

Lyndeborough Views

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“To Educate and Inform the Citizens of Lyndeborough”

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Know Your Neighbor – “The Heart of the Matter”– 2008

by Nadine Preftakes

Inspiration and encouragement for this story began in one direction, ended up in quite another, and as time passed it began to take on a character all its own. It is a story about a building, a group of committed fire fighters, a town and one extremely dedicated fire chief.

This interview began with Fire Chief Rick McQuade when I asked him about the renovations that had gone into the fire station both recently and over the last couple of years. It was a long and impressive list of accomplishments, but I discovered that the story I was looking for was not to be found in WHAT had been accomplished, but HOW it was accomplished.



Chris Horn getting ready to paint the fire station ceiling.

From the time the station was built in 1947, the members of the Fire Department assumed the responsibility of maintenance, including; periodic coats of paint, new roof, upgrade of heating systems, energy efficient doors and the gradual finishing of the upstairs. Throughout the nineties, when it came time to replace the trucks, it became apparent that the town was outgrowing its station. In 2005, a Space Needs Committee recommended a list of items that needed to be addressed in lieu of building a new station. The town agreed to provide funding for some of these items through the CIP process. Many more of these renovations and upgrades have been funded by grants and private dona-

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During a small gathering at Citizens' Hall on Monday, November 17th, Lyndeborough officially welcomed our new Town Administrator, James Bingham and his wife Karen. James and Karen currently live in Goffstown.

Police Department Update

by Kevin Maxwell



The final restructuring of the Lyndeborough Police Department (LPD) has not yet been decided since the town voted last year to eliminate the position of Chief of Police. Currently the department is staffed by six officers and a part-time Interim Administrative Advisor, retired Goffstown Police Chief Michael French. The full time officer is Officer-In-Charge Kevin Maxwell, and the remaining officers are part-time at this time.

Officer Maxwell has been a police officer since 1991, starting his career with

the Lyndeborough Police Department seventeen years ago. He left the town in 1993 for a full time position in another town. He rejoined the LPD in June, 2007. Maxwell resides in Milford with his wife and four teenage boys.

The most recent addition to the department several months ago is Officer H. Daniel Wade. Officer Wade has been a police officer for almost ten years and most recently comes to Lyndeborough after working part-time for the Milford Police Department. Officer Wade brings to the department almost three decades of military and federal law enforcement experience.

Windows into Winter

By Joe Trudeau

Winter is a great time to get outside and see the natural world in a new way. While it is tempting to settle in by the woodstove for the next 4-6 months, a few trips into the wild will be worth the effort in terms of good exercise and the ability to see some things much more clearly than when the greenery of summer has turned most of the woods into an indiscernible confusion of leaves.

Unlike me, you probably do not spend a whole lot of time walking through marshes and swamps. Winter is a great time to do this once temperatures have stayed cold enough to permit the shallows to freeze, which will happen before the deeper areas of moving water. While you're out in a wetland this winter, look for a shrub with many bright red berries; you have time as they will remain on the bush for several more

months. This shrub, one of 46 wild-growing shrubs I have documented in Lyndeborough, is winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*). This is an important food source for winter resident birds. An average shrub wetland, like what you will see at the Badger Pond culvert on New Road, might have 10 different shrub species, many of which look very similar until you learn some little clues to help you identify the variations, like the long-lasting red berries.

Wetlands are some of the most important habitats in New Hampshire. The steep mountains of Lyndeborough give rise to several important streams that are graced by beautiful and extensive wetlands along their courses. Furnace Brook, which drains the southern face of Winn Mountain and much of central Lyndeborough, consists of numerous beaver-created meadows and ponds interspersed with stretches of steep cascading brook. This winter, try to take a trip to Putnam Pond Conservation Area on Cemetery Road. The pond and fringe wetlands were formed when Furnace Brook was

dammed as part of a state flood control project. Visit early or late in the winter when ice is thin or mushy and you might catch a view of some common pond characters. Beaver are active all winter and will maintain openings at the edge of the pond as long as they can defeat the ice. Also, otter will maintain some openings from

brunt of the porcupines gnawing for several generations. Some snake species use talus as hibernacula (a shelter for a hibernating animal), including the Northern ringneck snake (*Diadophis punctatus edwardsii*), Northern black racer (*Coluber constrictor constrictor*), and the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*). While none of these three

species have been documented in Lyndeborough, it is certainly possible they could be hiding in the dark corners of our semi-wild mountains, so keep your eyes open and report any sightings to New Hampshire Fish and Game. Whether you choose to forge a path into a marsh or to an open mountain top, you will certainly see some things that disappear into the mass of color and action in summer. These hardy survivors depend on protected habitat for their survival.



On a recent fall day Joe Trudeau and the LCS Sixth Grade took a trip outdoors to learn about ecology and conservation.

which they will rise to eat the fish, snakes, or frogs they catch in the muddy pond bottoms. This summer I found fresh otter scat on the west side of the pond with an intact 18" long water snake in it! If you see some openings in the ice this winter, sit back and wait because there is a good chance you will catch these critters in action.

If you are not much of a swamp walker and you would rather head for the hills, there are a few things up high you only get to see in winter. Many of the steep hillsides in Lyndeborough have extensive talus slopes that you might find on your way to the top. Talus is broken fragments of bedrock that have fallen from cliffs and ledges over millennia. These areas are favorite haunts for porcupines. These odd creatures are active all winter, and if you find a talus field you might see numerous well-packed paths worn into the snow from the Earth's third-largest rodent waddling along en route to their favorite feeding tree, which is probably a stubby hemlock that has been the

For more information on these species, Lyndeborough's habitats, or land conservation, contact the Conservation Commission on the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm at Citizens Hall. Happy wanderings!

Town Website

CHECK IT OUT!!

Check the Lyndeborough Town Web site for information about department meetings, other events, and to see the Lyndeborough Views in color.

[www.http://town.lyndeborough.nh.us](http://town.lyndeborough.nh.us)

Message from your Health Officer

By Cyndi Geiger

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

The first significant snowfall that covers the remaining drab leaves of late fall may be described as a winter wonderland. However, as the cold of winter wears on, accompanied by more and more snow, ice, sleet and freezing rain "wonderland" doesn't quite define it.

Among the inconveniences and hazards of cold, stormy weather - i.e. the danger of hypothermia, carbon monoxide poisoning, shrinking roadways, and shoveling - is winter walking. Whether you are forced to walk along the road because your car breaks down, you're out for a recreational jaunt, or just walking from your house to your car or mailbox; there are several things you can do to promote a healthy walk and decrease your risk of falling.

Safe winter walking starts with proper footwear - preferably well insulated boots with flat rubber soles and good treads. Between storms (if you can't stand to wear boots) wear comfortable walking shoes with a broad base and non-slip soles. This is no time for vanity; the slick smooth soles of dress shoes and high heels are hazardous.

Alter your stride to accommodate ice or snow covered walkways by taking shorter steps and walking at a slower pace so you can react quickly to a change in traction.

When walking on an icy surface, be conscious of your posture. Keep your body as relaxed as possible, bend your knees slightly to keep your center of gravity lower to the ground which will help to stabilize your body. Spread your feet to about a foot apart to provide a base of support. Take small steps, placing your entire foot on the ground before transferring your weight to it. Then bring your other foot to the same position, maintaining your broad base. Repeat the process, thinking about each step before you take it.

Always walk facing traffic when walking in the road so you are aware of oncoming vehicles. Remember, approaching vehicles may not be able to stop and attempting to do so may cause them to slide toward you due to loss of traction.

Other aides for safe walking on ice and snow include: Wear removable

ice grippers over your boots, use a walking stick for additional balance, carry a small bag of grit, sand or non-clumping cat litter in your coat pocket or purse to sprinkle around you, wear bright or reflective clothing or accessories to increase your visibility, and choose a hat that does not block your vision or make it difficult to hear traffic.

Remember, to avoid the hazards associated with exposure to the cold temperatures while walking, dress in layers, wear a hat, scarf, and mittens or gloves to protect your skin from wind chill and frostbite.

Please visit the Town of Lyndeborough website at www.lyndeboroughnh.us, click on Town Departments, Health Department for additional seasonal safety tips.

Remember the monthly BP clinic the first Thursday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

There are a few doses of flu vaccine for the December clinic.

Students say Happy 99th Birthday to Polly Kenick

By Kathleen Baglio Humphreys

On Thursday November 13th the fourth grade class at the Lyndeborough Central School (LCS) had a rare opportunity to sing Happy Birthday to a special, soon-to-be 99 year old woman and to thank her for making them hand-made bookmarks.

Ninety-eight year old Polly Kenick has been knitting bookmarks for the fourth grade at the LCS for approximately seven years. Each year a basket of adorable knitted "book worms", complete with wiggly eyes arrives at the school and is distributed to the class by the fourth grade teacher, Linda Buttrick. The students in turn send a thank you note to show their appreciation.

This year the thank you note came in the form of a personal invitation to visit grade four and talk to the students about her extraordinary life. During her visit, Polly was given special thank you notes written by each child. She was also presented with a class photo as a remembrance and surprised with birthday cake and ice cream. Polly will celebrate her 99th birthday on November 26th.

"We were very excited to be able to bring Polly into the classroom to meet the students and for them to meet her," said Buttrick.

A ninety year gap was bridged in the classroom as students listened in amazement to stories of her early education, growing up, life during two World Wars, and attending nursing school in the 1930's.

"I learned to knit in the third grade. We made little squares, not all of them were good squares though, and the teachers sewed them together and sent blankets to the Red Cross. We knitted from August until Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, and then the war was over," recalled Polly. "We were very poor and I didn't have knitting needles, so my



Polly Kenick holding the basket of crocheted book worms she made for the fourth graders at LCS.

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tions and much of the work was accomplished, not only by the fire department members, but by local contractors who generously contributed their skills, materials and time.

I was rewarded with some very interesting and surprising comments when asking the members what their perceptions were after volunteering a collective three hundred and fifty hours on the various projects. Chris Horn summed it up with his comment, "I worked there too many hours to remember, but my wife tells me I lived at the station."

The pay off, for both the Fire Department members as well as the townspeople is immeasurable. When you invest so much of yourself

into a community project, it becomes a source of great pride and everyone benefits. And, despite the long hours, I believe that it was the members themselves that benefited the most from their efforts. Chris Horn said he enjoyed seeing the transformation from the old to the new. Jason Hutchinson commented, "It's been a great learning process for me." And perhaps the most poignant comment from Gene Hennessy sums it up the best. "These projects have brought our Fire Department together and created a team that will follow itself onto the fire ground."

In truth, Rick was very humble about the approximately one hundred and eighty hours he had spent at the station and gracious for all the time that everyone else had given. Rick com-

mented that Lyndeborough has always been a tight knit community and if we can go above and beyond how we volunteer then all the hard work is worth the effort. He did admit that he had probably spent more time at the station than he should have, while grinning affectionately at his wife, Brenda and remarking that he could not have accomplished all that he had if not for her patience and support.

It is often said that a person's kitchen is the heart of the home. I believe the Fire Department is

the heart of the town, but any department is only as good as its members who strive to work together to accomplish their goals and improve the organization. It is a testament to our chief who understands that people are not skilled in all areas of expertise; never the less each brings their unique and valuable talents to the department. It is in recognizing these differences and uniting them into a cohesive group of people dedicated to serving the town that is truly a remarkable skill.

"It is the town's fire station and they have a right to know everything that has been done. I have realized that all of the members have a passion for what they can do within the Fire Department even though everyone's level of expertise varies." (McQuade)

Even if we are not always aware of the behind the scenes effort it takes to train its members, teach fire safety to our children, maintain a building, trucks and equipment, and host occasional community events, we can all appreciate the amount of commitment it takes to belong to this organization.

The Lyndeborough Fire Department is so much different than larger departments like Milford or Peterborough. We train more nights during the year,

we maintain a lot of equipment that other departments would outsource, and we do a lot of maintenance on our own building

that other departments would contract out. It is all about taking pride in what we do and what we have. The town has a lot of confidence in us and we need to make sure we hold up to our end of the deal (McQuade).

Members are not paid for their time; however they are still on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. "But that is what volunteering is all about." (Horn)

Yes, it is a volunteer organization, but it is what I like to call "responsible volunteering". When you make the choice to be on a team whose business it is to help people in all situations, you also make the decision to do so even when it is not always easy or convenient for you. However, it is because of this commitment to the town that places this organization in a category all its own. The members themselves are passionate about what they are able to give and value

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LFD Then (50's) and Now



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The Family Center – A Great Local Resource for Families

By Carol Lunan

The Family Center of Greater Peterborough is an organization dedicated to providing local families with resources. The center is located inside the River Center on Concord Street in Peterborough. When parents are asked why they attend Family Center programs, they often reply, "At our weekly meetings, I get the support I need, meet with friends, and get a break. The kids have a chance to play and have fun with other kids." Just today, a parent who has attended programs for many years commented, "I can't imagine how different my life would have been without your parenting groups. I [have] continued to learn new things about my children as they grew older and about myself as a parent over the years."

The Family Center has several programs that meet regularly and the Parent-Child Connections (PCC) Program is one example. The PCC Program is divided into groups determined by the age of the child. Each group meets weekly. Parents of 1- to 5-year-olds share experiences and ideas while receiving support from other parents in the group. Meanwhile, the children participate in the Children's Enrichment Program which includes playtime, songs, snack and planned activities. There are PCC Programs for parents of 6- to 12-year-olds and for parents of teens as well. Other weekly programs include: For Parents

and Their Little Ones, For Single Parents, and the Parent-Child Playtime following a Community Supper.

Each year the SafeSitter babysitting course is offered with the help of Monadnock Pediatrics. Students ages 11 to 13 learn basic first aid, positive discipline techniques, and business skills. This program will be offered again in 2009. Call 924-6306 for dates and times.

The Family Center also offers parenting workshops that run for four, six or eight weeks and focus on topics such as: When Your Kids Push Your Buttons, Sibling Rivalry, and Bridging the Gap with Your Teenager. For a complete list of programs or to read the Family Center's newsletter, visit their website www.thefamilycenter.us.



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Lyndeborough Trails Association Update

By Karen J. Holland

The second meeting of the Lyndeborough Trails Association (LTA) was called to order on Wednesday, November 5th at the home of John Redemske and Susan DeCloedt. There were sixteen people in attendance at this meeting.

A number of open items were discussed and were either approved or are in process.

Approved

The Mission Statement of the LTA is to *identify, develop and maintain a system of trails throughout the town that will connect to the existing trail networks of the surrounding communities.*

In order to provide funds for LTA organizational expenses and trail projects, it was voted and agreed to that the membership dues will be \$20/year for an individual and \$30/year for a family. These memberships are available to all individuals interested in the creation and maintenance of a Lyndeborough trail system and are open to anyone, not just Lyndeborough residents.

In Process

The group is continuing to work on:

- Establishing the LTA as non-profit organization. This will provide several

benefits to the group, such as allowing the LTA to receive donations from individuals and be eligible for trail grants.

- Developing a logo for LTA correspondence and as a way of identifying trail signs for hiker/riders, etc.
- Drafting a letter that will be sent to the Lyndeborough selectmen describing LTA's interest in doing trail improvements along a Class 6 road extending from the old Town Hall towards S. Lyndeborough.
- Complete documentation of existing trails on all public and private property. The allowed use of trails on public land would follow existing laws. The allowed use of trails on private land would be determined by wishes of the property owner.

We are all excited about the turnout for the first two meetings and invite anyone who is interested to join us at the next meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, December 10th, 7 - 9 pm at the home of John and Susan. There will be a holiday potluck dinner before the planning meeting, starting at 6 pm. Please RSVP to John Redemske (jredemske@tds.net) or Susan DeCloedt at 654-7763 if you are planning to attend or if you have any questions about the LTA.

Strong As A Soldier

by Miski Franko

Hello, my name is Miski and I would like to say a few things about why I wrote this poem. My friend, Caleb is an eighth grader in my class at WLC. Just recently, he has been diagnosed with cancer. I wrote this poem the day after I learned the news. I gave him a copy to lighten his spirit and let him know friends will be there through the thick and thin. I'm dedicating this one to him...

Hard times will come, I guarantee
But also, remember
Know you'll have me
We'll cry and we'll hurt
But together it can work
Though faith is put to the test
You can lie down
Just rest

Know you're going to have a friend
by your side
Know you'll never have to hide
Life will come to push us down
But we stand strong
On this hard ground

Life never ends
Not many know
I'm here
And I'll prove it to you so

Our hope and our strength
It will make us soar
Our hearts and our souls
Forever will go far

You'll take yourself further
Than you ever thought possible
I didn't know either, before
Now I know what life is meant for

Life is funny
So often cruel
Some hearts are breaking
But never shattering

We'll fix it for you
Don't move a bit
My words are sincere
You'll make it through this

Hold on with all you have
Remember I'll be here
Waiting for my friend
If but to catch a tear

Heritage Commission Update

By Jessie Salisbury

The Heritage Commission is involved in several projects in town and is asking for the community's input on all of them.

By statute, the Commission is required to inventory all man-made historical artifacts in town, such things as old cellar holes, mill foundations, abandoned bridge abutments, stone slab culverts, monuments and grave sites outside of the cemetery. Everything that can be documented will be placed on a map.

At the same time, we are looking for historic sites that no longer exist, i.e., where the original meeting house stood, where all the one-room schools were located, blueberry camps, locations of portable sawmills, and anything else of interest. These will be put on another map.

While looking for these items, the Commission has heard a wealth of stories involving former residents. We are also collecting these stories for eventual inclusion in a book of memories.

If you have any information or stories relating to town artifacts please contact one of the following Commission members: Chase Wilson Roper, Jen Dumont, Bob Rogers, Stephanie Roper, or Jessie Salisbury.

Polly.... (Continued from page 3)

father made me knitting needles out of old nails," she added.

She attended grade school at North Common in Nashua, which was next to Holman Stadium. "We would search for lost baseballs and use the yarn from the baseballs to knit sweaters and scarves for our rag dolls. The dolls were made out of black stockings," said Polly.

She recalled they did not have heated school buses in those days and during the winter they rode an open sleigh to school. She showed a photo of her first grade class and the LCS students enjoyed seeing how students dressed and looked around 1916.

Polly lived many years in Lyndeborough then moved to Wilton to Edgewater Estates. In September, Polly was the recipient of Wilton's Boston Post Cane which is presented to the eldest citizen by the Board of Selectmen. The students got a lesson on the significance of the Boston Post Cane, and they all had a chance to hold the cane for a close-up look at its inscription.

The interaction between students turning a decade and a woman soon to be a centurion was heartfelt. The students asked wonderful questions about her life and learned so much about a special citizen who has always held grade four in her heart.

Three Lyndeborough Ski Racers enjoy Skiing Fast

Lyndeborough ski racers R.J. and Ashley Humphreys had a terrific season last winter as members of the Crotched Mountain Race Team. The Humphreys pair are entering their fifth season as members of the team.

As a J5 racer (8-10), R.J. came in 13th place in the Central Division and competed in the State Championships at Attitash. He also took a bronze medal at the MDVC East Coast Finals as well as placing in the top 10 in various league races and first place at two MDVC races.

Ashley competed as a J6 racer with eleven first place wins last season and has been undefeated for the past two seasons.. A few highlights of her season were taking first at the J6 Night of Championships as well as the Bensley Race (6-8 year old Championships) and the very competitive T-shirt race at Sunapee.

First time ski racer Duncan Holden (J5) has a very successful year, especially for his first season racing for the team. Duncan showed remarkable improvement throughout the course of the season and placed 23rd in the central division and competed in the state finals held at Gunstock.

The trio has a lot of fun with their practices, ski racing and competing in the fun NASTAR recreation racing program at the mountain. Good luck to them this season.

Coach Ray Humphreys of Lyndeborough coached all three racers. The race team is currently enrolling racers for the upcoming season to begin in December. Call 654-5111 or kmbh@tds.net for more information.



Ashley Humphreys in action



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ABOVE: Long lines at the polls at the LCS Mock Election on Election Day, November 4



ABOVE RIGHT: Two fourth graders cast their votes in the ballot box

NEAR RIGHT: Long lines at the polls at the LCS Mock Election on Election Day, November 4



FAR RIGHT: Bob Rogers looking out the door of the sixth grade classroom to see if he spots any more voters



ELECTION DAY

As seen above, the sixth grade class at the Lyndeborough Central School hosted a mock election on Election Day. Students, teachers and special guests had a chance to cast their ballots for president of the United States. The election was run just like an official election with keepers of the checklists, a moderator, voting booths, exit polls and even supports with political signs outside the voting room.

It was even run with the special touches seen at the real Lyndeborough election where the moderator announces any "first time voter" while people applaud the new voter and Bob Rogers, who has a special way of closing the Lyndeborough polls by looking out the door and reciting an old speech that officially ends voting. But unlike the official election, in this mock election, Sen. John McCain won 52 to 48.

Bob Roger's speech reads like this. "Mr. Moderator, I have looked up the road and down the road, and neither on foot, nor horseback, nor motorcycle, nor one horse carriage do I see a voter of the town. Therefore I move that the polling be closed."

Notice any similarities below??

BELOW: Long lines at the polls early in the morning at the Presidential Elections

ABOVE RIGHT: Selectman Steve Brown casting his vote in the ballot box at the Pres. Elections.

LOWER RIGHT: Claus Steinbreck, Frank Holden and another campaign supporter holding signs at election

FAR RIGHT: Bob Rogers looking out the door at 8:00 pm to see if there are any more voters.



TOWN



ABOVE: Will Welch places first in the novice lead line class with his ewe lamb, "Lois" at the Hillsborough County Fair on Sept. 6, 2008



RIGHT: Natalie Herfurth with her spring heifer, Easter Lily, at the Deerfield fair. Easter Lily was Champion Heifer at the two fairs that she was entered in this year.



ABOVE: Milford Police Chief and Lyndeborough resident Fred Douglas celebrated 30 years with the Milford Police Department on November 5 with a gathering in his honor at Milford Town Hall. Douglas has been in law enforcing for 35 years and has been Milford's chief since 1999. Fred is seen here with his wife Lynda.
Photo provided by Kathleen Baglio-Humphreys



RIGHT: Mitch and Garret McQuade conducting quality control with the fire department gear at the Open House



ABOVE: Local children enjoyed petting Ruby and her baby, Gus, at the Lyndeborough Apple Festival in historic Lyndeborough Center. L-R; Burdick Munson, R.J. Humphreys, Margaret Munson, Ashley Humphreys and Ryan Decubellis.



ABOVE: Three good friends on a windy day - Helen VanHam, Ruth Johnson and Jessie Salisbury watching the Veterans Day Celebration.

LYNDEBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOK/CRAFT FAIR

DATE: Saturday, December 13th
TIME: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm



Event to include:
Scholastic Book Fair
Craft Fair
Bake Sale
Christmas Tree/Wreath Sales

For information regarding this event, please contact Michele Boette at (603) 654-3823 or boette1@tellink.net or Alison Hayden at (603) 654-5524 or buffie6363@tds.net

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The LFD and LFD Auxiliary will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday Dec. 7 from 1 to 4 in the Village

Nativity Pageant

There will be a live Nativity Pageant on **Sunday, December 21st at 5 pm** at the Greeley Farm, Temple Road, Wilton. Local adults will play the parts of Mary and Joseph and the Wise Men, and children will dress up as Shepards and Angels. Natalie and Annie Herfurth are participating with their sheep and donkeys. There are never too many shepards or angels, so if any one would like to participate please call Karen Grybko at 654-5362. Volunteers are also appreciated for helping park cars and setting up and taking down. Please, no dogs.



A Surprising Discovery by Jesse Salisbury

Recently, Polly and Clayton Brown visited Saratoga Springs, New York, and stopped at the Saratoga Springs Automobile Museum. The current exhibit is called "Cadillac: A Century of Style," and is in cooperation with the General Motors Heritage Collection.

The highlight of the show was a bright red, fully restored, 1931 Cadillac V-16 Phaeton, said to be one of only 86 made in that style. It was an elegant car with wire wheels, twin mounted spares, and rather rakish lines.

The car looked familiar to the Browns and when they read the information board at the museum they knew they had seen the car before, in Lyndeborough. The car was purchased in 1931 by Augusta Little, who built and lived for many years in the house now owned by Paul and Tracey Turner.

When Mrs. Little decided she no longer needed the car, she donated it to the General Motors collection. Her only request was "take care of my baby."

During her years in Lyndeborough, Augusta Little did many things for the town and helped many individuals. She gave the Fire Department a new fire truck, assisted with the repair of the Center Church steeple, and with the purchase of the Town Hall stage curtain.

Many older residents recall Augusta driving around town in her "woody" station wagon with her two white standard poodles, which she did not clip so they looked like sheep. She later moved to Greenfield where she died in the early 1990's.



PTA News - Update

Thank you, Ellen Martin, for donating pumpkins for the PTA Pumpkin Raffle! Pumpkins were raffled for each grade. The 6th grade class decided to donate two of their pumpkins: One to the 1st grade class and one to the 4th grade class.

Winners of the raffle were:

Grade 1: Nadia Santana, Jaiden Lemay, and Dylan Pfeil (who generously gave his pumpkin to classmate Jacob Boette. Nice gesture, Dylan!)

Grade 2: Spencer Oster and Danya Bell.

Grade 3: Ashley Humphreys and Jack Bickerton

Grade 4: Jack Steele, Dylan Boot, and Naomi Lewis

Grade 5: Cori Balam and Peter Bickerton

The Family Fall Festival was a great success. Special thanks to Lisa and Bill Balam and Jessica and Jeremy Cloutier for their great ideas and all their hard work in pulling the day together. The PTA would also like to thank The Yankee Farmer, for donating five pumpkins, and Patanaude Farm, for giving us such a great deal on the remaining pumpkins needed for the pumpkin painting. Thanks also to Nadine Preftakes for all the great photos and for jumping in to help when an extra set of eyes and hands were needed. Thanks to high school student volunteers who helped with face and pumpkin painting, raffles, and bake sale tables: Ally Jenkerson, Casey Jenkerson, Alex Bosquet, Lexi Tru, Liza Roy and Kiley Clark.

This year the PTA is planning a Craft Fair in conjunction with the Book Fair on Saturday, December 13, from 9 am – 2 pm. If you would like to rent space for \$25.00, contact Michelle Boette at 654-3823 or Alison Hayden at 654-5524. Crafters should bring their own tables. If a table is

needed, one can be provided for an additional fee. Volunteers are needed! If you are able to volunteer to help, call Sherry LeBlanc at 654-7261.

Do not forget to SAVE your Box Tops! So far this year we have collected over \$180 in Box Tops Cash! Our goal is to raise \$500 this year. Thank you to all community members who dropped off your Box Tops at the school and at the Village Store.

Remember to sign up online for added points for our school and also to download extra coupons. This month the savings can be over \$10 when purchasing the following products: Bisquick, Green Giant vegetables, Betty Crocker Frosting, Betty Crocker potatoes, Ziploc bags, Totino's Rolls Snacks, and some Pillsbury Refrigerated rolls!

PLUS: When you shop online from participating stores, our school earns extra Box Tops Cash! Oriental Trading Company, Barnes and Noble, Office Max, Target and Wal-Mart are just a few of the participating online shopping sites!

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On October 25th, Ladyslipper Farm in Lyndeborough, the quaint country home of the Roberts family, became the perfect setting for a magical time: Faerie pumpkin house making.

L. Sierra Brookes (a multi-media artist & interior designer) and Tanya T. Roberts (a performing arts teacher & educator), are the co-creators of *The Faerie Ring* and have joined together to weave enchantment into children's lives through art, dance, music, nature and storytelling.

The children arrived, pumpkins in tow, and eagerly began scooping out the pulpy center contents in preparation for making their faerie houses. Later they would enjoy a tasty treat of roasted pumpkin seeds during their Faerie Ring Tea of warm apple cider and home-made pumpkin bread.

The girls were surprised and delighted to discover the array of miniature faerie furniture that Sierra and Tanya had made for them. Tiny seashells from Hawai'i, softly grayed sand dollars, milkweed pods, sparkling mica and river rocks gathered from nearby woods, streams and gardens, were just some of nature's gifts that provided an assortment of materials for fashioning furniture.

Mossy rugs set the stage for tiny bedrooms, complete with turkey tail wing chairs, wee tables and stools. Acorn wall lanterns and sea glass chandeliers slowly transformed the pale orange hued rooms into tiny abodes fit for ... well, a faerie!

The children were most enamored with the interior decorating and accessorizing of their individual houses, while their two instructors fueled their creative juices and assisted them.

The outside of the pumpkins were colorfully decorated with berries, pine cones and Japanese lanterns. Some houses even had birch bark chimneys or milkweed pod window boxes filled with rich green moss and dried flowers.

Faerie storytelling, music and dance rounded out the morning, and soon it was time to say goodbye. The now magically transformed pumpkins were carefully loaded onto laps or into boxes and whisked away to nearby towns---to amuse, delight and enchant!

But come next February, near the return of spring, Miss Tanya (Fuchsia Faerie) and Miss Sierra (Forest Faerie) will be preparing for yet another magical time, the *Time of Enchantment* ... Faerie Furniture Making, complete with a Valentines' Faerie Ring Tea!

The Faerie Ring ~

Weaving enchantment into children's lives through art, dance, music, nature & storytelling. For further information or if you would like to be on The Faerie Ring's mailing list, please call 654-9770 (L. Sierra Brookes) or 654-7442 (Tanya T. Roberts).



Back row: Tanya Roberts, Autumn Roberts, Emma Pyles, L. Sierra Brookes Front row: Abby Van Ham, Alexa Leary, Rebecca Sileo, Kelly Sileo

Local Girl's Charity Work for Make-A-Wish

My name is Ashley Humphreys, and I am 8 years old. Recently, I started a project to help make sick children's wishes come true by making donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

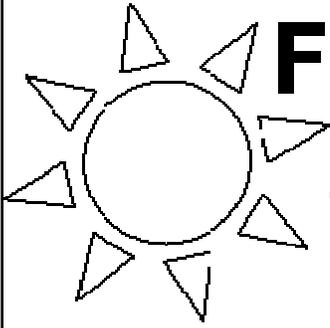
This project began because I enjoy sewing, and I love my stuffed animals. I dress them in scarves, clothing and necklaces and articles I sew for them. During the summer I started to design backpacks for my Webkinz and my friends loved them, so I made more. Thus my line of stuffed animal products was born. I make backpacks, sleeping bags, necklaces, scarves, hats, clothing and an adorable horse blanket that fits small stuffed animals such as Webkinz or Shining Star or small dolls such as Groovy Girls or American Girl Doll. Accessories have been designed for both stuffed animals and dolls.



My products would make a wonderful holiday gift or stocking stuffer for a special child on your holiday list or an adult stuffed animal fan. For each purchase I will make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help make a sick child's wish come true. I would like to ask if you would consider buying some of my products, so we all can work together to help sick children. You can place an order on the web at www.dressmyfuzzyfriends.com, by telephone at 654-5111 or email kmbh@tds.net. My line can also be found in Toyland in Milford and My Kidz Kutz in Amherst.

I also accept donations of fabrics, threads, buttons or other sewing items, beads and jewelry items as well as cardstock and packing items. I would like to thank The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop, Ladybead And Rook in Wilton and Nadine Preftakes for their generous donations of supplies, and MCCA for use of their concession stand.

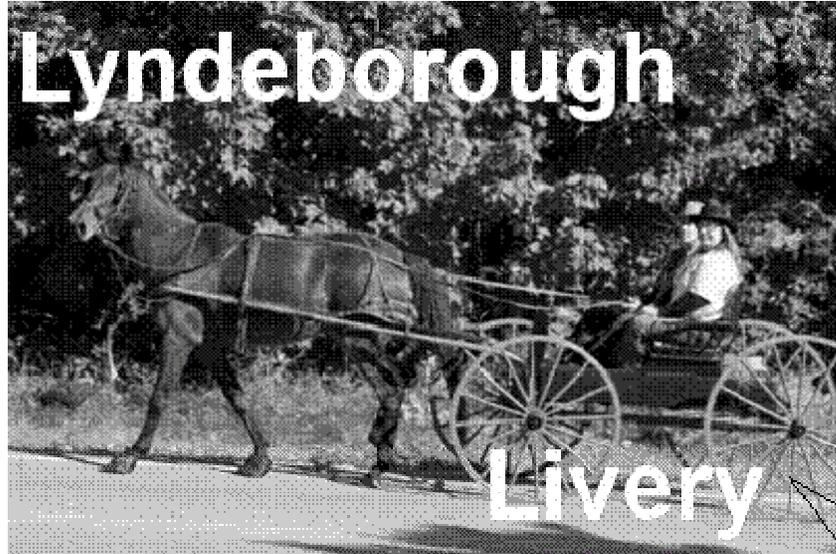
Feel free to pass my website along to your non-fuzzy friends. Thank you!



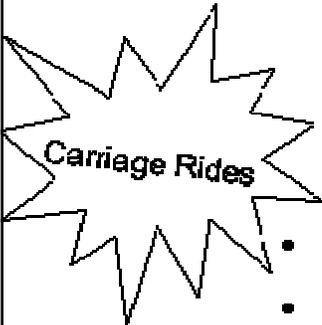
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being a part of a volunteer organization.

It gives me a chance to give to the community without getting embroiled in politics." James Whitmore.

"I like the selflessness of the members to help each other and the community when needed." Chris Horn

"Training and teaching the children about Fire Prevention are what I love about it." Sherry Whitmore

"I enjoy helping people in trouble and (big smile) running the lights." Steve Vergato

"The camaraderie of the members is awesome. I love going out and helping people. I also love the parade details." Jason Hutchinson

"I enjoy helping people and the brotherhood of this department." Scott St. Aubin

"Neighbors helping neighbors; that is what it's all about." Arnie Byam

Throughout the years the Fire Department has consisted of many dedicated men and women; men and women who continue to care and give so generously to the community. I could not have summed it up any better than these words of fire fighter Gene Hennessy.

"We can make a difference. We, as a Fire Department are not perfect, and we are all there for different reasons. But each and every one of us makes a difference when a citizen of Lyndeborough is having their worst day. We all sacrifice time. It is a considerable commitment of time and time is very valuable. If you were ever to thank someone on any volunteer department, thank them for their time."

Recent Fire Station Renovation Projects

Projects are in the order they are completed

The kitchenette area on the second floor. Project completed by members and local contractor (time donated), funded by LFD Fire Fighter's Association

The second floor and stairway were re-insulated and new sheetrock put up. Project completed by LFD members and funded by operating budget.

New secondary means of egress put on second floor. Project completed by local contractor and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

New Thirty Year timberline shingles were installed on roof.. Project completed by local contractor and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

Re-build new hose rack system in the station. Project completed by local contractor and funded by the Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

New garage door openers were installed which allowed the firefighters to close doors from the trucks as they are leaving the station. Project funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

Installed new wire frame gear racking which took up less space and allowed gear to breathe and dry. Project completed by LFD members and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

New emergency generator with an automatic transfer switch was installed. Project completed by local contractor and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

New flooring on the second floor meeting room, office, kitchenette and sitting area. Project completed by local contractor and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

Built a new 10' x 10' storage shed to help with organization of equipment. Project completed by local contractor and funded by CIP fund.

New 6000 PSI breathing air compressor installed. This will allow firefighters to refill the cascade system in the Rescue Truck and small air packs. Project funded by a grant.

Installed new flooring on the stairs. Project completed by LFD members and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

New radio room installed under the stairs. Project completed by LFD members and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

The apparatus floor was bead blasted and new epoxy paint put down. Project completed by LFD members and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

Six trees were removed behind the fire station which opened up two additional parking spots in the rear of building. Project completed by local contractor and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

The septic tank was located and pumped. New concrete risers and a manhole cover were installed before paving. Project completed by local contractor and funded by operating budget.

Repaved the station apron and driveway to correct drainage problem. Project completed by local contractor and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

New lighting installed throughout the building including motion lights outside secondary means of egress. Project completed by LFD members and funded by operating budget.

New insulated windows and trim installed on the first and second floor as well as a new entry door on the first floor. Project completed by LFD members and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.

First and second floor walls and ceiling were painted. Project completed by LFD members and funded by Fire Station Renovation CIP fund.



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Spiced Cranberry Bundt Cake

Makes 12-14 servings

(From *Bon Appetit*, contributed by Karen Holland)

Cake

2 cups flour
 ¾ cup almond flour (or ground almonds)
 2-1/2 tsp Chinese 5-spice powder (available in the spice section at Market Basket)
 1 tsp baking powder
 ½ tsp baking soda
 ½ tsp salt
 ½ tsp ground cinnamon
 ½ tsp ground ginger
 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temperature
 1 cup granulated sugar

1 cup packed light or dark brown sugar
 3 large eggs
 1-1/2 tsp vanilla extract
 1 cup plain reduced-fat or fat-free Greek-style yogurt
 1 cup chopped toasted almonds
 1 cup halved fresh or frozen cranberries (do not thaw)

Icing

1/3 cup powdered sugar
 4 tsp orange juice

Cake: Preheat oven to 350°. Butter and flour a 12-cup Bundt pan. Whisk first 8 ingredients (through salt) in medium bowl to blend. Using electric mixer, beat butter in large bowl until smooth. Add both sugars and beat until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating 1 minute after each addition. Beat in vanilla extract, then yogurt. Add dry ingredients and beat until just blended. Fold in almonds and cranberries. Transfer batter to prepared Bundt pan. Bake cake until tester inserted near center comes out clean, about 1 hour and 10 minutes. Cool cake in pan 10 minutes. Turn cake out onto rack and cool completely.

Icing: Stir powdered sugar and 2 tsp of orange juice in small bowl until sugar dissolves. Mix in more juice by ½ teaspoonfuls to reach consistency of heavy cream. Spoon icing over cake allowing it to drip down sides. Let cake stand until icing sets, at least 30 minutes..



Orange-Scented Mulled Wine (From Fine Cooking Magazine, contributed by Emily Morgan)

Serves 8

This is an especially tasty mulled wine recipe, worth the effort. I found that it was just as good at room temperature (or even a bit chilled) as hot.

10 cloves
 Three 3-inch cinnamon sticks
 2 star anise
 1 whole nutmeg, cracked into a few pieces
 1 tsp coriander seeds
 ½ tsp whole black peppercorns
 Two 750-ml bottles red wine such as Merlot, Shiraz or Zinfandel

1 clementine or tangerine, washed and cut in half crosswise (seeded if necessary)
 1/3 cup granulated sugar (more to taste)
 ¼ cup brandy
 1 Tbs Grand Marnier
 ½ tsp vanilla extract

Toast the cloves, cinnamon, star anise, nutmeg, coriander and black peppercorns in a 4-5 quart saucepan over medium heat, shaking to stir occasionally, until aromatic, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate and allow spices and pan to cool for a couple of minutes. Put the wine, clementine, sugar, and spices into the pan. Heat uncovered over low heat for 1 hour to infuse with the spices. Do not let the mixture boil. Using a pair of tongs, gently and carefully squeeze the juice from the citrus halves into the wine mixture. Discard the juiced citrus halves. Strain the mixture into another pot or bowl (or use a slotted spoon) to remove the spices and discard them. Stir in the brandy, Grand Marnier and vanilla and taste. Add more sugar if needed – use just enough to smooth out the flavors but not so much that it actually tastes sweet. Serve hot or at room temperature.

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Our cover photos in this issue are of Walter Holland raising the flag that was awarded to Edna Worcester's family after she passed away on July 20, 2008. This flag was flown over the Capital and Walter had made a promise to Edna that before she passed away, that he would fly her flag on Election Day.

Thanks to Nadine Preftakes for the photos.



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