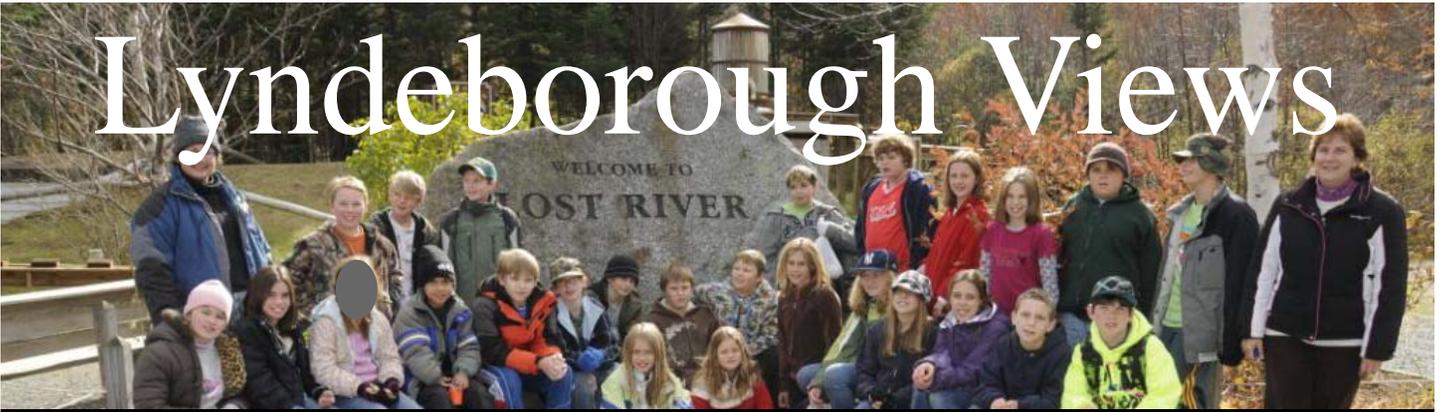


# Lyndeborough Views



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## Know Your Neighbor: Gregg & Carol Otto

*By Nadine Preftakes*

Tucked away on Winn Road in Lyndeborough is a unique little store called The Fishin' Shanty. It is owned and operated by long time Lyndeborough residents, Gregg and Carol Otto. Not only is it local, but friendly, convenient and carries everything you might need for hunting and fishing, and even some things you never knew you needed! Bait and tackle for fresh water, ice fishing and deep sea fishing share the space with all manner of lures, bob houses, and even an underwater camera. Gregg says that most of his business comes from local folks, but he has had many people from Massachusetts as well. He and Carol love working in the store, commenting that the stories people tell about their experiences that are so interesting. "There are a lot of tall fish tales out there!" quipped Gregg with a smile.



*Gregg & Carol Otto*

Gregg has been hunting and fishing his entire life, and his interaction with animals goes way back on his resume. He was employed by the University of Lowell's Research Foundation for 10 years. During his tenure with the University, he became a professional handler of rhesus and capuchin monkeys. After that, he became a state animal inspector for the Humane Society. His duties included fielding calls from people reporting hurt or abandoned animals, rescuing the animals and caring for them until they could be released back into the wild. A few of the lucky ones to be rescued by Gregg included skunks, raccoons, possums, hawks, fox, turkeys and believe it or not, a python. Although he has put those jobs aside, his experiences prepared him for being the Animal Control Officer for Lyndeborough, Greenfield and Wilton.

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## Town Hall Renovations

*By Karen Grybko*

The Town Hall Renovation Committee is fundraising toward the completion of a new stage curtain, as well as taking the responsibility to raise money to restore the historic backdrop on the stage. The material (alone) for the stage curtain has been quoted at approximately \$700.00. A portion of the purchase price was raised at Community Day in August, and the Wilton-Lyndeborough Woman's Club has donated the balance of the funding from the funds raised by the Silent Auction at the August event.

The committee is now seeking a quotation for custom sewing and installing the curtain. Providing the means to complete the curtain portion of the project is at the top the committee's to-do list.

Following the completion of the stage curtain, restoration of the canvas backdrop will be the next major assignment for the Renovations Committee. Restoration of the backdrop has been quoted at \$2,000. Fundraising will also be needed to raise the necessary money for the restoration. The committee was hoping to be able to apply for grant money to assist with the cost, but unfortunately due to current economic conditions many grants have been suspended for an undisclosed period of time. If anyone in the Community would like more information or would like to make a tax-deductible donation towards these projects, please call Karen Grybko at 654-5362.

## Stories in Stone: Center Cemetery

*By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee*

On Center Road is a lone monument that you may have passed countless times and never noticed. Leaving the Center, the monument is on the left hand side of the road, down a hill on a sharp left hand turn, just past Herrick Road.

It reads:

**Mrs.C.G.  
Wife of  
A. Woodward  
was thrown  
from a wagon  
and killed on  
this spot  
May 8, 1852**



These stark words leave much to the imagination, and a little digging in the Lyndeborough history book fills in a few blanks. Christianna Gibson Woodward was married to Artemas Woodward who had the contract to carry the mail. On May 8, 1852, Christianna Woodward, 33, took the mail by wagon from South Lyndeborough to the Center. Returning, she dropped off Miss Hulda Woodward at the corner. It was when she started down the hill that the hold down strap broke or disconnected. The blind horse took off. She was thrown out of the wagon and died instantly. She left her husband and two little boys. Albert, who was 4 at the time, died 6 years later. Alfred, who was 9 when his mother died, grew up to marry Hattie Larkin of Greenville. Hattie was later murdered and the murderer was never caught. (There are times I wish the town history book would fill in a few more blanks.) Christianna Gibson Woodward is buried in South Cemetery. Her husband later remarried and named his only daughter Christianna.

A few years ago there was a subdivision before the Planning Board on land that abuts this lone monument. The Planning Board requested that the 4 stone posts and the chains between them be erected to protect the stone.

Next time you drive Center Road look for the monument and remember the accident that took the life of Christianna Woodward.

In the last issue of the Views, I posed two mysteries. The first was: "Why are there holes every 9 inches on the tops of the capstones in Center Cemetery?" The only answer I got was that perhaps there was once a fence on top of the stones.

The second mystery was: "Who is Laetitia Jane Mace?" Her gravestone is leaning against Center's southern stone wall. Lisa Belanger took up the challenge and through some clever detective work she discovered that Laetitia is the granddaughter of David Stiles who used to live across from Center Cemetery. David Stiles had a sister, Olive, who died unmarried. There is an Olive Stiles buried in Center. If you stand at Olive's grave and were to walk to the nearest stone wall you arrive at Laetitia's stone. Lisa also found a stone in Temple's East Cemetery erected to Laetitia's mother, Eliza J. Mace which references a Letitia J. Mace who died at 15.

When you see Lisa Belanger, please take the time to thank her for solving a mystery that has had your Cemetery Trustees very puzzled.

# FIELD TRIP TO CABINET PRESS MUSUEM

LCS fourth-graders took a field trip to the Cabinet Press Museum in Milford on October 23 to learn how newspapers are made both in present time and in the past by touring the historic printing equipment upstairs in the Cabinet Press Museum. The students learned about printers' tools from the 1900-1975 time period. They saw typographical tools, learned that a reverse image on a block for a photo was called a half-tone and even saw an old-fashioned linotype and were able to touch the metal "types" used in typesetting. Mrs. Buttrick planned the trip to the newspaper to help the class prepare for their October book report, which is in the format of a newspaper.



The class is seen here with Editor Marty Karlon of the Cabinet Press as he surprised the class with a mock front page of the Milford Cabinet with their class photo on it.

*Photo: Kathleen Baglio Humphries*



Congratulations to Greenfield's Yankee Siege pumpkin thrower! They won the

"World Championship Punkin' Chunkin'" (again!)

launching a pumpkin 2,034 feet in the Adult Trebuchet category. For more information, please see [www.punkinchunkin.com](http://www.punkinchunkin.com).

## Happy 100!!



Polly Kenick's 100th birthday party was held on Sunday Nov. 22 at the VFW in Milford.

About 200 people showed up to wish Polly Happy Birthday. The Wilton selectmen gave her a card as did many other folks. She danced with her son Joe Kenick and even cut her own cake with her granddaughter Bethany by her side. Her family and friends from Poland put together a video of their families and all wished her well. There was plenty of food and music and everyone really enjoyed themselves.



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# Fun with Vinny

by *Duncan Holden*

Over the summer, my class had to learn a colonial trade for school. So I learned blacksmithing. I learned it from someone named Vinny, who has a forge in Greenfield (The Greenfield Forge). On the first day I learned how to taper and twist. The taper is just making a point on the end of a rod. Twisting is taking an orange hot piece of metal and literally twisting it. On the next class it started getting interesting. That day we were going to make an 'S' hook. An S hook is a double sided hook with an opposite bend on either side. On the next class we made something I call a "nail hook", which is literally that, a hook with a taper on the other side of the rod. On the last class we made nails. We had a lot of fun. At the Buckley Old Engine show, which is in Michigan, we looked at the blacksmith shop. Everything there I could have made easily, thanks to the blacksmithing class that I took. If you want to find Vinny, he also runs a Kenpo Karate studio in downtown Wilton, right above the post office.



*Photo Right: The Author, Duncan Holden, learning his craft.*

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# What Happens to the Funds Raised at Community Day

By Ellen Pomer

The last several years, on a Saturday during the month of August, Lyndeborough has hosted a Community Day. Although each year some events change, the day consistently features a chicken barbeque in the evening with entertainment by local musicians, a silent auction, a bake sale, and a lunch with hot dogs and hamburgers. Sometimes it is obvious what becomes of the money raised on Community Day, because the organizations selling the baked goods or the burgers are located in town and the benefit of their efforts is seen each time the cannon fires or a trail improvement is made. But sometimes, it is not so obvious what becomes of the money raised, because the organizations may include additional towns or may use the money in a less visible way or both. Nonetheless, the money fills a very important need.

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club is an organization where the money raised is put to use in a less obvious fashion and also includes the town of Wilton. Folks may wonder what will happen to the almost \$1,800 raised from the silent auction held in August. A few days after Lyndeborough's Community Day, a free barbeque was held on the Flats in Wilton for local Senior Citizens and their guests. The Women's Club bought all the extra chickens, potatoes, and drinks, along with the corn on the cob from the Community Day and donated the food to the Open Cupboard Pantry for the senior barbeque. The seniors enjoyed the food and conversation, the Open Cupboard Pantry treated the seniors to a barbeque, and the organizations associated with the Community Day Barbeque received some additional funding. On Sunday, November 22, the seniors were again treated to a dinner complements of the Women's Club; this time it was a traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the "fixin's" at Sacred Heart Church Hall in Wilton.

When the Town Hall Renovations Committee explained to the club that the material for the replacement of the stage curtain would cost approximately \$700 and they had raised approximately \$300, the Women's Club decided to fund the balance of the money needed for the material.

With the Holiday Season approaching, the Women's Club is dedicated to ensuring as many people in the community as possible have presents under the tree. Each year the club provides all the presents for a Christmas family from the town of Wilton or Lyndeborough (last year a Lyndeborough family received the Christmas they had only dreamed about). As yet, the family for 2009 has not been determined, but I believe a Lyndeborough family will most likely be the recipients of this year's presents.

As staunch supporters of education, the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club grants scholarships (\$500 each) to two graduating seniors from the towns of Wilton and Lyndeborough to help defray the cost of higher education.

Although the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club supports the community in a not so obvious way, the club feeds the seniors, helps to purchase a stage curtain for the Lyndeborough Town Hall, provides Christmas presents for needy families and grants scholarships to local high school seniors. The club fills a very important need in the Lyndeborough Community.



On October 24<sup>th</sup> a group of Lyndeborough residents & guests enjoyed a wonderful wine tasting at Labelle Winery in Amherst, NH. This tasting was generously donated by Labelle Winery for the Lyndeborough Community Day Silent Auction. Labelle Winery has won several awards for their wines made from grapes & fruits grown in NH and New England.

Back row L - R: John Holland, Karen Holland, Emily Morgan, Walter Holland, Doug Radar, Richard Herfurth, John Pomer, Arnie Byam

Front row L - R: Heather Freeman, Amy Labelle, Karen Grybko, Ellen Pomer, Korena Boyle



## Adventurous Cub Scouts

Now that school is back in session, the Cub Scouts are back in full action. Fourteen Lyndeborough boys, grades 1 through 5, participate in the combined Wilton and Lyndeborough Pack 10.

Cub Scouts have been part of Boy Scouts of America since 1930, and is dedicated to developing character, good citizenship, community service and respectful relationships while enjoying fun and adventures. Parents and families play an active role in the Pack activities as well, encouraging boys to "Do Your Best."

Recent adventures include: Launching a pumpkin at Yankee Siege, climbing rock walls in Manchester, camping overnight with Boy Scouts, ice skating and launching rockets at Carnival Hill. You will see the cub scouts around in the community as well: They participated in the Veterans' Day commemoration in Lyndeborough and collected food from neighbors to help out the Open Cupboard Pantry. You may even have purchased popcorn from our local cubs at the Recycling Center or in front of the Village Store. The popcorn sales are the cub scouts' main fundraiser for activities for the boys, so thank you if you took time to buy a box or a can.

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts, please go online to [nhscouting.org](http://nhscouting.org) and click on "Join Scouting" to contact us.

*Right: Pack 10 Hikes in the woods.*



## Lyndeborough Ski Racers Enjoy Competing

Lyndeborough skiers R.J. Humphreys, Ashley Humphreys and Duncan Holden had a terrific season last winter as members of the Crotched Mountain Junior Race Team. The Humphreys pair are entering their sixth season as members of the team and Duncan his second season and new members are encouraged to join the team.

The focus of the race program is to improve skiing skills and confidence through various programs for all level of skiers ages 5-18 that include: **Tigers** to improve skills, **Train to Race** to introduce race techniques and compete in a few races and the **Junior Race Team** that concentrates on advanced skiing and race skills and competes at USSA sanctioned races.

Last season, Ashley Humphreys competed as a first-year J5 racer (8-10). A few highlights of her season were taking first place at the J6 Night of Championships as well first place at the Bensley Race (8 year old Championships) and placing in the top 10 at division races and earning a gold and bronze at MDVC races.

R.J. Humphreys (last year J5 racer) earned 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Central Division by placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> at qualifying races and he competed in the N.H. State Championships at Cranmore. He also took two silver medals at the MDVC races as well as placing in the top 10 in various other races. In part to his dedication, R.J. made remarkable improvements in his slalom races by the end of the season.

Duncan Holden competed as a J4 racer (11-12 years old) and worked hard and improved all season long to end up in 32<sup>nd</sup> place in a very competitive division.

Ray Humphreys coaches the J5 squad and is a certified Level 100 coach, Level 1 PSIA instructor and a ski patroller. The race team is currently enrolling racers for the upcoming season to begin in mid December. Call 654-5111 or [kmbh@tds.net](mailto:kmbh@tds.net) for more information.



*Photo: Lyndeborough skiers, Ashley, 9, and R.J. Humphreys, 11, with the awards they won as ski racers for the Crotched Mountain Junior Race Team last winter. The team is gearing up for the 2009-2010 season and new ski racers from any community are welcomed to join the team.*

## Know Your Neighbor

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Carol Otto works alongside Gregg as a partner in the Fishin' Shanty business. The building has an intercom and customers are welcome anytime between the hours of 5 AM to 9 PM. The Ottos are always willing to help out a die-hard fisherman. In addition to all the necessary equipment, hunters and fishermen are able to purchase licenses, off road vehicles can be registered there and successful hunters can check in their animals. This year Christmas trees will be sold at the Fishin' Shanty as well.

Carol also breeds chocolate Labrador Retriever puppies. Currently she has 7 labs. Her puppies are very well cared for and raised inside, therefore they are well acclimated to humans. In fact, watching Carol with her puppies, I had to wonder just how she manages to part with them. But, she says, as cute as they are, she can not keep all of them and they do make excellent pets. In December, she will have seven puppies to sell - 5 girls and 2 boys, which will be available one week before Christmas!



The Ottos are no strangers to hard work and creative entrepreneurship. In 1985, when they moved to Lyndeborough from Dunstable, Massachusetts, their livelihood came from their earnings raising pigs, sheep, cows and turkeys. At one time they boasted 38 sows and 300 piglets. The piglets were sold, and the turkeys would be dressed and waiting for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

From 1990 to 1994 they opened a farmstand called Mighty Dogs and More located on Rt. 101 near Monadnock Water. They sold grinders, fried dough, home cut French fries and ice cream. It was quite popular, especially with the campers stopping at the stand on their way to Greenfield. Alongside the farm stand was an old bob house which they nicknamed "The Fishin' Shanty" and sold a small amount of fishing supplies. Christmas trees were also sold during the holiday season. In 1994, they decided to eliminate the food portion of the farm stand and focus their energies toward expanding the inventory and clients for the Fishin' Shanty. Over the years, it has grown into a lucrative business.



Gregg has held other important jobs in town along with his fishing business. He has plowed snow for local residents and for ten years was a school bus driver - a job he was both dedicated and received an award for never missing a day to prove it. He said he loved the kids and went out of his way to make sure that they were well taken care of. Some of his young charges might even remember the water balloon fights on his bus on the last day of school before he left the parking lot.

For twenty-two years Gregg and Carol have been a part of the Lyndeborough community. They say they love the townspeople and are grateful for the support of their business endeavors. They both love that there are dirt roads, no streetlights, and everybody in town knows one another - even on a bad hair day! Moving away from the town is just not an option in their book.

## JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS REGISTRATION

Troop 2236 in Wilton and Lyndeborough is now a Junior Girl Scout troop that meets at Camp Anne Jackson in Wilton from 3:30-5:00pm every other Thursday. New Girl Scouts are welcomed to join. Please contact Ann Bird at 654-2486 for more information. Brownie leaders are also needed for local troops.

PHOTO RIGHT: Members of Troop 2236 pose during the Wilton Old Home Days parade in August wearing vintage Girl Scout and Brownie uniforms from the 1920s-1980s. From left to right: Danielle Bird, Nora Marcinuk, Ashley Humphreys, Abby Rose van Ham, Kendhal Rae, Jacklyn Bird, Megan Vanderwoude, Brigid Popores and Alexis Blanchard.





# Scenes from the Lyndeborough Apple Festival



Right: Naomi and Grace Wight selling tickets at the door during the Apple Festival.



Left: Ellen Pomer's granddaughter, Mary Kudarausksas from Pepperell, Mass.

Right: Brenda Mackay shows off her pin after firing the cannon at the apple festival. Captain Walter Holland is behind.



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# Holiday Festivities

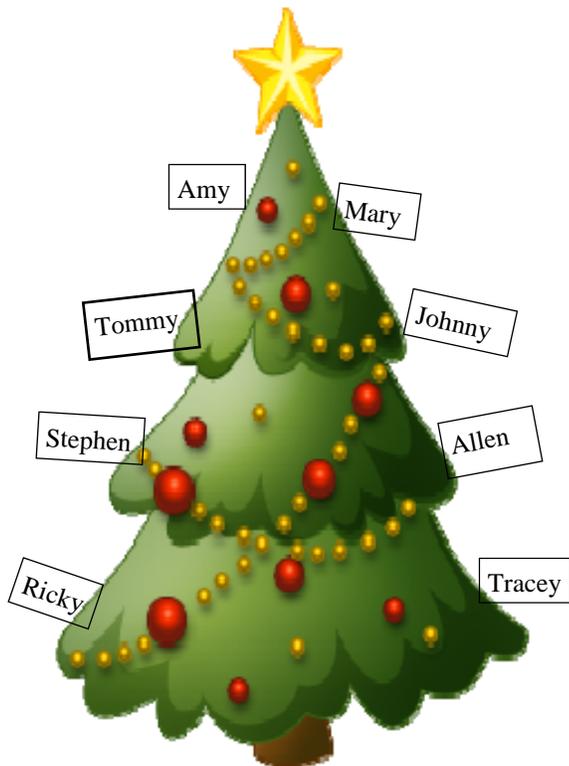
## DON'T MISS SANTA!!

The LFD and the LFD Auxiliary will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 6th in the Village from 1 pm—4 pm.



## SPONSOR A CHILD OR FAMILY MEMBER IN TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

### THE GIVING TREE



Help us bring joy to local children during the holidays by donating a gift. During Santa's visit on Sunday, December 6th there will be a Christmas Tree in the church with the names of local children who would love to have presents under their tree. By selecting one of the tags you will be responsible for purchasing the specified gift and dropping it off at one of the following locations.

#### **DROP OFF LOCATIONS AND OTHER DETAILS:**

Citizens' Hall: Monday—Thursday, 8 am—5 pm

Lyndeborough Central School, Monday—Friday 8 am—3 pm

Each tag will have a first name, age, and gift suggestion. When you purchase the specified gift **please attach the name tag to the outside of the gift after you wrap it** so we will know who it belongs to.

If you would like to donate gift certificates from Market Basket, Shaws, etc., we will collect these as well and make sure they are given to families in town who can use them.

#### **DEADLINE: December 15, 2009**

Please contact Deb Ducharme, Karen Grybko, or Nadine Pretakes for more information or if you need someone to pick up your gift.

# Community Supper Update

The Lyndeborough Community Supper has moved to Citizens' Hall for the winter. And we have a new time too! It's 5:30pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Anyone from anywhere is welcome to come, bring a dish and join in. At this month's supper we got a great explanation of what easements are, what the Trails Committee is working on, and what happened with some land on Pettingill Hill Road! The food is always great, the company is always good and the talk is always interesting. So, please plan to come to Citizens' Hall on the second Saturday evening of December, January and February.



## Lyndeborough Central School – Sixth Grade New Year’s Resolutions

- Cori Balam – I would like to sponsor a child in Africa.
- Breyanna Hilton-Wetherbee – I plan on helping around the house more often.
- Hannah Welch – I plan on cleaning my room more often.
- Shane Moynihan – I would like to be more responsible.
- Dalton Courtemarche – I would like to make the football team.
- Kassy Cavarretta – I would like to help my dad finish making his truck.
- Jeremy Koutroubas – I would like to make the Honor Roll.
- Matt Shinn – I would like to make the Honor Roll all through High School.
- Zandra Morris – My New Year’s resolution is to make it on the All-Stars again, and to keep my room neat.
- Nathan Green – My New Year’s resolution is to start getting better at football so I can play for the NFL one day.
- Duncan Rae – My New Year’s resolution is to get High Honors as much as I can in 2010.
- Peter Bickerton – My resolution is to keep making Honor Roll.

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# Lyndeborough Trails Association

## Activities & Events

### LTA Undertakes Project to Repair Highbridge for Recreational Use

At the October 14, 2009 Lyndeborough Trails Association (LTA) meeting, it was decided by a unanimous vote to apply for a NH Bureau of Trails grant for the repair of the deck on the bridge on Lyndeborough's Highbridge Road known as "Highbridge" for recreational trail use.

Highbridge Road is the first right turn after New Road off the Francestown Turnpike traveling toward Francestown. The bridge is about 51 feet long and about 18 feet above the south branch of the Piscataquog River, hence the name "Highbridge". This bridge spans an incredibly beautiful section of the river, full of cascading waterfalls. Aside from the scenic beauty from the bridge, the LTA's objective in repairing this bridge for recreational trail use is to connect an envisioned cross Lyndeborough trail to the neighboring trail systems of New Boston and Francestown.

The town voted to permanently close Highbridge to vehicular traffic at the town meeting in 1985. Over the years, the wood deck has continued to rot to the point where the deck is currently not safe for horse or pedestrian use. The general plan is to remove the existing rotted wood deck and some severely rusted away steel substructure and replace it with a new white oak timber deck. The bridge railing will also be brought up to US Forest Service guidelines for trail bridges for safe equestrian use. The bridge will continue to be closed to automotive traffic by the use of spaced boulder barriers at both ends of the bridge. The bridge repair design plan will be certified structurally for non automotive use by a structural engineer. The certification of the design plan will need to be done before the grant application is submitted. Engineering plans for the bridge deck repair have been created and will be sent out to bid to several bridge contractors to determine the cost of bridge repair project.

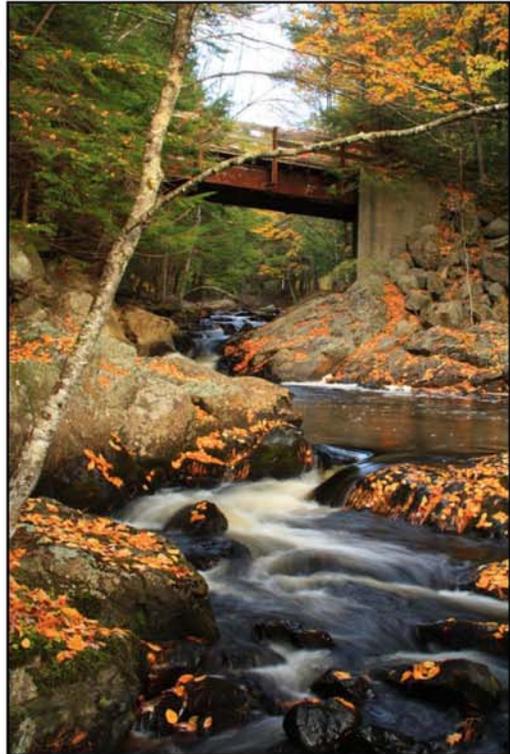


Photo by: Ken and Marlene Paulsen

The NH Bureau of Trails grant being applied for this project is funded on an 80% grant / 20% local funds basis. Local funds can be in the form of cash donations as well as work and materials in kind. Currently members of the LTA are actively working on the necessary information needed for the grant application. The grant application deadline is the end of January and grant approvals are made in early summer 2010. Actual construction may be done in late summer 2010 pending grant approval.

The LTA has received a \$250 upfront donation towards the cost of the structural engineer for the High Bridge project from the Piscataquog Area Trailways group. The LTA thanks the Piscataquog Area Trailways and their representative Kim DiPietro, for this very generous contribution. This is a good start towards the up front costs of this project. **Monetary pledges for support of this project are needed.** The actual funds will be required once the grant is approved in the Spring of 2010. Please contact John Redemske, 654-7763 with any questions regarding the Highbridge project or further information if you are interested in making a pledge toward this project.

# Lyndeborough Trails Association

## *Activities & Events*

### **Lyndeborough Trails Association (LTA) Celebrates First Year**

The LTA has just finished our first year in operation. It has been a lot of fun to work with groups of friends and neighbors and to see a number of projects to fruition. Our finished projects so far include: Cleanup and maintenance on Helen's Trail, the trail from Pinnacle Mtn to Rose Mtn, Stone Bridge Trail, Emery Trail, and the Winn Mtn trail. In addition to trail maintenance the LTA installed a new wooden bridge on the Stone Bridge trail which now allows access from Putnam Hill Road to Lyndeborough Center by horses and hikers alike. In addition, the LTA sponsored a hike led by naturalist Joe Trudeau up into the high country of Lyndeborough as well as a fall hawk watch. Currently the LTA has 53 members.

The LTA is pleased to announce our newly elected officials for the 2010 year:

Chair - John Redemske  
 Vice Chair - Kris Henry  
 Treasurer - Susan DeCloedt  
 Secretary - Doria Harris

Many projects are planned for next year. The Highbridge repair project will certainly be a large effort in the coming year. A cross Lyndeborough trail is also envisioned which extends from the Pettingill Hill Road area, through Lyndeborough Center, up to Richardson Road and ultimately connecting into Highbridge Road. This cross Lyndeborough trail will require some new trail sections to connect existing trails and class six road sections. Come to a LTA meeting or activity and join your fellow Lyndeborough residents to create and maintain the beautiful trails that make Lyndeborough a unique area!! Please contact John Redemske, 654-7763 with any questions regarding the LTA, if you would like to become an LTA member or if you would like to be placed on the LTA email list to receive information on LTA activities. Please check the town web site for updated activities.

LTA Scheduled meetings are the second Wednesday of every month:  
 December 9th, 2009, 7 pm - 9 pm, Location: John Redemske's House  
 January 13th, 2010, 7 pm - 9 pm, Location: TBD/check town web site  
 February 10th, 2010, 7 pm - 9 pm, Location: TBD/check town web site



Lyndeborough Officer Keith Hervieux visited LCS to thank the children for the cards they made him. Every child made a card wishing him luck on his trip to Afghanistan. Officer Hervieux is pictured here with the WHOLE school! He is holding his little girl Jayden.



Above: Ryan McQuade, Carl Rowell and Zachary Goodine are all fire dept. explorers and came by to peer into the LCS kitchen. All are former graduates from LCS

# LCS Fire Prevention Day



Right: Mike Decubellis in front of truck with the fourth grade class at fire prevention day.

## Safety Day at LCS

Below: The LCS fourth grade class with Trooper Callinan and his canine Lucky. Lucky performed many tricks for the students during the safety day event.

Right: Lyndeborough Officer Donnie Sawin fingerprints sixth grader Duncan Rae during the safety day events.



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## Cakes for the Holidays – New Takes on Old Favorites

### Cranberry Upside-Down Cake (From Cooking Light Magazine, Nov 2009)



Lightly coat a 9-inch round cake pan with cooking spray. Then heat **1/3 cup packed brown sugar** and **2 Tbsp butter** in a small saucepan over medium heat. Stirring occasionally, cook until butter melts and sugar dissolves, about 2 min. Pour melted mixture into prepared cake pan, tilting pan to coat bottom evenly. Arrange **6 ounces of fresh or frozen cranberries** evenly over sugar mixture.

Combine and whisk together **1-1/2 cups flour**, **2 tsp baking powder**, **1/4 tsp salt** in a bowl. Beat **1 cup sugar** and **1/2 cup softened butter** in a bowl on medium speed until well blended and fluffy (about 3 minutes). Add **2 egg yolks** one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in **1 tsp vanilla extract**. Fold flour mixture into sugar mixture alternately with **1/2 cup of low-fat milk**, beginning and ending with flour mixture.

Beat **2 egg whites** with a mixer at high speed until stiff peaks form. Gently fold beaten whites into batter. Spoon the batter over the cranberries, spreading evenly. **Bake at 350°** for 55 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Cool in pan 15 minutes on a wire rack. Loosen cake from sides of pan with a narrow spatula. Place a serving plate upside down on top of cake and carefully invert cake pan onto plate. Let stand 5 minutes and remove pan from cake. Serve warm.

### Gingerbread Cake with Root-beer Poached Pears (From Fine Cooking Magazine, Dec 2009)

#### Make the gingerbread

Coat an 8-inch square pan with **1 Tbsp softened butter** and lightly dust with **2 Tbsp sugar**.

In a medium bowl, whisk **1 cup vegetable oil**, **1/4 cup unsulfured molasses** and **3 large eggs** until well combined. In a large bowl, whisk **2 cups of flour**, **2 tsp baking soda**, **1 tsp ground ginger**, **1 tsp cinnamon** and **3/4 tsp salt**.

In a saucepan, bring **1-3/4 cups of packed dark brown sugar** and **1 cup of root beer**, preferably an artisanal brand, to a boil. Meanwhile, add the molasses mixture to the flour mixture and stir to combine. Add the hot root beer mixture and quickly whisk until combined. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and **bake at 350°** for 35-45 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Let cool in the pan on a wire rack until warm. Invert the pan to remove the cake or cut in the pan to serve.



#### Poach the pears

Peel, halve lengthways and core **4 firm ripe Bosc pears**. In a large saucepan, combine the pears with **3 12-oz bottles of root-beer**, preferably an artisanal brand, and grated zest of **2 medium lemons**. Bring the mixture to a slow simmer over medium-low heat and cook until the pears are tender when pierced with the point of a paring knife, 20-30 minutes. Transfer the pears to a plate with a slotted spoon. Bring the poaching liquid to a boil and cook until reduced to a syrup, about 15 minutes (watch carefully towards the end because it can burn quickly). You should have about 1/2 cup.

#### To serve

Cut the gingerbread into 8 pieces and place each on a plate. Arrange a pear half against each piece and drizzle each with the syrup. Top with **whipped cream**.

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On October 16th, the fifth and six graders at the Central School had an enjoyable and educational field trip to Lost River Gorge and Boulder Caves in Woodstock where they were able to learn more about rocks and minerals as they toured the caves that were made millions of years ago by water and discovered "Lost River". When the bus pulled out of the school parking lot it was snowing, yes snowing, in mid October, but the day turned out to be sunny and not too cold as the students, teachers Mrs. Nahass and Mrs. Bujck plus parent chaperones enjoyed hiking up and down the gorge and learn about the history and geology of the area.

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