Lyndeborough Views

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Mapping Lyndeborough's Natural Resources

By Joe Trudeau

During the next year, I will be completing a Natural Resources Inventory, or "NRI", for the town of Lyndeborough. An NRI lists, describes, and maps components of the natural and human environment that exist within a given locality. For this project, things such as plants, geology, soils, wetlands, recreational and scenic areas, important wildlife habitat, conservation land and agricultural lands will be identified and described for Lyndeborough and its immediate surroundings. For more than 25 years, I have been privileged to spend much of my time in Lyndeborough, as a visitor and a resident, and I am very excited to see this project develop.

Why inventory natural resources?

The New Hampshire State Law (RSA 36-A:2) that established Conservation Commissions states that a Commission shall "...conduct research into its local land and water areas," and "...keep an index of all open space and natural, aesthetic or ecological areas, with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such areas, including lands owned by the state or lands owned by a town or city." The index referred to is a Natural Resources Inventory.

Just as important, human health and well-being, the economy, and society are dependent on healthy, well functioning natural ecosystems. As southern New Hampshire's population grows and once rural towns become rapidly fragmented, towns are forced to confront difficult land use decisions regarding resource conservation, open space development, and access to public land. A NRI provides a detailed information source for Master Plans, Conservation Plans, or as the basis for sustainable development projects. It can also serve as an educational tool for school science classes or others interested in the rich natural world that Lyndeborough offers.

What is the NRI Process?

Over the next year, existing information and maps will be compiled, new information and data will be gathered in the field, and final maps and an accompanying report will be generated. Existing conservation lands will be inventoried to evaluate currently protected natural resources. Public participation will help provide important information that will ultimately describe and display Lyndeborough's natural resources in a depth not yet available. The final product will reflect

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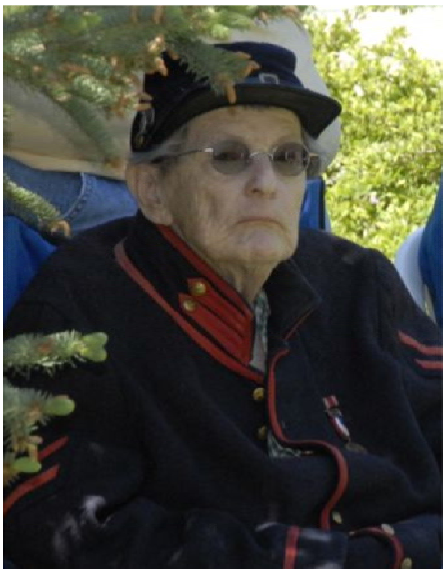

Edna Worcester watches Lyndeborough's annual Memorial Day Parade.
Photo by Kathleen Baglio Humphreys

A Call to Service, Citizens of Lyndeborough

By Cyndi Geiger

Do not worry; we are not re-instating the draft. In 2002, the federal government created Citizen Corps to help coordinate volunteer activities that would make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. At the time the events of 9/11/2001 contributed to the recognition that community volunteer programs could prepare local citizens to train and work together within their community to protect and assist fellow citizens in times of natural or man made disasters.

Lyndeborough's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) recognizes that Lyndeborough is fortunate to have citizens who are willing to assist their neighbors and community in times of hardship and during an emergency. Therefore, there is a plan to organize and offer training to volunteers interested in serving in this capacity.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a FEMA program that educates citizens about the hazards they face in their community and trains them in lifesaving skills. Following a disaster, these citizen-responders use their training as part of a neighborhood team to help others when professional

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What You Need to Know About Burn Permits

By Fire Chief Rick McQuade

I know I have talked about burn permits in the past, but over the last year some of the rules and regulations have changed. In the past the fire department has used an alphanumeric pager for its point of contact for residents to obtain burn permits. The pager was in some ways cumbersome and was not always the easiest tool for residents to use. So, roughly one month ago we put in place a new cell phone that residents can call. The new burn permit cell phone number is 831-3355. This number is listed on the town's website as well as the fire department's answering machine. We hope that this will make life a little easier for those of you who wish to get burn permits.

State law under RSA 227-L says "EVERY person, firm or corporation who kindles any fire or burns or causes to be burned any materials, except when the ground is covered with snow, SHALL obtain a written burn fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden in the town or city where the fire is to be kindled".

If you rent a home or apartment here in town you can still obtain a burn permit, however, you must have written approval from the landowner. Have your landlord basically write you a permission slip, allowing you to burn on his/her property. When the Warden or Deputy Warden arrives, show him the permission slip and he will write out your burn permit.

Some important things to remember:

- Outside burning is NOT allowed between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, unless it is actually raining. This does not include camping and cooking fires.
- You must be able to extinguish any fire that you kindle. This means you must have the capability to extinguish the fire once it has burned. (i.e. garden hose or pails of water from a pond or stream)
- **Completely extinguished fire means:** Extinguished so that it emits no smoke, heat or flames. A buried fire is not an extinguished fire.
- **Snow cover or ground covered with snow means:** The area within a 100-foot radius from the fire's edge is covered with snow or other frozen precipitation sufficient to prevent the combustion of woodland fuels until the fire is completely extinguished.
- **Attended means:** An individual is responsible for the fire and capable of extinguishing the fire when required; or, if the fire goes out of control, that individual is in the area where the burning is being done until the fire is extinguished.
- **Penalties:** Any person violating the permit laws and its provisions, and any person, who willfully or recklessly kindles a fire that endangers woodlands, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to $2,000 and/or up to one year in jail, or both. You could also be responsible for all fire suppression costs.

Here are some commonly asked questions:

Q: What materials can be burned with a fire permit?

A: Brush and wood cannot exceed 5 inches in diameter. No combustible domestic waste, treated wood or combustible materials may be burned. "Combustible domestic waste" is defined as household trash, packaging materials, plastic coated or laminated materials, rubber, painted or treated wood, coated or treated cardboard, oily rags, and animal, vegetable, and kitchen waste.

Q: How close to a structure can I kindle my fire?

A: Camping or cooking fires must be at least 25 feet from any structure and a brush pile type fire should be a minimum of 50 feet from any structure

Q: How old do I have to be to obtain a permit?

A: You must be 18 years or older to obtain a fire permit.

Q: How much does my burn permit cost?

A: Burn permits are free of charge.

Q: Is it against the law for me to throw my lit cigarette from my vehicle?

A: Yes. It is against the law for you to throw a lit cigarette from your vehicle and you could be held financially responsible for the suppression costs if that cigarette starts a fire.

Q: Do I need a permit for a portable fireplace and can I keep it on my deck?

A: Yes, you do need a permit and, no, it cannot be kept on your deck. It must be a minimum of 25 feet from any structure.

Please take a few minutes to educate yourself about outside burning and feel free to call the burn permit cell phone to ask questions. You can also go online to www.nhdfl.com. And remember; Smokey says, "Only you can prevent forest fires."

Get a burn permit, have a small campfire, roast a few marshmallows and enjoy your summer!

A Fond Farewell

- Katie Preftakes

After almost six years of working in the Lyndeborough Selectmen's Office, I resigned in May to work full time on my photography business. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the town and getting to know the wonderful residents who walk through the doors of Citizens' Hall. I have a great respect for the Selectmen who serve this town. I know that it is rarely an easy job, but the town's best interests are always at heart. A special thanks goes to Neal Cass and Trish Schultz, who have always made coming to work a pleasure. Lyndeborough is a wonderful place and I feel proud to have been a part of this great community.

Message from your Health Officer

By Cyndi Geiger

The lilacs are blooming and the forsythia has gone by. However; as I write this article I am glad I haven't put my winter clothes away because it is so cold today. Black flies are biting, ticks are abundant, and the mosquitoes will be here soon.

The most important thing you can do to avoid annoying bites and possible illness is protect yourself and your family from mosquito and tick bites. Limit outside activity during evening, night and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active. To avoid ticks, stay on trails when hiking. Avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses. Check yourself or child often for ticks. Wear light-colored clothes with long sleeves and pants; tuck your pant legs into socks or boots.

Insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-methyl-meta-toluamide) have been proven effective. No more than 30% Deet should be used on adults or children. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Environmental Health has updated their recommendation for use of DEET products on children, citing; "Insect repellents containing DEET with a concentration of 10% appear to be as safe as products with a concentration of 30% when used according to the directions on the product labels." AAP recommends that repellents with DEET should not be used on infants less than 2 months old. Repellents containing Picaridin (KBR3023) or oil of lemon eucalyptus (a plant based repellent) provide protection similar to repellents with low concentrations of DEET. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should NOT be used on children under the age of three years. Follow the manufacturer's directions for application. Mosquito netting is recommended for infants.

Remember to make safety part of your planning for summer outings and events. Seasonal hazards include food poisoning, sunburn, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, thunderstorms, and the potential for hurricanes.

Check out the Town of Lyndeborough website under Health Officer for seasonal and timely information. Don't forget the monthly blood pressure clinic, the first Thursday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

Please, have a healthy and safe spring and summer.

The Lyndeborough Maple Leaves 4-H club plants Memorial Day flowers at Citizens Hall on Friday 5/23. Clockwise from bottom left: Will Welch, Annemarie Herfurth, Kassandra Cavarretta and Hannah Welch. Not pictured are leaders Karen Grybko and Amy Welch.

Report from the Road Agent

By Kent Perry

Luckily it's turning out to be a great Spring. No mud season to speak of and not a lot of rain so far. This puts us ahead of the game on repairing winter damage and allowed us to start the Pettingill Hill Road and Mountain Road projects. Also, preliminary work on replacing the Gulf Road bridge has begun.

The new backhoe has arrived and it has been put right to work on Mountain Road. Watch out for bumps where culverts will be replaced. And please go slow when you see us working. The noise of the machines can block out the sound of oncoming traffic.

The Highway Department is currently working four 10-hour days a week to reduce the need to move the heavy machinery around. This helps us save on fuel cost and increases the level of daily progress on projects.

There has been a rash of street and traffic signs being absconded. If you see a sign missing, please call and let us know.

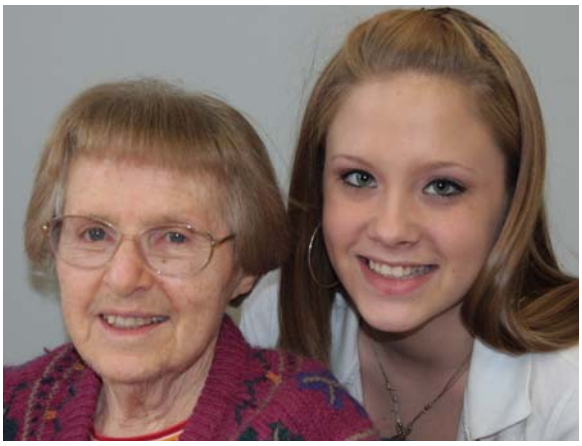
Submission deadline for the **September** issue of *Lyndeborough Views* is **August 19th**

Share your announcements, photos and stories!!

A View into the Past

By Lindsey Trehern

As a senior at WLC, I was given the opportunity to combine a writing internship with my World History class assignment on World War II. My mission for this article was to learn how World War II impacted families and communities. I had the pleasure of interviewing Ada Tussing, Dick Darling and Alberta Finch. Each conversation was unique in its own right; however, they all shared in depth themes of comradeship, honor, integrity and patriotism.



Ada Tussing and Lindsey Trehern at their Interview. *Photo by Nadine Preftakes*

Ada was born in 1919, and even though she is only 4'6" tall, her story was very powerful. When the war began she was a junior at the University of Maine studying home economics. She said she did not have the time to worry too much about the war but thought a lot about her two brothers who were serving their country. There were no TV's at that time; newspapers and radios were the main source of information about the war.

During the war, Ada met her husband, Eugene, at the local USO. He was serving as an Air Force staff sergeant. Ada's face glowed when she remembered the first time her 'husband to be' saw her. He admitted thinking, "She's an angel, I think I will marry her." And after only six short weeks, he did. They eloped, holding the small ceremony in the minister's house. Ada's expression revealed that it was very hard for her to speak about him. "We were soul mates and I miss him very much." They were married for 52 years and had 5 beautiful children. Sadly their first child, Betty, passed away in a fire when she was only 19 months old.

Ada related that wartime prices on food were higher. Gas was so expensive that people hitchhiked to and from places they needed to go. She spoke about the Victory Gardens where people could plant vegetables for themselves and their neighbors. There were many shortages such as butter, eggs and sugar, because so much was sent overseas to support the war effort. Sharing and relying on neighbors was necessary and comforting.

Ada was a wonderful person to meet and interview. She is also a very spiritual person who loves the Bible and reads it daily. At the end of the interview, Ada gave me one piece of advice that I thought was amusing but will remember forever: "Be careful who you marry. Stay a virgin till marriage and if not, then do the best you can."

When I interviewed Dick Darling I was surprised at what an outgoing, humorous, and serious person he was. He related his family's story to me, speaking with much emotion and depth of feeling. His story has touched my heart.

Dick's father, Richard, was one of ten boys: John, Robert, Richard, Fredrick, Philip, Dan, Bill, Ralph, Martin and Ernest. Dick said his grandmother, Clara, named the last child Ernest Norman Darling so, that, "his initials spelled END because he was the end of the Darling boys."

All ten sons voluntarily served in the military at some time in their lives. The three youngest, Ralph, Martin and Ernest, served during peacetime--one in the Army and the other two in the Air Force. The five oldest sons served in World War II. Dan and Bill served in the Korean Conflict. It is hard to imagine the stress and worry that the family must have gone through with five sons fighting in the war at the same time. Dick explained that the neighborhood in New York where his uncles grew up was a very close-knit community. "Everyone knew one another, went to school and church together and looked out for each other."

Every evening during the war, Dick's grandfather would sit by the bow window and watch for the Western Union man. He was always relieved not to see him, because if he did, it meant that someone's son passed away or was missing in action. This waiting and worrying took its toll on every family. "The community was family and when one person lost a child, everyone else in the community shared their sorrow. It made them old before their time."

Mothers who had lost sons were given the honorary title of 'Gold Star Mothers,' and on the street where Dick's uncles lived there were several. The Darling family was fortunate in that they did not lose any sons, but the three oldest, John, Bob and Richard (Dick's father) were missing in action

Clara Darling and her ten sons

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Lyndeborough Community Day - August 16th, 2008

By Karen Grybko

Plans are firming up for the 3rd Annual Community Day in Lyndeborough. As with past years, this event will be held under the tent, on the grounds, and in the hall of the old Town Hall, a.k.a. Center Hall, on Center Road. The final event schedule will be official as the date nears, but as of this writing the tentative schedule is as follows:

8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.	Silent Auction to benefit the J. A. Tarbell Library addition in the hall
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast to benefit the renovation of Center Hall
12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch provided by the Lafayette Artillery
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Children's activities, volleyball, games, dunking booth, horseshoes, and more.
3:00 p.m.	Flag Retirement Ceremony presented by the Lafayette Artillery (bring your old flags)
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Chicken Barbeque with live music under the tent, to benefit the Lyndeborough Fire Department and the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Lyndeborough Fire Department bonfire (weather permitting)

If any additional organizations would like to sponsor an activity, please contact Karen Grybko at 654-5362 so the activity be can added to the schedule. Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the many tasks needed to make Community Day happen, please contact Karen Grybko. An up-to-date schedule will be mailed out to each household in town during the week prior to the Community Day.

Hope to see you there!

Chicken Barbeque Tickets

Barbeque tickets will be available for advance purchase from any Lyndeborough Fire Department member prior to **August 16th**. Ticket prices are **$10.00** for the chicken dinner (chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, tossed salad and a drink) and **$2.00** for a hot dog, chips and a drink. Buy your ticket early and plan on eating a terrific meal, listening to a fantastic local band and chatting with great friends and neighbors.

Please Join Us For A Monthly Community Supper

What: A Lyndeborough Community Supper (Anyone can come)
Potluck (beverages and paper plates etc. will be provided)

Where: Lyndeborough Center Hall

When: The 2nd Saturday evening each month (starting on June 14th, July 12th. August 9th)

Time: Serving 6:30 pm

Why: Because Lyndeborough's a terrific place to be and its people are good company, plus its nice to have a party to look forward to!

Questions? Call Jen or Tracy at 748-1530 or Chase at 654-9831

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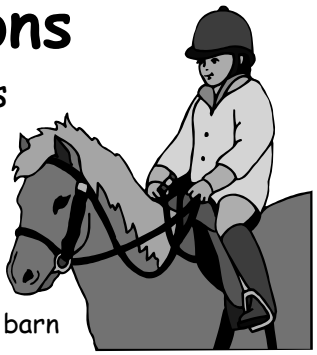

Poems by LCS Students Win Local Competition

The following poems were written by 4th and 6th graders at the Lyndeborough Central School and recently won at the Toadstool Bookstore Poetry Competition.

Grizzly Bear Haiku

By Dalton Courtemarche – Grade 4

Powerful creature
Sharp teeth, long claws, fierce hunters
Tall and ferocious

Volcano Haiku

By Matt Shinn – Grade 4

Mountain that erupts
Lava flows in fast, hot streams
Rocky and steep slopes.

Wild Animals

By Kassandra Cavarretta – Grade 4

Quick, fast sneak attacks
Vicious hunters search for prey
Hide out in cave holes

Birds Haiku

By Annie Herfurth – Grade 4

Birds fly joyfully
Their feathers blow through the wind
Sing and chirp to me

White Winter Love

By Kyle Hagen – Grade 6

Slicing through the snow
Icy wind kissing my face
Slipping on goggles

Gathering immense speed
Crisp flakes falling from the sky
Landing on my board

Hitting perfect jumps
Soaring through brisk, cold air
Adrenaline pumps

Coming to the ground
Ever so slightly landing
Riding down the trail

Spring is Here

By Margaret Weigle – Grade 6

No more gloves...no more hats
No more Christmas...no more St. Pats
No more chill...no more cold
Spring is here...let the good times roll

Starting now we will wear T-shirts and shorts.
Starting now we will play some outdoor sports.

We will ride bikes and fly some kites
We will also hike and see some sights.

There goes April with its showers.
Here comes May with its flowers.
Spring is here!! It's here today
Spring is here!! Let's hope it'll stay

I am Tall and Strong

By Dean Labrie – Grade 4

I wonder if I will be good at math
I hear footsteps
I see ghosts
I am tall and strong

I pretend I am a FBI agent
I feel something gooey in the air
I touch a leprechaun's hand
I worry that I'm not doing well in school
I cry when bad things happen
I am tall and strong

I understand spelling
I say leprechauns are real
I dream I will be a famous skateboarder
I try to get good grades
I hope I will get a dirt bike
I am tall and strong

Perfect Day

By Michaela McEntee – Grade 6

The sun's warmth on your face
Butterflies flying without a trace
The sky is bursting with blue
Nothing can ruin this day that is true
The birds in the trees singing their tune
You want the sun to stay, not become the moon
A deer grazing in the next field
No you won't tell anyone where you are
No your lips are sealed
The weather is so nice today
Today is the perfect day

Congratulations to the 2008 WLC Lyndeborough Graduates

Stephan Chin
Christopher Duncan
Lauren Frost
Abigail Graves
Seth Janczak
Owen Kemmerer
Kevin Lessard
Zachary Lewis
Marissa Maddox
Nichole Melrose
Marissa Perez
Cori Preftakes
Alyssa Reindeau
Jessica Rocca
Morgan Roy
Dennis Salisbury Jr.
Zachary Schnable
Prue Sellner
Aubrey Slocomb
James Weigle

Call to Service....

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responders are overwhelmed or not immediately available. CERT members provide immediate assistance to victims in their area.

The basic CERT training program is a 20-hour course. Training sessions cover disaster preparedness, fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, team organization as well as a module on terrorism.

The training concludes with a disaster simulation in which participants practice skills that they learned throughout the course.

Please call the Town Office (603-654-5955) for information or to volunteer as a member of Lyndeborough's Community Emergency Response Team. For more information visit the CERT/Citizen Corps website https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/.

Natural Resources.....

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the inventorying work that has occurred in the past as well as new research that includes public scoping and participation, ecological surveys, and state-of-the-art map and database creation.

How can you get involved?

Public involvement is critical in putting together a NRI that reflects the knowledge and sentiment of residents, is easily accepted as a planning tool, and builds a sense of community around a common resource: The land. I bring a decade of experience in natural resource management and study to this project, but I still am looking for some help from people whose eyes and ears have been on the ground for many years. I invite your participation in any way you are comfortable; sharing your knowledge of a certain piece of land, stories about how things have changed, or hosting a survey of your own property.

If you are interested, I will gladly take phone calls at 562-6226, or emails at joe@preservelandworks.com. Also, feel free to stop by the town offices and see a color wall poster I drafted for Town Meeting. I hope to see you around!

CONSERVING PURGATORY FALLS

By Jessie Salisbury

Efforts to raise $65,000 to purchase the Purgatory Lower Falls, also known as the Faulkner Mill site, have reached the half-way point, Souhegan Valley Land Trust member Diane Fitzpatrick announced recently.

The bad news is, she said, the Land Trust has until August to raise the remaining $33,000. If the goal is not reached in time, the five-plus acre parcel containing the falls, millpond and remains of the circa 1811 sawmill will go on the open market as a residential house lot.

So far, Fitzpatrick said, 82 individuals have contributed between $10 and $1,000, and a contribution of $15,000 has been received from the Kaley Foundation.

The Falls are a popular family destination, an easy 15-minute walk in from Purgatory Road near Fitch's Corner. Right now the water is high and the Falls are spectacular. Later in the season there is a wide selection of native wildflowers and many varieties of birds.

The protection of the entire brook, from Purgatory Falls Road in Lyndeborough, began in 1972 with the purchase of the Upper Falls and the historic Hutchinson's Grove site by the Town of Lyndeborough, followed a few years later by Mont Vernon's purchase of 40-plus adjoining acres. Since then, easements have been acquired on several parcels along the brook. The most recent purchase was the 250-acre Wah Lum Tract by Mont Vernon voters this spring. That site includes the scenic Middle Falls.

The Lower Falls is the last major parcel needed to complete the protection of Purgatory Brook. There are walking trails through the three-mile valley.

To make a donation, send checks made out to SVLT to Souhegan Valley Land Trust, P.O. Box 417, Milford, NH 03055. No donation is too small.

For more information, contact Fitzpatrick at 672-6016, or email svlt1970@verizon.net.

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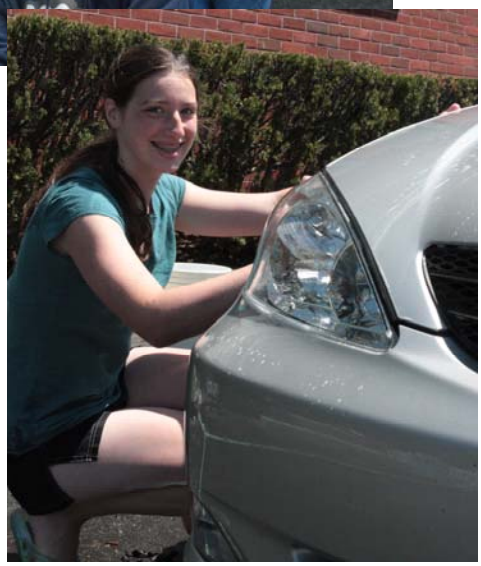
Above: The best part of Graduation - CAKE!! Madeline Smith and Logan Harwood get ready to enjoy.

Left: Annie Herfurth and her triplet lambs

Above: LCS sixth graders leaving for Ferry Beach Camp. Back row L-R: Hannah Earle, Michaela McEntee, Zoe Danyi, Kyle Hagen, Tanner Gallant. Front row L-R: Katrina Amadon, Connor Holt, Margaret Weigle, Brianna Moynihan

Right: Ashley Brock works at the WLC Car Wash to raise money for breast cancer research.



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Above: Lexi Balam with the fish she caught with her dad at Pratt Pond in Wilton. Thanks to dad Bill Balam for the photo.

Above: Kendahl Rae and Ashley Humphreys march in the Memorial Day Parade.

Left: Lafayette Artillery on Memorial Day

Below: Mackenzie Hayden at the annual Easter Egg Hunt

Left: Edna Worcester surrounded by her fellow members of the Lafayette Artillery at a party in her honor.

Know Your Neighbor: Nadine Preftakes

By Kyle Hagen

For as long as I can remember, Mrs. Preftakes has always been a sweet, kind and generous person. Like many others, though, I never really knew who she was besides her appearance and personality. And not really knowing who she was, nobody really had the chance to reveal her true self because she has always been the one to write, "Know Your Neighbor." So, even though at first she didn't want to allow me to do this, I wanted to interview Mrs. Preftakes in the hope of discovering more about her as a person.

"To me Lyndeborough is a town that is generous and giving and I can not Imagine living anywhere else."

Mrs. Preftakes was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, but only lived there for two months before her family moved to West Virginia. From there they moved to Connecticut, where they lived for 5 years before moving to Maryland. In Maryland they lived in three different towns. Mrs. Preftakes said that although she feels fortunate to have grown up in a large, loving family with her three brothers and five sisters, she really did not like moving around so much and hopes she never has to leave Lyndeborough. "I never had a place that I could call my hometown until I moved to Lyndeborough."

Mrs. Preftakes's dad, Marcel Kniedler, has his PhD in Nuclear Physics, and much of the work that he did was to try and develop ways to use nuclear power to create energy. Her mom, Evelyn Lunardini, was a kind Italian lady who was a stay at home mom.

As we all know, Mrs. Preftakes is an exceptional writer. This all started when she was a little girl and her parents encouraged her to write a letter to her grandparents. She obediently agreed and wrote to her grandmother. To her complete surprise, she got a letter back. This began a lifelong love of writing letters that she says she still enjoys today. And, she laughed when she told me that sometimes she can say things better when she writes them down in a letter. Besides writing, Mrs. Preftakes loves to take pictures and read well-written novels. She also likes to braid rugs and "play in the dirt with my flowers."

In order to be able to afford college tuition, Mrs. Preftakes had to work and so had a few interesting jobs. Not only did she work at a golf course serving hamburgers to all the very wealthy people, she worked two years in a donut shop on the college campus. But the job that cracked me up was she got to drive a Good Humor ice cream truck. She said that once, on her lunch break, she left the truck locked but came back to discover that it had been broken into and all the money was taken. As Mrs. Preftakes was crying over this, the young boys who robbed her came back and felt sorry for her. They then apologized and gave her back all the money that they had stolen. Mrs. Preftakes was so happy that she gave all of them free ice cream.

After graduating from Gaithersburg High School in Maryland, Mrs. Preftakes went on to the University of Maryland. There she learned to be an elementary school teacher and how to deal with kids. After four years of college, she finally graduated. She then went on to teach sixth and second grade for three years. Eventually, after a few years, she and her husband Jim and their four children moved to Lyndeborough, where her two youngest children were born.

"I never had a place that I could call my hometown until I moved to Lyndeborough."

Besides living a normal life, Mrs. Preftakes has had many exciting and interesting things happen. She said to me that, "The happiest moments of my life were when I had my six wonderful children, and now two little grandsons." Besides that, Mrs. Preftakes's uncle owned a candy and tobacco store in Pennsylvania and she loved visiting it every summer.

Mrs. Preftakes says she loves living in Lyndeborough very much. "I never want to leave. I have done enough moving in my life." She says the things she loves about this town are the stone walls, the peacefulness of walking down a dirt road, the historic old buildings and cemeteries and the variety of wildlife. But she says that, besides the obvious beauty of this town, it is the ability of the people to give and care for each other that has always impressed her most. "I have a great respect for all the people who give their time and talents to help in whatever capacity they are able. I have to admit I am somewhat partial to the fire department but have a great appreciation for all the people who give to others every day of their lives. To me Lyndeborough is a town that is generous and giving and I can not imagine living anywhere else."

I think though that the most heartwarming and best part of Mrs. Preftakes is her devotion to the town of Lyndeborough. She loves to take pictures of the town and its beauty. She also likes to take pictures at town events because she feels like she preserves those moments in history. She says that the greatest thing about Lyndeborough is how the town comes together in times of need. She also believes that the real heroes in life are the everyday people who devote their time for others.

So, just to let you know, Mrs. Preftakes, you are one of my heroes.

Know Your Neighbor: Kyle Hagen

By Nadine Preftakes

When Kyle asked me if he could interview and write about me, I had to think long and hard about my answer. I sometimes joke and call the people who I interview, my "victims." I now have a whole new perspective on my own words. But turnaround is fair play, and who am I to discourage someone who loves to write as much as I do? Kyle and I talked at length and shared many things, and, in doing so, I realized that sitting right in front of me was a remarkable young person whose story I wanted to tell. I decided it would be fun to interview the interviewer and I was not disappointed.

Even though Kyle is only twelve years old, I was impressed by the depth and thought he gave to the questions I posed to him. He spoke with complete honesty and candor and much insight for one so young.

Kyle is in the sixth grade at Lyndeborough Central School and has very definite opinions about education and how our school measures up. He began by telling me that he has enjoyed being a part of LCS. "It is really nice, and I love the fact that it is so small and everyone knows each other and is so close together and cares for each other." He also said that, to him, the qualities that make a school successful are "when people and teachers care about giving the children the best education and not just doing the bare minimum to do their job." And yes, "Lyndeborough Central School is definitely a great school."

I would have to brag just a little at this point because Kyle would never say this, but not only is Kyle a very bright young man, with the grades to prove it, he is also very modest about his achievements. He considers himself a perfectionist and says he is always striving to be the best that he can be. In fact, when I posed the question, "If you could change one thing in your life what would it be?" he answered, "Well, I am very hard on myself and, even though I know I am a perfectionist, I want to always be the best. I think I would like to change the fact that I am so hard on myself."

As in every interview, I am interested in people's perceptions about living in a small town. Kyle was born in Lyndeborough and has never lived anywhere else. "I love the serenity of nature; the land is so crisp and clean and beautiful, and the people are so very friendly – no one is mean to each other and we all help each other out." Kyle certainly takes advantage of the gifts this town has to offer. He loves to fish and hike in the summer and snowboard in the winter. He also enjoys biking and soccer but stated emphatically that the one thing he did not like were the black flies!

"Know your Neighbor" authors and subjects Kyle Hagen and Nadine Preftakes

Kyle told me that he loves small towns and loves New England and that besides growing up here, he felt that there were two things that made him realize how special the town is. When the Wilton Scenic Railroad was running he took a ride, and he says he got to see so many beautiful things from a totally different perspective. "It made me realize how cool the town is, especially in autumn." Kyle says he knows he is privileged to be able to travel with his family to other places and even though he truly enjoys the places he goes, he says he is always glad when he comes back home to Lyndeborough.

I was so impressed with Kyle's appreciation of this town that I hesitated to ask him the question, "What would be one thing that you would change in the town?" His answer completely surprised me. "I hate how people litter. I know that it is probably not Lyndeborough residents that litter, but somehow I would like to find a way to stop it. If we pick it all up, that helps, but people will just do it again. I would like to figure out a way to stop the littering so that people will think twice about throwing their trash on our roads."

I asked him if he would want to live here when he grew up, and he said that he would love to, but that his future job might be an issue. Kyle was not sure exactly what direction his education will take him but said he has always admired Jacques Cousteau and would like to become a marine biologist. "Either that or a chef who owns his own restaurant." I suspect that both of Kyle's parents have had a large influence in his life. According to Kyle, his dad, Karl, who works at BAE Systems, is also an excellent chef at home. His mom, Margaret, who works for the Co-Operative Extension of NH, knows practically everything there is to know about plants, soil and gardening. Kyle smiled when he proudly told me that she teaches occasional classes at UNH, gives Powerpoint presentations at Beaver Brook and also appears on TV on Channel 9 to talk about her work.

Kyle has one older brother, Zach, who is 14, and he says, "We enjoy doing stuff together." Kyle's whole family likes spending time together on vacations to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Sanibel Island in Florida. He also said that he loves to go to Green Valley, Arizona, where his dad's mom lives. He spoke very fondly of his grandmother and

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Kitchen Renovations at Center Hall

By Karen Grybko

The kitchen renovation is now complete! Hopefully, many of you have had the opportunity to poke your head into the room on the right, as you enter Center Hall, to see how it has been transformed from a room with cabinets for collecting junk, non-working appliances, and an inadequate sink to a very usable kitchen complete with new appliances, stainless steel work tables and a stainless steel commercial sink. Additionally, a new floor was installed along with a new ceiling with overhead lighting and a coat of paint. As promised, the work was completed in time for voting day in March.

Several groups have already put the new kitchen to the "test." It was used to prepare food on voting day, for the Conservation Commission's fundraising dinner for Purgatory Falls in April and for a celebration to honor Edna Worcester in May. Many people have remarked, "It is wonderful to have a large sink to fill up coffee pots and to also wash them out later!"

Thanks to the following generous donors who made the idea of a new kitchen a reality in a relatively short amount of time:

- Cardoza Flooring of Milford for the floor and installation
- The Grossman family for the refrigerator
- Sean Brady and Michelle Boot for the stove
- Generous financial support from Edna Worcester, Bob Rodgers, Paul Martin, Mary Alice Fullerton, Arnie Byam, Richard Herfurth, the Lafayette Artillery, the Wilton Lions Club, the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club, and the Milford Rotary Club

- The Maple Guys for their raffle basket, and everyone who purchased the raffle tickets.

A big thank you goes out to Richard Herfurth and Arnie Byam, who donated their time, labor and talents. Richard and Arnie ripped out the old kitchen and installed the new one. Thanks, also, to fellow fundraisers and gofers Ellen Pomer and Caryl McEntee, and thanks to Andy Roeper for installing the restored windows in the kitchen. The hall will look great from the outside when the other two windows are installed in the front of the building later this spring.

The next two projects on the agenda to spruce up Center Hall are the replacement of the stage curtain followed by the replication of the hand- painted, canvas backdrop that was once behind the stage. If anyone is interested in helping or donating to these projects, please call Karen Grybko at 654-5362. The Women's Club will be accepting tax-deductible donations.

Town Website - Keep Informed

CHECK IT OUT!!

Check the Lyndeborough Town Web site for updates on this year's Community Weekend, information about department meetings, other events, and to see the Lyndeborough Views in color.

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Karen,

I'm wondering if you could put a note in the Lyndeborough News thanking the May Day Fairies for the beautiful & delicious basket I received. This year I got up even earlier than last year hoping to catch sight of one of them, but no luck!

It's just amazing what a lift the basket brings to my spirits, especially after the long, hard winter.

So thank you, Fairies, wherever you are.

- Joan Guise
Crooked S Road

PS I'm sure the other recipient on Crooked S Road feel the same

Growing a Bigger Library

by Bob Rogers, J. A. Tarbell Library Trustees

Fund-raising for the proposed addition to the J.A Tarbell Library is ongoing. Including the Capital Reserve Fund appropriated by the Town, the interest accrued on that account that we plan to ask for, and other moneys raised or donated, the Trustees have over $300,000 to be used for building. More than $100,000 has also been pledged for this purpose, leaving another $100,000 yet to be obtained to complete construction. An area-wide appeal is the next step, and if any local resident is experienced in this activity, we could surely use the help.

Our application to the State to deal with the wet area behind the building has been submitted, but given the generous time limits for each step in the approval process, it may be a while before our project is given legal blessing. The architect's plans are ready to put out to bid as soon as we have the permit in hand.

The Trustees are grateful for the continuing support of the community. Ultimately Lyndeborough will have a library facility that we can be proud of.

Lyndeborough Ski & Ride Club

By Kathleen Humphreys

It is not too early to think snow! Lyndeborough Ski & Ride Club is gearing up for a fun season of skiing and snowboarding at the Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride Area in Bennington during the 2008-2009 Winter Season. Discounted season's passes are available for club members. Sign up early to beat the early fall deadline and then, think snow!

The non-profit club offers a variety of season's passes to Crotched Mountain such as an Adult Club Season Pass for $299 or a Junior Club Season Pass for $249, as well as a student 5-week- lessons program, the Granite Pass, Nor'Easter Pass and family passes.

For more information contact Kathleen Humphreys at 654-5111 or kmbh@tds.net. For an application or to register, log on to www.crotchedmountain.com/lyndeborough.html.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Levi Joseph Hyde
Born 2-7-08
6 pounds, 14 ounces
19 ½ inches long
Parents are Lori Fredette and John (Pickle) Hyde
Lori is the daughter of Mel and Barb Fredette

Emma Rachel Blais
Born 4-30-08
6 pounds 8 ounces
18 inches long
Parents are Lisa and Tom Blais

she joins sisters Samantha and Lori

(Lori is shown left with new sister Emma)

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misses her quite a bit. I thought it was interesting both Kyle's and my grandmothers have been very special people in our lives. In Kyle's opinion, his grandmother has led an interesting life. She lived through the Depression, became a nurse, is a fantastic baker and is a talented artisan who makes beautiful jewelry out of PMC, or Precious Metal Clay. His grandmother encouraged Kyle to take a jewelry class at the Sharon Arts Center, because she knew Kyle enjoyed working with his hands, and he has made some beautiful pendant necklaces and delicate pins.

I asked him what advice he would give to people older and younger than himself. He said that he would encourage older folks to, "take time for yourself." And for the younger people, "don't take life too seriously." I had to laugh at that one, because Kyle is so hard on himself, but when I looked askance at him, he just grinned sheepishly at me and said, "Well, you can't expect me to follow my own advice can you?"

In the end I asked Kyle what he enjoyed the most about interviewing me and writing his article. He said simply, "I enjoyed getting to know you."

Ditto for me, Kyle!

2008 Love Your Horse Senior Horse Photo Contest Winners

Local couple, Scott Bois and Susan Shepard, Lyndeborough, NH win Grand Prize and 500 lbs of senior horse feed for their horse, Dick. This contest was sponsored by Blue Seal, Milford, NH. Please see the link below for more details.

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A View into the Past.....

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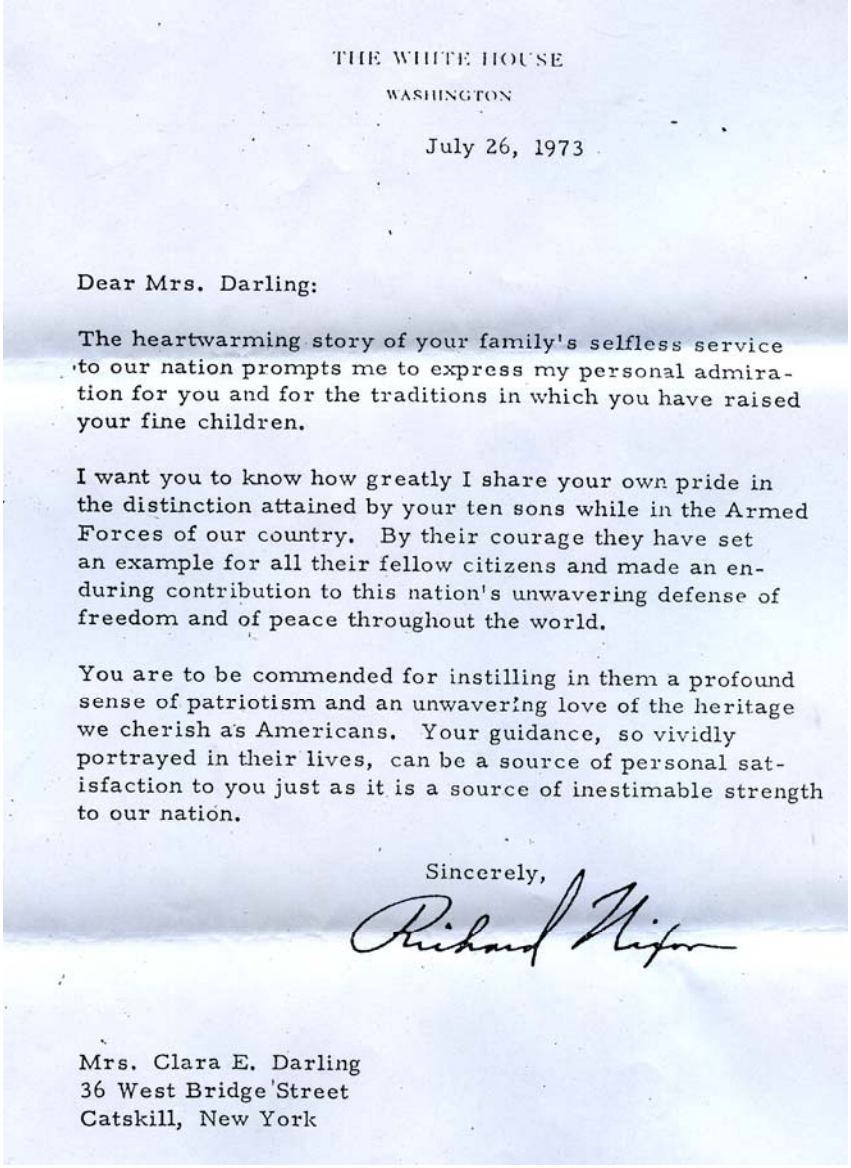
at the same time for three months. I cannot even imagine what this must have been like. His grandparents mourned when their sons were missing and did not think that they would survive, but luckily they were all found. It turns out that the men had no means of communication and were too busy in combat to keep in touch. Dick's grandfather commented, "I've lived a miracle because all my boys came home."

Dick's family was and still is very patriotic. Dick's uncle, Bob, and his father, Richard, would collect the dogtags of soldiers they knew who had died and would later present these tags to their families. Dick recently contacted his uncles to obtain a copy of a photo showing his grandmother with her ten sons. One of his uncles also forwarded a letter from President Nixon, honoring the Darling family for their dedication to our country. Dick had not known this presidential letter existed.

Alberta Finch, also known to me as 'Nana,' is a very bold, humorous and wonderful woman. I've known her for eighteen years but never heard the story of her life during the time of the war. She lived in Portland, Maine, with my grandfather, Ralph Finch, and worked at a cosmetic company. She raised two children, my Uncle Bud and my Grams (Andrea). Alberta and her husband, Ralph, were married for four years prior to him serving in the war. Fortunately, Ralph was only gone for nine months. Nana shared some of the same facts as Dick and Ada. She said she was able to drive even though gas was rationed, and mentioned that the government issued coupon booklets, which were used to buy meat, bananas, fresh fruits and vegetables. She also commented that people had to rely on each other for support.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1973

Dear Mrs. Darling:

The heartwarming story of your family's selfless service to our nation prompts me to express my personal admiration for you and for the traditions in which you have raised your fine children.

I want you to know how greatly I share your own pride in the distinction attained by your ten sons while in the Armed Forces of our country. By their courage they have set an example for all their fellow citizens and made an enduring contribution to this nation's unwavering defense of freedom and of peace throughout the world.

You are to be commended for instilling in them a profound sense of patriotism and an unwavering love of the heritage we cherish as Americans. Your guidance, so vividly portrayed in their lives, can be a source of personal satisfaction to you just as it is a source of inestimable strength to our nation.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mrs. Clara E. Darling
36 West Bridge Street
Catskill, New York

Letter from President Nixon to Clara Darling.

I wish to thank Ada Tussing, Dick Darling and Alberta Finch for taking the time to meet and talk with me and allowing me to see how the war impacted their lives and the lives of their families. Having these personal conversations meant so much more than reading about it in a history book. It emphasized how hard it must have been and how much it affected their lives. Even though people fought in the war, struggled with hardships, and grieved over lost loved ones, they still felt that freedom was well worth the effort--no matter the cost.

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