissa will investigate further.

Bruce will scan in Melissa Minery's map.

Earl moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Melissa seconded.



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Board decided to give Steve more time before contacting a lawyer about enforcing the warranty or budgeting the repairs ourselves.

Friends Group Update

The trustees had some discussion regarding the Friends of the Library Group. Laura Vincent heads up the Friends of The Library. E-mail is being considered to help assist in the re-forming of the Friends of the Library.

Children's Room Committee The committee is currently being formed to include The Library director Nancy Hendy, Trustees Sandy Blanchard and Sue Kowalski, Cheryl Ingersol and Trustee Ken Krzewick. The Children's Room Committee will meet January 6th at Noon.

The Trustees meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on December 7th, 2010.

Susan Kowalski
Sandra Blanchard
Kenneth M. Krzewick

Historical Society Minutes — December 1, 2010

Attendees: Michele York, Cyndi Babonis, Beccy Smith, Irene Dow, Ron Lane, Colin Cabot, and Earl Tuson

Bob Ordway presented four bids for the tree removal at the Town Pound. The group chose a bid and Bob agreed to contact the contractor selected. Bob will oversee the work. The group agreed that we will spend the next meeting working on an application for the Moose Plate Grant to help us with the restoration of the walls.

Colin Cabot discussed the Sanborn Mills Farm and some of their plans for the future. He reviewed it's historical significance as likely the oldest functioning water powered saw mill in the state still in it's original location. The site also includes a working farm, grist mill and blacksmith shop surrounded

by almost 2,000 acres in conservation. He stated that it is a nonprofit which provides opportunities for people to learn old-fashioned ways and explore how they can be integrated into modern life. They would like to further develop it as an educational retreat where the skills taught are based on this 19th Century industry. Given the costs of maintaining these historic structures, he is looking for ways to develop the farm so that it can continue to sustain itself financially beyond his stewardship. One barrier is that the farm is not currently zoned to permit this type of business. He is looking for the support of the Historical Society in his efforts to negotiate for exceptions or changes to the zoning to allow this.

The Historical Society recognizes the historical significance of the Sanborn Mills Farm and it's value to the Loudon Community. We fully support the Cabot's efforts to preserve and sustain it for future generations. It teaches self sufficiency within our community which was common in the 19th century, but examples such as this are rare today. We support necessary zoning changes to allow these activities while maintaining the rural agricultural environment in which it is located.

The Director's meeting for December is cancelled due to the timing with the hectic holiday season.

Next general meeting will be Wednesday, January 5th at 7 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE LOUDON LEDGER: FRIDAY, JAN. 14, 2011

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 9, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Road Agent David Rice.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 26, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield noted the Board of Permit portion of the meeting was cancelled, as there were no items on the agenda.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the crew was grading roads and will begin screening sand for the winter. He said the salt shed is full and now they will work on screening the sand.

Mr. Rice said they have finished placing gravel on the approach to the fire pond on Old Shaker Road. He said the reflectors have also been put up. Mr. Rice said due to the high water level they have filled around the hydrant to keep the frost level down.

Selectman Ives asked if the pavement projects have been completed for the year. Mr. Rice said everything was complete.

Selectman Bowles expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. Rice and the Highway crew for their assistance in setting up the Town Hall for the election. He said everyone involved with the election appreciates all the assistance given by the Highway Department. Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Ives echoed these comments.

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

Mr. Fiske discussed information he had received at a Health Officer's workshop regarding an amendment to RSA 31:105 that has recently been signed into law by the Governor. Chairman Maxfield noted this was the first item on the correspondence list, to address adopting the amendment. *Selectman Ives moved to adopt RSA 31:105 Indemnification for Damages as follows: A city, town, county, village district or precinct, school district, chartered public school, school administrative unit, or any other municipal corporation or political*

subdivision may by a vote of the governing body indemnify and save harmless for loss or damage occurring after said vote any person employed by it and any member or officer of its governing board, administrative staff or agencies including but not limited to selectmen, school board members, chartered public school trustees, city councilors and aldermen, town and city managers, regional planning commissioners, town and city health officers, overseers of public welfare, and superintendents of schools from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property if the indemnified person at the time of the accident resulting in the injury, damage, or destruction was acting in the scope of employment or office. Second by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Bowles noted the Town had adopted this statute in 1996 and this motion is to amend the original statute adopted by the Board at that time. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Fiske discussed the property owned by James Corcoran on Staniels Road. He explained that Mr. Corcoran was in the process of refinancing his property and the mortgage company has requested confirmation that the apartment that includes a second kitchen in the building is a legal use of the property. He said zoning did not go into effect until 1987 and he said the Selectmen have written a letter in the past in regards to grandfathered properties. The Board agreed to write a letter confirming the status of the property.

Mr. Fiske addressed an auto inspection station request for the Dan Johnson unit at the facility on Staniels Road. Selectman Ives said the Board had tabled this until they can obtain further information. Mr. Fiske said he had spoken with the Planning and Zoning office and confirmed Mr. Johnson had been given approval for the inspection station along with the approval for the auto repair shop. Selectman Ives said he still wants to speak with Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow before signing off on the form for NHDMV.

Chief Fiske presented the Board with information on monies received by the

Police Department for fines levied for various offenses.

Chief Fiske provided an appointment paper for review and approval for Alec Ladd as a full time police officer effective November 22, 2010. Chief Fiske said his recommendation for an hourly rate would be \$18.00 per hour to start and an increase to \$18.69 upon Officer Ladd's completion of the Police Academy. *Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Alec H. Ladd of Loudon New Hampshire in Merrimack County to fill a vacancy as a full time police officer for the Town of Loudon effective November 22, 2010. The rate of pay to be \$18.00 per hour with an increase to \$18.69 per hour upon his successful completion of the Police Academy. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chief Fiske noted for the record the pay is adjusted during the time Officer Ladd attends the academy.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record five pistol permits were signed for approval.

Selectman Bowles inquired on the status of the patrols on Bee Hole Road. Chief Fiske said the patrols were going well.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr presented the Board with appointment papers for Deputy Fire Wardens. He explained these are for three-year terms. Selectman Bowles asked Chief Burr to supply copies of these appointment papers to the Selectmen's Office for the personnel files.

Chief Burr advised the Board the department would be conducting traffic control training on November 29 at the Safety complex. This is sponsored by The Local Government Center. He said he has provided

information to Chief Fiske and Road Agent Dave Rice if they wanted to participate. This will take place at 7:00 P.M. and may result in overtime compensation for the full time employees.

Chief Burr advised the Board he believes the electrical problem at Station 2 has been identified and involves the thermostat on the emergency generator. He said the part is on order and hopefully this will fix the problem.

Chief Burr discussed the Captains vacancy and has promoted Jeffrey Benner to Fire Captain on November 3rd. Chief Burr asked about the promotions he has proposed for Bill Lake and John Reese. Selectman Ives said he had discussed this issue with Chief Burr last evening. He said he is not in favor of mid-budget year salary increases and a 4% increase is out of the question. Selectman Bowles said he is not in favor of any raises at this time either.

Chairman Maxfield asked for clarification on the overtime mentioned by Chief Burr in regards to the training session. Chief Burr said that could involve the Highway Department and Police Department should they choose to attend the training.

Selectman Ives moved to enter into executive session with Fire Chief Jeff Burr to discuss a personnel matter at 6:56 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Bowles yes, Ives yes, Maxfield yes. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 7:34 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Bowles yes, Ives yes, Maxfield yes. Motion carried.

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Chairman Maxfield stated the purpose of the executive session was to discuss personnel and budget issues. *Selectman Bowles moved to seal the minutes of the executive session for a period of five years. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a bequest for perpetual care for the Gladys Cushing lot, which appears to have been located in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. The payment will be turned over to the Union Cemetery Association.

The Board reviewed a request for a motor vehicle refund by former residents who have moved out of state. The Board concurred this request will be denied as this is not a valid reason for requesting a refund.

Selectman Bowles moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collection: Account # 45185 in the amount of \$595.10, Account # 3609 in the amount of \$809.80, Account # 45727 in the amount of \$126.95, Account # 30101 in the amount of \$99.25, and Account # 47050 in the amount of \$545.10. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a statement from the Local Government Center regarding the Secretary of State's Securities Bureau report.

The Board received notice and the agenda of the annual meeting for the NH Municipal Association during the annual conference.

The Board received information from DES on obtaining posters and other materials on their Green Yards program.

The Board received a notice from NHDOT of the 2011 Scenic Byways funding.

Selectman Bowles said he would like to thank the voters for doing their part during the election November 2nd. He said it was a very good turnout. Selectman Bowles said he would also like to thank Leo Bernier and his wife who came into the dump on Saturday with a pick-up truck full of election signs they had cleaned up from along the roadside.

Selectman Bowles said the Agricultural Commission and Recreation Committee hosted the Farm Dinner on Sunday. He said it was well attended and he would like to thank the many volunteers and all those who supported this event.

Selectman Ives said he would like to thank Mike LaBonte for all his efforts with the election and also David Steele, who served as assistant moderator. All agreed it was an excellent job by those involved.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 16, 2010

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present is Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

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

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil. Mrs. McNeil explained a situation has come to light that will require an abatement and a supplemental billing for tax year 2010. She advised the Board a payment had been posted for the first billing of 2010 in June, but it was posted to the wrong account. Because this took place in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 and that fiscal year is closed, the payment cannot be reversed. The recommendation for processing the correction is the abatement to record the payment to the correct property and a supplemental to reinstate the taxes on the property that received the credit in error. The Board agreed to approve these adjustments and Mrs. McNeil will work with Office Manager Jean Lee to process the correction.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 9, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a check in the amount of \$110,000 from NH Motor Speedway. The Board will hold a public hearing on November 30, 2010 to accept these funds.

The Board received payment for the 3rd Quarter 2010 Host Community Fee from Environmental Soils Management in the amount of \$18,329.73.

The Board received notice of the Executive Council/ Department of Transportation Ten Year Transportation Plan meeting on November 17.

The Board reviewed an email from Jan Archambault regarding her son's application for a Veteran's Credit. The Board noted her son has been approved for the credit effective April 1, 2011.

The Board received an email from Local Government Center regarding the Bureau of Securities Regulation "interim report".

The Board received an email from Local Government Center regarding the Leadership Institute 2011 applications.

The Board noted receipt of a regional impact notice from City of Concord.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 23, 2010

Present: Selectmen Bowles, Ives, and Maxfield; Deputy Fire Chief Rich Edgecomb

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 16, 2010 as presented; seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that two pistol permits were signed.

The Board met with Deputy Chief Edgecomb. He informed the Board, in case of calls from the public, that the department is doing some hose testing on Monday evenings. He also stated that Brian Searles and Megan Paquette have achieved the EMT-I status. Mr. Edgecomb said that one fire department member is working to become a paramedic.

The Board met with Nancy Marchillo of South Village Road. Ms. Marchillo explained to the Board that she had recently parked her car on the side of the road, opposite her home, because she had company from out of town. She stated that she first spoke with neighbors about any concerns and also called the police department to ask if the town has an overnight parking ban. Ms. Marchillo said that the neighbors felt there was no problem and that she was told by the police department that there is no overnight parking ban in Loudon. She said she parked her car there off and on for four to five days while she had company and came home one day to find that her car had been towed. Ms. Marchillo said that it cost \$275 to get the car back and she would like

to be reimbursed by the police department. She said there was no interference with traffic, no complaints on file with the police department, and no complaints from the neighbors or workers at the store. Ms. Marchillo said she feels that she was parked legally, this was an error in judgment on the part of the police department, and \$275 is a lot of money to lose.

Selectman Ives stated that he spoke with Chief Fiske about the matter and feels that he would have to support the chief's decision. Selectman Bowles said he would feel more comfortable about making a decision if they could get something in writing from the chief with regard to complaints. Selectman Maxfield said that he felt they should double check with the police department due to the fact that Ms. Marchillo said that she asked the department about complaints and was told there were none on file. He told Ms. Marchillo that they could not make any promises but would investigate further.

The Board met with Carol Boisvert. Mrs. Boisvert explained that they moved to Loudon on May 7th. She said when they just went to pay their tax bill for the second half of the year they were informed that the bill for the first half of this year had not been paid. The bill went to the developer, MDP Realty, instead of them. Mrs. Boisvert explained that there is \$111.50 in interest due on the account and they do not feel they should have to pay that since they never received the first bill. There was discussion of the timeframe of property transfer paperwork and the process. The Board agreed to speak with the tax collector for further investigation. The Boisverts were advised

not to pay the bill until hearing back from Mrs. McNeil.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed draft information regarding a property tax payment arrangement. It was agreed to have the office assistant prepare the final document for signature.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Jeff Burr.

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston with laboratory quotes for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 and 2011/2012. They also reviewed a proposal from The Louis Berger Group. Selectmen Bowles will research other options.

The Board reviewed the draft Planning Board minutes of November 18, 2010.

The Board reviewed copies of the Draft 2010 Equalization Report.

The Board reviewed a request for a motor vehicle fee refund. More information is needed from the Town Clerk.

The Board received notification from NH Department of Labor of the Commissioner's Regional Business Outreach session scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2010.

The Board received a news release from Executive Councilor John D. Shea.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 30, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske and Road Agent Dave Rice.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 23, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the pole license application for Public Service of NH for work order # 41-0307 to replace 12 poles on Coaster Road in the Town of Loudon. The pole numbers are 522A/6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16, and 524/18. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chief Fiske asked if the Board had been in contact with officials at NH Motor Speedway regarding the meeting that has been requested to discuss security issues. Chief Fiske also asked about the business license renewal for the track. Chief Fiske said the current license expires at the end of December.

Chief Fiske reviewed additional information concerning an issue discussed during the November 23rd Selectmen's Meeting of a car being towed from South Village Road. Chief Fiske said the car in question was parked for over a week and a complaint was received. Chairman Maxfield recognized Nancy Marchillo from the audience. Ms. Marchillo stated she had a picture of the car of where it was parked prior to being towed. She said she called the Police Department to inquire if there was a parking ban on South Village Road and for another reason about parking on South Village Road. Ms. Marchillo reviewed the information she had discussed with the Selectmen at last week's meeting. Chairman Maxfield said this was not a court, but the Board had agreed to listen to the circumstances surrounding the incident. Chief Fiske said the parked car was clearly in violation of RSA 262. Selectman Bowles asked if Ms. Marchillo knew who she had spoken with when she called the Police Department. She said she did not but thought all calls were logged in and there should be a record of her call at the department. Selectman Bowles said they had checked and there is no record of her calling the department. He also went on to explain that even though the vehicle was not on the pavement, it was still parked in the town's right-of-way, which did create an issue.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Rice someone has raked leaves into the culvert at the end of Lovejoy Road. He said these individuals need to be told to clean them out. He said there are also other areas where

this has taken place and the culverts need to be cleaned out.

Selectman Ives congratulated Chief Fiske on a successful blood drive. The Board concurred.

The Board met with Mike Tardiff of Central NH Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Tardiff stated CNHRPC has been working with other Planning Commissions in the state to address broadband coverage. Mr. Tardiff presented the town with a map indentifying the current areas of service. Chairman Maxfield explained the current franchise agreement with Comcast. Mr. Tardiff asked the Board to review the map and identify areas that lack service at this time. He said he would have someone pick it up in a week or so.

Mr. Tardiff advised the Board CNHRPC is kicking off their regional transportation plan update. He said the regional plans are then forwarded to the state to be included in the 10-year transportation plan. He said he would like to get the Board's thoughts on revisiting the Route 106 corridor study. The Board said they would not stand in the way of the study but feel there are other roads, such as Route 129, that should be addressed. Mr. Tardiff said the Board will be receiving a letter regarding the regional transportation plan update and he will look forward to further contact with the Board to discuss their thoughts on what they would like to see included.

Chairman Maxfield opened the public hearing to accept funds in excess of \$5,000.

Chairman Maxfield read the following notice into the record. "Notice of Public Hearing. Pursuant to RSA 31:95b III, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Loudon Community Building, located behind the Town Offices, for the purpose of accepting a donation of funds in excess of \$5,000. Signed: Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman, Dustin J. Bowles, and Selectman." Chairman Maxfield advised those present that the study of the Route 106 corridor will cost \$330,000. He said the Town would be required to commit one third of the cost of the study or \$110,000 and NH Motor Speedway has presented the Town with a check to cover that cost. Chairman Maxfield read the state statute pertaining to acceptance of unanticipated funds. He asked if the public had any questions concerning the acceptance of these funds. *Selectman Ives moved to accept the payment of \$110,000 from NH Motor Speedway for the purpose of studying the Route 106 corridor. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Maxfield explained the study would cover the area from 393 to Route 140 in Belmont.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into executive session at 7:07 P.M. Second by

Selectman Ives. Roll call vote; Bowles yes, Ives yes, Maxfield yes. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:23 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote; Bowles, yes, Ives yes, Maxfield yes. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to seal the minutes of the executive session for a period of five years. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss policies and procedures of the Cate Van Committee.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding soliciting bids for the printing of the annual town report. The Board reviewed the specifications and agreed to advertise for bids using the specifications provided.

The Board received an email from Cross Country Appraisal regarding interior inspections of approximately 1,300 properties that have been in the re-measure and relisting cyclical review over the past four years.

The Board reviewed a letter from Colin Cabot regarding the establishment of a Historic District. Mr. Cabot met with the Zoning Board of Adjustment to discuss this

issue on November 29th and will meet with other boards in the future for further discussion.

The Board received the proposed 2011 budget for Merrimack County for review.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Bowles moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collection. Account #46460 in the amount of \$695.10, Account #16270 in the amount of \$600.80, and Account #6109 in the amount of \$120.28. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board acknowledged receipt of certificates of completion for several training courses for Firefighter/EMT John Reese.

The Board reviewed various emails on upcoming meetings and seminars.

The Board received a copy of the 2010 Economic Review from Public Service of NH for review.

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

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 7, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 30, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed the response from town counsel regarding the J.O. Cate Van Committee Guidelines. It has been recommended to amend the guidelines to include one paragraph explaining the purpose of the Cate Van is to provide transportation only. This information will be provided to the Committee for further action.

The Board received the Zoning Board of Adjustment site visit minutes to review.

The Board discussed the scheduling of the budget review workshops with Depart-

ment Heads. The first workshop will be Friday, December 10. The budget review with the Library Trustees will be set for Thursday, December 16.

The Board discussed setting a meeting with representatives of NH Motor Speedway to discuss track security for the 2011 season.

Chairman Maxfield discussed the grist mill on the Cabot property located on Sanborn Road. He said there are some concrete barriers very close to the road. Selectman Bowles said that Mr. Cabot was not allowed to proceed with the dam repairs this year and the barriers are in place should the dam purge during the winter. Snowplowing concerns were discussed. Selectman Bowles said he thinks the barriers are far enough back to not interfere with the plowing.

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The Board acknowledged receipt of training certificates for John Reese and Jeff Burr for review.

The Board received an update from Jim Presher of the Concord Solid Waste Resource Recovery Co-Operative on the single stream recycling project.

The Board received correspondence from Northeast Resource Recovery on their annual report and the invoice for the 2011 dues.

The Board received an email from Northeast Utilities on the Northern Pass hydro electric project. If an alternate route is chosen it could pass through Loudon.

The Board met with Office Manager Jean Lee. *Selectman Ives moved to go into executive session at 6:59 P.M. to discuss a*

personnel matter. Second by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote; Bowles yes, Ives yes, Maxfield yes. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 7:21 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote; Bowles yes, Ives yes, Maxfield yes. Motion carried. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss a personnel matter with the Office Manager. Selectman Bowles moved to seal the executive session minutes for a period of five years. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:23 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Both Boards meet at the Community Building. All meetings are open to the public.

Planning Board Minutes — November 18, 2010

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

Attendance:

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

Bill Gabler represented the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 21, 2010 Meeting — Steve Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Application #10-11, Russell L. Pearl & Michael J. Martel — Major Subdivision, RR District, Map 52, Lot 11. Jeff Green recused himself from the Board. Abutter Roy Merrill was present. Applicants Pearl and Martel were present. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants.

Steve Jackson made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to a public hearing; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Mr. Green explained that he made one revision at the request of Stan Prescott and that was to add the square footage of slopes greater than 25% to the table at the top of the plan. He gave an overview of what was covered at the last meeting. State subdivision approval was received the day after that meeting; a copy of the approval was submitted for the file.

Bob Cole made a motion to approve the plan as presented with all new lots subject to impact fees; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

New Business:

Application #10-12, John, Jr. & Margaret Rice and David & Cheryl Rice — Lot Line Adjustment, in the RR District, Map

47, Lot 8 and Map 55, Lot 3. John Rice III and abutter Randy Winslow were present. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants. Mr. Winslow asked for an explanation of the purpose of the application; Chairman Dow explained the intent of a lot line adjustment. Mr. Green stated that some revisions were made at the request of the applicants and new plans were handed out to the board members. He explained that the initial plan was to leave twelve acres with the house on Lot 8 and that has now been reduced to seven and a half acres.

Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to a public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Mr. Green gave an overview of the properties, pointing out that Map 47 Lot 8, John and Margaret Rice, has eighty-one acres +/- with an existing house and barn, and Map 55, Lot 3, David and Cheryl Rice, has five acres with an existing residence. He said that they are taking seventy-three and a half acres of back land off Map 47, Lot 8 and adding it to Map 55, Lot 3. Mr. Green stated that there is one waiver request for Section 14.4.8 as it is felt that a complete boundary survey is not necessary. He pointed out different frontages on the parcels and noted that they meet the acreage and frontage requirements.

Steve Jackson asked how much would be left with the house on Map 47, Lot 8. Mr. Green stated there would be 7.448 acres. Tom Dow asked for verification of a lot location. Mr. Rice and Mr. Green confirmed the parcel information. There were no questions from the abutter. Mr. Dow said that he likes the revised plan better and that everything looks good.

Chairman Dow read the waiver request. *Bob Cole made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.*

Stan Prescott asked if the drill holes were set. Mr. Green said the new ones have

been set, noting that he is using the existing rebar and drill holes found in the survey.

Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Jeff Green returned to the table.

Application #10-13, Lazy Pines Enterprises — Lot Line Adjustment, in the RR District, Map 39, Lots 2 & 8. Steve Jackson recused himself from this matter. Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member for this application. Abutters Barbara Parent and Ray Field were present. Applicant Ray Cowan presented the application.

Mr. Cowan explained that Lot 2 is where the major development has been done and Lot 8 is an undeveloped wooded lot. He said that Lazy Pines Mobile Home Park wishes to build a garage to house equipment, pointing out the location of a concrete slab on the plans. Mr. Cowan explained that the slab currently falls on Lot 8 where there is no primary structure. He stated that they have had to replace sewer lines in the wooded area of Lot 8 in the past and this lot line adjustment would keep the two lots clean and separate. He said the adjustment would keep Lot 8 so that all setbacks could be met. Mr. Cowan said the adjustment involves a swap of 26,729 square feet. There were no questions from abutters.

Henry Huntington asked the dimensions of the existing slab. Mr. Cowan said it is 30' x 50'. Mr. Cowan gave the history of Lot 8. Chairman Dow read a request for a waiver of Section 14.4.8.

Stan Prescott made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to a public hearing; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.

Bob Cole made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

Tom Moore made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Steve Jackson returned to the Board. *Application #10-14, New Hampshire Motor Speedway — Minor Site Development, in the C/R District, Map 61, Lot 5.* Abutter Roy Merrill was present. John Zudell represented NHMS.

Mr. Zudell explained that they are replacing the existing 1990 scoreboard. He presented pictures, structural drawings, and calculations to the board members.

Henry Huntington moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Steve Jackson asked about the type of application that would be needed for this project. There was discussion of how this

type of work would be classified according to the Land Development Regulations. It was agreed that it is not the typical site development but necessary to ensure a complete file and overview of what has been done on the property.

Mr. Zudell explained that this would be a four-sided structure with television screens on top during the three major race weekends. He stated that the lower part of the structure will be a video board and can be used to show multiple positions. Mr. Zudell explained that the television screens would be raised up and down with chain hoists for the bigger races and the framework would stay in place at all times. There was discussion of the screens which are rented for these events, the overall height of the scoreboard, its visibility, and the height limit stipulated by the Zoning Board.

Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

Steve Jackson asked about the email that was distributed with regard to SB328. It was agreed that members will review and discuss the information in the near future.

Chairman Dow said that it would appear that there will not be any zoning amendments this year. Tom Moore said he would like to consider buildable lot size limits on lots that abut water sources in an effort to preserve areas for fishing. He spoke about the 25' no cut area of a wetland buffer and the need to protect fishing access to waters. There was discussion about concerns of the proximity to homes, values of lots with protected waterfront, and other related matters. It was agreed that there would need to be a trade-off if a developer was to give up that area. It was also agreed that they would need to look at where it would fit in the Zoning Ordinance.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there is a variance of the amount of permeable area and a special exception for reduced setbacks for the Faith Community Bible Church on the agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott said that there was no Board of Permit meeting this month.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Steve Jackson; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
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Zoning Board Minutes — November 29, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — *Howard Pearl made a motion to accept the minutes of October 28, 2010 as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

DISCUSSION

Colin Cabot, Sanborn Mills Farm — Mr. Cabot spoke with the board about the possible designation of Sanborn Mills Farm as a historic district. He said this would provide a way for the town to allow uses of the property that are not permitted in the RR or AFP districts. Mr. Cabot explained that the foundation would like to offer workshops and provide housing and meals for attendees. He gave examples of the types of workshops they might offer, most being over a three day stay. Mr. Cabot outlined what he foresees as the future of the farm and his desire to preserve it as the State's only place that has both a water-powered grist mill and saw mill dating back to the 1830s on their original site. There was discussion on the process to establish a historic district and the time constraints for getting something done for the upcoming Town Meeting. Through discussion with Bob Ordway of the Historical Society, board members, and Mr. Cabot it was agreed that the historic district may not be the best way to address Mr. Cabot's concerns. Zoning Board members felt that there might be ways to address different issues through zoning amendments rather than the creation of an entirely new section of the Ordinance. Mr. Cabot will continue to gather information and work with the various boards. He will meet with the Historical Society later this week and the Planning Board in January for their input.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Z10-12 & Z10-13, Faith Community Bible Church — Special Exception for Reduced Setbacks & Variance for Impermeable Coverage, Map 39, Lot 29, North Village Road. Abutters Robert Ballam and Susan Colby were present. Rodney Phillips spoke on behalf of the church. Also present from the church were Pastor Jeff Owen and Tom Stevens of the building committee.

Mr. Phillips gave an overview of the setback requirements for this lot, being a corner lot in the C/I District, and pointed out the location of the proposed addition to the church. The reductions being requested are on the north side from 60' to 38.4', on the North Village Road side from 100' to 68.9', and on the Route 106 side from 100' to 95'. Mr. Phillips stated that a test pit was done with the results showing a seasonal high water mark of 84". He said they went 100" and no water was found.

Mr. Phillips went through the points of the special exception application. The chairman asked for questions from the board. Earl Tuson asked if the addition would be one or two story. Mr. Phillips showed pictures and explained that it would be a two story addition. Howard Pearl asked about

Mr. Phillips' statement on the application that there would be no increase in traffic. Mr. Phillips said that they are simply adding extra space to use for Sunday school classes. He said the size of the sanctuary is not changing and that is what the traffic and parking is calculated on.

Hearing no further questions from the board, the chairman asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Hearing none, he asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. Mr. Ballam stated that he lives to the north side of the church parcel. He said he has concerns of what might come up in the future and what the implications might be for him. Mr. Ballam said he has considered flattening the area between the properties to make it more usable. He asked about the liability of trees on his property falling on the church building and possible changes in runoff. Mr. Ballam explained that he did a lot line adjustment with the church a few years ago and that did not turn out the way he thought it was going to. He said he feels that he was misled by the church at that time so is cautious about agreeing to any new proposals. Howard Pearl noted that the request for reduced setback will not be encroaching significantly. Mr. Ballam said he wants to be sure this does not impact his use of his property. He stated that the addition could be seen from his porch where it will be a two story structure. Mr. Pearl asked Mr. Ballam if he is concerned about this proposal affecting his property value. Mr. Ballam said he did not have much concern about that; his concern is more of future plans. Mr. Pearl referred back to a statement that Mr. Phillips made when going through the points of the application with regard to the lot's development potential being maxed out. Mr. Ballam explained some history of dealings he has had with the church. Mr. Pearl said that the board is bound by what the town's regulations allow and he encouraged Mr. Ballam to work things out with the church if there are unresolved matters. Mr. Ballam said he understands that and is just concerned of future actions. Jeff Owen stated that he owns a tree service and should a tree come down in a storm it is considered an act of God and the party who suffers damage would be covered by their homeowner's insurance. Howard Pearl assured Mr. Ballam that the board would take a good look at the applications and be diligent in their determination.

Susan Colby said she feels better after hearing more about the project. She said she does not have as much concern of drainage on her side of Currier Road as a result of this addition. She stated that the water problem on her land is more from across North Village Road and the wet area on the west side of the road. Roy Merrill said he wanted to be sure that adding more impermeable area would not increase Ms. Colby's drainage concern.

Mr. Phillips went through the points of the variance application. Chairman Powelson noted that in Mr. Phillips' discussion in October there were slightly different numbers given on the impermeable coverage. Mr. Phillips said that he thought they would be higher but Mr. Stout's calculations on the as-built plan proved otherwise. Roy Merrill asked if there was any detention pond on the

south end of the property. Mr. Phillips said the only detention areas would be on the north side of the driveway where it was left as a natural detention area. He said that the lot's runoff does not go across Currier Road.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any concerns from the abutters. Hearing none, he asked Mr. Ballam if there was anything he would like changed to satisfy his concerns. Mr. Ballam said there was not. Roy Merrill asked Susan Colby if she was all set with the application. Ms. Colby said she was.

Howard Pearl stated that a corner lot imposes some pretty strict setbacks, particularly in the C/I District. He noted that this lot is surrounded by residential properties. Earl Tuson pointed out that this lot would not need reductions if it was zoned RR or AFP. George Saunderson said he felt largely the same way but wondered if a site visit was needed. Mr. Phillips said that there are stakes to mark the area. Mr. Pearl asked Mr. Phillips if it would be an issue if the applications were held until next month. Mr. Phillips said they have more planning to work on so the delay would not cause delays for them. Roy Merrill said he would like to see the drainage areas and the increase in the impermeable coverage. Mr. Pearl said it would be best to look at this closely where there are abutter concerns. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, December 4th at 8:00 a.m. at the church.

Howard Pearl moved to continue both applications to the meeting of December 23, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Chairman Powelson said that he will not be able to attend the December Board of Permit meeting. Vice Chairman Lizotte will attend the meeting in the chairman's absence.

Howard Pearl and Earl Tuson said that they would not be able to attend the December board meeting.

Chairman Powelson noted that his and Howard Pearl's terms expire in March.

Roy Merrill said he would like the board to suggest to the Planning Board that the front setback in the C/I District be reduced from 100' to 60'. He said that the current setbacks make the usable area very limited on a small lot. Dave Powelson said he could appreciate Mr. Merrill's suggestion but wasn't sure about changing it. Howard Pearl said he felt businesses should be able to be closer to Route 106. Given the already wide State right of way, the 100' setback puts the building quite a bit off the road. George Saunderson suggested that the setback be left as is and business owners come in on a case by case basis for reduced setbacks if need be. There was discussion of the appearance of the 106 corridor and appealing to businesses. No final decision was made.

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
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						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HAPPY NEW YEAR! 
2	3 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4H @ Legion	4 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	5 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library 7pm•Historical Society 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	6 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ LES 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	7	8
9	10 7pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting 7pm•MVHS Parent Advisory Group 7:15pm•MVSD School Board Meeting @ MVHS	11 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	12 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 7pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library	13 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	14 LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2011 ISSUE TERM 2 ENDS	15
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