

The Loudon Ledger

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Police Department Hosts Another Successful Blood Drive

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

On November 26, 2013, the Loudon Police Department held its annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 65 donors gave 65 units of blood (10 units were double red)! 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 who assisted with their time or provided a soup, chili, stew or dessert. These volunteers include Marilyn Jenks, Lisa Radcliffe, Boy Scout Troop 30, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 12356, Barbara Sullivan, Deb Foss, Rosann Storrs, Diane Bullock, Jan Eleftheriou, Nancy Bottcher, Tina Huntley, Alisha Kingsbury, and Becky Smith. We apologize if we missed your name but know that we appreciate everyone who came to lend a hand! Also — thank you to Loudon Mart for providing the paper products and to Brookside Pizza for providing \$5 Brookside Bucks coupons for our donors!

Police News — cont. on 4



Volunteer Drivers & Attendants Needed For The John O. Cate Van

The John O. Cate Van is searching for volunteer drivers and attendants. The van transports Loudon residents to and from medical appointments during the week. It is a completely volunteer service provided only to Loudon residents. Appointment locations can be no further than 20 miles from Loudon's town line.

Driver must have a valid NH driver's license. Drivers and attendants will be trained in van operations and procedures.

If you are interested, please call the van office at 783-9502 and leave your name, phone number, and the best time

for one of our volunteers to call back and answer any questions, give any further information, and schedule a training date.

Van Statistics

The van statistics for the dates of September 25 through October 29 are shown below. As you can see, the van is busy and provides an essential service for Loudon residents.

Number of days the Van transported during the above period: 18 days

Number of hours transporting: 31 hours

Number of Clients transported: 20 clients

Number of Van miles logged in during this period: 303 miles; end mileage 46,458.

Note: beginning during this period Van began transporting a Client to a required treatment three times a week.

Volunteer time answering phones, writing appointment information for drivers/attendants, and calling volunteers to transport: 20± hours

Volunteer time dealing with van and garage maintenance: 2± hours

Volunteer time doing paperwork and processing bills: 5-6± hours ■

Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen's Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • townofloudon@comcast.net

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 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 • townclerkloudon@comcast.net

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 • loudonplanningoffice@comcast.net

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. 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543 • taxcollectorloudon@comcast.net

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • www.loudonpolice.org

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 • rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Closed Fridays.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 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 • townofloudon@comcast.net

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 \$4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568 • townofloudon@comcast.net

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net

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 4 p.m. on the first Monday 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 9

Priscilla P. Lockwood: PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001

Howard M. Moffett: 66 Cogswell Rd., Canterbury, NH 03224-2011

Merrimack County — District 26

Lorrie J. Carey: 151 King St., Boscawen, NH 03303-2107

Senators — District 17

John Reagan: 53 Mt. Delight Rd., Deerfield, NH 0303-1304

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@debbiegraphics.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

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June 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/16 Council Meeting: Tues. 5/20

July 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/20 Council Meeting: Tues. 6/24

August 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/18 Council Meeting: Tues. 7/22

September 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/15 Council Meeting: Tues. 8/19

October 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/19 Council Meeting: Tues. 9/23

November 2014 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 10/21

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Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church

Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Group: Sunday 6:00 p.m.

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

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



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

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

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

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

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

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

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Dick Carter, Interim Minister

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

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

Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson

Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger

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

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

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–3-year-olds.) *Jr. Kids Church* (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Children's Church (Grades 1–4)

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

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

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Josh: 7–8 p.m.

Kids Time (Grades 1–6). 7–8 p.m.

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

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



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

Loudon Church News

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Please note the NEW time of our Sunday services as 9:30 a.m. starting Sunday, January 5, 2014.

The church has a new phone number of 603.708.1185 and a new email of new-churchloudon@comcast.net. Check us out and like us on Facebook.

Bible Study every other Saturday morning at 8 a.m. We are currently studying the book of Genesis. Potluck breakfast. Please contact Rev. Linda Overall for the dates at 603.875.5822.

Caregiver's Support group the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6 p.m. Call Rev. Overall for more information at 603.875.5822

CHILD/TEEN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION.

Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. You do NOT want to miss this FREE presentation. A representative from the organization LOVE146 will be presenting on the topic. This is happening right here in NH! Children and teens also need to be made aware and be empowered to protect themselves. Parents, grandparents, law enforcement, social services, educators, healthcare workers, and anyone else who wants to learn more on how to help is encouraged to attend this presentation. A freewill offering will be collected and given to LOVE146 to help aid their cause. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Rev. Linda Overall at 603.875.5822 or Stephanie at 603.568.5080

Save the date of Monday, February 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. to attend a FREE presentation from CareNet Pregnancy Center from Concord. For more information please contact Rev. Linda Overall at 603.875.5822

Watch for more information on a FREE community resource fair coming to the church in April 2014. ■



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014

Serving dinner at 4:30-6:30 PM

The Family Bible Church

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Loudon, NH 03307

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Police News — cont. from 1

This past holiday season we had two generous, confidential donors come forth (once again) to make sure three families were able to enjoy their Christmas. Although we cannot share their names, we do want them to know we appreciate all they do for our community!

Just a reminder that, effective this month, there are new child restraint laws. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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! ■



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Breakfast With Santa A Big Success

Thank YOU!

Thanks to everyone who came out for the annual Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair. The event was a fabulous success! The Jolly Old Elf himself visited with the children and heard their Christmas wishes. Everyone enjoyed delicious pancakes with real maple syrup and we had the biggest turnout ever for our cookie walk! Children of all ages enjoyed a wagon ride with the beautiful horses of Stoneboat Farms. The craft fair featured almost 20 different vendors offering handmade crafts and other goodies for sale. And, as always, the much anticipated quarter raffle was a huge success!

This event could not take place without the support of many Loudon businesses and volunteers. We'll have a full list for the next Ledger, but for now we want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out.

The funds raised go directly to support the children of Loudon Elementary School via technology purchases and field trip subsidies.

PTA Online

The LES PTA has it's own web page. To stay on top of all the PTA news visit <http://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpride.org/les/pta>

Upcoming Events

January 6, 2014 High Mowing Organic Seed fundraiser begins

June 7, 2014 PTA Golf Tournament

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

Becky Herrmann: President, becky@handcut.com

Rebecca Stuart: Vice President, stuartfamily9@comcast.net

Rachel Butler: Treasurer, rachelbutler1773@yahoo.com

Kristen Byron: Secretary, sbkk@tds.com ■



Loudon Recreation Committee News



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

ZUMBA

The next session of Zumba will start on January 13th. The dates for the session are January 13, & 27, February 3, 10, 17 and March 3rd. If you are interested in joining the next session of Zumba email Jen at cjmercerc@myfairpoint.net or just register at the first or second class. Zumba is officially described as an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Most of all it is FUN. The six-week session runs on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$42 for the six-week session. Please make checks payable to Loudon Recreation.

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE HELP WITH RECREATION!!!

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

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



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TEAMS Charter School Located in Penacook

By Lee Laughlin

Charter Schools are public schools. Typically they have a more focused mission than traditional public schools. They are exempt from some of constraints of mainstream public schools, but in exchange are held to a higher level of accountability. According to the New Hampshire Department of Education web site:

“In exchange for this accountability, charter schools have the freedom to choose the methods and processes they believe will best help the school deliver results. Innovative teaching practices and strategies, class structure and other academic tools can be used and tested and then quickly modified to meet the needs of the student population.

The Charter school concept was first introduced in the 1970’s but the idea didn’t start gaining traction



until the 1990’s. The first charter school in NH opened in the mid 90’s. Today there are 22 approved charter schools in New Hampshire with more in the planning stages.

Locally, we have several charter schools, Strong Foundations is a K–8 program in Pembroke. The school utilizes the Orton-Gillingham approach to education to help students who have challenges with reading, writing and spelling. CSI, short for Competency, Skills and Interests, is in Penacook and is targeted at those students who are at an extreme risk of dropping out of school before acquiring their high school diploma.

TEAMS is also located in Penacook and is in its second year of educating students. TEAMS stands for

Technology, Engineering, And Math Science. The program was formed to address the need for workers with strong STEM skills (science, technology, engineering and math).

The Teams Mission Statement:

The mission of TEAMS/CS is to expand opportunities for all students, offering a sound college prep program with a career focus. Concurrent with this mission is the articulated pathway into a certificate program, NHTI or four year college enhanced by early exposure to careers. Our population is made up of the student who is not achieving in the typical classroom setting and for a variety of reasons may be educationally disadvantaged.

The program is targeted towards students who are not getting what they need in a regular classroom. Perhaps the student isn’t being challenged enough in traditional settings. Maybe the child has a strong interest in math and science or functions better in a small group learning environment. According to George Rogers, School Administrator, the student best suited to the TEAMS NH environment is motivated, enjoys learning, enjoys problem solving, seeks out challenges, wants to know how to apply math and science to problem solving and is comfortable working independently and using technology.

The program is a hybrid. The classes in the Engineering by Design curriculum are taught at the Penacook campus, but students meet core class requirements (English, math, science, languages and electives) by using virtual learning programs such as Plato and the Virtual Learning Online Academy Charter School (VLACS). School hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is an expectation that students will spend time outside of school hours working on their core courses. Coaches are available during school hours to support students in their online classes, but students must be comfortable identifying that they are struggling and asking for help.

The main classroom is filled with powerful computers and two 3D printers used in student projects. One is an additive printer that transforms raw materials into objects (i.e. a gear for a movable bridge) and the second is a subtractive printer, that removes matter from blocks of raw materials to create the desired shape. There is also a wood shop and small computer lab.

Common Core assessments are given at the beginning of the program and upon completion to ascertain a students’ level of growth. The TEAMS program is competency based, so there are no grades; instead,

students are evaluated on their competency in a certain subject. Once a student achieves 80% competency in an assigned task or tasks, they are able to move on to the next level. Teachers and coaches are at the ready to help students who might be struggling with a specific aspect of the program.

TEAMS students also have the option to participate in Running Start program. Running Start allows high



school students to complete coursework that meets the criteria for both high school and college credit. Running Start classes may be accepted by schools in the Community College System of New Hampshire as well as Southern New Hampshire University.

The last semester of their senior year, students are encouraged to participate in an internship to apply their engineering problem solving skills and acquire real-world experience.

TEAMS’ goal is to graduate students who are ready for college, or the job market. It’s important to note that the curriculum teaches students to solve problems like engineers, not BE engineers per se. This type of problem solving skill set can be applied to a multitude of fields including (but not limited too) manufacturing, construction, engineering (mechanical, civil, software, electrical, biomedical), medical fields (doctor, nurse, allied health), architect, robotics or support positions in any of these fields (i.e. sales, marketing, communications or administration).

TEAMS accepts students from any New Hampshire School district and students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities at their home school to maintain social relationships and connections to their local communities.

Students who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Merrimack Valley School district are able to utilize district transportation. Students outside of MVSD are responsible for providing their own transportation. TEAMS is in the same complex as CSI and the Merrimack Valley Learning Center and shares the same academic calendar, but TEAMS and CSI are not part of the Merrimack Valley School District.

As of late November the school boasts a population of 26 students. Admissions are made on a rolling basis, and several students had expressed interest in the program, so by the time you read this that number could be higher. Only six students have left the program, according to Rogers — most because they found the requirements to be too stringent.

Students may apply for admission at any time. The second semester begins in late January. Those interested in learning more about TEAMS can visit their web site <http://www.teamsnh.org> or contact George Rogers, school administrator at (603) 753-4022 or george.rogers@teamsnh.org. ■



Bank of New Hampshire Doubles Donations to NH Food Pantries

Bank of New Hampshire's 4th annual Feeding New Hampshire Food Drive resulted in double the collected donations of last year! Bank of New Hampshire's 21 Banking Offices collected nearly 5,100 non-perishable food items and over \$600 in monetary donations. These donations were delivered to nineteen local food pantries throughout New Hampshire the week prior to Thanksgiving.

"This food drive continues to grow each year and we can only hope to help more and more as time goes on. The need this year has been greater than in recent years, making this a staple to the communities we serve," stated Vickie Routhier, SVP – Director of Marketing & Public Relations for Bank of New Hampshire. "Being an outstanding corporate citizen is very important to Bank of New Hampshire. This is what makes Bank of New Hampshire more than a bank."

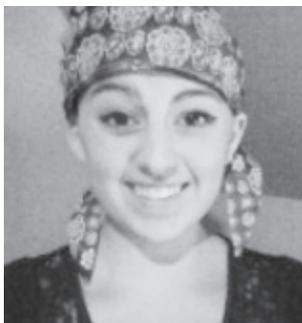
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Bank of New Hampshire banking offices donated their collected items and monetary donations to local food banks throughout New Hampshire.

World Famous Harlem Wizards Basketball Team Coming To Merrimack Valley High School

The world famous Harlem Wizards team, with their tricks, hoops, and alley oops basketball style, are coming to Merrimack Valley High School. This community event is a fundraiser which will benefit the family of Haley Roy, pictured here. Haley is a 15-year-old student from Loudon, recently diagnosed with lymphoma.



This is an event that combines aspects of a big time production, with hometown flair. Teachers and principals of the Merrimack Valley school district will go up against the fabulous Wizards.

The event will take place on February 5th at 7 p.m. in the Merrimack Valley High School gymnasium. There will be refreshments and lots of excitement!

You can purchase tickets for the event online at www.harlemwizards.com or you can pick them up at Capital Sporting Goods (276 North State Street in Concord) or Alan's Restaurant (133 North Main Street, Boscawen).

Local Sponsors include: Capital Sporting Goods, Concord Wealth Management, Generations Dental Care, Penn Mutual, Alan's, CC Tomatoes. Our official hotel sponsor is The Courtyard Marriott in Concord. ■

Robotics Advisor Needed

TEAMS Charter School is looking for an advisor to work with students using Vex Robotics kits. The position requires some knowledge of robotics and familiarity with FIRST Competition is a plus. This is our first venture into robotics and we need a person to set the standard for group work, creativity, and enthusiasm. The candidate must be willing to submit their fingerprints for analysis by the State Police, which is a requirement for anyone working with students.

The meeting times and frequency are not limited but also have not been set. This is to accommodate the advisor's schedule and will be determined prior to hiring.

Compensation is a stipend that will be determined based upon experience and background.

It is anticipated that this extra-curricular activity will begin in early January 2014.

Candidates should contact the Director at: george.rogers@teamsnh.org or by phone at 603-753-4022. To be considered, candidates must provide 3 letters of reference, a letter that addresses experience with robotics, and a current resume. ■

Successful Apple Harvest At Harris House

It was a wonderful apple harvest season! Loudon's people, deer and other critters will enjoy the apples during the winter season. Here Remus and Romulus Harris — who harvested an abundance of hand picked apples — are drying their apple slices in the traditional way (top photo), as natives have done here for many seasons past, over a family fireplace.

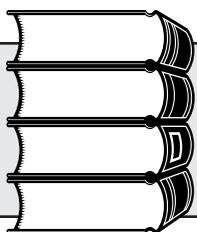
The boys made the "hanging string" from woven apple skinings, then strung the apple slices on it to dry.

All went beautifully — except it was hard to keep the boys away from snacking on the "to be stored" apple treats!

Life is good. Hoping all enjoyed the Holiday Season. Best wishes to all from all of us. ■



Next Deadline:
Friday, January 17, 2014
for the
February Issue of the
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Maxfield Public Library News

Story Time

Story time starts off the new year with a book full of stunning photography taken by wildlife photographers and authors, Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick. Join us January 2nd as we discover this beautiful woodland story, *Stranger in the Woods*. The children will experiment with visual art by creating a 3D book depicting winter scenery.

Grab your hats and mittens January 7th through the 9th as we read *Snowflakes Fall* by Patricia MacLachlan and *Hooray for Snow!* by Kazuo Iwamura. In the craft time to follow, the children will make a snow globe to entice them with snow days yet to come.

Each child will leave with a friendly polar bear the week of the 14th, 15th, and 16th and, as Suzanne Bloom's book states, they make *A Splendid Friend, Indeed!* Our second book for the story time hour will be Crosby Bonsall's *What Spot?*

Everyone loves to make a snowman in the fresh fallen snow. The snow people packed together at craft time are sure to last all year long; even if they start off as melted snow people! On January 21st through the 23rd, the children will hear *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner and Lauren Child's *Snow is my Favorite and my Best*.

On January 28th, 29th, and 30th, story time will read about the different activities offered during winter months. We will read *Ladybug Girl and the Big Snow* by David Soman and Jacky Davis and *Henry Goes Skating* by Brian Biggs. Every attendee will be able to name their very own skating pond in Loudon — Zamboni not included.

Weekly Yoga

Ease yourself out of the post-holiday blahs with energizing yoga sessions. With four different times a week to choose from, you are sure to find one that works for you. For low-impact chair yoga, stop by on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Intermediate sessions are held on Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Due to meeting room conflicts, no classes are held on the second Thursday of the month. Please check with the library for holiday schedules.

Sit 'n Stitch

How comfortable are the couches and chairs in the Children's Room? Find out as you settle in with your latest needlework project on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Working with others may spur you on to complete some unfinished work or to start on a new creation. Don't worry if you nod off over your yarn, we'll wake you up when the library closes!



Book Groups

Can it be the magnetic pull of the author's oil portrait that hangs in the Peabody Essex Museum? Or is it just the enduring appeal of his storytelling? Whatever the cause, both book groups have chosen Nathaniel Hawthorne works for their January sessions. The F/NF discussion of *The Scarlet Letter* will take place, on January 16, at 7 p.m. And, without leaving town, Classic Book Group will explore *The House of Seven Gables*, at 2:30 p.m., on January 28. Newcomers are welcome.

New Books

Fiction

Belfoure, Charles	<i>The Paris Architect</i>
Chamberlain, Diane	<i>Necessary Lies</i>
Cornwell, Patricia	<i>Dust</i>
Crandall, Susan	<i>Whistling Past the Graveyard</i>
Evanovich, Janet	<i>Takedown Twenty</i>
Frame, Ronald	<i>Havisham</i>
Khoury, Raymond	<i>Rasputin's Shadow</i>
Rosen, Leonard	<i>All Cry Chaos</i>
Tart, Donna	<i>The Goldfinch</i>
Trigiani, Adriana	<i>The Supreme Macaroni Company</i>

Nonfiction

Cantor, Doug	<i>The Big Book of Hacks: 264 Amazing DIY Tech Projects</i>
Chopra, Deepak	<i>What Are You Hungry For?</i>
Fedarko, Kevin	<i>The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History through the Heart of the Grand Canyon</i>
Finkel, David	<i>Thank You for Your Service</i>
Hoffman, Alice	<i>Survival Lessons</i>
Morton, Megan	<i>Home Love: 100 Inspiring Ideas for Creating Beautiful Rooms</i>
Orr, Bobby	<i>Orr: My Story</i>
Stanton, Brandon	<i>Humans of New York</i>
Thorpe, Samantha	<i>Organize Your Home</i>



New DVDs

As Cool as I Am, Lovelace, The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones, No Place on Earth, Red 2, The Reluctant Fundamentalist, R.I.P.D., Shadow Dancer, The Smurfs 2, Stuck in Love, Trance, The Wolverine

Book Sale

January 25th is the date to remember for the next book sale.

Library Hours

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



Welcome 2014 Time to “Rethink”!

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

We’re all familiar with the 3 “R’s” of recycling - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
For the New Year let’s add “Rethink”.

How often have you thought “it’s not going to make a difference if I don’t recycle?
There are plenty of other people doing it.”

It is too easy to make excuses to not recycle....I don’t have the time, I don’t have the space, I don’t know what’s recyclable, etc...etc...etc... And you know what? You’re right. Every time you think “I don’t, and I can’t, there’s no time, etc... you are predetermining the outcome. Is that how you approach life in general? Henry Ford said “If you think you can do a thing or think you can’t do a thing, you’re right.” If Henry Ford thought “I can’t”, think about all the things he would not have accomplished, like: developing an inexpensive Model T, the V8 engine, supplying our Armed Forces during WWII with jeeps and tanks... you get the picture.

Now is the time for you to rethink how you view recycling. Turn I can’t, into I can. It takes a relatively short time to get into the habit/routine, just like brushing your teeth. You have nothing to lose by trying and everything to gain by actually doing it.

**RECYCLING
ONLY WORKS
WHEN WE ALL DO IT.**

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, RETHINK

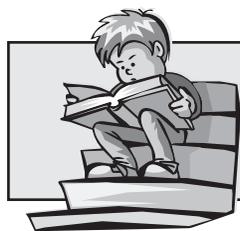
VERMINDEREN, HERGEBRUIKEN, RECYCLEN, HEROVERWEGEN
reduire, reutiliser, recycler, reconsiderer

Verrinsern Sie, Verwenden Sie Nieder, Bereiten Sie Auf, Denken Sie Ber
Μειώστε, Επαναχρησιμοποιήστε, Ανακυκλώστε, Ξανασκεφτείτε
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Reduza, Reúso, Recicl, Reconsideração

Уменьшите, Повторно Используйте, Рециркулируйте, Переосмыслите

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Between the Covers

By Kate Dockham

In the world of literature, award season has begun. Not the red carpet, celebrity studded award season of movies and television, but a quiet celebration of good literature for young and old. Book awards come under many names. Today let's look at the winners and runner up titles for some of the more recognizable awards.

The Caldecott Medal has been handed out since 1938 and includes classic titles such as *Madeline's Rescue*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, and one of my childhood favorites *The Snowy Day*. The award was named in honor of nineteenth-century illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book. The 2013 winner is *This Is Not My Hat*, written and illustrated by Jon Klassen. In this dark yet humorous tale, a tiny fish knows it's wrong to steal a hat. But the hat fits him just right. Unfortunately, the big fish wants his hat back. The muted colors allow the minimal text to stand out. Klassen's subtle cues compel readers to follow the fish and imagine the consequence. The 2013 Caldecott Honor books include *Creepy Carrots* written by Aaron Reynolds and illustrated by Peter Brown. This tale is about a carrot loving rabbit who believes the carrots are now out to get him. The black borders and pronounced shadows help make this story just slightly sinister. *Extra Yarn*, also illustrated by Jon Klassen, is about a selfish archduke trying to steal a young girl's box of magical yarn. Here Klassen uses shifts in color to demonstrate changes in character and turns of the plot. *Green* is our next Honor Book. Written and illustrated by Laura Vaccaro Seeger is full of texture as well as color! Seeger's use of thickly-layered acrylic paint show the many different greens in our world. David Small has illustrated *One Cool Friend*, written by Toni Buzzeo. Small's ink, watercolor and pencil illustrations are a perfect fit for this book's wordplay and visual jokes about Elliot, his father and a few unusual pets. The final Caldecott Honor Book of 2013 is *Sleep Like a Tiger*. This whimsical story about a young girl being coaxed to bed is illustrated with mixed media artwork and computer illustrations. This book is illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski and written by Mary Logue.

The Association for Library Service to Children also awards the Newbery Medal annually. This award is named after eighteenth-century bookseller John Newbery. Handed out since 1922, this award goes to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for Children. Former winners include *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, and *Holes*. The 2013 Newbery Medal winner is *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. This title was part of my November article and is favorite read of mine this year. The story is told by Ivan a silverback ape held in captivity and is based on a true story. Ivan achieves freedom for himself and his new found yet unusual friends through his own artwork. There were three Newbery Honor books in 2013. The first, *Splendors and Glooms* was written by Laura Amy Schlitz. Set in Dickensian England, Lizzie Rose, Parsefall and Clara are being controlled by a wicked puppeteer and a powerful witch. Schlitz uses adventure and suspense to explore good versus evil. *Bomb: The Race to Build — and Steal — The World's Most Dangerous Weapon* is a non-fiction book looking at the intersecting threads of scientific discovery, political intrigue and military strategy that surround the Atomic Bomb. Written by Steve Sheinkin and full of photos this book is great for middle and high school boys. The last honor book of 2013 is *Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage. Sixth grader Mo LoBeau is searching for her long-lost mother. With a back drop of

the eccentric residents of Tupelo Landing, South Carolina and plenty of small-town intrigue, Mo investigates a murder in order to protect the family she has come to live with and makes some realizations about the meaning of family.

The National Book Awards are a set of four annual U.S. literary awards. They are awarded for Young People's Literature, Poetry, Fiction and Nonfiction. The National Book Awards were established in 1936 by the American Booksellers Association, abandoned during World War II, and re-established by three book industry organizations in 1950. They are presented to U.S. authors for books published in the United States during the award year. 2013's NBA for Young people's Literature goes to *The Thing About Luck* by Cynthia Kadohata. This book expertly captures the uncertainties of the tween years as Summer navigates the balance of her childlike concerns with the onset of increasingly grown-up responsibilities. With her parents called to Japan to care for relatives, Summer must help with the wheat harvest, care for her brother and elderly grandparents and deal with the boss's son flirting with her. This story of family bonds revolves around Summer's idea of luck and her family not seeming to have any. *Incarnadine: Poems* is the 2013 NBA finalist for poetry. This is Mary Szybist's second collection of poems and many are claiming it to be a "religious book for non believers." In vulnerable lyrics, surprising concrete poems, and other forms, and with extraordinary sympathy and a light touch of humor, Szybist explores love, loss, and the struggle for religious faith in a world that sometimes seems to argue against it. The 2013 NBA for fiction is James McBride's *The Good Lord Bird*, a story full of adventure and an exploration of identity and survival. This historical fiction novel travels back to 1857 and has the legendary abolitionist, John Brown as a main character. A young slave, Henry, is forced to travel with Brown, who believes he is a girl. Eventually Henry finds himself at the raid on Harper's Ferry — one of the catalysts for the Civil War. The final 2013 NBA goes to *The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* by George Packer. In this nonfiction book, Packer explores the crisis in America by weaving together the stories of everyday Americans to the biographical sketches of the eras leading public figures. *The Unwinding* portrays a superpower in danger of coming apart at the seams, its elites no longer elite, its institutions no longer working, and its ordinary people left to improvise their own schemes for success and salvation.

The most prestigious award is, of course, the Pulitzer Prize. Named after publisher Joseph Pulitzer and is a U.S. award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature and musical composition. Prizes are awarded annually in twenty-one categories. The 2013 Pulitzer for fiction went to *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson. Part thriller, part story of innocence lost, part story of romantic love, *The Orphan Master's Son* is also a riveting portrait of a world hidden until now. Johnson tells of a North Korea full of hunger, corruption, and casual cruelty but also camaraderie, stolen moments of beauty, and love. The Pulitzer winner for biography in 2013 is the truth behind a story we are all familiar with. *The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal and the Real Count of Monte Cristo* is the biography of General Alex Dumas. While the general is fairly unknown, his story is familiar because his son, novelist Alexandre Dumas, used it to create some of the best loved heroes of literature. Yet here is part of the story the son never shared, the elder Dumas was the son of a black slave — who rose higher than any man of his race during his time. This riveting adventure story is also the story of the lasting bonds between father and son.

So I have done a lot of research for this article and I have found some books I definitely want on my reading table. Before signing off, I am going to indulge in my guilty pleasure and quickly mention the Edgar Awards. Officially known as the Edgar Allan Poe Awards, these are a number of awards handed out annually for authors of distinguished work in various categories of mysteries. Dennis Lehane, author of *Mystic River*, won the 2013 Edgar for Best Novel for *Live by Night*. A Prohibition era saga of revenge and murder during a time when sin was a cause for celebration and vice was a national virtue. But the Edgar Award winner I would like to bring to your attention is *The Last Policeman* by Ben Winters, the winner in the paperback category. The first in the *Last Policeman Trilogy*, this story is set in Concord! In 2011 an asteroid is headed to Earth and October 3, 2012 is the expected date of impact. Social and economic order begins to collapse, except for Detective Hank Palace who continues to solve murders and seek some semblance of normalcy. The best part of reading this series is that I recognize the places Winters writes about. He talks about Storrs Street and Route 9 out towards Keene and everywhere in between. It's a blast!!

Soon it will be time for the red carpet. I hope you can find some award winners to enjoy for yourself. Until next time...keep turning those pages. ■

**Deadline for the
January 2014
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Friday, Dec. 13, 2013**

NHMS, SCC Grant Record Figure to Benefit 103,000 New England Children

Nearly one quarter of a million dollars distributed to 56 non-profits

With Governor Maggie Hassan and Mayor Ted Gatsas serving as holiday helpers, New Hampshire Motor Speedway and the New Hampshire Chapter of the Speedway Children's Charities distributed nearly a quarter million dollars to 56 non-profit organizations throughout New England during the fourth annual grant distribution presentation at the Palace Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 12.

The grand total of \$243,838, which will benefit over 103,000 children in the Northeast, is the largest one-year total since the SCC N.H. Chapter began this holiday tradition back in 2010. In four years, NHMS and the SCC have donated nearly \$700,000, supporting nearly 190,000 children in the region.

"This is a really special day," said Cheryl LaPrade, director of the SCC's New Hampshire Chapter. "Every single day this is what we work for. We are blessed to have such and impactful organizations across New England helping kids in need."

This year's event, which welcomed more than 150 representatives from the 56 organizations, was held at the historic Palace Theatre, which first opened its doors in 1915. In an area that once had 22 theatres, the nearly 100-year-old playhouse is the only that remains. And with its current production of "A Christmas Carol" gracing the stage daily, it was an ideal setting.

"This is what the holiday season is all about, and it makes me very proud to stand here today with an opportunity to give something back," said Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager of the speedway. "We are very thankful for what you do to impact the lives of others every day."

Both Hassan and Gatsas stressed the importance of what this money will do for the Granite State as a whole and the Queen City, respectively.

"It's an honor for me to be here this afternoon," said Hassan. "The speedway truly is a corporate citizen in New Hampshire, in every sense of the word. The Speedway Children's Charities is a great example of our tradition in New Hampshire of caring for each other."

"The main essential ingredient (of SCC) is how do we help kids? And that's so important," said Gatsas, who noted that a total of nine non-profit programs in the Manchester area received checks. "When you can go out and say \$240,000 is going into the region to help children; that is ever-so important."

Since 1982, the eight SCC chapters across the country have raised over \$40.9 million dollars.

Money raised through the New Hampshire Chapter includes events such as the "One for the Kids" Golf Tournament, NASCAR Champions Breakfast, Red Bucket Brigade (July and September), Driver Memorabilia Auction, Lobster Bake, Motorcycle Appreciation Ride, Track Walks and the Safe Kids 500, as well as the 2013 Camping World RV Sales 301 and SYLVANIA 300 NASCAR weekends.

The 56 non-profit organizations include:

Connecticut

The Avielle Foundation, Newtown
Ben's Lighthouse, Newtown

Maine

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake, Inc., Casco
The Center for Grieving Children, Portland
Sweetser, Saco

Massachusetts

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Inc., Lowell
Boys & Girls Club of Metro West, Inc., Marlborough
Family Service, Inc., Lawrence
Groundwork Lawrence, Inc., Lawrence
Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc., Lowell
Roca, Inc., Chelsea
SHINE Initiative, Leominster
Valley Resident for Improvement, Inc., Worcester

New Hampshire

Boys & Girls Club of Derry, Derry
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester, Inc., Manchester
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western New Hampshire, Keene
Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region, Laconia
Boys & Girls Club of Manchester, Manchester
Boys & Girls Club of Nashua, Nashua
Boys & Girls Club of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth
Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Salem
Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley, Milford
Capital Region Food Program, Concord

Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, Manchester
Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc., Nashua
Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (MHMH), Lebanon
The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Dover
The Children's Place and Parent Education Center, Concord
Circle Program, Plymouth
Concord Boys & Girls Club, Concord
Concord Community Music School, Concord
Concord Hospital Trust, Concord
Copper Cannon Corporation, Franconia
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire, Inc., Manchester
David's House, Lebanon
Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc., Manchester
Granite State Children's Alliance (Merrimack County Advocacy Center), Nashua
Injury Prevention Center, Lebanon
Kismet Rock Foundation, North Conway
Lakes Region Community Services Council, Laconia
Mary And John Elliot Charitable Foundation, Manchester
McAulliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Corporation, Concord
Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc., Bedford
New Generation, Inc., Greenland
New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society, Londonderry
New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Manchester
New Hampshire's Children's Trust, Inc., Concord
Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council, Northfield
Tiny Twisters Child Care Center, Franklin
University of New Hampshire, Durham
UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center, Goffstown
Webster House, Manchester
YMCA of Greater Manchester, Manchester
YMCA of Nashua, Merrimack

Vermont

Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro, Brattleboro
Children's Literacy Foundation, Waterbury Center



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

MCAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY

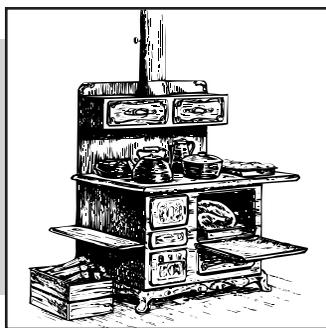
Unlimited free admission to the Society's museum and free use of the Society's library.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

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

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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



What's Cookin'!

This month: A Few of My Favorite Things!

Debbie Kardaseski

Jenn's taking a well-earned holiday break this month so I thought I'd tantalize you with a few of my favorite recipes. It's January — the "Resolution Month." Many of you probably promised yourself — and perhaps your significant other — that you were going to lose a "few pounds." I do this every January 1 (and by January 15, that resolution has gone the way of the Christmas candy leftovers!).

If you've decided it's time to begin eating healthy, this is NOT the month for you to start saving recipes! Most of my favorite food is comfort food. It's usually pretty easy to make and often results in enough leftovers for another meal.

CHOCOLATE PIE

This is my Grandmother's recipe and is always a hit when I take it to a dinner. The amazing thing about this chocolate pie recipe is there is no milk in the chocolate part. Topping could have milk, depending on what you use.

Mix together:

- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 squares cooking chocolate
- 2 tablespoons of butter

Stir together in separate bowl:

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup flour
- Pinch of salt

Add:

Slowly pour some of hot liquid into dry ingredients, mixing until smooth. Then return to pan and cook, stirring until thickened.

Add:

- 1 tsp. vanilla

Pour into cooked 9" pie shell. Top with whipped cream or Dream Whip. Gramma always used Dream Whip so that's what tastes "right" to me!

SLOW COOKER PORK TENDERLOIN

I made this for company one night and we almost licked the plate clean, it was so good!

- 2-3 pound pork tenderloin
- ¼ cup low sodium soy sauce
- 1 Tbs. yellow mustard
- 2-3 Tbs. maple syrup
- 2 Tbs. olive oil
- 2 Tbs. diced dried onions
- 1½ Tsp. garlic salt or powder

Mix ingredients above. Pour over tenderloin in the crock pot and cook on low for 6 hours.

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN BREASTS

- 3-4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts (You could probably use any chicken parts you'd like.)
- 2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can of water
- 1 can of white wine

Mix soup, water, and wine together and pour over chicken. Cook on high for 4-5 hours. This recipe is very flexible. You can add whatever spices you like.

MAPLE-CRANBERRY SWEET POTATOES

These are delicious. You could also run the finished casserole through a food processor and make "mashed" potatoes. Serves: 6.

- 2½ pound(s) sweet potatoes, peeled
- Salt
- 2/3 cup(s) pure maple syrup
- 1 cup(s) cranberries
- 2 tablespoon(s) butter (no substitutions)

In covered 6-quart saucepot, heat whole sweet potatoes with 1 teaspoon salt and enough water to cover to boiling on high. Reduce heat to low; simmer, covered,

about 30 minutes or just until potatoes are fork-tender. Drain. Set aside until cool enough to handle.

Meanwhile, in 1-quart saucepan, heat maple syrup to boiling on high. Reduce heat to medium, and boil gently 10 to 15 minutes or until reduced to 1/2 cup. Stir in cranberries, butter, and 1/2 teaspoon salt, and cook just until cranberries pop, about 5 minutes longer.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut cooled sweet potatoes crosswise into 1-inch-thick slices and arrange in shallow 3-quart ceramic or glass baking dish, overlapping slices if necessary.

Spoon maple-cranberry syrup evenly over potatoes. Bake, uncovered, 20 minutes or until hot.

SLUMGULLION

Slumgullion was Mom's "go to" recipe if a lot of people were going to be around — but no one knew when they were arriving!

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup fresh or frozen chopped onion
- 1 cup fresh or frozen chopped green pepper
- 1 16-ounce can tomatoes
- 1 8-ounce package elbow macaroni
- 2 Tbl. sugar
- 2-3 Tbl. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 16-oz. container of sour cream

In 12-inch skillet over medium heat, cook ground beef, onion, and ½ cup green pepper until meat is browned, about 10 minute, stirring occasionally. Drain tomato liquid into meat mixture; cut tomatoes into bit-size pieces and set aside. Add macaroni, sugar, chili powder, salt, and 1 cup water; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 25 to 30 minutes until macaroni is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in sour cream; sprinkle on reserved green peppers and tomatoes; cook until heated through.

ARTICHOKE DIP

Another party favorite — this gets requested frequently! It's great with Wheat Thins.

- 2 cans or artichokes (drained, not marinated)
- 1 8-ounce pkg. cream cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayo
- 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 3 tsp. garlic
- ½ tsp. dill

Mix all together. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

CHICKEN DIVAN

This is one of my all-time favorite comfort foods! I always eat way too much of it — definitely not diet food! This recipe came from my other Grandmother.

- 2 10-oz. packages frozen chopped broccoli
- 2 cups sliced cooked chicken
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- ½ tsp. curry powder
- ½ cup shredded sharp cheese
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- 1 Tbs. melted butter

Cook and drain broccoli; place in bottom of 12 x 8 x 2 dish. Place chicken on top. Mix soup, mayo, lemon juice, and curry powder together and pour over chicken. Sprinkle with cheese and crumbs mixed with melted butter. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

AFTER CHURCH STEW

- 2 lbs. stew beef
- 2 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. basil

- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 2 stalks of celery, sliced
- 1 package of carrots, sliced
- 2 onions, quartered
- 2 cans condensed tomato soup
- 1 can water
- 6-8 potatoes, cut into 1" chunks

Cut stew meat into little cubes, place in the bottom of a 3-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with salt, basil, and pepper. Top with celery, carrots, onions, and potatoes. Combine soup with water and pour over meat and veggies, coating all pieces. Cover tightly and bake at 300° for 3-1/2 hours. Stir once in awhile.

MEXICAN CINNAMON COOKIES

Delicious, buttery cookies. This recipe came from my sister, Darlene. The directions are all in her words and I can't bear to change them as she passed away in 1989.

- 1 cup butter, softened
- ½ cup confectioner's sugar (you can use regular sugar)
- 2-1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp. salt

Topping for cookies:

- ½ cup granulated sugar — or — ¾ cup confectioner's sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon

In large bowl, with mixer at high speed, beat butter until light and fluffy. At low speed, beat in ½ cup of sugar, flour, 1 tsp. of cinnamon, vanilla, and salt until just combined — dough will be rather stiff. Shape into a ball; wrap in wax paper and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Read a chapter in a good book!

Preheat oven to 400°.

To make ball cookies, roll dough in ¾" balls. To make flat cookies, roll in 1" balls and flatten with fingers to about ¼" thick. Place 1-1/2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 10 minutes or until a delicate golden brown.

Combine topping ingredients. Roll hot cookies in it. Place on wire thingie to cool, sprinkle on the rest of the cinnamon and sugar. Makes about 5 dozen balls or 3 dozen flats. Eat 'em up!

BROWN SUGAR MEATLOAF

- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup ketchup
- 1½ lbs. lean ground beef
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ¼ tsp. ground ginger
- ¾ cup finely crushed saltine crackers

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease a 5 x 9 loaf pan. Press the brown sugar in the bottom of the prepared loaf pan and spread the ketchup over the sugar. In a mixing bowl, thoroughly mix all remaining ingredients and shape into a loaf. Place on top of the ketchup. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour or until juices run clear.

BAKED TUNA AND NOODLES

- 1 Tbs. butter
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- ¼ cup finely chopped green pepper
- 1 4-oz. can of mushrooms — or — 8 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 7-oz. cans of tuna, drained
- 1 medium tomato, peeled, chopped, and drained
- 1 Tbs. lemon juice
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 1 8-oz. pkg. noodles, cooked
- ½ cup coarsely shredded cheddar cheese

In small skillet, melt margarine over medium heat. Saute onion, green pepper, and mushrooms, stirring frequently, until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir together next 6 ingredients. Add noodles, mixing well. Turn into greased 2-quart casserole. Top with cheese. Bake uncovered in 400° oven for 20 minutes or until heated and cheese is melted. Serves 6.

Jenn will be back next month with more of her yummy recipes. If you have any ideas for her, questions or comments please email her at jtpfeifer@comcast.net.

Wildlife Action Grants Available

Grant Application Deadline: February 1, 2014

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 deadline for submitting proposals is February 1, 2014. For a proposal packet, visit www.wildnh.com/Education/project_HOME.html and download the packet, or write to 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."

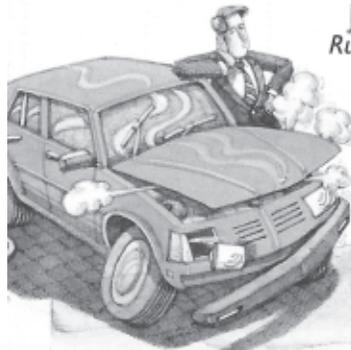
Examples of past projects funded by Wildlife Action Grants include:

- The Lebanon Middle School received \$600 to work in a woodland adjacent to the school to remove invasives, plant woodland natives alongside a new trail, and amend a wetland with suitable native plants to benefit local wildlife.
- The Canterbury Elementary School was awarded \$600 to plant shrubs, perennials and annals to establish a pollinator garden, install wildlife feeding stations, and provide water for wildlife on their site.
- The Cumings Conservation Center in Deerfield was given \$500 to install a pond with solar pump and supplement this area with native plants beneficial to wildlife such as birds and pollinating insects.
- The Riverbends 4-H Club received \$300 to install and maintain 6 wood duck boxes in the Connecticut River Oxbow.

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 six 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 www.wildnh.com/Education/education.htm.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources. Visit online at www.wildnh.com. ■



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CUB SCOUT NEWS

Congratulations to all the Cub Scouts who were awarded advancements at our November meeting.

Webelos I

Liam Mercado — *Fitness, Forester*
 Abraham Dunn — *Fitness, Forester*
 Jackson Mercer — *Fitness, Forester*
 Wade Fisher — *Fitness, Forester*
 Tim Laughlin — *Fitness, Forester*
 Nick Sedgley — *Fitness, Forester*
 Ashton Radcliffe — *Fitness, Forester*
 Clyde Thurber-Wells — *Fitness, Forester*
 Cameron Cocoran — *Bobcat Badge & Fitness*
 Logan Drew — *Bobcat Badge & Fitness*

Web II

Cole Sheppard — *Petcare Beltloop, Naturalist*
 Zachary Caruson — *Petcare Beltloop, Naturalist*
 Caden Brien — *Petcare Beltloop, Naturalist*
 Hayden Gardener — *Naturalist*

Our December pack meeting was a blast! We recognized our top popcorn sellers and awarded incentives to all who earned them. Way to GO! Boys who sold more than \$600 in popcorn were given the opportunity to throw a cream pie at the Cub Scout Leader of their choice.

Along with the fun and games, the boys took time to celebrate the season. They enjoyed popcorn and a holiday movie.

The boys are hard at work at their Pinewood Derby cars and are looking forward to our annual Blue and Gold banquet in February. We are always looking for new Cub Scouts if you know a boy who would benefit from Scouting, please contact Cub Master Josh Brien at 603-496-8532 or jbprop@aol.com. ■

New Hampshire Boating Education Class Schedule

WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.boatingeducation.nh.gov

New Hampshire has a mandatory boating education law. Everyone 16 years of age and older who operates a motorboat over 25 horsepower on New Hampshire waters must have a boating education certificate.

These programs are designed to assist the boating public to have a safer more enjoyable usage of our waters through boating education. The Department of Safety, Boating Education is offering the boating education course to the public at the following locations. 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) 267-2037 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register (**Monday through Friday 8:15 a.m.–4:15 p.m.**). Seating is still available in the following courses:

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

01/18/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD, Windham
01/25/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD, Windham
01/25/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS, Concord
02/08/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD, Windham
02/22/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD, Windham
02/22/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS, Concord
03/08/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD, Windham
03/15/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Bedford PD, Bedford
03/15/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS, Concord
03/22/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD, Windham
03/29/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS, Concord
03/29/14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Moultonborough PD, Moultonborough

TWO EVENING SESSIONS (Saturday)

03/24/14 & 03/26/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	DOVER HS, DOVER
04/14/14 & 04/16/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	BERLIN WMCC, BERLIN
04/14/14 & 04/16/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	DOVER HS, DOVER
04/28/14 & 04/30/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	DOVER HS, DOVER
05/12/14 & 05/14/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	DOVER HS, DOVER
05/19/14 & 05/21/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	BERLIN WMCC, BERLIN
05/19/14 & 05/21/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	DOVER HS, DOVER
06/02/14 & 06/03/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	DOVER HS, DOVER
06/09/14 & 06/11/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	BERLIN WMCC, BERLIN
06/09/14 & 06/11/14	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	DOVER HS, DOVER

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.

Aznive Farm

7046 Pleasant Street. *Hay, Beef.* 435-7509

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227 Flagg Road. 783-4341, 783-9123

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

Hill Top Feeds

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

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

Lyon Berry Farm

986 Route 129. *Highbush blueberries.* 435-7640

Maple Ridge Farm

416 Bumfagon Road. *Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup.* 435-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm

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

Miles Smith Farm

56 Whitehouse Road. *Locally raised hormone and antibiotic free beef, individual cuts and sides.* Tue, Th 4–7:30 p.m. W, 9–1 p.m., Sat 9–3 p.m. www.miles-smithfarm.com. 783-5159

Moonshine Farm Organics

1517 Route 129. *Certified organic farm: produce, herbs, and flowers.* 568-4334

Mudgett Hill Mumbling Maplers

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

Our Place Farm

290 Route 129. *Goat milk, eggs, naturally-raised pork, grass-fed beef, pasture-raised chicken, meat goats, natural fiber handspun yarn. Stop in afternoons or call ahead.* 798-3183

Pearl and Sons

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

Potpourri Acres

7257 Pleasant Street. *“A little bit of everything and not much of anything.” Organic producer — vegetables.* larrabeesr@com or cast.net. 435-8209

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. *Certified Organic Produce, CSA and Farm Patron Program.* Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. www.redmansefarm.com. 435-9943

Sanborn Mills Farm

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

Windswept Maples

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

Girl Scout News



It's Cookie Time!

Yes, it's that special time of year: Girl Scout Cookies are now on sale! Girls will be taking orders for your favorite flavors through January 17. This year's cookies are Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Savannah Smiles, Tagalongs, and Trefoils, and all are \$4 per box. Cookies will be delivered by the second week of February, but the girls will continue selling through the extended "Goal Getter" program and cookie booths through March 16.

More than a tradition, the cookie program teaches girls five key business and leadership skills:

1. Goal Setting. Girls set sales goals and, with their team, create a plan to reach them. Girls learn how to set and reach goals to succeed in school, on the job, and in life.

2. Decision-Making. Girls decide where and when to sell, how to market their sale, and what to do with their earnings. Girls must make many decisions, big and small, in their lives.

3. Money Management. Girls develop a budget, take orders, and handle money. They use what they learn to handle their own money, from lunch money to their allowance to their future paycheck.

4. People Skills. Girls learn how to speak and listen to their customers, and learn to work as a team. This helps them do better on group projects, sports teams, and the playground.

5. Business Ethics. Girls act honestly and responsibly during every step of the Product Sale. Employers hire ethical employees — and the world needs ethical leaders.

Did you know that every cent of the cookie proceeds remains in the area where the cookies are sold? That's right! This revenue is used to benefit girls, some of it directly, by remaining in the Girl Scout troop/group treasury and some of it indirectly by subsidizing the cost of providing the Girl Scout program within the council. Each troop earns a minimum of 55 cents for every box of cookies sold, and can earn even more when the average total per girl tops 126 boxes. In addition, girls earn prizes for each level of sales they reach, and when they sell 100 or more boxes, they earn "Cookie Dough." Cookie Dough is a credit girls can use toward the purchase of Girl Scout gear or the cost of camp and other Council-sponsored activities.



So how do you order cookies if you don't know a Girl Scout?

Call the Cookie Hotline at 888-474-9686 x201. Tell them what town you're in and they'll give you the contact information for one of the troops.

Booth sales will begin in February and run through March, so check the *Ledger* for announcements of our troops' booth activity.

Go to the Little Brownie Baker's website and enter your zip code to find a booth sale near you (cookielocator.littlebrownie.com).

What if you want to support your local troop, but don't want the temptation of cookies in your cupboard? Buy cookies and designate them for the Gift of Caring Project. Our Girl Scout Community will select a worthy organization and deliver the cookies directly to them. You'll have the satisfaction of helping Girl Scouts while giving to others! Thanks for all your support, and the Girl Scouts of Loudon wish you a very Happy New Year!

Remember, our troops welcome new scouts throughout the year, so visit our website for registration details at www.girlscoutsgwm.org/Girls/become-a-girl-scout.html.

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

Cadet Troop #12083

Lynnette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

The troop earned their Eating for Beauty Badge in December. We learned about the importance of eating healthy foods; how certain food can affect your stress level, your sleep and your energy levels. We compared the foods that provided the nutrition needed to keep our bodies healthy and our skin glowing. We ended the evening with a spa craft. We used nail files, cuticle sticks, and polish remover pads to create our own spa lady.

We decorated the float and participated in the Concord Holiday Parade this year. It was cold, but so much fun! A big THANK YOU to the Ackerson family and Capitol Yard Works for donating the use of their trailer and the use of their truck to pull the Troops float!

Junior Troop #10955

Lynnette LeBlanc and Tammy Bourque

Junior Troop 10955 earned their Detective Badge this month. We practiced our power of observation by reviewing clues that would reveal a mystery. We used ink for fingerprinting and learned the different shapes of our prints, discovering that each person's fingerprint is unique to them. We created detective badges and solved a real mystery. We were given a mystery chil-

dren's story and solved the mystery. One mystery was Humpty Dumpty: why did he fall off the wall and who was responsible? The other was Jack and Jill — who was responsible for pushing them down the hill and why. The girls were fantastic with their creative, mystery solving skills.

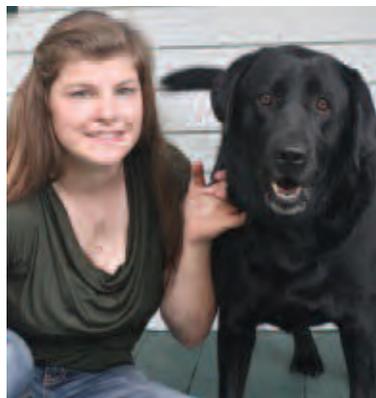
We also participated in the Concord Holiday Parade this year and helped to decorate the float. Despite the cold, we had so much fun! We also send a big thank you to the Ackersons and Capitol Yard Works for donating their truck and trailer for the float.

Junior Troop #10454

Debbie Latham and Cammy Nolin

At the end of November, the girls created beautiful Thanksgiving trees to express their gratitude for all they appreciate. They hung paper leaves on small trees, each leaf featured a note of something they are grateful for. In December, we were treated to a floral craft by Kristine Longever of Kreative Flowers and Gifts. She led the girls in creating winsome boxwood Christmas tree topiaries, complete with bows and decorations. We finished the month by making small Christmas gifts for our loved ones and brainstorming our Girl Scout Cookie sales plan and upcoming World Thinking Day event. Happy New Year from Troop 10454! ■

Katie Downs Becomes Certified EMT



Congratulations to Katelyn Downs of Loudon, NH on becoming a certified EMT! Katie is a senior at Merrimack Valley High School and chose to get her EMT license for her senior project. Katie spent all summer studying and going to her EMT classes. She is also a student in the Health Science & Technology II program at the Concord Regional Technical Center. Katie is currently a member of Loudon Fire Department and plans to continue toward her Advanced EMT soon. She enjoys snowmobiling, hunting, and playing with her black lab Daisy. ■



Loudon Food Pantry News

Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair

On December 7th we had the pleasure of having a table set up at Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair. Everyone had a great time. There were raffles, food, and fun! Between our own raffle, donations, and selling wrist band, key chains, bookmarks, grocery lists, and cloth tote bags we received \$111. Thank you LES so much for inviting us again this year!

Gift of Lights at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

So far we have received 4,106.65 pounds of food from the Gift of Lights and it seems to be picking up speed. So, remember if you're going to see the Gift of Lights please bring 3 or more nonperishable food items to the Gift of Lights and receive \$2.00 off the cost of your ticket. All food will be donated to Loudon Food Pantry. Have a great time!

Annual Holiday 50/50 Raffle

Our annual raffle is now over. Rick L. of Loudon won \$133.00! Thanks for playing Rick!

Donations Received

I'd like to thank the American Legion Post 88 for their donation of \$250.00. We also received many more donations as well. Thank you all for being so generous!

Our Schedule

The end of the year is coming and of course so isn't inventory. We will be open for DONATIONS ONLY on December 30, 31 and January 2 and January 6 through 9. We will reopen for business as usually on January 13.

Donations Needed

Check out LoudonFoodPantry.org for an updated list of items we need. Thanksgiving needs are listed there too. We will also have printed lists available at the pantry as well. During the months of November and December we will also accept donations every Friday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (except for holidays of course).

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

Business	Town	Collection Type Accepted
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
The Hungry Buffalo	Loudon	Food & Funds
Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Loudon Village Country Store	Loudon	Funds
Body & Spirit Day Spa	Concord	Funds

Thanks, Sarah, Sue, Bill and Mike

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“Toys for Tots” Delivery



Loudon's Mike Moffett recently delivered a load of presents from the Loudon Lions Club to the Marine Corps Reserve Center in Londonderry to support the Marine Corps' annual "Toys for Tots" program. A retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel and a member of the Loudon American Legion Post #88, Moffett is pictured here with Sergeant Mike Noble of the Londonderry Marine reserve unit — along with a bunch of Toys for Tots!

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January Senior Health Clinic

VNA will hold a Senior Health Clinic in Loudon on January 28 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. For a ride, please call 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

January Walk-In Immunization Clinics

VNA's January Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle will be held on Monday, January 6, 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, January 21, 2:30–4:30 p.m. Immunization Clinics are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

January Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

January's Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Friday, January 3, 9:30–11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinics are at Concord Parks and Recreation (formerly Dame School), 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

VNA Offers "A Matter of Balance" in Loudon

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering an eight-week falls prevention program "A Matter of Balance" that gives older adults the self-confidence to reduce their fear of falling and improve their activity levels. The program takes place on Thursdays beginning February 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at Richard Brown House, 142 South Village Road, Loudon, NH.

"A Matter of Balance" is an evidence-based program that uses recommendations from healthcare professionals, experiences of participants, and exercise to help older adults prevent falls and conquer their fear of falling. The program benefits older adults who:

- Are concerned about falls
- Have suffered a fall in the past
- Restrict activities because of concerns about falling
- Are interested in improving flexibility, balance, and strength
- Are 60 or older, active, and able to problem solve

There is no fee to attend this program and space is limited. To register, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

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Capital Area Memory Café at Granite Ledges of Concord

The Capital Area Memory Café for memory-impaired individuals and their family members is Wednesday, January 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Granite Ledges of Con-



Loudon Young
at Heart

Christmas spirit and cheer filled Charlie's Barn on December 10, 2013 when Loudon Young at Heart met for their annual Christmas party. Forty-five members joined in singing traditional Christmas carols with Pat Chagnon playing the key board. The Christmas colors along with the snowmen, poinsettias, and decorations on the tables were a colorful sight.

The potluck lunch was again a huge success and was a feast fit for a king. The casseroles, salads, and desserts were definitely eye catching and very tasty. The Loudon Young at Heart has many great cooks.

The door prizes of beautiful poinsettias donated by Cole Gardens were won by: Michaela Warren, Richard Malfait, and Irene Dow.

The Young at Heart will meet again on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. The Loudon Young at Heart is a nonprofit (no dues required) organization of Loudon residents, ages 55 and older. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Building (Charlie's Barn) which is located behind the Town office. Don't be shy, come and join us, all are welcome!!

See you next month and until then, a big thank you to all who participated in making the Loudon Young at Heart Christmas party a huge success. ■

cord, 151 Langley Parkway in Concord. The Memory Café is held on the third Wednesday of every month at the same time. The Capital Area Memory Café is a collaboration of Concord Hospital, Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord, and Granite Ledges of Concord.

Enjoy an opportunity to socialize and build relationships with others who have memory impairment. Family members can speak with healthcare professionals and learn more about resources while their loved ones are engaged in meaningful and supervised activity in a relaxed home-like environment.

Cafes are free and no registration is required. Refreshments are provided. For more information, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5681 or e-mail Keliiane.Totten@crvna.org.

"Dying to Talk" Café in Concord

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the "Dying to Talk" Café that gives people the opportunity to breathe life into conversations about dying on Wednesday, January 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at True Brew Barista in Gibson's Bookstore, 45 South Main Street in Concord. The "Dying to Talk" Café is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the same time.

Join us for conversations on matters about living and dying. Each café is offered by Concord Regional VNA Hospice Program staff.

Cafes are free and no registration is required. Refreshments are provided. For more information, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Better Choices, Better Health™

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering Better Choices, Better Health™ in Concord, a six-week chronic condition self-management program to help adults gain the confidence needed to effectively self-manage their chronic condition and improve their activity levels. The program is on Thursdays beginning January 9 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at The Memorial Medical Office Building — Concord Hospital Campus, 246 Pleasant Street in Concord.

Chronic conditions include but are not limited to congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, asthma, and arthritis.

Better Choices, Better Health™ is a nationally evidence-based program for adults who want to:

- Find practical ways to deal with pain, fatigue, and stress
- Discover better nutrition and exercise choices
- Make informed treatment decisions
- Learn better ways to talk with their physician and family about their health
- Obtain the support they need

This program is made possible with the support of the Lincoln Financial Foundation. There is no fee to attend this program and space is limited. To register, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, incorporated in 1899, is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in more than 35 communities in central New Hampshire by providing and facilitating comprehensive homecare services, hospice, personal home services, maternal and child health services, pediatrics, and community health services. In fiscal year 2012, Concord Regional VNA provided more than \$3 million in community benefits. For more information visit www.crvna.org. ■

**Deadline for the
February 2014
issue of the
"Loudon Ledger" is
Friday, Jan. 17, 2013**



Loudon American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Post Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

As I write this article, we have not held our December meeting. Since my last article, your post voted to donate another \$250 to the Loudon Food Pantry and \$1,000 to the NH Veteran's Home Resident Benefit Fund. This money will allow staff to purchase gifts and needed personal care items for their residents.

Last month, all 9 of the "Little Red Piggy Banks" for the Legion's Children and Youth Foundation were all accounted for and money totaled. We collected \$136.53 to help support children and families in need. Thanks to all who helped to fill these little guys with your spare change.

Your post is number one in the district for its current membership level. We are at 88.52% membership and need 7 new members or membership renewals to make 100% and reach the goal set by Department. We would like to obtain this goal by May 14, 2014, Armed Forces Day!

Our Commander's Fund Raffle winners for November are: \$50/H. Trott, \$25/D. Owen, \$10/D. Pollock, \$10/E. Foss and \$5/J. Jones.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on January 15th at 7 p.m. Remember "Everyone is a Recruiter." Just ask a veteran, active duty, reserve or National Guardsmen (women) if they are a member of the American Legion? Tell them why you joined the nation's largest veteran's service organization and what we do to make the lives of people better in our communities. If they haven't joined, sign them up today. We will pay their first year's membership dues of \$25.00 just for joining our post. I have membership applications if you need one. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year! ■

Respectively submitted,
Commander Shawn Jones
uscgr1987@tds.net

Right: Sr. Vice Cmdr Gary Tasker and member Bob Ordway present Sue Houck of the Loudon Food Pantry with a check for \$250.00.



Below: Cmdr. Shawn Jones and member Fred Osgood present Commandant Peggy LaBrecque with a check for \$1,000.00.



UNH Cooperative Extension Upcoming Workshops

Basic Goat Production 5-Day Workshop

February 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 2014. 6–8 p.m.

Rockingham County Cooperative Extension, 113 North Road, Brentwood, NH

This 50-minute program will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Dot Perkins, UNHCE Food and Agriculture Livestock Field Specialist, will present. She and her family have raised goats for over 26 years, including meat and dairy goats. She is a strong advocate of humanely raised and butchered backyard livestock. The cost for each class is \$15. 4-Hers are free but must register and be accompanied by a registered adult (\$15/class). Early registration is encouraged as class size is limited to 25. For more information, contact Daimon Meeh at 603-679-5616 or daimon.meeh@unh.edu.

Raising Broilers

Thursday, March 13, 2014. 6:30–8 p.m.

315 D.W. Highway/Rte. 3, Boscawen, NH

Dot Perkins will lead this 50-minute presentation. She will discuss breeds, housing, summer care, costs, predation, and much more will be discussed. This talk will not cover butchering. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required as space is limited. Contact 603-796-2151 or email merrimack.agext@unh.edu.

Raising Turkeys: The Basics

Thursday, March 20, 2014. 6:30–8 p.m.

315 D.W. Highway/Rte. 3, Boscawen, NH

Dot Perkins will lead this 50-minute presentation. She will discuss breeds, housing, nutrition, illness, and much more will be discussed. This talk will not cover butchering. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required as space is limited. Contact 603-796-2151 or email merrimack.agext@unh.edu.

Blueberry and Tree Fruit Pruning Demonstration

Saturday, March 22, 2014. 10 a.m.–Noon

Joe Downey Fruit Orchard, 1004 Lane, Epsom, NH.

This event will cost \$5.00/person; pay at the event. Bill Lord, UNH Cooperative Extension Fruit Specialist, Emeritus and Amy Papineau, UNH Cooperative Extension Food & Agriculture Field Specialist will who how to properly prune blueberry bushes and various fruit trees to keep the plants product and healthy. If you have questions, please contact Mary West at the UNH Cooperative Extension, 603-796-2151.

Hands-on Blueberry Pruning Workshop

Saturday, March 29, 2014. 9:00 a.m.–noon, rain or shine

98 Canterbury Road, Chichester, NH

This event will cost \$5.00/person; pay at the event. Participants will watch a demonstration and then prune some of the 80 bushes on site. Participants must bring their own by-pass pruners and by-pass loppers to work with. Dress appropriately and wear mud boots.

Space is limited — please pre-register by contacting Mary West at 796-2151 or mary.west@unh.edu. We ask that you bring the \$5.00 per person registration fee with you to the event (exact amount).

Questions? Contact Dot Perkins at dorothy.perkins@unh.edu or Amy Papineau at amy.papineau@unh.edu or 796-2151.

Directions from the Concord area: Take Rte 4 (Dover Road) and bear left onto Main Street. Go .4 miles and bear left onto Canterbury Road. Go .6 miles to 98 Canterbury Road. From the Epsom Circle: Take Rte 4 (Dover Road) towards Concord. Take a right onto Main Street and follow directions above. ■



Pumping of Tar Sands Oil Through NH Informational Meeting

Everyone is invited to a free public presentation of a timely and controversial topic, the possibility that tar sands oil might be piped through New Hampshire on its way from Canada to Maine. The presentation will be at the Parish House in the center of Canterbury at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2013. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Trudy Mott-Smith at 603-267-7566. ■

Concord Hospital Trauma Center Receives Verification From American College of Surgeons

The trauma center at Concord Hospital has been verified as a Level III Trauma Center by the Verification Review Committee (VRC), an ad hoc committee of the Committee on Trauma (COT) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). This achievement recognizes the trauma center's dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients.

"Receiving this verification shows the strong commitment to trauma care by our dedicated trauma surgeons, nursing staff, all supporting staff and especially the support of our administration," said Rick Murphy,

MD, Director of Concord Hospital's Trauma Program and Trauma/Acute Care Services.

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1987, the COT's Consultation/Verification Program for Hospitals promotes the development of trauma centers in which participants provide not only the hospital resources necessary for trauma care, but also the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of all injured patients. This spectrum encompasses the pre-hospital phase through the rehabilitation process.

Verified trauma centers must meet the essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance, as outlined by the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma in its current Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient manual.

The ACS Committee on Trauma's verification program does not designate trauma centers. Rather, the program provides confirmation that a trauma center has demonstrated its commitment to providing the highest quality trauma care for all injured patients. The actual establishment and the designation of New Hampshire trauma centers is the function of the Trauma Medical Review Committee under the NH Department of Safety Division of Fire Standards, Training and EMS.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the care of surgical patients. The College has over 72,000 members and it is the largest association of surgeons in the world. Longstanding achievements have placed the ACS in the forefront of American surgery and have made it an important advocate for all surgical patients. ■



FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROPOSAL

The Merrimack Valley School District is exploring the feasibility of expanding the current half day kindergarten program to a full day program.

Information will be presented on the following dates.

Thursday, January 2, 2014	6:30 pm	Boscawen Elementary
Monday, January 6, 2014	6:30 pm	Penacook Elementary
Wednesday, January 8, 2014	6:30 pm	Loudon Elementary
Thursday, January 9, 2014	6:00 pm	Webster Elementary
Thursday, January 9, 2014	7:30 pm	Salisbury Elementary

Early learning is an important time in the lives of our children. Please join us in this vital conversation.

For more information, call the elementary school principal in your town.

NH Sno-Shakers Events

Spaghetti Super & Mystery Auction

Saturday, January 11, 2014
5 p.m. at the Sno-Shakers Clubhouse
Adults \$10.00 / 12 years and younger \$5.00

To Benefit Easter Seals
New Hampshire: Camp Sno-Mo

OHRV Safety Course

Sunday, January 12, 2014
7:00 a.m.-4 p.m. Snow or Shine
Dave Ingraham — (603) 340-6468 or
dingraham89@yahoo.com

Steak Ride-In & Poker Run

Sunday, February 16, 2014
9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Sno-Shakers Clubhouse

Any questions email Tom Dow, president. tdow289@comcast.net

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Merrimack Valley School District News

LES News

"As costly as it was in the lives of our men and women in uniform, in military assets, and in esteem and pride, Pearl Harbor was a watershed moment for America."

—JOE BACA

"EVERYBODY knows about Pearl Harbor. The thing that really fascinated me is that through this tragedy there was this amazing American heroism."

—MICHAEL BAY

Turkey Trot

The annual LES Turkey Trot was held on Friday, November 15. This event raises needed nonperishable goods and cash for the Loudon Food Pantry. Many food and toiletry items were donated which will help to support the needy during the holiday season. In addition to the donations, the students are engaged in the actual "trot." The students in grades kindergarten through second run, walk, jog or any combination of the three for a half mile. The rest of the students do the same for a whole mile. LES is fortunate to have many parent volunteers who come and help with this yearly event.



Staff and Student Lunch

The Student Council arranged for a staff and student meal for Thursday, November 21. As Thanksgiving was approaching, the Council wanted to promote the LES community. The kitchen staff prepared their annual holiday meal and large numbers of staff and students enjoyed eating this delicious meal. The Student Council also made table decorations which created a warm atmosphere. The students enjoyed having the staff eat with them and the staff felt the same.

Grade 1 Mayflower Play

Student performances are more than a way to showcase talent. They actually enhance the learning process. Recently some of our first-grade students performed a play themed around the Thanksgiving holiday. In this case, the learning of social studies and language arts were addressed. For some, the play was a culminating event of a US social studies unit. Language arts skills that were emphasized included fluent reading, reading with expression, and oral presentation skills.



Grade 4 Visits the State House

The LES fourth-grade class visited the NH State House on December 3. They were greeted by three of Loudon's elected officials. From the House of Representatives, Lorrie Carey and Howard Moffett met with the students, as did John Reagan who is a State Senator. Some of the day's events included visiting the House of Representatives and the Senate. The top photo shows the students in the Senate chamber.



The students met and had a lengthy conversation with Governor Hassan in her chambers (bottom photo). One of government's tasks is to pass new laws. Our LES students are taught this at school; however, during this field trip they had the honor of being in the rooms where this democratic process occurs and affects their lives here in New Hampshire. This yearly trip is popular with the students as they learn about our past and present.

Info and One Not to Forget

- Ever thought of substitute teaching? Contact me if you'd like more information.
- December 7 was the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. On that Hawaiian morning, 353 Japanese planes attacked docked US Naval ships. The attacks significantly impacted the USA's ability to wage a military defense. Over 2,400 Americans lost their lives and more than a thousand others were injured. Yet through this unprovoked tragedy, the American will rose to the top and won WWII for democracy. As we at LES are able to celebrate Santa's Breakfast on this day, it is only possible due to the courage and determination of many Americans before us. ■

Submitted by Tom Laliberte, Principal tlaliberte@mv.k12.nh.us
Loudon Elementary School, 783-4400

Kindergarten Signups

Children who will be five years old by September 30, 2014 are eligible for kindergarten. Please contact Mrs. Muzzey at the Loudon Elementary School (783-4400) for more information. ■

OBITUARY

STANLEY JOSEPH MICHALSKI III "SONNY"

Stanley J. Michalski III, 65, died Sunday, December 8, 2013, at his home in Loudon in the arms of his beloved wife, Darlingka Mary Lou (Stafford) Michalski and his sister, Stacia. ■

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OBITUARY

JOAN M. MALLOY

Joan M. Malloy, 80, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, at the Concord Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 11, 1933, in Concord, she was the daughter of the late Martin N. and Doris Kelley Healey. She was raised in Concord, attended Conant school and graduated from Concord High School in 1950. She graduated from Elliot Hospital School of Nursing, Manchester in 1953. Upon becoming a registered nurse she was employed at the Elliot and later in Boston Hospitals.

She was married to Ernest Malloy, of Kinston, N.C., in 1955 in Washington D.C. and was employed in Government Civil Service as secretary to the Civilian Personnel Officer at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D.C. She traveled with her husband in his Air Force career, continuing her work in a tour of duty at Keflavik Military Base in Iceland.

She was a communicant and volunteer at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and a member of the Carmelite Guild. She was a member of the Elliot Hospital Nurses Alumni Association and the American Red Cross, volunteering her services in nearly all the blood drives in Dover and Durham for many years under the director of Jerry Sterns, Seacoast Director of the American Red Cross. She was also a member of the Cape Elizabeth Garden Club in Maine where they lived in the 1980's. When they returned to New Hampshire in the early 90's, Joan enjoyed many years of working with the dedicated class reunion committee for 1950's High School graduates. She was a lover of nature and the arts and especially enjoyed reading, collecting recipes, piano and dancing. She was very grateful to be married to her husband Ernest, for 58 years.

She is survived by her two children, Jeffrey Thomas Malloy of Eliot Maine and Juliana Plante and her husband, Tracy, of Rochester; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, Martin P. Healey, and his wife, Kathy, of Concord; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by a sister, Katherine Healey LaCroix.

She was a longtime adorer at Padre Pio Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church starting when it was held in the church weekly and until her husband was incapacitated by poor health.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Carmelite Monastery, 275 Pleasant St., Concord N.H. 03301 or NH Food Bank, 700 East Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, N.H. 03109. ■



Negotiate Your Way Into Your Dream Home

By Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Whether you are buying your first home or looking to downsize after retirement, negotiation skills are crucial in getting what you want. Here are some tips for homebuyers trying to negotiate with sellers.

1. It is always advisable for buyers to get preapproved, not just for prequalified. Pre-approved buyers have an edge over potential buyers who have only pre-qualified for a loan. Preapproval means the buyer has attained a conditional commitment in writing for an exact loan amount from a lender. This saves time and a quick closing may be appealing to a seller.
2. Do your homework before you make an offer. Confer with your qualified real estate agent to decide how much a property is worth. After researching comparables, local schools and considering the length of time the property has been on the market make an educated and realistic offer, if you come to negotiations with facts to back up your offer, the seller may be more willing to meet your price.
3. Find out the seller's motivation. Do your due diligence when it comes to finding out as much as you can about why the home is for sale. If a property is vacant, perhaps the owners are anxious to unload the property. It is important the sellers see a human face on the other end of the sale. This may work in your favor, though be careful not to over share with sellers exposing your motivation or finances. ■



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Visit NH Fish & Game at Upcoming Outdoor Events

Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to stop by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department booth at these classic New England winter events:

ROCKINGHAM FISHING & HUNTING EXPO:

Saturday and Sunday, January 11–12, 2014, at Rockingham Park in Salem, N.H. (Visit www.rockingham-expo.com.) Stop by the New Hampshire Fish and Game booth to buy your 2014 New Hampshire hunting and fishing licenses and the 2014 New Hampshire Fish & Wildlife calendar. You can also pick up maps and the new 2014 NH freshwater and saltwater fishing digests. The expo features many local and national outdoor products and services, as well as hunting and fishing seminars. Young outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy trying their luck at the trout pond or hitting the bull's eye at the archery range; half the proceeds from the kids' attractions at the Rockingham

Expo will be donated to Barry Conservation Camp, the overnight summer camp for youth operated by Fish and Game in partnership with 4-H through UNH Cooperative Extension. Barry Camp programs focus on the shooting sports, hunting, fishing and other outdoor skills. 2014 summer brochures for Barry

Camp will be available at the Fish and Game booth.

YANKEE SPORTSMAN'S CLASSIC:

January 17–19, 2014 in Essex Junction, Vermont. (Visit www.yankeeclassic.net.) New Hampshire will be part of the celebration in neighboring Vermont this year. This outdoor expo features more than 175 exhibitors, including outfitters, hunting and fishing supplies, boats, RVs, ATVs, snowmobiles and more. Stop by the N.H. Fish and Game booth to buy your license and pick up maps, literature and New Hampshire fishing digests for 2014. Talk to N.H.

Fish and Game staff to learn about world-class ice fishing opportunities on New Hampshire's lakes and ponds.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM & FOREST EXPOSITION:

Friday and Saturday, February 7–8, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel/Center of New Hampshire (700 Elm Street) in Manchester, NH. Since 1984, "New Hampshire's Greatest Winter Fair" has offered commercial exhibits, educational sessions, student and exhibitor demonstrations, animals, an auction and activities for all ages! Stop by the N.H. Fish and Game booth to enjoy our wildlife exhibit and learn how to make connections with wildlife in your own back yard. For information and directions, visit: www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org.

GREAT MEREDITH ROTARY ICE FISHING DERBY:

Saturday and Sunday, February 8–9, 2014. The derby brings anglers to New Hampshire from all over the country to compete for \$50,000 in cash prizes. A grand prize winning fish (white perch, yellow perch, cusk, lake trout, pickerel, black crappie or rainbow trout) can be caught in any fresh water open to the public. During the derby, N.H. Fish and Game fisheries biologists Don Miller and John Viar will collect valuable fish data at the derby weigh-in. As part of the event, Fish and Game's "Let's Go Fishing" Program presents free hands-on sessions for children and their parents on the basics of ice fishing. For tickets and information, go to www.meredithrotary.com.

MVSD School Board Meeting Minutes — November 4, 2013

Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — November 4, 2013

In Attendance: Trustees Kenneth Krzewick, Molly Ashland and Stephen Del Deo. alternate Herb Huckins, Library Director Nancy Hendy, guest Alice Tuson.

Ken Krzewick brought the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting minutes from the October 10, 2013 Library Trustees' Meeting were reviewed. *Steve Del Deo motioned to accept the meeting minutes from October 10, 2013. Molly Ashland seconded. All were in favor. The motion was adopted.*

Molly Ashland motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Ken Krzewick seconded. All were in favor. The motion was adopted. The Trustees entered into executive session at 5:11 p.m.

Ken Krzewick motioned to come out of executive session. Molly Ashland seconded. All were in favor. The trustees came out of executive session at 5:45 p.m.

The trustees reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2014. There was discussion about the need to continue on a sound maintenance schedule since the library addition is now 18 years old and in need of some additional maintenance and repair. Also, the trustees discussed the importance of adequate and proper staffing to meet the ever increasing demands of library patrons and

to meet the challenges that all libraries face in this dynamic electronic age.

Ken Krzewick motioned to accept the proposed budget as amended. Molly Ashland seconded. There was further discussion regarding minor adjustments to the maintenance line of the budget. The vote was called. Molly Ashland and Ken Krzewick voted yes. Steve Del Deo voted no. The motion was adopted.

Steve Del Deo stated that Therrien Roofing would be on site this week to complete the roof work.

The trustees discussed the Veterans' memorial cleanup for Veterans' Day. Steve indicated that he had sent a memorandum to the selectmen regarding this and requesting that the memorial be made presentable for the holiday.

The trustees set the date for the next trustees' meeting to be held on Monday, December 2, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Ken Krzewick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Molly Ashland seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

*Kenneth Krzewick
Molly Ashland
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PUBLIC SESSION

Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Chairman Thomas Godfrey at 7:18 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renault, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present:

Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Pat Severance, Jeff Drouin, Stephanie Wheeler, Chris Foley, Tom Laliberte; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, James Tremblay, Catherine Masterson; Administrators for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan; MVLC Administrator Julie Gaudette

Others Present:

Bruce Johnson, Webster Resident; Jim O'Neill, Penacook Resident; Darcie Crete, Shelly Barrington, Ken Ross-Raymond, Louise Andrus, Marcia Murphy, Salisbury Residents; Elaine Wheeler, Boscawen Resident; Kristi-Lyn Rackliff, Michelle Garfield, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Corinne Rowe, Hellen Hill, Amy Corliss, Breanne Mullen, Amanda Moore, Caryn Leclerc, Alisha Kingsbury, Loudon Residents, Kathleen Ronayne, Concord Monitor

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Godfrey.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to approve the October 7, 2013 Board Meeting minutes (pages 1-5 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

SAU Report on Business & Finance:

Robin Heins reported on the following citizen correspondence received by the board.

10/8/13 Louise Andrus Request explanation of statement made in non-public session. Responses sent via email.

10/8/13 Louise Andrus Request for staff emails. (Responded 10/11/13)

10/12/13 Louise Andrus Request for staff emails. (Responded 10/16/13)

10/11/13 Karen Sheldon Requested information on Common Core. (Responded 10/18/13)

10/30/13 Marcia Murphy Asked a question about warrant articles. (Responded 10/30/13)

10/31/13 Karen Sheldon Asked questions about testing and cost per pupil. (Responded 11/1/2013)

10/31/13 Ken Ross-Raymond Asked about a board vote on transportation.

Robin reviewed the overages detailed in the 2013–2014 FINANCIAL REPORT (page 6 in the packet). *Motion by Will Renault, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the 2013–2014 financial report as presented (pages 7–21 in the packet). Motion passed unanimously.*

Public Participation:

Samantha Bartlett, MVHS Student Representative, reported on activities and sports at the high school.

Bruce Johnson, Webster resident, encouraged the board to go forward with full-day kindergarten.

Kristi-Lyn Rackliff, Loudon resident, speaking on behalf of most of the Loudon residents in attendance, expressed their support of full-day kindergarten.

Jim O'Neill, Penacook resident, spoke in support of full-day kindergarten, specifically focusing on value for expenditure.

Good News:

Administrators reported on good news items and upcoming events in their buildings and throughout the district.

Committee Reports:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Normandie Blake reported on the October 15, 2013 Transportation Committee meeting (minutes on page 33 in the packet).

School Board — cont. from 24**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Troy Cowan reported on the October 21, 2013 and the October 28, 2013 Finance Committee meetings (minutes on pages 34–38 in the packet).

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school library.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Jim Lavery, Fred Reagan and Mike Martin reported on the October 21, 2013 Facilities Committee meeting (minutes on pages 39–40 in the packet).

Motion by Will Renauld, second by Normandie Blake, to extend the agreement with real estate agent Christy Goodhue to April 15, 2014 and to drop the price from \$229,900 to \$199,900 as recommended by the Facilities Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the October 28, 2013 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on pages 41–45 in the packet).

Policy CFB, Building Principal(s) Evaluation, is included in the packet (page 42) for a first read.

Policy JKAA, Physical Restraint Policy, is included in the packet (pages 43–45) for a second read. After a brief discussion, the committee agreed to review and update Policy JKAA and bring it back to the board for review and approval.

Old Business:**APPRAISAL PROPOSAL:**

Mike Martin reported on the Appraisal Proposal from Concord Realty Advisors (page 46 in the packet). *Motion by Will Renauld, second by Laura Vincent, to move ahead with the appraisal at a fee of \$1,950. Motion passed unanimously.*

TRANSPORTATION:

In response to a discussion at the Selectmen's meeting, Mike Martin asked the Transportation Committee to compare our transportation costs to market costs and report to the board. *Motion by Will Renauld, second by Seelye Longnecker, to charge the Transportation Committee, to go forward with this request to compare transportation costs. Motion passed unanimously.*

The board scheduled a Transportation Committee meeting for Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library.

NHSBA CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS:

The board discussed sending a representative to the 2014 NHSBA Delegate Assembly scheduled for January 11, 2014.

REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE:

Mike Martin and the board reviewed and updated the schedule of upcoming meetings (page 47 in the packet).

New Business:**FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN TASK FORCE REPORT:**

Chris Barry distributed and reviewed the Full Day Kindergarten Proposed Study Plan Timeline and the Full-Day Kindergarten

Task Force Summary Report. *Motion by Seelye Longnecker, second by Normandie Blake, to move forward by sending this to the Finance Committee and the Curriculum Committee to review and report back at the December 9, 2013 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

BOARD AGENDA:

The board discussed the agenda item "Other." Laura Vincent expressed her comments and concerns about the recent removal of this agenda item.

SAU INFORMATION:

Lorrie Carey reported on the superintendent search and timeline. Lorrie also discussed the SAU budget and the upcoming semi-annual SAU Board meeting.

The next Superintendent Search Committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2013 and Monday, November 25, 2013.

The SAU Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at Merrimack Valley High School. Supper at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

CHARTER SCHOOL LIAISON REPORT:

Lorrie Carey reported on what is happening at CSI Charter School.

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

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

Board Chairman's Report:

Tom Godfrey led a brief discussion on the book *Schools Cannot Do It Alone* by Jamie Vollmer.

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry updated the board on the culture and climate study at the high school.

This month's list of recognition letters is included in the packet (page 48) for board review.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin discussed the use of the word "change."

Public Participation:

Ken Ross-Raymond, Salisbury resident, referring to the substantial savings in transportation cost by another school district, asked the board to start looking into ways to save money in transportation costs.

Speaking in support of full-day kindergarten, Kristi-Lyn Rackliff, Loudon resident, distributed and commented on a letter written by Laura Witt (kindergarten teacher at Andover Elementary School). Specifically, Kristi pointed to Laura's comment that a half-day program can not meet the demands of the new Common Core Standards which New Hampshire has adopted.

Stephanie Wheeler, Webster/Salisbury Principal, reported on the new Salisbury school entrance and acknowledged the hard work of the maintenance department,

See Non-Public Session Minutes.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to go into non-public session at 9:25 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3II (a), (b) and (c). Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call: Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Return to Public Session

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to go out of non-public session at 9:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Action from Non-Public Session if Needed

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to accept the retirement of Alma Dean, with regret. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renauld, to approve the nomination of Kellie Haywood-Minery, part-time nurse, MVLC/MVHS, one-half of Step 10 of the Bachelor's Track, \$17,439. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to approve sabbatical leave for Bruce Johnson, contingent on him receiving the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Grant Award. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Will Renauld, to approve sabbatical leave for Carisa Corrow, contingent on her receiving the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Grant Award. Motion passed (7 yes, 2 no votes).

Adjournment.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk*

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 12, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Police Chief Bob Fiske and Road Agent Dave Rice.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Krieger stated that Board of Permit has been cancelled because there was nothing on the agenda.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 5, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice explained that he interviewed three potential new highway department employees. Out of those three he would like to hire Melvin Furbush from Penacook. Mr. Rice said that Mr. Furbush worked for towns previously and has experience with plowing and other parts of the job. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Furbush if he anticipates any problem getting here in a storm.

Mr. Furbush said he does not, he said it takes him 15–20 minutes to get here. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Furbush to tell them a little about himself. Mr. Furbush said he moved to Penacook a little over a year ago, he's always done this kind of work; he's looking for a job closer to home with a future and benefits. Chairman Krieger said that town policy has a six month probation period. Selectman Ives asked when Mr. Furbush can start. Mr. Furbush explained that he would like to give a two week notice. Selectman Ives stated that he respects someone that gives notice to an employer. Chairman Krieger suggested December first for a start date. The Board discussed benefits and compensation with Mr. Furbush. *Selectman Ives made a motion to hire Melvin Furbush for the highway department at the rate of \$15.55 per hour with a potential raise after the six-month probation period. Seconded by Selectman Bowles who stated that the start date will be December 1, 2013. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Mr. Rice said that everything else is going good, they are pretty much caught up.

Selectmen Ives said he noticed that the road on Riverview Lane has been fixed but on the sharp corner the pavement is breaking away and it wasn't fixed.

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chairman Krieger asked if the new car is on the road yet. Chief Fiske said it is ready to go.

Selectman Ives asked when the blood drive is. Chief Fiske said in about two weeks.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter and questionnaire from NHDOT regarding the intersection of Route 106, Staniels Road and Josiah Bartlett Road. The Board filled out the questionnaire; it will be forwarded to NHDOT.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding thank you letters for the work on the S. Village Road Dry Hydrant.

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The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding the Online Fire Permit Process. Chairman Krieger explained that there was an inquiry a couple of weeks ago about doing fire permits online. He said that according to this memo the state has been working on the Online Fire Permit Process for about a year. Chief Wright has requested that Loudon be one of the Testing Departments to try out the new system; they hope to go live in the next few weeks.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding Officer Promotions. The promotions are as follows: Brian Searles is Station 1 and Engine 2 Captain, Richard Edgcomb is Station 2 and Engine 3 Captain, Jonathan Leonard is Tanker 1 Lieutenant and Tim Johnson is Ladder 1 Lieutenant.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding a thank you to Greg Fillmore for his work with the Fire Department on International Drive.

The Board received copies of the October property transfers.

The Board received a Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Loudon Planning Board regarding a major subdivision of Map 39, Lot 10 to be held Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm.

The Board received a Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Deerfield regarding a wireless telecommunications tower.

The Board received an Xfinity letter regarding municipal emergency reporting procedures. Chairman Krieger asked that a copy be forwarded to the Police and Fire Departments.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Chairman Krieger stated that the carpets in the barn need to be cleaned; a couple of places will be contacted for quotes.

Selectman Ives brought up the issue of the War Memorial; he suggested that they get it set up so that it is taken care of regularly. Selectman Bowles said the highway department can continue mowing it but they need someone to do the trimming, weeding, cleaning out the beds, mulching etc. Selectman Ives said he spoke to Joe Piroso from the American Legion to see if there might be a retired person that would be interested in the job. Chairman Krieger suggested that they come up with a list of what they want done and get a few quotes.

Chairman Krieger asked if the other two Selectmen are okay with scheduling budget hearings with department heads on December 3, 6 and 13; they agreed. The Board decided that due to the holidays they will not hold Selectmen's meetings on December 24 or 31.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:53 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman
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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 19, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 12, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice said they did some grading on Old Shaker road. They are going to put some gravel on East Cooper Street.

Mr. Rice said they've got the new dump truck.

Mr. Rice asked if the Board is okay with Billy working on the pickup in the shop; he needs to fix the dent on the side. Selectman Ives said yes as long as he is working on town equipment.

Mr. Rice said they are going to pick up the screener Friday; they don't have quite enough sand piled up.

Mr. Rice said they are going to start cutting brush. Selectman Ives asked where they are going to do that. Mr. Rice said there are a bunch of spots where it's hanging down in the road and will hit truck mirrors in the winter.

Selectman Bowles said they received a complaint about water runoff and wheel tracks on someone's grass on Plateau Ridge. Selectman Ives said they need to be careful that it isn't going to cause problems with spring runoff. Mr. Rice said where it's rutted is on town property. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice to get some loam up there now instead of waiting for spring.

Selectman Bowles suggested they be raking leaves out of the culverts. Mr. Rice said they have been doing that steady.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request from Volunteers of America to extend the five year PILOT agreement for another five years. The Board agreed that they will renew the agreement.

The Board received the 2012 & 2013 Cyclical Monitoring Report from DRA.

The Board received a check and report from ESMI for the 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee in the amount of \$26,363.97.

The Board received a letter from a town resident asking the Board to give a lot of thought to night racing. Chairman Krieger stated said they have been and if the track comes in they will have meetings for residents to voice their opinions.

The Board received a letter of resignation from a Supervisor of the Checklist.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding the Holiday Food Baskets. The Capital Region Food Program will be delivering the items to the Fire Station on Sunday, December 22. Recipients of the

Holiday Food Baskets will be required to pick up their baskets at the Fire Station between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. that morning.

The Board received a copy of the Budget Review Schedule.

The Board received an email from Donna White with CIP (Capital Improvement Program) questions. Selectman Bowles explained that the CIP committee would like the police cruisers listed in the CIP because they are a major equipment purchase. The Board agreed that the cruisers will be added to the CIP. The Board will talk to Chief Wright next week about the SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus). Selectman Ives said when the Town Office building is complete they plan to take some of the money that is going into the Town Office Capital Reserve Fund and start the ladder truck CRF.

The Board received a Certificate of Recycling from Universal Recycling regarding the Transfer Station.

The Board received a letter from NHDES regarding Map 46, Lot 29 and an emergency authorization associated with storm damage.

The Board received a Notice of Public Hearing from Gilford regarding a cell phone tower.

The Board received a Notice of Balloon Test from Gilford regarding a cell phone tower.

The Board discussed requests for posting items in the lobby of the town office. They agreed that if it is for the school or an organization such as the Boy or Girl Scouts its okay. If there is a question they will be need to approve it.

The Board received marketing information from NHFCU.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board recognized Tim Carter from the audience.

Mr. Carter stated that he is from Meredith, NH. Mr. Carter explained that he was in to discuss the pamphlet "Granite State Future — The Real Facts" that he dropped off a few weeks ago. Mr. Carter asked if this is the first the Board has heard about the "Granite State Future." They said it is. Mr. Carter explained that he is totally against the "Granite State Future". Mr. Carter suggested that the Board read the pamphlet thoroughly and then schedule an appointment to have the Executive Director of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission come in and make a presentation. Mr. Carter said that he would also want to be invited to that session so they can have an open debate about it. Mr. Carter also recommended that the Board look at the website granitestatefutures.org.

Chairman Krieger read the following into the record:

We, the Selectman and Assessors of the Town of Loudon, NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose

of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God.

TO: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New Hampshire in said count Merrimack. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of Five Million Four Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$5,458,102.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from December 23, 2013 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. This Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Nineteenth day of November in 2013. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, November 20, 2013 9 a.m. until noon is the first town employee CPR/AED class.

Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 9 a.m. is a CIP meeting.

Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 7 p.m. is a Planning Board meeting.

Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7 p.m. is a Zoning Board meeting.

Tuesday, November 26, 2013 from 2-7 p.m. is the Police Department blood drive at the Fire Station.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:59 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 26, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present was Police Chief Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Chief Lake.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 19, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske explained that the Police Department was assessed a penalty by the Dept. of Labor for non use of a stop/slow paddle while conducting a traffic detail in Canterbury.

Chief Fiske said the blood drive was going on next door. There is a good turnout with a lot of townspeople. He said the blood drive goes until 7:00 pm.

Chairman Krieger said he saw the new cruiser out on the road; it looks good.

Selectman Ives asked if there have been any traffic issues at the track now that the lights are open. Chief Fiske said last year there were a couple of incidents with people trying to enter at the main gate but this year they have enough message boards to direct people to the 5-lane entrance.

The Board met with Chief Wright and Deputy Chief Lake.

Chief Wright explained that Fire Engine 3 was taken to Valley Fire. There was a problem with the pipe that goes from the pump to the tank. The problem was fixed and the truck is back in service.

Chief Wright said fifteen people from the town office, highway department and library attended the CPR/AED class on November 20th. Everyone passed the class. Chairman Krieger thanked Chief Wright for putting it together. Selectman Ives thanked the employees that participated. Chief Wright said they have one more class on December 4 for those that couldn't attend the first one.

Chief Wright gave the Board information on the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus that were discussed at the recent CIP meeting. The Board discussed starting a capital reserve fund for the units.

Chief Wright also submitted information regarding Fire Engine replacement he said this was also discussed at the CIP meeting. Chief Wright said there was discussion about replacing whether they should be replaced in 20 or 25 years. Chairman Krieger suggested that the issue of replacement should be brought up at town meeting. Selectman Ives said that right now they are on the twenty year plan and money is being put away in the capital reserve fund.

Chairman Krieger moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:25 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:52 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the current expenditure report.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding the Town Employee CPR/AED training.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding repair work on Fire Engine 3.

The Board received the Merrimack County Proposed Budget for the 2014 calendar year.

The Board received copies of the properties that were visited by Chuck Reese during his Cyclical Monitoring.

The Board received three quotes for cleaning the carpet in the Community Building. The three companies are Brite Magic, Care Plus Facility Maintenance and Stonemark Carpet Cleaners. The Board decided to go with the low bidder; Brite Magic.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding the annual compensation for the Trustees of the Trust Funds, and the

Planning and Zoning Board. The Board agreed that they should be paid according to the memo.

The Board received the 2014 Paid Holiday Schedule for their approval. The Board approved it with the same paid holidays as last year.

The Board received a copy of the 2013 Town Office Holiday Hours. Chairman Krieger read the following Christmas week hours: Town Clerk will be closed Christmas week; the Tax Collector will be open Monday, December 23rd 9–4 p.m. and closed the rest of the week; Planning/Zoning and Selectmen's office will be open Monday & Tues, Dec. 23 & 24 from 8–4 pm, closed Wed., Dec. 25 and open Thurs., Dec. 26, 8–4. He also read the following New Year's Week hours: Town Clerk open Mon., Dec 30 from 8–2, closed Tues. & Wed., Dec. 31 – Jan. 1, open Thurs., Jan 2, 9–4; Tax Collector will be closed Mon.–Wed., Dec 31 – Jan. 1, open Thurs., Jan. 2, 9–4. Planning/Zoning and Selectmen's office will be open

Mon. & Tues., Dec. 30–31, 8–4 closed Wed., Jan 1, open Thurs, Jan., 2 8–4. The Selectmen's meetings for Tuesday, December 24 and December 31 are cancelled.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Today, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2–7 p.m. is the Police Department Blood Drive.

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. the Board has a Budget Review meeting.

Chairman Krieger wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:04 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 3, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 26, 2013 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received four overdue ambulance bills for their consideration. *Selectman Ives made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #3143 in the amount of \$640.40, account #3052 in the amount of \$615.90, account #3024 in the amount of \$477.90 and account #2714 in the amount of 702.80. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding budget hearing dates and town report bids.

The Board agreed that the first budget hearing will be Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm.

Due to the MVSD budget hearing on Tuesday, January 28; the Selectmen will hold their regular meeting Monday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.

The second budget hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Town Report bid specifications; decided to reduce the number of printed copies to 1000 and set the bid deadline for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

The Board received a Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Deerfield regarding a cell tower.

The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Wright explaining that Fire Permits are now available online for Loudon residents. The link for the State of NH, Division of Forest and Lands online fire permit applications can be found at loudonnh.org, Fire Department, Online Fire Permit. There is a \$3.00 permit fee that the State receives. Fire permits are also available at the Fire Station Monday–Sunday 6 a.m.–6 p.m. at no charge.

The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Wright explaining that Russ Pearl and Mickey Mulkhey dredged the pond that supplies the dry hydrant on Bee Hole Road. Selectmen Ives clarified that they were hired to do the work.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders:

Friday, Dec. 6 at 8:00 a.m. the Board will be holding Budget Review meetings with department heads.

Monday, December 9 at 7:15 p.m. is a School Board Meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:10 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Chairman Krieger made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:28 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — November 21, 2013

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, George Saunderson, Tom Moore, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles

Bob Butler represented the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 17, 2013 Regular Meeting — *Bob Cole moved to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

October 26, 2013 Inisfree Investments Site Visit — *Tom Moore moved to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

Old Business:

Application #13-16, Inisfree Investments — *Major Subdivision on Chichester Road in the RR District, Map 11, Lot 12.*

Jeff Green represented the applicant. Abutter Roy Merrill was present.

New plans were handed out to the Board. Mr. Green showed an overview of the entire property, pointing out that there is a 50' right-of-way for future development. Notes have been added: 1) #13 allowing access to landlocked parcels; 2) #11 location of two cisterns in the area; 3) DES subdivision approval. Mr. Green explained that the lot numbers coincide with the first two lots that were previously divided off the main parcel and the main parcel number before it was merged with Map 11, Lot 12. The Board reviewed note #13 and asked that Map 2 be added to the note with the lot numbers.

Chairman Dow read a waiver for Section 12.4.9. *Stan Prescott made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

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Chairman Dow read a waiver for Section 12.4.10. *Tom Moore moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Bob Cole. Stan Prescott asked if the soils were all the same on this lot. Mr. Green said they were, all but at the far end by the bog. All were in favor.*

Bob Cole made a motion to approve the subdivision with the change noted on note #13 of the general notes, to add Map 2 to the wording; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

New Business:

Application #13-17, Steven & Kerith Muzzey and William & Amy Dodenhoff — Lot Line Adjustment on Piper Hill Road in the RR District, Map 31, Lots 29 & 3. Kent Brown of Brown Engineering and Survey represented the applicants. There were no abutters present.

Mr. Brown explained that a subdivision of Map 31, Lot 3 was done in 2003, creating Lot 29. He said they are now doing a lot line adjustment to make the lots more equitable in size. *Bob Cole made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver for Section 14.4.4. *Stan Prescott moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver for Section 14.4.7. *Bob Cole made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

There was no further discussion. *Bob Cole made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment as presented; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

Application #13-18, 4 McNeil Properties, LLC — Major Subdivision on Lovejoy Road in the RR District, Map 39, Lot 10. Stan Prescott recused himself from this case. Abutters Jon LeBrun and Rich Leblanc were present. Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant.

Mr. Stout explained that this parcel is approximately eight acres, the former Lovejoy Farm, and the applicant wants to divide the parcel into three lots. He stated that the carriage shed between the house and barn is currently being demolished. Mr. Stout pointed out that the existing driveway would be used for Lot 10-1. He noted that there is a state approved septic system for the existing house which was used as a bed & breakfast. There are two existing wells, one drilled and the other dug. He pointed out that the 75' well protection radius for Lot 10 goes over the property line, and a well release easement has been created. The easement cannot be recorded until the subdivision has been approved.

Mr. Stout explained that the wetlands have been identified by Peter Schauer. He pointed out on the plan he used for presentation that the gray areas are steep slopes, the yellow areas are contiguous buildable, and the blue areas are wetlands. He said he has one waiver request for soils.

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

Tom Dow pointed out that the proposal would be creating a lot with the stand-alone barn. Section 204.3 N of the Zoning Ordinance was reviewed. Applicant Jim McNeil said he would like to put a house up in the spring. He said he is also considering turning the barn into a living structure and is waiting for the engineering report.

Bob Cole asked if the "leg" at the back is needed for contiguous buildable area. Mr. Stout explained that it is to give the proposed lot the acreage for a duplex. Mr. Cole stated that it creates lines going everywhere. Mr. McNeil explained that the existing house has twelve rooms, four bedrooms and four bathrooms. He said it is too big for one family so he would like to make it into a duplex. In order to get the required three acres and 250' of frontage, they needed that additional area to work around the wetland. Tom Moore referred to Section 23.6.1, Lot Configuration, of the Land Development Regulations, pointing out specifically lines a and b. Dustin Bowles said the area at the back goes against the regulations and the Board has denied others for similar requests. He suggested moving the line toward the barn. Mr. Stout explained that they need that area for contiguous buildable area. He offered the suggestion that they could make one line go back but they can only give up 3/10 of an acre in order to keep three acres for the duplex. George Saunderson asked about making two lots instead of three. Mr. McNeil said it would not financially work out for him. Web Stout stated that they need every square foot of 10-1 and 10-2 to get the contiguous area needed.

Bob Butler said the barn is probably grandfathered but it is in the 50' wetland setback. He said if the barn was made into a house he would want the Conservation Commission to look at it because it would be a change of use. Mr. McNeil said he would like to see the barn stay as it is an important part of the town. Mr. Stout asked if the barn being alone could be addressed by a note on the plan or another method. Dustin Bowles said he would be alright with an approval of the barn being alone as long as Mr. McNeil got a building permit for a house. George Saunderson suggested that in a month's time Mr. McNeil would have more information on the barn.

Chairman Dow asked if the abutters had any questions. Both stated they are in favor of the proposal. There was discussion about doing a site walk and tabling the application for a month. Jim McNeil asked for the definition of gerrymandered and what Mr. Stout would need to do to make this work. The chairman explained what the Board is looking for with the shape of lots and not making odd shaped lots to get what is needed to meet other requirements. Mr. McNeil suggested that he could do a lot line adjustment with himself as the abutter. Several re-configurations were suggested. Mr. Stout stated that the "finger" is 41,000 square feet so that is what would need to be gained. A site walk was scheduled.

George Saunderson made a motion to continue this hearing to a site walk on November 30, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and then to the meeting of December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. There will be no further notification; abutters were informed that they are welcome to attend the site visit.

Stan Prescott returned to the Board.

Board Discussion:

Capital Improvement Program — Stan Prescott spoke about the CIP meeting that was held earlier in the day. He said there are three projects under the Planning Board section and he was asked to review them with the Board. 1) Preparation and Publishing of Town History: Roy Merrill suggested that they get students to do part of this as senior project, etc. It was noted that the last time anything was done was when Dennis Chesley did something for the bicentennial. Tom Moore suggested that an ad for someone to work on this could be put in the *Ledger*. Roy Merrill suggested that it could also go on the town's website. 2) Soucook River Corridor Plan: There was discussion about the original plan. Dustin Bowles recommended removing this from the CIP; the Board agreed. 3) Village Road Stormwater Drainage/Planning & Engineering: It was mentioned that the drainage should be addressed as the road is settling by the bridge. It was agreed to leave this project and the history in the CIP. The minutes of today's CIP meeting were reviewed by the Board.

MP Economic sub-committee report — George Saunderson reported that the committee had a wrap-up meeting on Tuesday to

review last week's meeting with business owners. There were twenty people, in addition to the committee and CNHRPC representatives, in attendance at the business owners meeting. Mr. Saunderson explained that CNHRPC will be drafting a revision of the chapter, and the group will meet again in early to mid January.

DOT letter — NH DOT is planning safety improvements at the intersection of Staniels Road, Route 106, and Josiah Bartlett Road. They are asking various boards to provide comments relative to potential impacts. A list of nine questions were included in the letter; Board members agreed that the answer to all would be 'no'. Donna will return the Board's response.

Zoning amendments — George Saunderson submitted a couple of suggestions that he and Stan Prescott have discussed with regard to contiguous buildable area. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposals. It was agreed that Mr. Saunderson should formulate language for review as a possible amendment to the definition of contiguous area. It was also agreed that buildable contiguous area should be made consistent throughout the Ordinance. Donna asked about written descriptions of the different zones being added to the Ordinance. It was stated that there are written descriptions on file at the Town Office. Donna explained that the Colbys on Route 129 by the library have inquired about their parcels being in the C/I District. Board members asked for more information as to why the owners feel the parcels should be re-zoned since they are considered C/I yet taxed as residential.

Report of the ZBA:

There is an application for a variance for required frontage and one for a special exception for a tourist home/bed & breakfast on this month's agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Dustin Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — November 25, 2013

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, and alternates Jim Venne and George Saunderson.

Jim Venne was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Earl Tuson.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — *Howard Pearl moved to accept the minutes of October 24, 2013; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Site Visit — *George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the site walk on Lesmerises Road on November 4, 2013; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Application #Z13-20, Bert Cox — *Variance for Reduced Frontage, RR District, Map 48, Lot 9 on Lesmerises Road.* Attorney Brandon Giuda represented the applicant. Abutters Bruce Drew, Joan Cross, and Andrew Perrella were present. Applicant Bert Cox and prospective buyers Mark and Anne Seltzer were also present.

Chairman Powelson explained that the points of the application were covered at the last meeting and the Board has seen the site. He asked if there were any questions from the Board. Howard Pearl said he was curious if there has been any movement on determining the lot line. Bruce Drew said it has been discovered that the garage addition is 24' off the property line and the driveway addition is 18" to 24" past the property line. He said he knows they cannot undo those things that were done by the previous owner but would prefer not to have an apartment and extra traffic next door.

Attorney Giuda said he has researched duplexes and multi-family properties in Loudon. He presented paperwork showing 36 properties listed as multi-family, with 14 of those 36 having less than 250' of frontage. He said they also looked at MLS listings and found many Loudon properties that are non-conforming. Mr. Giuda also referred to question #21 of the 2012 Master Plan survey, saying the majority were favorable about

duplexes and accessory dwelling units/in-law apartments. He said he does not see any negative effects of having an apartment on this property. He asked the Board to look at this property as having the same number of bedrooms as a single family residence, not necessarily more traffic. Mr. Giuda spoke about a property on Sheep Rock Road, not sure if they came for a variance.

Bruce Drew asked for the definition of "in-law." The chairman explained the purpose of an in-law unit and that they had been in the Zoning Ordinance until 2002. It was recommended that they be removed from the Ordinance because they led to other rentals when no longer used by family. Roy Merrill and Mr. Giuda discussed the MP survey, Mr. Merrill noting how few participated in the survey. Andrew Perrella spoke about the survey, noting that he did not see additional frontage on it and that is the question before the board. Mr. Giuda handed out survey results, MLS listings, and a list of multi-family properties. Mr. Drew said the area was not used as an apartment when the previous owners were there. He gave some history of the property and said there were no renters.

Jim Venne said there are a lot of places in the building where inspections were never done, noting hanging insulation in the garage and no sheetrock. He said if Bob Fiske had checked it out he probably would not have given his approval. Roy Merrill stated that Mr. Fiske came to the site walk but everyone was out back looking at the property line at the time.

Howard Pearl said he thought the Board should go through the application. The chairman explained that they did at the last meeting but they could review the five points. He asked the Board if they felt the request is contrary to public interest. Roy Merrill said he felt it is because it does not have enough frontage and would not meet today's regulations. He said the vote in 2002 pretty much stands today and Bob Fiske has done no inspections at the property. Ned Lizotte asked why Mr. Fiske was not at this meeting. It was noted that Mr. Fiske receives the same packet of information as Board members and knows what is on the agenda.

The chairman asked the Board if the request fits the spirit of the Ordinance. Howard Pearl stated that it does not meet the frontage requirement and is too close to the lot line. There was discussion of how that happened. It was stated that the original plan showed the garage 37' off the lot line and perhaps they were not sure where the line was located. It was said that beyond the frontage matter, it meets the spirit. George Saunderson asked if anyone remembers giving a variance for frontage in any other situation. Nobody was aware of other variances for similar requests. Mr. Saunderson said his concern is if the Board does for one, they will have to do it when others ask. Ned Lizotte stated that the apartment did not go through the permitting process, meeting code, etc. He said it is being presented based on frontage but there are other issues and the Board has no clarification from the building code. It was noted that the building code is not part of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Lizotte asked where it stops if the Board gives 50' on this property. Mr. Giuda stated that the building code is addressed by Mr. Fiske and, if more is needed, then his client will address that with Mr. Fiske; the code has nothing to do with the variance. He explained to the Board that they have to look at each property individually; this one meets the acreage by over an acre and that offsets the lesser frontage. Mr. Giuda said the hardship comes in that his client purchased the property as two units, there are many other properties in town with extra units, and he does not hear complaints on any impact. He explained that when reviewing such cases he looks at the Master Plan, preamble, septic, well, and lot size. Howard Pearl said, in looking at the list presented by Mr. Giuda, most of the structures are more than twenty years old, some fifty years old. He said someone blatantly went in and put in an apartment, and he is not sure a variance applies to an illegal use. Mr. Giuda said the owner bought the property as such, repaired it as such, and has been open with Bob Fiske. Roy Merrill said you can list anything but that does not mean it is accurate or legal. He pointed out that the abutting property has already been encroached upon with the side setback. Mr. Giuda said this is an approved use for the district. Mr. Merrill said he did not think the Planning Board would allow the lot today because of its shape. Mr. Giuda said his client is not changing anything, everything is in place. He said the hardship is in how a single family would be able to use the property as built.

The chairman skipped to the point about hardship. Ned Lizotte stated that it was just a house and then a garage was added. He asked for clarification on the applicant's

response about it being an underdeveloped area. Howard Pearl asked what the specific conditions are that makes it different from others. The chairman said the response was that the lot is larger than abutting lots. Mr. Pearl said it appears to be fairly consistent with others in the area and he is struggling to see why this lot is any different.

Bruce Drew asked how the driveway being over the lot line is addressed by zoning. Mr. Giuda said the hardship is the current condition, looking at how it was built, and that it was purchased as two units with separate living quarters. Howard Pearl asked the applicant where the access to the apartment was before he changed a window into a door. Mr. Cox said the access was off the deck at the back. He said there is a 3' to 4' difference between the floor levels of the house and apartment. Joan Cross stated that the front door was the only access to the house used in the past.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to close the hearing to the public; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.

Roy Merrill made a motion to deny the application based on seeing no reason the property is different from any others on the street that are not multi-family and the representation that the structure is in the side setback; seconded by Jim Venne. Howard Pearl had some concern with the wording, suggesting that the Board discuss the hardship and maybe reword the motion somewhat.

Chairman Powelson read the section of the Zoning Ordinance relative to point #5 dealing with hardship. He reviewed that the applicant claims the hardship is that the unit was already built. He asked if the Board thinks being built wrong is a hardship to justify it to continue to be used wrong. Ned Lizotte said no. He said the lot seems to be the average size for that area. Roy Merrill pointed out that the other lots in the area are 3+ acres with 200' of frontage. Mr. Lizotte said when the house was built as a single family home it was fine; then the garage was added and it pushed the setbacks and the apartment over the garage was misrepresented. He said the current owner could have looked at this closer before buying the property. Mr. Lizotte said the previous owners were in the wrong but it should not be up to the Board to fix it. He said the hardship is created by changing the use to two-family.

The chairman read from the application that the apartment was there with no negative impact. Howard Pearl said the Board has heard from several of problems there. George Saunderson said those problems could be related to those specific residents

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but there were problems. It was again noted that there is a lot every 200' in this area; this lot is somewhat bigger but narrower than some. Ned Lizotte stated that he does not see a hardship.

The chairman asked if the variance would affect the values of surrounding properties (point #4). Howard Pearl said he does not see that as an issue. The chairman asked if substantial justice would be done by granting the variance (point #3). Howard Pearl said from the evidence presented, while being sensitive to the price that he paid with the representation of what was there, it appears the changes that he has made to the property make it more amendable now as an apartment than when he bought it. Ned Lizotte said it made it more specific for an apartment. Mr. Pearl said adding the egress makes it much more amenable as an apartment; he is not sure of changes inside, it appears updated, not sure that changed the floor plan in any way. He felt it would be stretching it to give it a yes on substantial justice. Ned Lizotte said if the owner making improvements makes the property more non-conforming he does not see substantial justice. The chairman asked if the spirit of the ordinance would be observed (point #2). Mr. Pearl said he could give them that one. The chairman asked if the variance would be contrary to public interest (point #1). Howard Pearl said he cannot give them that one as he feels it is contrary to what the public voted for certain size lots. He said the Board would have to entertain other requests if this was granted.

Chairman Powelson stated that points 1, 3, and 5 did not get positive responses. Roy Merrill retracted his motion. Howard Pearl made a motion to deny the application based on not meeting the criteria of points 1, 3, and 5; seconded by Roy Merrill. A roll vote was taken: Jim Venne — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes. Unanimous — DENIED

Application #Z13-21, Carole Soule and Bruce Dawson — Special exception for tourist home, RR District, Map 59, Lot 7 on Whitehouse Road. There were no abutters present. Ms. Soule explained that the house was built in 1850 and she had a school there in the 1970s. The house has two sections, one being their private residence and one

being the area proposed to rent out as a unit on a nightly basis. Ms. Soule said the unit has its own kitchen and large living area on the first floor and two bedrooms on the second floor. She presented diagrams of the layout, pictures of the house, and parking areas. She said the use would have no impact on the school as it would not be a long-term rental, and it would allow guests to be part of the farm experience.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Ms. Soule. He asked if there were any questions from the Board. Jim Venne stated that it seems straightforward. Howard Pearl asked if this would be considered agri-tourism. Ms. Soule said it would be, saying that people like to see the animals and this would allow for the whole experience. It was agreed that there was no need for a site visit. There was some discussion about the need to talk with the fire department and code enforcement office. Roy Merrill suggested that the approval be made conditional upon meeting the fire department and code requirements.

Roy Merrill made a motion to close the hearing to the public; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the special exception with the condition that they meet the fire department and code enforcement requirements; seconded by Howard Pearl. A roll vote was taken: Jim Venne — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

BOARD DISCUSSION

December meeting — The chairman explained that the next meeting is scheduled for December 26th and asked if this would be a problem for Board members. It was agreed that it would not be a problem and the meeting date would remain December 26th.

Jim McNeil — Mr. McNeil explained that he went to the Planning Board meeting last week for a subdivision of property he purchased on Lovejoy Road. He showed Board members an aerial shot of the property with the proposed subdivision outlined. He said the lot is almost eight acres with a little over 700' of road frontage. Mr. McNeil said two lots (one 2.5 acres and one 2+ acres) meet the 1.5 acres of buildable area, and the mother lot would have a total of 3.3 acres remaining. He explained that the Planning Board does not like the "dog leg" at the

back. Mr. McNeil said he would like to convert the large house into a two-family and meets the frontage and lot size with the dog leg. He said he came to tonight's meeting to see how the Lesmerises variance went and Ms. Soule's special exception. George Saunderson informed the Board that the Planning Board has a site visit of Mr. McNeil's property scheduled for this com-

ing Saturday at 8:00 a.m. There was brief discussion of what relief might be available.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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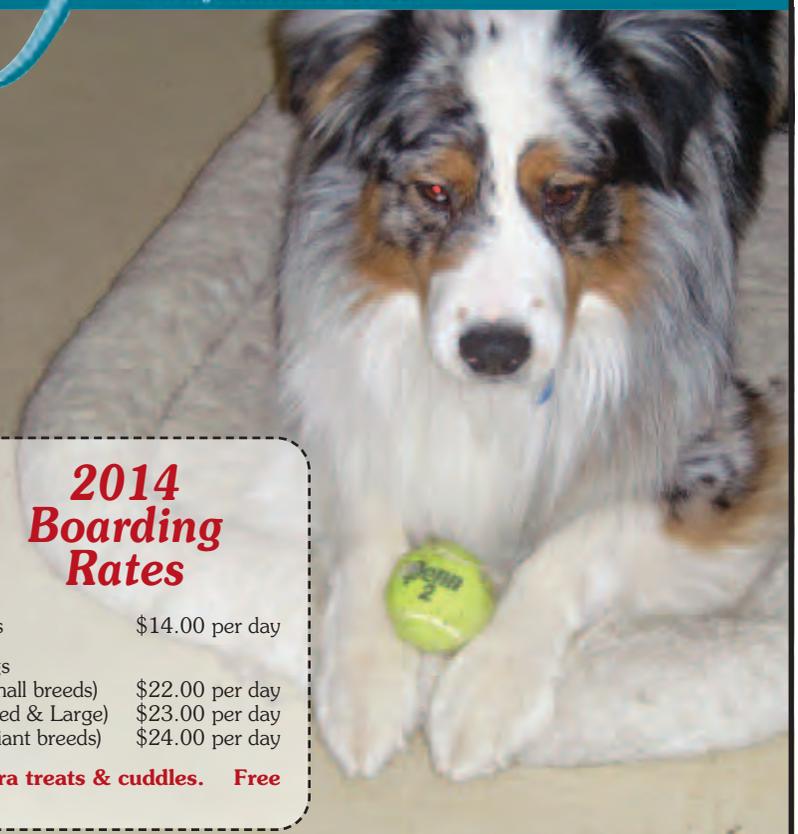
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