

Lyndeborough Views

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Lyndeborough Trails Assoc. Awarded \$25,000 for Repair of Highbridge

The Lyndeborough Trails Association has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails for the repair of the deck on Highbridge on Lyndeborough's Highbridge Road. This bridge spans an incredibly beautiful section of the river, full of cascading waterfalls as shown in the photo. By repairing this bridge for recreational trail use, the LTA will also connect the existing and planned trails in Lyndeborough to the neighboring trail systems of Franconia and New Boston.

The bridge's wood deck has rotted to the point of having many holes, making it unsafe for horse or pedestrian use. The repairs will remove the existing rotted wood deck and the most severely rusted steel substructure. New steel braces will be added to stiffen the existing three large steel stringer beams,

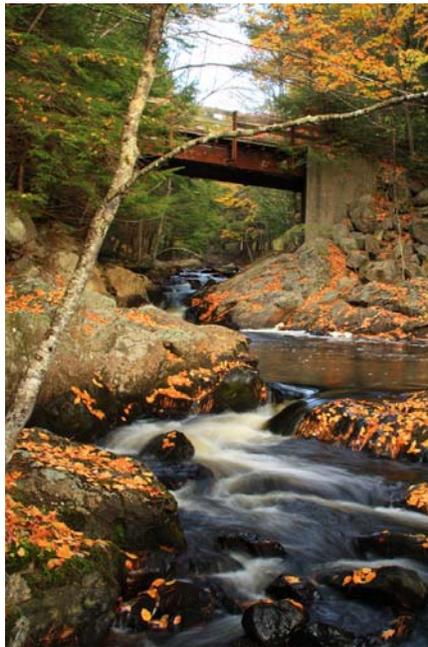


Photo of Highbridge - Ken Paulsen

and a new white oak timber deck will be installed. The bridge railing will also be brought up to US Forest Service guidelines for trail bridges for safe equestrian use. Most of the work will be done by a bridge contractor. The LTA will do some of the railing and site work.

The LTA will raise the remaining \$25,000 for this project. The group has started planning the fundraising effort. They will also be assisted in fundraising by several other area organizations including the Piscataquog Area Trailways. Construction will start once all the money has been raised.

Please contact John Redemske, 654-7763, with any questions regarding the Highbridge project, further information, or if you are interested in helping with the fundraising effort.

Lyndeborough's Historical Society Holds Open House

The Lyndeborough Historical Society will hold an open house on Saturday, June 12, 1-3 p.m., at the Center Hall. On display will be old pictures and a selection of items owned by the Society. The program is free and open to the public.

The annual meeting will be planned at that time, which will feature a speaker on some aspect of Lyndeborough history. Ideas for programs are welcome. Please contact Jessie Salisbury for more information, jessies@tellink.net.

Contributions Needed for the 4th Annual Community Day Silent Auction

The Community Day Committee is looking for donations from local townspeople/business owners. Last year we received numerous donations that helped contribute to our best auction ever. This is just a sample of what we received:

1. Cord wood
2. 100' of pine boards
3. Gift certificates from local businesses
4. Carpet Cleaning
5. Maple Syrup
6. Pies
7. Used Saddles in great shape
- 8.. Hand painted silk poncho

Community Day is Saturday, August 21st, 9am - 8 pm. This is a great way to support programs that help the town. Please contact Ellen Pomer if you can donate, 654-5420 or email: ellenpomer@mac.com

New Home for Lyndeborough's War Memorials

By Jim Bingham, Town Administrator

In February of this year, the Lyndeborough Board of Selectmen voted to form a Memorials study committee to develop a plan for establishing a permanent home for the town's two War Memorial Tablets honoring the soldiers who fought in World Wars I and II and in Korea. Scott Roper was appointed to form the committee of interested residents. The two Memorials were moved from the J. A. Tarbell Library the previous autumn, to make way for the construction of the library addition and temporarily stored at Center Hall.



Members of the Lafayette Artillery next to the newly placed memorials.

Announcements requesting volunteers for the committee were posted and circulated, and after a short time several citizens offered their services. The Memorials Committee consists of Scott Roper (Chair), Lorraine Strube (Secretary), Paul Martin, Veterans' Liaison Lorrie Haskell, Walter Holland, Walter Holt, Bob Rogers and Stephanie Roper, all who bring a rich array of expertise, experience and vested interest aptly suited for this committee's work.

After weeks of research, investigation and discussion, the committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the Memorial Tablets be located at the village common. The committee concluded that placing the War Memorials at Center Hall would detract from the "historical integ-

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Lyndeborough Central School Sixth Grade Essay First Place Winner

Lyndeborough A Quiet Paradise

By Breyanna Wetherbee

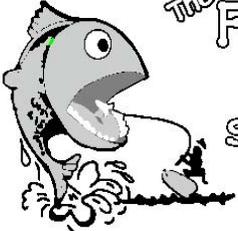
Lyndeborough is a nice, peaceful town. Lyndeborough was settled in 1735. Lyndeborough was named after Benjamin Lynde, but was first called Salem, Canada. He was originally from Salem, Massachusetts. It has one public school called Lyndeborough Central School, with six grades. The classes are very, very small. Lyndeborough's nature and landscape are breathtaking and beautiful.

Benjamin Lynde was born and raised in Salem. He visited New Hampshire, and settled Lyndeborough. He changed Lyndeborough's name in 1764. It was called Lyndeborough, after his last name. He later led part of the Boston Massacre. He studied law in Salem, London, and many other places. His first job was a lawyer. He resigned from the job very soon and joined the army. He bought a slave named Primus. He was very kind to his slave, and paid him. When Benjamin Lynde died in his home in Salem, Massachusetts, he gave Primus one hundred pounds (money), and freedom when he was thirty, if he lived that long.

Lyndeborough Central School is the only public school in Lyndeborough. It may not have a lot of children there, but that makes up for the friendliness in all the classes. Our teachers are very nice, in my opinion, and are fair to all of us. I am going to miss my school for the small classes and the specials. It was a privilege to be taught there.

I love Lyndeborough for its clean air and fresh green fields. I love the birds chirping in the morning and the frogs croaking at night. Lyndeborough is a wonderful place to live. It's a great place to get away from the city. It's also a good place to have your own home and own backyard to adventure in. Lyndeborough is, to me, a quiet paradise.

While people in the city have smoggy, polluted air in their lungs, I have crisp, fresh air in mine. While people wake up to see skyscrapers, I wake up to see the wonders of the forest. While people go to public pools to cool down, I got to the river and swim with the gentle current. While people pass other people and don't say a word, I have a nice chat with my neighbors. While people have their sky lit up by signs and lights at night, my sky is lit up by the millions of stars. While people can't fall asleep because of the loud sounds, I have my own unique lullaby from the patter of rain on the roof, or animals calling out sounds. Lyndeborough is an amazing place. Lyndeborough is my small, but beautiful home.



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Know Your Neighbor – Monty Forbes

by Nadine Preftakes

In the first few weeks after purchasing his home on Center Road in Lyn-
deborough, Monty Forbes thought it would be to his advantage to obtain
a tractor with a blade to clear his driveway of snow each winter. He
stopped in to see Eddie Schmidt, town tax collector, to ask if he knew of
any tractors for sale. Eddie asked him which house he had purchased
and Monty described the house stating that it had a sign hanging on a
tree called, "Woodledge." Eddie's reply was, "It's called the 'Woodward'
place, son, and that sign was built by Foster Woodward." Eddie also in-
formed Monty that the town would plow his driveway for \$15.00. Monty,
being the engineer that he was, responded, "Well, fifteen dollars, times
four or five snowfalls every year, times ten or more years is a heck of a
lot of money."

Eddie, by this point, was a little frustrated and asked Monty, "Didn't any-
one ever tell you anything? You're not listening to me. The town plows
your driveway every winter for a flat \$15.00 a year." Finally Monty under-
stood that it was cheaper to pay the town and so would not need that
tractor with the blade. On his way out the door he heard Eddie remark,
"Now, you're alright, son!"

Monty was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. As a child,
he was fortunate enough to be able to travel to the United States with his
parents and siblings. These trips were possible, because his dad attended
Actuarial Society conventions in September. To make up for a week of missed school, Monty's teacher would re-
quire him to keep a journal of his travels. These family excursions instilled in him a love of history and taught him
the value of recording the past that has stayed with Monty to this day.

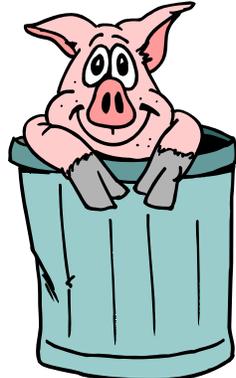
In 1950, he was graduated from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg with a degree in Electrical Engineering.
He was one of the few young people in his classes. Many students were World War II pilots who flew for the RCAF
(Royal Canadian Air Force). These men and women were veterans attending school on the Canadian GI bill.
About 100 people were in the class and were divided up into groups of four or more for the laboratory classes.
Monty, while young, became a Test Team leader, demonstrating his leadership abilities. All through his educa-
tional career, students and professors became Monty's mentors and friends.

When he was graduated he was offered two jobs, one at Canadian General Electric (CGE) and one at Westing-
house Electric. He accepted CGE and for three years worked in their Test Program. In the second year this be-
came a classified program for the military.

In 1953, Monty came to the USA for a job at RCA in Camden, New Jersey. He was in commercial communications
for nearly twenty years developing systems for the railways and broadcast networks. He met his wife, Connie, in
New Jersey, and they were married in 1971. That same year, RCA vacated the commercial systems business.
Monty moved on to work for MACOM in Burlington, Massachusetts. The family moved to New Hampshire in 1972.
MACOM Company formed Southern Pacific Communications Company that competed with MCI Corp., also
building national commercial communications systems. Monty was responsible for installation of the eastern half

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Stories in Stone: How to Care For Your Monument

by Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

As a cemetery trustee, I often get asked how to clean the lichens off of old tombstones. To answer this question, I decided to ask the expert, Richard Medlyn of Medlyn Monuments in Milford. He is a tenth generation stone carver. His grandfather came to the U.S. in 1923. Richard is the third generation to work the stone here and was a wealth of information.



Old stones covered with lichen.

The oldest slate stones, from the 1600's to the Revolutionary War, came from the ballast in ships. During the Revolutionary War, the first good U.S. slate was cut in Munson, Maine. If you look at the old slate stones in the cemeteries, some have no lichens, some grow lichens and some are split on top. Lichens grow because the stone is moist. Stones quarried near the surface of the earth, tend to split and allow moisture in. To clean the lichens off, take a nylon kitchen cleaning pad, nothing stainless or metal, and rub the stone with water. The lichens will come off with elbow grease. Eventually the lichens will grow back and the process will have to be repeated.

Marble stones started being used in the early 1800's. Even though marble is a stone, it's very delicate and will often darken with age. Richard Medlyn says the best thing to

do for a marble stone is to **leave it alone**. Acid rain reacts with marble tombstones and forms gypsum that flakes away, removing the surface of the stone. If you try to clean the stone, you will only abrade the stone even more. Marble stones that have been leaning for years will warp. When Richard Medlyn is hired to straighten marble stones, he has to take special care to take the warp into consideration when placing them upright.

Granite is a very hard stone. You can use a painter's wire brush to clean the stone; never use stainless or brass as the bristles will stick in the small pores of the stone. Black granite is often chosen because it dries off quicker and therefore is less likely to grow lichens.

Interestingly, tombstones are the property of the family that owns the plot. Your homeowner's policy may cover your tombstones. Remember, you can only care for stones in your family plot. The Cemetery Trustees oversee all the stones in the cemeteries. Often, repairs on stones are done by towns and cities, under the guidance of the Cemetery Trustees, either because the owners do not take care of their stones, or there is no family left to do the repairs.

As you look at the stones in a cemetery, you will see stones that give the name, rank and service unit of our veterans. These stones are free from the VA as a veteran benefit. The family of the veteran needs a copy of the honorable discharge papers or other evidence that the person was a veteran. A funeral home or an internet search at <http://www.cem.va.gov> can help your family get such a stone.



With a little bit of elbow grease they can look like this.

Keeping a cemetery and the stones in good repair is done out of respect for the dead and to take pride in our history. A well-kept cemetery also discourages vandalism. According to Richard Medlyn, Lyndeborough has done a great job over the years caring for our cemeteries.

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Asian Long Horned Beetle

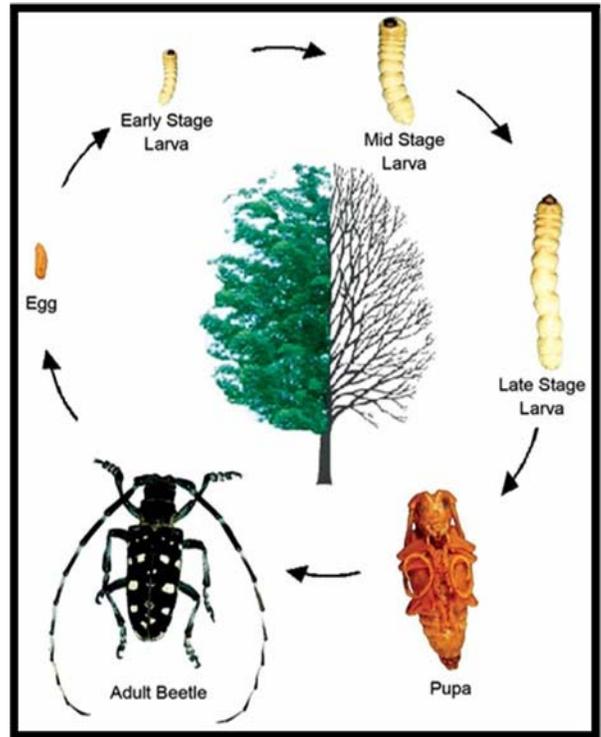
The Asian Long Horned beetle has been found in large numbers in Worcester, Massachusetts. They were first discovered in the summer of 2008. The beetles came to the U.S. about 10 years ago from China in wooden packing crates. Because of the heavy infestation in certain parts of Worcester, thousands of trees have been removed and destroyed, and susceptible trees within a ¼ mile radius are being chemically injected to prevent the beetles from spreading. This aggressive eradication program will last many years and the federal government has committed millions of dollars toward it. The beetles' favorite tree species include: Maples, birch, elm, ash, poplar, willow and horse chestnut. One of the largest concerns is that the beetle favors the sugar maple, and Worcester is the gateway to the maple syrup industry. The hope is that the beetle will be easier to eradicate in the cities, as opposed to the millions of acres of woodlands. Total eradication is daunting, but necessary. So far, the beetle has not been discovered in New Hampshire

The female Asian Long Horned beetle chews holes in tree trunks and branches and lays her eggs in the hole. When the eggs hatch, the larvae create large tunnels inside the tree that disrupt the sap flow, weakening and eventually killing the tree. The larvae spend the winter deep inside the tree's heartwood, emerging as adults in the spring. When the adults emerge, they feed on the twigs and leaves on the tree before mating and laying their eggs for the next generation. The adults are most commonly seen May through September.

The adult Asian Long Horned beetle is shiny black and 1-1/2 inches long with white random spots on its back. The antennae are as long as or longer than the length of its body. The antennae segments alternate between white and black in color.

To prevent the beetle from moving easily in to New Hampshire, state and federal regulators have banned firewood from being brought into government-owned parks and the White Mountain National Forest. Residents from the Worcester area who own property in New Hampshire have been identified and sent individual letters asking them to not bring firewood into the state and to notify the state if they have already.

It is hoped that as people learn to recognize the adult Asian Long Horned beetle and its emergence holes that they will contact the state authorities. The Hillsborough County Extension Service office can be reached at 641-6060.





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Lyndeborough Ski Racer named to N.H. State Ski Team

Crotched Mountain Junior Race Team's Ashley Humphreys from Lyndeborough was named to the J5 New Hampshire State Ski Team (ages 9-10) by placing in the top 10 at the Buddy Werner League State Championships held at Gunstock Mountain Resort March 13-14.

In the slalom event, Ashley let her skis run close to the gates and executed clean, smooth lines to come in fifth place on her first run and sixth on her second run to clinch sixth place overall. The following day, with high winds and pelting sleet and rain, she placed 16th overall in the J5 Girls giant slalom race, giving her ninth place overall.

Ashley placed 3rd overall in the Central Division leading into the state championships with a 2nd, and two 7th place finishes in qualifier races.

Other accomplishments for the season included 1st at the Josh Russell Race, 2nd place at the Tecnica Winter Finish and the Eneguess race, 3rd at the Krantz race, 6th at the Sunapee T-Shirt Race, 1st place at the MDVC race. Ashley is nationally ranked 10th in the platinum level for NASTAR. She is coached by her father Ray Humphreys.

At the State Championships R.J. Humphreys, 11, from Lyndeborough had two impressive slalom runs on Saturday for 50th place in a very competitive division and placed 76th overall after the GS runs. Other accomplishments included placing 8th overall in the Central Division for boys 11-12, placing 3rd, 11th, and 12th at BLW qualifier races as well as 7th at the Eneguess Race, 5th at the Krantz race, 1st at MDVC. R.J. is nationally ranked 22nd in the platinum level for NASTAR.

Both their dedication and hard work paid off for a successful ski racing season. For more information on the Crotched Mountain Junior Race Team contact Coach Ray Humphreys at 654-5111 or kmbh@tds.net.



Photo Above: Ashley Humphreys of Lyndeborough seen here in her fifth place run during the slalom race placed ninth overall at the Buddy Werner League Championships to earn a spot on the J5 New Hampshire State Team.

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HAPPENINGS A



Above: Paul Martin at Lyndeborough's Memorial Day Observance.



Above: Lafayette Artillery Capt Walter Holland (right) shakes hands with Joe Tessier on Memorial Day.

Below: Anthony Bullock and Ryan McQuade serve up Pancakes at the Fire Departments Explorer's Pancake Breakfast.



Right: Lyndeborough Fire Department held an extrication drill where they got to practice using the jaws of life in multiple situations.



Right: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt brought out four generations (L-R) Lorrie Haskell, Martha Reindeau and Lisa Cole holding Taylor.

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AROUND TOWN



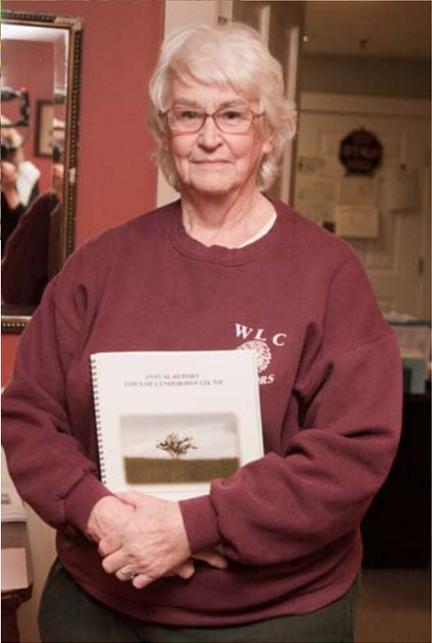
Above: Lyndeborough's Boston Post Cane was recently awarded to Penny Christou. The Boston Post Cane is awarded to the oldest Lyndeborough Citizen.



Above: Garrett McQuade participates in a Frisbee Assembly at LCS.



Above: Ellen Leavitt gets a big congratulatory hug from Ryleigh Smith. Ellen graduated with honors from South Louisiana Community College and earned her Paramedic Certification. A party for family and friends was held at the Wilton Lyndeborough Ambulance Bay in her honor.



Above: Jessie Salisbury receives a copy of this town report that is dedicated to her.

New Hampshire Glassmakers 1780—1886

A Celebration of the Glass Manufacturing Industry in New Hampshire



Lily Pad Decorated Pitcher, Matt Johnson, Stoddard, NH 1850's

"New Hampshire Glassmakers: 1780-1886" celebrates the extraordinary glass-manufacturing industry in the Granite State from the Revolutionary War era through the Industrial Revolution. New Hampshire was home to five early American glasshouses, producing bottles, flasks, and tableware for more than a century. Working under primitive working conditions, early glassmakers conquered their harsh environment to produce wonderful utilitarian objects and creative works of art.

Glasshouses located in Temple, Stoddard, Keene, Suncook, and Lyndeborough, all within a 30-mile radius of Peterborough produced some of the greatest glass in American history. Some 300 rare examples, many never before exhibited in public, will now be assembled under one roof. The curators have also arranged a series of five provocative lectures by eminent glass historians and scholars to provide a stimulating, informative event for collectors, historians, and scholars across New England and beyond.

A visual record of the 1970s archeological dig at the Temple site will round out the scholarly status of the exhibit, the most important visual and historical story ever offered to the public of this vital New Hampshire industry. The lectures will be held between November 13th and November 20th, 2010. The exhibit is scheduled run from November 13, 2010 until February 19, 2011. For more information, please contact Anne Lunt at (603) 878-3443 / auksnest@aol.com or visit the web site, www.nhglassmakers.com. The web site is a work in progress so check back often for updated information.

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Lyndeborough Views Essay Contest Winner – 2nd Place

Lyndeborough – A Great Town *by Peter Bickerton*

Lyndeborough is a great town. The people here are very nice. It is a small town so a lot of people know each other. Another great thing about this town is that firefighters are volunteers. Lyndeborough has many good qualities.

The people in Lyndeborough are extremely nice. Whenever you need help anyone around you will come to help. Everyone cares about each other here. Your neighbors usually help you with things that you can't do yourself. The people here love to help.

Lyndeborough is a small town, which means a lot of people know each other here. Everyone waves to each other when you're driving. Each person ends up bumping into someone they know almost each time they go out. Plus most of the people working at the Village Store are people most people know. A lot of the people that live in Lyndeborough know each other.

The last great thing in Lyndeborough that I'm going to talk about is that the firefighters here are volunteers. That is a lot of hard work to do for nothing. They do it because they want to help the people of Lyndeborough. I think that is a great thing to do for the town. It's awesome that they would volunteer to do a job that is very hard work and get no pay. Lyndeborough is great.

I think Lyndeborough is a great town to live in. Everyone is so nice. Everyone here knows each other or is friends with one another. Also the firefighters here are volunteers, which is a great thing. Lyndeborough is a great town to live in.

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Lyndeborough Students Spring into Action!

On April 2, 2010, 84 students from Lyndeborough Central School participated in Fitness Day at the Hampshire Dome sponsored by the LCS PTA and Gateway Pediatrics, a new pediatrics practice located in Amherst, NH. The students began the day with a 15 minute warm up and stretching routine followed by a series of activities including relay races, dodge ball, flag football and obstacle courses. Two of Hampshire Hills' fitness experts then led the students through two more intense classes of Aerobic Fitness and Yoga.

Students returned to the school for afternoon activities including interpretive dance, hula hooping and an informative presentation on the subject of nutrition.

The entire day was met with great enthusiasm from both teachers and students, and the PTA is hopeful that this may become an annual event. The PTA members, as well as Lyndeborough Central School students and staff, would like to thank the Hampshire Dome and Gateway Pediatrics for their support. A wicked fun time was had by all!



Hadley Family Reunion 2010 Update

There is a planned visitation to Lyndeborough on Friday July 16th by several Hadley family members. Janice (Hadley) Baber of Anchorage Alaska (wf5f@aol.com) and Linda (Hadley) Anderson of Salem, Oregon (kanderson6888@hotmail.com) are planning and organizing this outing of Hadley members. The purpose of the visit will be a tour of the lovely restored Joshua Hadley homestead that was undertaken by Mrs. Helen Van Ham and her late husband. Also we will visit some of the other interesting homes and area cemeteries to acquire and glimpse of the colonial life of our ancestors. Local residents will be our guides.

All these family members will be attending the Hadley 2010 reunion in the New Bedford, MA area all day July 17th. This is an educational and social time for anyone in the Hadley family or interested in the Hadley family. Many of these people can trace their ancestors back to about 1630. James R. Hadley is the organizer (Jags@hvc.rr.com). Contact him if you wish to join us in New Bedford.
Thanks, Janice Hadley Baber - Anchorage, Alaska

A Few Comments from Our New Selectman

by Donnie Sawin

I would like to start by thanking everyone who helped to get me elected to office. I have to say being a Selectman is great--I really enjoy rolling up the sleeves and getting into the job. I'm the owner of an unfortunate personality quirk that most people might misinterpret as me being impatient; well actually, O.K., I am a little bit impatient. I have spent the last few months learning about the necessary "process" in which to do things. My co-Selectmen are extremely supportive and both are excellent mentors, each in different areas. I feel that collectively we have all the bases covered, and the town will start to benefit right away.

We, as a Board, have assumed the task of hammering through a seemingly endless list of old action items. These action items can be very time-consuming, but with the help of the hard-working town office staff, we are going through these items like brush through a wood chipper, and very soon we will be able to focus solely on current issues.

To go back to the office staff for a moment, I never realized how much behind the scenes work they do on a daily basis. They not only take care of the items *du jour*, but they also simultaneously need to serve the public during working hours, then once per week drop everything to prepare for the Selectmen's meeting and then start the process all over again. I believe I speak for the entire Board in sincerely saying thank you to them for everything.

To sum it all up, I feel prepared and look forward to take on the challenges that lie ahead for our town. We have a great community full of interesting and fun people and it is my privilege to serve them.

Thank you all.

War Memorials....(Continued from page 2)

ity" for this newly created historic district. Placing them at the village common would maintain the traditions of the town's Memorial Day Observances as well as honor the community's original intent to locate them in South Lyndeborough. The Library Trustees apparently were not interested in having the memorials returned to the Library and could not accommodate the cannon at all.

The War Memorials committee reviewed the deeds, measuring the various right of way clauses held by the State of New Hampshire for Route 31 and the rail corridor to make certain that the War Memorials and the cannon were situated on town land in time for Memorial Day. Volunteers cleaned the area extensively to make a suitable site.

Over the summer, the committee will install permanent foundations for the Memorial Tablets and the cannon. They will work with veterans' groups to conduct a formal dedication of the monuments at the new site, as well as creating a Vietnam Memorial.

The Memorials Committee will be looking at fundraising possibilities, contributions for the planned permanent improvements to the village common, and replacing the Christmas tree. We welcome citizen efforts in this endeavor. For more information please contact Scott Roper, scott.roper@castleton.edu.

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of SPCC's national network. In 1980, he was offered the position of Chief Engineer for the company but declined, not wanting to move to California.

In 1981, Monty became employed by MITRE Corporation in Bedford, Massachusetts, and began a new career dealing with military airborne systems. He was assigned to testing and integrating special features to enhance the capabilities of the USAF National Emergency Airborne Command Post (NEACP). This aircraft was often mentioned in network news as "The E-4", a Boeing 747 wide body aircraft.

Over his fifty year professional career, Monty worked in the fields of mechanical, civil, electrical and aeronautical engineering. When he retired in July 2004, MITRE Corp. and the US Air force personnel from Hanscom Air Force Base hosted a memorable retirement party. His peers presented a slide show of unclassified pictures of his twenty-six years and reviewed all that Monty had accomplished during his years at MITRE. Connie, Maureen and Bonnie were proud of the fact that although Monty could not talk about his specific assignments, they knew his work saved American lives.

Throughout his life, Monty has nurtured a great love of history and soon after purchasing their home in Lyndeborough, he embarked on a mission to research the history of previous owners. In the process, he discovered some interesting facts and developed a strong connection to the people who built their home on Center Road. It was not lost on Monty that although he and Connie are the eleventh owners of the house built by Foster Woodward in 1852, each previous owner had contributed a piece of themselves to their home.

Charles Mayer and his wife Elizabeth lived in the house from 1958-1969. When Monty discovered that they still lived in Wilton, he visited them. Charles told Monty that they bought the home as a summer place so that they could host dinners and entertain people from the Congregational Church in Wilton.

They had a big trestle table, still in the barn, which they used to serve the food that the church ladies and neighbors would bring. The children loved to play in the field and Elizabeth wanted to have a small, safe pond for them, so Charles constructed the forms for the concrete dam. That structure is still there today.

When he was in his 80's, Charles was wheelchair bound, but had a great desire to come and see the old place. Monty was delighted to show him and Elizabeth around and reminisce. Charles told Monty that Foster Woodward built the barn in two sections because he thought that someday a third section could be added. Charles asked Monty if he had found a broad axe that was used to shave logs. He told Monty where it was in the barn. Monty found the axe, cleaned and sharpened it and brought it into the house.



The sign that was hanging on the tree when the house was purchased.

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In 1976, two older folks came down the driveway – a lady, Monty believes to be Ida Woodward, and a man. She told Monty that she was the granddaughter of Foster and Mahitable Woodward and the daughter of Isaiah F. Woodward who built a playhouse in the backyard for the children. This 5' x 7' structure boasted electricity, three windows and a built in window seat bench that when lifted up revealed a whole treasure trove of western comics. Ida Woodward had a great desire to visit the playhouse, and even though it was difficult for her to get up the steps, she managed and Monty encouraged Ida to reach into the bin and select a few comics for herself.

Monty recalled the first time he saw the house that they bought in Lyndeborough. "I fell in love with it because it was in the country. In the suburbs you don't get to know your neighbors and sometimes you don't want to. But when you move into a community such as Lyndeborough, you are accepted into it – at least provisionally and in time you become a part of it."

"In 1976 our first daughter, Maureen, was born. When word got out that a new baby was coming home, there was a steady trail of people carrying casseroles and packages of homemade gifts.

The Lyndeborough Improvement Society gave the new baby a beautiful hand made quilt. That was a wonderful experience and one I will never forget."

Other features of their home included a deep well that was dug and lined with stones. There was also an original ell that contained a "two holer outhouse" that was replaced by an addition to the house. Rather than destroying the outhouse, Monty set it by the road. It did not take a collector long to want it. Monty gave it to the man and was grateful that even that piece of history was appreciated by someone.

Monty's love of history and his ability to repair, refinish, refurbish and gently bring back to life anything with historical value has led him to spending many hours in his barn. "If it's broke, I will fix it. I believe in preserving what we have and adding one's individual mark on things."

Throughout Monty's life he has been blessed with the privileges and status that an excellent education affords one. He has traveled many places throughout his life and has embraced the challenges that his career has afforded him, turning those challenges into productive ways to protect and give back to people. "Lyndeborough has become my home and a part of me. We need to preserve and take care of what we have, our history and our heritage, so that we are able to pass it on to future generations."



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Baked Blueberry Pudding Cake

Ingredients:

2 C sifted flour	2/3 C butter
1 ½ C sugar	2 eggs
2 tsp baking powder	¾ C milk
½ tsp nutmeg	2 C blueberries
¾ tsp cinnamon	
½ tsp salt	

- Sift together first 6 ingredients
- Add butter and blend in until particles are pea size
- Add eggs and milk. Beat 3 minutes at low speed or until all ingredients are blended.
- Turn batter into well greased & lightly floured pan (9X9X2")
- Wash and drain blueberries. Spread over batter.

Bake at 350 degrees - 1 hour or until done.

Serve warm or cold. Serve w/lemon sauce, whipped cream, or vanilla ice cream

I doubled the recipe in a 9 X 13 pan and it came out fine.



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