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Know Your Neighbor – Sherry LeBlanc

By Nadine Preftakes

"Lyndeborough is special because... Oh my, where do I begin? I love to see turkeys and deer running through our yard, looking for owls while taking walks in the woods with my children, observing all the parades in town, watching Santa arrive on the fire truck and the children waiting patiently for him, gazing at the stars in the sky on a crystal clear night and contributing to the delicious baked goods at all the elections. I love eating turkey sandwiches while greeting people I know at Don's Village Store, helping children find Easter eggs in the snow and ice skating on our ice rink in shorts on a warm day in January. I love seeing the icicles hanging off our barn, helping out at the Thanksgiving Feasts at LCS, hearing the children perform at the Christmas concerts, and walking on snow packed trails in the winter. I love having my privacy, but when something unfortunate happens



Sherry, Abby and Jacob LeBlanc

in town, everyone seems to be there for them. I love how everyone cares about each other."

Sherry LeBlanc poignantly expressed her thoughts and feelings about our town. The above statements showcase much of what Sherry holds dear about Lyndeborough and give us a glimpse of who Sherry is as a person, citizen, coach, substitute teacher and parent.

Sherry attended Lyndeborough Central School during her elementary years, and while in the second grade, she met her future husband, Gary LeBlanc. She continued on to Wilton-Lyndeborough Co-Op (WLC) and graduated in 1992. Throughout high school, her love and natural ability for all manner of sports was evident, and during her senior year she was named overall Athlete of the Year. After WLC, she continued her edu-

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Support Lyndeborough, Run for Office!

The following Town Offices will be on the 2011 Town Ballot. The filing period is Wednesday, January 19 through Friday, January 28. The Town Clerk's office will be open the last day of filing on Friday January 28 from 3 pm - 5 pm for filing of town offices only. Per RSA 669:19, all candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Town Clerk during the filing period for town candidates. **Candidates must be a resident of the town and a registered voter.** Town Elections are Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the Old Town Hall on Center Road from 8 am - 7 pm.

- Selectmen (3 year) currently held by Steven M. Brown
- Cemetery Trustee (3 year) currently held by Virginia Chrisenton
- Library Trustee (3 year) currently held by Ann Harkleroad
- Trustee of Trust Funds (3 year) currently held by Steven Brooks
- Budget Committee (3 openings - 3 year) currently held by William J. Ball, Kevin Boette, and Karen Grybko
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 openings - 3 year) currently held by Steven Brooks and Thomas Chrisenton

Stories in Stone: Whittemore Burial Ground

By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

Lyndeborough has eight cemeteries maintained by the town and overseen by cemetery trustees. We also have private burial grounds. At one time these burial grounds were maintained by family members, but now are often hidden in the woods. If you didn't know they were there you could easily pass them by.

One of the burial grounds is the Whittemore burial ground in North Lyndeborough near a sharp bend in Old Mountain Road, north of the former Whittemore house. In 1770, Daniel Whittemore came to Lyndeborough, bought land here and began to farm it. He died in 1776 and was the first person buried in this burial ground. Over the years his decedents who died in the town were buried here, along with many neighbors. The land was tough digging, so later other

cemeteries were created and neighbors began to use those instead.

In New Hampshire, a "cemetery" means any cemetery owned, managed or controlled by any municipality (town or city) within this state. A "burial ground" means a private cemetery on private property and not available for use by the public. Any land owner can lay out a burial ground on their land if the following conditions are met: It is not within 100 feet of any house, school-house, school lot, store or other place of business, without the consent of the owner. It cannot be within 50 feet of a known source of water or the right of way of any classification of state highway. The lo-



Flanking the Whittemore headstone with the names of about 24 family members on it are volunteers, back row L-R is: Cindy Ginn, Ray Humphreys, Frank Holden, Ian & Duncan Holden, RJ Humphreys, Walter Holland, Ryan Christino, Tyler, Bill & Eric Gabor. Front Row L-R: Ashley Humphreys with Hunter, Bryce Desrosiers, brothers Ben, Nicholas, Reggie, Chris Bourn and their Mom Karen Bourn.

location of a burial ground has to be recorded in the deed when the property is sold, and the town must be given a map showing where the burial ground is located when it is created. The owner of a private burial ground has to maintain records of any burials and give a copy to the cemetery trustees in the town.

In 1997, Ann Whittemore deeded 109 acres to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. That deed included the private Whittemore burial ground. The Whittemore family kept a right for the family to have access to this cemetery, but the town of Lyndeborough and the cemetery trustees do not have any rights to maintain this private burial ground. Jessie Salisbury remembers hearing that the Whittemore burial ground was going to be turned over to the town by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, but there is no record that it ever happened.

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In the Whittemore burial ground is one large obelisk erected in the 1920's commemorating the Whittemore family, a slate stone in memory of Captain Nathaniel Bachelder and three government issue stones for Aaron Whittemore, Amos Whittemore, and Captain Bachelder, all New Hampshire volunteers in the Revolutionary War.

Over the years, the Whittemore burial ground was not maintained by family members and trees began to take over. Lem Bolles kept the burial ground cleared from the late 1980's until his passing in 2004, but a great deal of overgrowth happened in just the past six years. On October 11th, scouts from Boy Scout Troop 10, scout leaders, members of the Lafayette Artillery, and other townspeople worked hard to clean up the Whittemore burial ground. Small trees and brush were cut; the boy scouts piled brush and logs which were then hauled off. A huge "thank you" to all involved—it is so nice to see this burial ground returned to the way it used to be. Jessie Salisbury wrote a wonderful article describing the cleanup for *The Milford Cabinet* on October 21, called "Making Things a Bit Better." This fall Cindy Ginn planted Stella D'Oro and native daylilies around part of the rock wall. She plans to continue cleaning up the other edges of the burial ground.

The Whittemore burial ground looks beautiful now, but how long will it be before brush sprouts again? If there is interest in town, there are procedures to declare a burial ground abandoned so the town can take over the maintenance. Keep in mind, there are other burial grounds in town, though they are not as elaborate as this one. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is not interested in maintaining this burial ground. If nothing formal is done, perhaps concerned citizens will continue to maintain this final resting place and honor the early settlers and veterans who are buried there.

FOR SALE:

Buster Brown is a Mediterranean Miniature donkey. He is a chocolate Jack (male) born June 22nd, 2010, can be registered and will be small in size. He's very friendly, loves attention, and gets along with other animals. He'd make a very cute stocking stuffer. Asking \$1,000. Please contact Karen Grybko, 654-5362 or kgrbyko@live.com.



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**Noteworthy
News**

By Katya Lutz



Hi: I'm Katya, I am in the sixth grade, and I absolutely love to write! When I was given the opportunity to have my very own column in *The Views*, how could I refuse? Anyway, my column is going to be called "Noteworthy News." My column is going to be about the opinions of students and teachers and about events happening in Lyndeborough Central School. The person that I want to interview and showcase first is our new art teacher at LCS, Amy Parker.

I love LCS and I think that it has a great educational system. I really and truly love Lyndeborough. It has the nicest people and the most beautiful terrain. Oh, and here are some things about me. I often scribble and write in my notebooks for fun and just to get it out of my system. I also enjoy drawing Anime, hanging out with friends and family and watching movies.

I am really excited to start interviewing... So let's not waste time! Bye!

Watch for Katya's column in the March 2011 issue of the Lyndeborough Views.

The History of the Village Store

By Dr. Stephanie Roper

This is the second installment in a series of articles by the Heritage Commission on the built environment of Lyndeborough. It is the mission of Lyndeborough's Heritage Commission to identify and try to preserve Lyndeborough's unique buildings, other structures, and surroundings that have been created or altered by people over the years. We first told the story of South Lyndeborough's Baptist Church. In this installment, we focus our attention on one of the most recognized places in the town: The Village Store. It is a familiar sight for anyone who passes through South Lyndeborough. People who know nothing about Lyndeborough know about the Village Store and use it as a marker when looking for any other point in town. Not only is the Village Store the most recognized business in town, but for over a century, townspeople have used the store as a gathering place, the hotspot of activity where they can learn formal and informal information about all town matters. Many view the Village Store as the heart of the village, if not of Lyndeborough itself.

What is the history of this landmark? It appears that the first store in the village was owned by William Holt, who had moved to Putnam's Corner, as it was then called, around 1830 from Greenfield. At the time, only five houses stood at the intersection of roads from Mont Vernon to Temple and Wilton to Greenfield, with three of them owned by members of the Putnam family. Holt settled in the village to establish a store, and he initially opened a grocery in what had been the house of Ephraim Putnam. Like many of the early structures in South Lyndeborough village, this building was moved several times. It had already been moved from its original location to the place of the present Village Store. Once he opened his store, Holt moved the building across the road to where the railroad depot would be, and then it was moved again to make way for the railroad tracks.



It was around 1835 that William Holt built the present building that would continue to be a shop until the present day. Of course, this is not to say that it would always serve as a general store. In the 1850s, the building became a shop for shaving hoops for a few years. It also held an apron shop at one point and held the village post office off and on for decades. Also, the store did not always stand in the part of the building that it now occupies. During much of the late nineteenth century, the store stood in the part of the building that now serves as apartments. Yet, for most of its 175 years, the building has served as a store for the people of Lyndeborough and those passing through town.

Ask old timers about the store and they will fondly call it Tarbell's Store. Three generations of the Tarbell family ran the store for three quarters of a century—from 1863 to 1938. As proclaimed in the first town history, "The store conducted by J. H. Tarbell, Esq. and his successors in trade has generally kept a large assortment, and has filled a large place in accommodating the people of the town." Joel Tarbell, born in Mason in 1816, came to South Lyndeborough in 1839 after marrying Esther Putnam, daughter of Ephraim Putnam. Upon his settling in the village, he was already an experienced storekeeper, beginning that job when he was twelve. Tarbell ran the inn in the village, then known as the Forest House (presently the home of Walter Holt). He not only expanded the business for the inn during the fifteen years that he ran it, but also had the village post office at the Forest House and opened a grocery store there as well. He then decided to build a grocery store and post office across the road, which was moved back from the road to make way for the railroad in the 1870's and became Tarbell's home for the rest of his life. (This building is now an apartment house north of the store.) Apparently, Tarbell was planning on continuing life as a farmer when the owner of the grocery store, George W. Holt, died in 1862, and Tarbell had to settle Holt's estate. The following year, Joel Tarbell took over the store along with his son, Charles. As noted in the first town history, Tarbell was "ever courteous and obliging," a trait that allowed his business to succeed. Joel Tarbell's half brother, Joseph, ran the store for a short time, while he was selling flavored extracts. He moved to Hancock in 1880, selling the store back to Charles Tarbell and the extract business to his brother-in-law, Fred Richards.

As South Lyndeborough grew with the introduction of the railroad and the glass factory in the last third of the nineteenth century, Tarbell's store became a focal point of the village. Before the construction of Citizens' Hall, the primary meeting places in the village were Armory Hall (the second floor of the railroad station, now the Baptist Church parsonage) and a hall above Tarbell's store. Many of the smaller town meetings as well as the annual Washington's Birthday levees that might garner hundreds of celebrants were held in the hall above Tarbell's store. It may be the

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Lyndeborough Views First Annual Photo Contest

Calling all amateur and professional photographers in Lyndeborough

The Lyndeborough Views is sponsoring a photo contest, and the winners will have their framed photos displayed in the newly updated J A Tarbell Library. Details below:

Contest Rules

1. There will be four main categories of each photo type. Amateur with two age groups and Professional* with two age groups

- Animals –Age 18 and under and age 19+, amateur & professional in each category
- People –Age 18 and under and age 19+, amateur & professional in each category
- Places – Age 18 and under and age 19+, amateur & professional in each category
- Events –Age 18 and under and age 19+, amateur & professional in each category

*A professional photographer is someone who has sold their photos for profit.

2. All photos must have been taken in Lyndeborough at some point, but there is no time requirement.

3. If your photo is selected, you must provide a framed copy for display purposes. Both the photo and the frame will be returned to you when the display is over.

4. **Deadline is February 1, 2011.** Winners will be announced in the next issue of the Views beginning of March 2011 and the photos will be placed in the J A Tarbell Library for viewing.

You can email your hi-res photo to kjh1@tds.net or mail an 8X10 copy to Lyndeborough Views, c/o Karen Holland, 200 Pinnacle Road, Lyndeborough, NH 03082 or arrange for drop off.



SOCCER CHAMPIONS!

By Kathleen Humphreys



The Wilton-Lyndeborough Varsity Boys' Soccer Team is crowned Division IV Champions for the first time since 1962 and the second time in school history.

The celebration was sparked by a 1-0 win over Derryfield on November 6. Stephen Taliadoros of Lyndeborough scored 3 minutes into the game what turned out to be the game winning goal. Aggressive offense and strategic defense were key factors to success. Keith Bujak of Lyndeborough made some key saves in the net including a leaping grab in traffic, and with the help of a great defense the Warriors kept the Derryfield team off the scoreboard. "It was a great team effort and something we worked toward all year," said Keith Bujak.

The goal happened quickly according to Stephen Taliadoros, who said, "There was a bunch of deflections and it came right back to me and I saw the left side open and just tried to put it in the net and thank God it worked out." He added "The defense deserves as much credit as our offense in keeping Derryfield scoreless."

The 4th ranked Warriors were 17-2-1 for the season and held the 2nd ranked Derryfield to a second scoreless game this season. Congratulations boys!

PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE NASHUA TELEGRAPH – JOE MARCHILENA

A key save by WLC's goalie Keith Bujak to help secure their 1-0 victory over Derryfield to win the Division IV boys soccer finals. Teammates Willie Tremblay, back, and Cameron Holt look on. Bujak and Holt are from Lyndeborough while Tremblay is from Wilton.

Veterans' Day in Lyndeborough

By Kathleen Humphreys

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is the time each year, residents of Lyndeborough gather to commemorate Veterans' Day. This annual ceremony takes place on the lawn of the old Town Hall, in the historic center. The program is led by the Lafayette Artillery Company. This year the town's three newly formed Girl Scout Troops participated along with Cub Scouts (Pack 10). All helped lead the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



There were three special guests who fired the cannon on Veteran's Day (names highlighted) L to R: **Ryan Philbrick, US Army 2004-2010, Hubert Buchanan, USAF 1964-1973, Qtr Mstr Sgt Frank Holden, Pvt RJ Humphreys, Captain Walter Holland, First Sergeant Tony Buscemi, Lyndeborough resident Brendan Philbrick, and Pvt Leo Trudeau**
Photo by Kathleen Humphreys

Scouts Harrison Browne, Madeline Smith, Jacob Boette and Ashley Humphreys read poems relevant for the day. A special poem titled "I Miss You" was read by 8-year old Margaret Munson, a former Lyndeborough resident, whose father, George Munson, was recently deployed to Afghanistan for his third tour of duty. Captain Walter Holland spoke poignantly about Veterans' Day and then helped three special guests (Veterans Hubert Buchanan and Ryan Philbrick and Lyndeborough resident Brendan Philbrick) to fire the Artillery company's 1844 six-pound cannon. To conclude the ceremony, Christian Hettinger and 12-year old Private RJ Humphreys played Taps. Thank you to those who participated in this special commemoration.



The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts have been visible around town this fall selling popcorn for their annual fundraiser. The boys have also participated in other community events, such as the Flag Retirement Ceremony in August and the Veterans' Day remembrance in November. The Boy Scouts pitched in with the Lafayette Artillery in October to renovate a cemetery in North Lyndeborough. And the Scouts would like to thank all the residents of Lyndeborough who supported the food drive for our local food banks. As well as this Community Service, the scouts have been actively working toward their next ranks, with camp outs, hikes and other activities.

From L-R: Ian Holden, Andrew Houston, Michael Manning, Jared Manning, Assistant Scoutmaster Brent Manning



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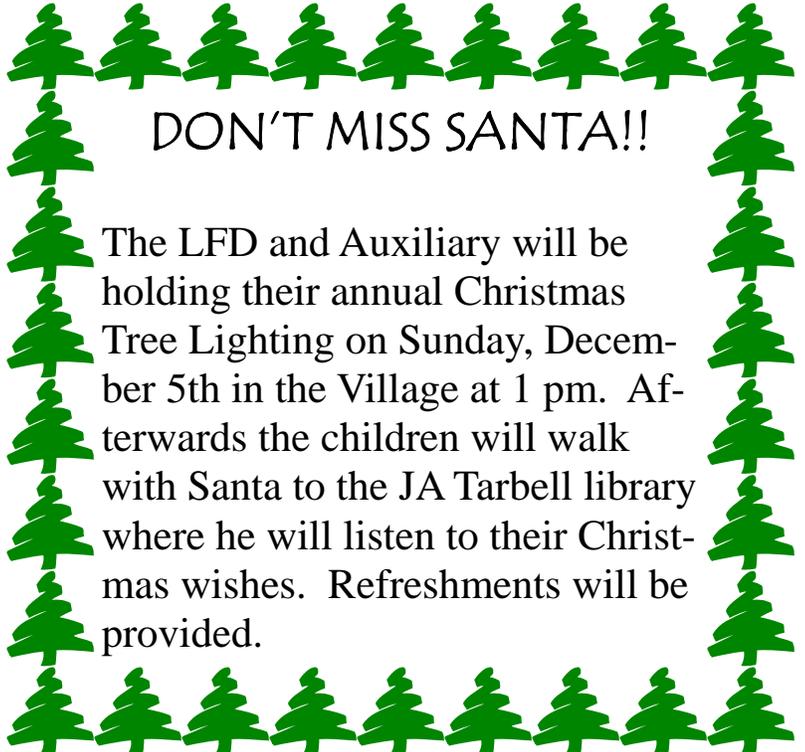
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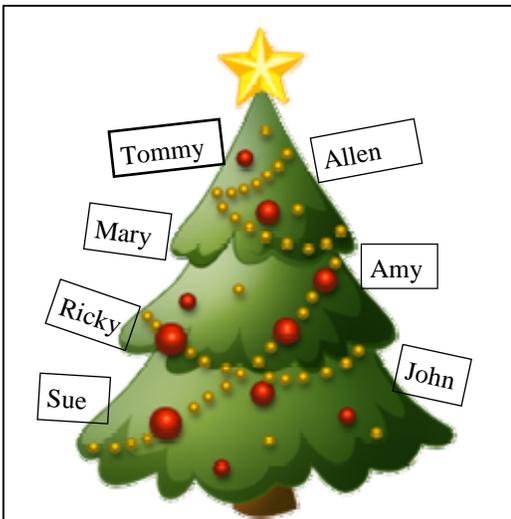


DON'T MISS SANTA!!

The LFD and Auxiliary will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 5th in the Village at 1 pm. Afterwards the children will walk with Santa to the JA Tarbell library where he will listen to their Christmas wishes. Refreshments will be provided.

The Giving Tree - Lyndeborough Christmas Families Selected

Two Lyndeborough Christmas families have been selected for our community Giving Tree this season. The Giving Tree is at the J.A. Tarbell Library, with gift tag suggestions on Saturday, November 27th during during wreath pickup. It December 17th. Like last the tree with a name, You simply remove the and return the gift back One of our families has of the children attend ei-not have the opportunity be accepted towards lo-children from each fam-ational in nature and would make it possible



the Library's Open House and will remain there until Friday, year, gift tags will be hung from age, clothing size or gift request. tag, attach it to a wrapped gift to the Library. three children, the other four. All ther LCS or the Co-op. If you do to shop for a gift, donations will cal gift certificates. The older ily have gift requests that are edu-more expensive. Cash donations to fulfill their requests.

Thanks to the Ladies Fire Auxiliary who donated our Giving Tree this year. They are very excited and pleased to promote the Giving Tree as part of their Santa visit. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please call Karen Grybko at 654-5362. You may also leave your gifts at 24 Maple Lane if it is more convenient.



Above: JA Tarbell Library Halloween Party held on October 27, 2010 and hosted by Delores Rocca, the Reading Witch from Lyndeborough and librarian, Brenda Cassidy. Back row, left to right: RJ Humphreys, Chelsea Moua, Brenda Cassidy, Ashley Humphreys, Delores Rocco, Autumn Boberts, Samantha Boette, Maddy Smith and Jude Roberts. Front row, left to right: Rebecca Cloutier, Spencer Oster, Jacob Boette, Ethan Smith, Liam Butler and Shea Butler.



Above: Naomi and Grace Wight selling tickets at this years Apple Festival.



Right: The Lyndeborough Fire Department not only went to LCS for the children during fire prevention week, but they have been very diligent in practicing many rescue techniques. They have had two car fire drills, one ladder drill at Citizen's Hall and one search and rescue drill at LCS (seen right). Lyndeborough folks should be all set if ever the need arises – no matter what manner of rescue is required!

ROUND TOWN

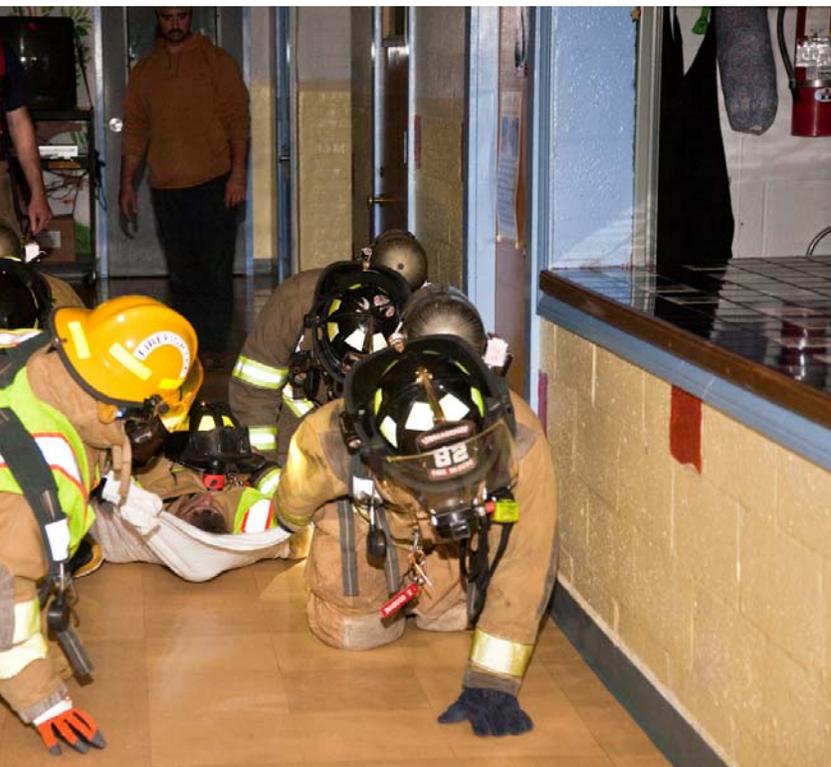


Left: second grader Jake Morrison-Bechard dressed up as Willy Wonka at this years Haloween Parade.



Above: LCS grades two and three the very first time they walked down to the newly expanded Library. The Lyn-deborough Central school librarian, Lynn Cote is walking all the children down once a month from the school to hold their library classes in the new building.

Above Left: John Morrison holding his ballot on election day. He was the oldest voter in town at 97 years old.



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Plan to Go: New Hampshire Glassmakers 1780 – 1886

By Karen Holland

The New Hampshire Glassmakers exhibit opened November 13 at the Peterborough Historical Society. There were speakers, a great lunch, and more than 200 representative pieces from Temple, Stoddard, Keene, Suncook, and Lyndeborough—five villages in New Hampshire. It is very rare to see such a variety of glass in one location and an exhibit that represents all of New Hampshire's glass houses. The glass pieces were hand selected and donated by museums, private collections, and historical societies.

The main goal of the exhibit is to foster an awareness of New Hampshire's historical glass factories, including the importance to our country of this early industry during its halcyon days. Additionally, you can learn more about the industry that was vital to the growth and development of the Granite State.

More information is available at the exhibit's website: <http://www.nhglassmakers.com/>

The exhibit runs through February 19, 2011. Two additional events are planned:

"Glass Appraisals with Michael George" – Saturday, January 22, 2011 (snow date January 29th)

"The Future of New Hampshire Glassmaking" – Saturday, February 12 (snow date February 19th)

LIBRARY BIDS

The J.A. Tarbell Library is inviting bids for the following items: 1 oak librarian's desk, 1 oak desk chair, 1 nine drawer card catalogue and 1 twelve drawer card catalogue. These items may be viewed at the library. Please submit bids in sealed envelopes with the item the bid is for on the outside of the envelope. All bids must be dropped off at the library by 8pm Monday, December 6, 2010. The trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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The Warmth of Our Small Community

By Jane Decubellis

A few months ago, I felt the amazing warmth of old friends and met new friends in this small town. I have lived in Lyndeborough for over 12 years, I have taken my child to many community events, and I have supported the various causes by attending but never got involved in planning an event, until September 2010.

This past summer, I was introduced to a family here in town during a horse ride. This was my first time meeting them, and over the summer we enjoyed a few more rides together. In August, the husband and father of the family passed away suddenly, and my new friend was left to raise her three children alone. I was taken by their loss, and I could not help but wonder what would happen to me and my child if something like this happened to my family. I decided I wanted to do something to help them during their time of need.

Many times, I have witnessed Lyndeborough residents generously pulling together to help a family in need by hosting a fundraiser. The problem this time was the family had not lived in Lyndeborough for long and relatively few residents knew them. But in the end, it did not matter, because I believe the townspeople came together even more, just to help this family feel the warmth of our small community.

The LCS students were asked to help, and a collection was taken at the school to benefit the family's children. The family's children are home schooled, so many of the LCS students did not know them, but the students' hearts are very big, and they generously donated. I was amazed at the little ones who put envelopes in the basket and some of the older students who dug into their own piggy banks and donated baggies filled with coins. The generosity of our small school was overwhelming and warmed my heart.

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CHECK OUT TOWN EVENTS ON THE WEB!!!

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cation at Hesser College and was awarded an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. Upon completion of her degree, she began working at the Children's Pyramid School in Nashua, an early intervention school. In December 1999, she married Gary, her childhood sweetheart, and began working for Toward Independent Living and Learning (TILL). In this organization Sherry ran a family support program called Project Engage. Sherry and Gary's first child, Abby, was born in 2000. Sherry continued to work at TILL until 2002 when Jacob arrived. In July 2001, the LeBlanc family moved to their home in Lyndeborough where Sherry says she hopes to be for a very long time.

Sherry did not hesitate to describe both of her children as enthusiastic, outgoing and loving sports as much as she does. She believes Abby will be a "no nonsense teacher" when she grows up and Jacob, no doubt, will become a talk show host! The large and lovable member of the family is their Rottweiler, Enzo, who travels everywhere with them, especially to all of the children's games.

Sherry will be the first to tell you that she would rather be playing outside with the kids, taking walks, kicking a soccer ball around, sledding, shooting basketball hoops, skating, ...anything, but cooking. With a grin on her face she jokingly admitted, "Betty Crocker's box meals are my best friend...throw a pizza in the oven and we're good to go."

Gary LeBlanc works from home as a field service engineer for Applied Bio Systems. He services machines that perform DNA testing and drug sequencing. Both LeBlancs are dedicated to the children in Wilton and Lyndeborough, coaching basketball, soccer, and softball nine months out of the year for the Wilton Junior Athletic Association (WJAA).

In addition to coaching sports, Sherry generously donates her time to the Lyndeborough PTA. The PTA is an organization she believes is extremely worthwhile, doing much to foster positive involvement between the children, parents, staff and community. She shares that dedication with her friends and active members. The members volunteer their time and talents to raise funds allowing the organization the ability to give back to both the school and the community. The PTA purchases playground equipment for the school, sponsors book fairs and field trips, hosts the Harvest Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Cultural Day and Fitness Day. For pure fun they sponsor a sledding party for the children, and to show their appreciation they cook and serve a monthly luncheon for the LCS staff. Each summer they volunteer an incredible amount of time and hard work to give one classroom a new facelift by cleaning and painting walls and woodwork. The PTA is open to anyone for a mere \$5.00 fee, and new members are always more than welcome to join any and all of the activities.

Although Sherry and many other parents give so much of their time and talents to the school, Sherry feels that there is much more that could and should be done. "I wish there could be more of an opportunity for our older community members to gather with our younger community members to share what is really great about our town. I think, if we could do this there would not be such a divide with issues in our town."

Sherry does much to bring about these changes: Substituting at LCS and helping out in the community whenever and wherever she is needed. I did not have to search far to find people willing to tell me all that Sherry has given, not only through her coaching, but through every aspect of her life. A teacher at LCS commented that "Sherry is honest and truthful and extremely generous with her free time and would do anything for anybody."

At the end of the interview, Sherry apologized because she felt that she had no super interesting stories to tell me. Her comment made me smile. I thought to myself that even if I did not come away with a lot of words to put down on paper, I wanted to let the community know that it is not so much what you say, but what you do. To that end, Sherry's story is still in the making and it is clear with all that she has contributed, and continues to contribute to the children and the community, her story contains more than enough words.



Abby with her "Game Face" on.

Small Town Boys Join Mustang Nation

By Robyn Courtemarche

Who would have known those quick passes before school, a few quick recess games and a whole lot of courage would have landed these boys in Mustang Nation so quickly? But it did! Three seventh grade boys from Lyndeborough and one from Wilton played for the Pop Warner Milford Mustang Football League this fall. The boys found great success personally and also for the junior varsity team of Milford. The dedicated coaching staff and strenuous workouts prepared the small town boys for some real football.

Joshua Bartsch of Wilton, the veteran of the boys, showed his talent by masterfully running the ball to many a touchdown, playing running back and safety. Dalton Courtemarche teamed up with Bartsch as a running back/slot and receiver/defensive line backer where he quickly inherited the touchdown fever showing that speed and agility do matter. Duncan Rae played tight end and defensive end and strategically used his height to make some great interceptions as well as proudly crossing the touchdown line. Shane Moynihan enjoyed sacking the opposing quarterbacks, and aggressively protected the line playing guard and defensive line as he showed he was a force to be reckoned with at each game. These boys ended the season with a 5-3 record.



L to R: Joshua Bartsch, Duncan Rae, Dalton Courtemarche, and Shane Moynihan

Unfortunately, the boys from Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative may not be following their teammates to play for a high school team after next season, because there is no football team at WLC. They would love to join their teammates on the Milford High team, but parents have been told that students are not allowed to play on another town's team without paying a high tuition cost or changing schools. Football fan parents are hoping to change this ruling, for these boys and many other boys from surrounding towns whose high schools do not have teams.

The Milford Mustang team has given them the confidence, pride and determination to find great success both on the football field and off. The boys hope to keep this momentum going! In the meantime the middle school boys are passing the ball around, watching the Patriots and waiting until the next Mustang season hits!

Warmth..... (Continued from page 10)

Many people helped to plan the spaghetti dinner and raffle held in September at Center Hall. Mind you, many volunteers, like the students, had never met the family. Again, it did not matter to them. A family from our town was in need.

So many people donated their time, knowledge, talents and efforts for this event that it is hard to remember them all. I had no experience putting on a dinner before, but the Women's Club was there to answer any questions and guide us during the planning. The night before the dinner a group of volunteers arrived at Center Hall and helped set up the room for the next day. The day of the fundraiser, organizers were joined by members of the Good News Bible Church, members of the Woman's Club and members of the town who did whatever was necessary to make the supper a success. Just outside the door to the hall, men prepared lots of spaghetti in big cooking pots for the diners inside the building. Businesses gave generously by donating raffle items for the cause. I was amazed with all the outpouring of generosity.

I would be remiss, if I did not mention Lyndeborough's children who, in most cases, met the family members for the first time at the dinner. Yet, in true Lyndeborough fashion, they acted like long-time friends when playing a game of football on the lawn or enjoying a nice conversation. When I think about the spaghetti supper, these are the images in my head. When I think about the town of Lyndeborough, I think about how fortunate we all are to live in a community that will come together to help out one of our own when the need arises.

I want to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the night a big success and to those who came to support the event. The "regulars" who come to every event were there, and I was thrilled to see some new faces and hopeful made some new friends that day. Lyndeborough is a community that brings warmth to my heart and I am happy to call it home.

Village Store....Continued from page 4

cramped quarters for that annual ball that encouraged Charles Tarbell to promote the construction of Citizens' Hall in 1888. Once that hall was opened, the town's library, with its 1,435 volumes, was moved in 1894 to the hall above the store, with the Tarbells acting as librarians.

Walter and Lizzie Tarbell ran the store and continued their family's efforts in improving the appearance and advancement of South Lyndeborough village. They were instrumental in renovating the Baptist Church in the 1890's, and Lizzie was an active member of the Village Improvement Society. This was at a time when the village was the trade and transportation hub of the town, with the depot directly across the road from the store and storage buildings, including a freight station, a grain shed and milk house, for the railroad standing where the store's side parking lot is presently.

Walter and Lizzie Tarbell continued to run their Store and make improvements to it into the modern era of electric lights and indoor plumbing, through the Great Depression. Finally, in declining health, the Tarbells sold the store in 1938. Frank Blanchard, who had been helping at the store in Walter Tarbell's last years of ownership, bought the store but lost it soon thereafter. It was purchased by William Jones and James Putnam, a fruit seller who had worked at Tarbell's store as a young man and was the brother of the owner of the store across the street. Jones and his wife Fannie ran the store for a dozen years, added a gas pump and the ubiquitous "Village Store" sign. Fred Lorette and his wife Shirley (daughter of William Jones) then ran the store until 1963, when Glenny and Marion Cutter bought it and ran it for another nine years.

After several ownership changes in the 1970s, Don and Cathy Guertin settled into being storekeepers in 1981. When the Guertins came to town in 1981, Cora Bishop wrote in the *Milford Cabinet* almost thirty years ago, "The new owners of the Village Store opened up August 3rd. It's nice to keep a store in town, and we wish them the best." During their near-thirty years of running the Village Store, the Guertins have expanded the store to include a deli and bakery in the area where the post office had stood and have made the store into a place that people will go out of their way for. While other businesses have come and gone, the Village Store and the Guertins, like their predecessors over the last 180 years, have remained a staple of the village of South Lyndeborough and an asset to the community.

New Girl Scout Troops in Lyndeborough

By Kathleen Humphreys

Lyndeborough welcomed four new Girl Scout levels with a special investiture and rededication ceremony on November 1st at Citizens' Hall. Lyndeborough has not had a Girl Scout presence in town for a few years so the new troops are a wonderful addition to the community. The new troops are Daisy Troop 21011, Brownie Troop 25111, Junior Girl Scouts Troop 12211 and one Cadette.

The majority of the girls are new to scouting. They became official Girl Scouts at the investiture ceremony and received their Girl Scout pins, while three girls who have been scouts previously in other troops rededicated their Girl Scout pledge and promise. After the ceremony, they enjoyed a tea party to commemorate the birthday of the Girl Scout founder, Juliette Low.

For more information on the Lyndeborough troops or to join or volunteer please contact Kathleen Humphreys at 654-5111.

Photo with leaders #183:

Girls Scouts and their leaders after their investiture and rededication ceremony are in back row L-R Brownie Leader Eileen Smith, Junior Troop 12211 level girls are Adrienne Losee, Ashley Humphreys, Alexis Marois, Olivia Hilton, Daisy Leader Alison Hayden, Cadette level Alexandra Schoen, Junior level Chelsea Moua and Brownie Leader Doris Houston. Kneeling L-R are Brownie Troop 25111 members Madeline Smith, Jaden Lemay, Natalie Houston and Natalie April. Sitting L-R are Junior Leader Kathleen Humphreys, Brownie Mackenzie Hayden, Daisy girls Jacqueline Hayden, Samantha Smith, Mitchell Pfeil, Brownie Samantha Brady and Daisy Leader Kim Pfeil.



LCS PTA NEWS

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The PTA has earned just over \$200 so far this year! Please clip and save your box tops from participating brands. There is a collection box located at the Lyndeborough Central Store. More information about the program can be found at www.btfе.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The children of Lyndeborough Central School (LCS) will be performing on Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm at the Florence Rideout School in Wilton. A refreshment table will be hosted by the PTA.

RECIPE COLLECTION SHEETS

Please see the recipe collection insert located within this newsletter. The entire community is encouraged to submit recipes for the LCS Community Cookbook. The deadline for the recipe form is December 20th.

QUESTIONS?

Please e-Mail lcsppta@yahoo.com or call Jessica Cloutier at (603) 487-2022

Get Involved in Your Community

By Ellen Pomer

Attention, Ladies!

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club is open to new members of all ages! We are a small group, but that does not stop us from trying to help our community in as many ways as possible! For example, each year we provide scholarships to two graduating seniors from our towns, provide Christmas presents for families who otherwise would have none, help community members in need, sponsor a dinner for the local seniors and provide the Mother's Bags at the Christmas Store in Wilton. The club assists the communities in various other ways, as the need arises. We helped the 'Books for Babies' program in Wilton, donated funds to assist local organizations such as Goss Park, donated to both town libraries, and helped with Lyndeborough's Center Hall renovations. The more members we have, the more we can accomplish.

The club meets once a month, usually the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the new meeting room at the J.A. Tarbell Library on Forest Road (Route 31) in Lyndeborough. Please feel free to join us and bring a guest. We are always looking for potential members, and we would love to have you come and check us out.

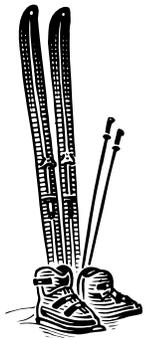
If you have any questions regarding the Women's Club please do not hesitate to contact Ellen Pomer, 654-5420 or ellenpomer@mac.com or Karen Grybko 654-5362 or kgrybko@live.com.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting!

SKI RACING AND FREESTYLE COMPETITION

The Crotched Mountain Race Team and Freestyle team is open for new members for their competitive programs or children who want to learn more about freestyle or ski racing are welcomed to join the developmental programs. Programs available for children ages 5-18 and all skill levels.

A Christmas Camp for ski racers will be held on December 27-29. For more information email Program Director Melissa Caflisch at skiing@anselm.edu.



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Gram's Shoo-Fly Pie Recipe

Submitted by Kris Henry

My father's side of my family is Pennsylvania German (PA Dutch). This one's a Dutchy favorite and my father's mother's favorite (Gram to me, but her name is Marion Henry). I grew up on this classic from PA.

Pie Crust: (My Mother's Mother's Recipe / Grandmom's Pie Crust)

2 cups Unbleached All Purpose Flour
 1/2 tsp Salt
 1 cup Butter (unsalted)
 7 tbsp Ice Water



Combine salt & flour in bowl. Work cubed butter into flour with pastry blender until pea sized dough form. Slowly add water while tossing dough with fingers. You may have to add more water, but dough should come together to consistency. Form 2 balls of dough and allow to rest in refrigerator for about 30 minutes. When you take them out, you may need to warm them up a bit to roll out on floured counter or board. Recipe makes two crusts, but you only need one for this pie.

Shoo-Fly Pie Recipe (My Fathers Mother's Recipe / Gram's Shoo-Fly Pie)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

3/4 cup Dark Molasses	3/4 cup Boiling Water
1/2 tsp Baking Powder	1-1/2 cups Flour
1/4 cup Butter (softened)	1/2 cup Brown Sugar

- In a bowl mix sugar & flour - rub in butter, for crumb mixture and set aside.
- In a large measuring cup, add molasses, pour in boiling water and stir to combine. Now add baking powder to liquid ingredients.
- Pour small amount of molasses mixture into pie crust and then add crumb mixture. (Be sure to save some crumb mixture for top.) Add remainder of molasses and finish with rest of crumbs. Cake will be gooey, should pop back to shape if pressed with finger.
- Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes.

Community Supper Update

The Community Supper continues! It's always at 6:00p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, so save Dec. 11 , Jan. 8 and Feb. 12 . During the heating season, we utilize the cozy and warm Citizens' Hall downstairs' rooms. Come join us for a great and congenial meal once a month (and don't be surprised when you waddle because of all the good food...)



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by Nadine Preftakes

The Lyndeborough Fire Department visited LCS during Fire Prevention Week.



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