



Volume 10, Issue 3 "To Educate and Inform the Citizens of Lyndeborough" September, October, November 2010

Lyndeborough Community Day – A GREAT SUCCESS

By Ellen Pomer

The Forth Annual Lyndeborough Community Day and the 275th Anniversary Celebration of Lyndeborough's Settlement was held at the Historic Center Hall on Saturday August 21st. We were all treated to various activities, discussions, and music from different groups and individuals including but not limited to the Lafayette Artillery, the Police Department, the Lyndeborough Trails Association, the Fire Department Auxiliary, Lyndeborough Livery, Blackdragon Farm, Joe Trudeau, Jessie Salisbury, Lillian Holt Slosek, the magicians, Sweet Tooth and the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club. I would be remiss if I did not mention the people that entertained us during the open mic session including the acappella singer of folk songs of the science fiction genre, James Lemire and friend on guitars, Joe Trudeau on guitar and Namory Keita and friends on djembe and other West



Lillian Holt Slosek, discussed and read from her book "Mom Remembers". Lillian is 98 years old and was born and raised in Lyndeborough in the Forest House. She had many interesting facts and stories from the early days in Lyndeborough as well as stories and photos from the Lyndeborough 200th and 250th celebrations. Photo by Kathleen Humphreys.

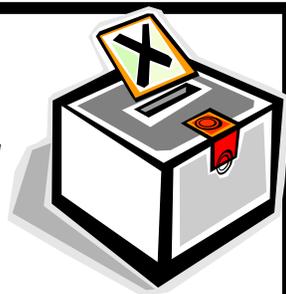
African drums. I apologize because I do not have everyone's name. The participation of so many helped to make the weekend a huge success and truly reflected the spirit of our community.

The Lafayette Artillery had a Civil War encampment, fired the cannon regularly, held a Flag Retirement Ceremony, displayed Civil War artifacts, and sold Artillery souvenirs along with the hotdogs and hamburgers sold for lunch. People watched the many demonstrations and asked lots of questions.

The Lyndeborough Market Place consisted of tables full of goodies and treasures, along with organ donor screening and a few local politicians reminded us all of the upcoming elections. The Police Department conducted trail rides while Lyndeborough Livery provided the carriage rides and Blackdragon Farm provided wagon rides in the area.

(Continued on page 11)

**CAST YOUR
BALLOTS
DON'T FORGET**



September Primary
September 14th

Old Town Hall on Center Road
8 am – 7 pm

November General Election – Nov. 2nd
Old Town Hall on Center Road

8 am – 7 pm



Top Dogs!

The sixth grade students pose for a quick photo as they begin their final year at Lyndeborough Central School and become the oldest class in the school.

Front row: Dylan Boot, Naomi Wight, Katya Lutz, Autumn Roberts, Grace Wight. Back Row: Caio Cassarino, Orion Weissflog, Colin Murphy, Hans Kemmerer, Ben Ducharme, Andrew Houston, Ian Losee (kneeling) Nick Ramsey and R.J. Humphreys. Missing: Dillon Bauerle.

Fishing and the Modern Woman

By Mary Edigo

These days it is a fairly common occurrence to see women out fishing. Not that it was ever unheard of, women did plenty of fishing all through history, but now we're doing it for fun.

I've been fishing my whole life. I grew up in a hunting/fishing family in Wilton. But I always had a companion, usually male, who baited my hook and cleaned the fish. I stopped fishing for a few years when I was getting my life together in my 20's after college, but picked it back up when I needed a hobby that wasn't too expensive, something I could do without my husband. I used to live in Bennington, walking distance from Wittemore Lake, which was good for a beginner, but then I moved to Lyndeborough and started fishing at a place further away that held more of a challenge and prettier scenery.

I had to take lessons from my father on how to clean my catch, learn how fish move in patterns and the intricacies of the laws. To my surprise, I enjoyed it. There are a few reasons to fish: to get out of the house, which is incredibly relaxing; to feel as if you've accomplished something; and to compete, even if it's friendly. (If you like to eat fish, it's a heck of a lot cheaper than the grocery store, and you know where it came from!)

Where I fish regularly, I'm known as "the girl who fishes", "that chick that always fishes here" and other many strange sayings which never fail to make me smile. I can't say that I don't have a "girly" side - cleaning the slimy entrails of a fish makes me squirm and I prefer to catch prettier fish - trout rather than bass. I just incorporated it into who I am and how I fish. (My dad cleans them for me so he can check out the competition!) If you have never been fishing before, grab someone who has and pick their brain for information. Learn and expand.

I encourage all women to go fishing by themselves. Tell your other half that YOU are going fishing for the day. If the baiting process makes you squirm, there are plenty of fake baits nowadays that are just as good as anything else, and most are environmentally friendly. You don't have to keep the fish, catch and release works just as well, as long as the fish aren't harmed in the process of removing the hook. I use the usual worm bait, it seems to work the best for the trout I want. There is nothing better than sitting in a boat on a quiet lake, or sitting beneath a tree watching your pole and enjoying the silence. It's like a mini vacation. Sometimes if it's really slow, I'll even listen to an audiobook on my mp3 player. Even if you don't catch anything other than time by yourself, it's still a great way to get outdoors and be in the little slice of time that ignores the outside world. So grab a fishing license, a pole, bait, bug repellent, turn off the cell phone and GO FISHING! Maybe I'll see you there!



Steve's School Bus Service Inc
schoolbus@tds.net

Repairs & Service
Of all kinds

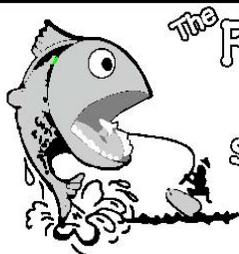
603-654-7035
Cell: 603-261-6750



Putnam's Clothing

Dry Cleaning & Formal Wear
41 Main Street
Wilton, NH 03086

Owner: Richard Putnam email: ptmclothes@aol.com
Ph (603)-654-6564 Fax (603)654-5440



The Fish'N-ShaNTY
BAIT & TACKLE
SPORTING GOODS
Lyndeborough, NH
654-2883

- Sporting Goods • Fresh and Salt Water Bait •
 - Snowmobile & ATV Registrations
 - Hunting & Fishing Licenses
 - Deer & Turkey Registration Station
- Gregg and Carol Otto
340 Winn Road off 31 North

The Village Store

654-9341
Groceries, Beer, Wine, Deli
and the
Best Sandwiches in Town



School Board Embarks on Rigorous Agenda for 2010/2011

By: WLC School Board Communications Subcommittee (Ingrid Howard (Chair), Geoff Brock, and Dion Lewis)

July 1st marked the official end of the FRES and LCS school districts and our SAU now truly operates as a single district following voter wishes at the March 2009 district meeting. While on paper the districts are now one and consolidation is complete, there remains a robust school board agenda this year. To achieve board goals, the consolidated board will rely heavily on subcommittees to provide needed research and recommendations in many areas. Six school board subcommittees have been established this year to assist in the following areas: Finance, Facilities, Communications, Education, Policies and Contracts/Personnel Management.

District residents are encouraged to participate by joining subcommittees as needed, providing comment (to website postings), and participating in school related forums in the coming months. Subcommittee meeting minutes will be posted along with regular board minutes on the SAU website (www.sau63.org). For example, last year the facilities subcommittee recommended moving the 6th grades from the elementary schools to the MS/HS and residents can look forward to several forums in the coming weeks/months for a full/open discussion on the topic.

Additionally, now that WLC has become one consolidated K-12 district, Lyndeborough Central School's space needs will be looked at differently. The facilities committee will attempt to identify all possible solutions to Lyndeborough's space needs issues which include, among other things, a lack of kindergarten space, a lack of Special Education space and the two small classrooms. They will bring the best ideas to the voters at the WLC District meeting.

One concern of the board is that the lack of a kindergarten room will start to cost the district money if it is not resolved this budget cycle because the state aid for "temporary solutions" ends this year. Fortunately, the 75% building aid is still available for a final solution. The possibility of adding a single kindergarten room addition to LCS to take full advantage of state aid will be discussed at the facilities committee, and may be brought forward to the voters at district meeting.

Other news: the Souhegan school district successfully recruited Jon Ingram this spring, who has served as principal of our MS/HS over the past two years. Mr. Ingram provided excellent leadership during his tenure and the school board wishes him all the best in his new endeavors. In June, a new principal, Mr. Brian Bagley, was hired from a small Montana district with high recommendation from the search committee and we look forward to his creative leadership as we all strive to advance academic excellence at the school.

Mountain Fest A Success

By Kathy Devir

A Mountain Fest was held at Mark Devir's home on Mountain Road in North Lyndeborough on Saturday July 17, 2010. It was a charitable event with the proceeds being donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mark's Dad is a leukemia survivor and his brother-in-law Scott is a lymphoma survivor. The family felt this was a way to give back for all the help they received from the Society.

The day and evening were filled with music, hayrides, fun, food and games for the more than 250 people. The bands were The Cider Press, Shotgun Acoustic and also Dr. Jones.

The family would like to thank all the many volunteers who helped before during and after the event and the local businesses who donated gift cards and services.

They also want to thank all who attended to help make the event such a huge success.

High Ridge Tree Farm

Firewood for Sale

**12 ft. long, clean and sound
Max tip diameter 10"**

4 cord minimum

Call for Price - 654-6068



Maple Lane Farm

Karen Grybko, Richard Herfurth
Natalie and Annemarie
Lyndeborough, NH
654-5362

Homemade Pies & Desserts
available with advanced order.

Pies always available at Lull Farm in
Hollis & Milford.



Know Your Neighbor – Lyndeborough Neighbors

By Nadine Preftakes

Whenever I walk down scenic Crooked S Road, my mind wanders. On this particular walk my thoughts were on my family reunion and the collection of memories associated with the event. My many brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, cousins and dad came from all parts of the country to spend a week in Lyndeborough. Our days were spent together sitting and talking on the front porch, eating meals in the barn, playing horse shoes in the back yard, visiting local sights and most importantly just enjoying catching up with everyone's lives.

There is no doubt; I have been blessed with a truly awesome family and anytime we are able to have a gathering it is a memorable occasion. But on this particular walk down Crooked S Road, other thoughts came to the forefront of my consciousness as well. The generosity of friends and neighbors; Zeke and Ann Harkleroad, Connie Forbes and Theresa and Peter van Ham, made it possible for many of my family to have welcoming accommodations nearby.

Our large family celebration held at the Town Hall was especially memorable for my father, Mark Kniedler, my niece, Melissa Kniedler and my nephew, Elijah Keaton when they received the honor of firing the Artillery Cannon. We all are so grateful to the Lafayette Artillery for sharing some Lyndeborough history with us. Even though Captain Walter Holland always tells me, "You feed us and we will fire it!" I know that it is a gift of time, both the present and the past, which he gives to all of us.

And then there was the fire truck. Rick and Ryan McQuade took the time to bring the truck up to the Center and parked it there to allow children of all ages a chance to sit in it, put on fire gear, ask questions and just experience the joy of being an honorary fire fighter for a few hours. For Fire Chief Rick McQuade to do this for my family in the wake of losing his father just the week before is a testimony to his kindness.

But generosity and thoughtfulness do not exist in the town of Lyndeborough only when I host a family reunion. The kindness of friends, family and neighbors can be found in great abundance and is clearly woven into the fabric of the town.

And so I chose to interview, not one person, but many. In my mission to document good deeds and acts of kindness, I found I did not have to look far. I asked many people two simple questions; "What act of kindness, small or large, have you done for others and what acts of kindness have been given to you?" Everyone I asked had an answer. Their responses were nothing short of interesting and in some cases entertaining. Although enthusiastic about deeds neighbors have done for them, modesty took over when it came to the telling of their own acts of kindness toward others. Truthfully I ran into some very modest folks in town but I was surprised by the variety and creativity of what people had given, accomplished or said to others. The list is long and distinguished and I realized that I could single handedly fill this edition of the Views with all that I have recorded. Neighbors are helping neighbors all the time and Aesop was correct when he said, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Care of the sick and elderly is ongoing and happens on a daily basis in a myriad of ways. Yards are mowed, meals are cooked, rides are given, eggs are delivered and friendly impromptu visits are made. People go out of their way

(Continued on page 13)



Georgia Hutchinson has been picking up trash along Lyndeborough roadways for five years now.



Casa Capello Salone
 53 Main Street
 Wilton, NH 03086
 A Full Service Hair Salone
Robin Goodwin, Owner
 (603)654-6399



REDNECK FARM
 Native NH Corn, Apples, Mums,
 Peaches, Pumpkins & more
Greg & Carol Otto
 Open 7 days a week/Two Locations
 Rt 31N Located at the Fish n Shanty
 Hours: 6am—8pm/Opening in June
 Offering Locally Grown Perennials
 Rt 101 Across from Monadnock Water
 Hours: 10am—6pm/Opening in July

Pinnacle Mountain Fish & Game Hunting & Fishing Derby

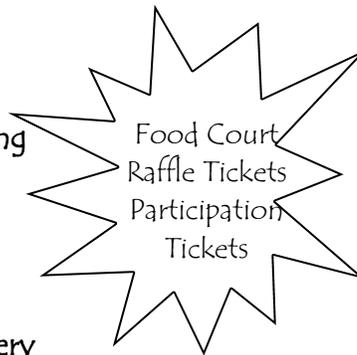


Saturday September 25th
Pinnacle Fish & Game Club
10am - 3pm

Free Parking & Admission

Attendees will have the opportunity to try the following shooting disciplines for a nominal fee:

Black Powder, Trap, 22 Shoot, BB Shoot, Sling Shot and Archery



Higgins Family Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner

Please Plan to Help Raise Money for the
Higgins Family from Lyndeborough

September 18th, 2010

Time 5-8pm

**Location: Center Hall,
Center Road, Lyndeborough**

For More Information or Donations
Please contact Jane Decubellis/487-5480

jane@decubellis.com or

Michelle Boot/654-4267/michelleboot@tds.net

Lyndeborough Central School PTA News

The PTA is excited to start the 2010-2011 school year. Event planning is well under way and the community is welcome to join in the fun.

Pac Monadnock Hike / Drive

Sunday September 12th at 2:00 p.m.

(Rain date Sunday September 19th)

The PTA will host a refreshment table at the summit to enjoy while viewing the foliage and migrating birds.

Scholastic Book Fair at LCS

October 12th - 15th from 12:00 to 1:00

Fall Festival at Center Hall

Saturday October 16th at 3:00 p.m.

Hay Rides Pumpkin Painting Scarecrow Making
Buck-A-Bowl

Stay Informed

The PTA meets at 3:15 on the first Wednesday of every month in the multi-purpose room at LCS.

All Lyndeborough residents are invited to join regardless of having a child attending the school. The PTA is a community based program for the benefit of Lyndeborough children. Please contact Jessica Cloutier at 603-487-2022 or e-mail LCSPTA@YAHOO.COM with any questions. Or, find us on Facebook under Lyndeborough Central School PTA.

LYNDEBOROUGH SKI & RIDE CLUB

By Kathleen Humphreys

Lyndeborough Ski & Ride Club is gearing up for a fun season of skiing and snowboarding at Crotched Mountain with discounted season passes for club members and a LCS-WLC ski program & lessons. Discount ends on October 12th.

Lessons for Lyndeborough will be on Wednesday or Thursday at 4pm but if another day is needed please contact me. The school pass is \$99 for 7-weeks and 5-lessons can be added for only \$50. Parents can ski with the students for a discount price. Rentals of ski, snowboards and helmets are available.

Log onto www.crotchedmountain.com to register, then click on "club login", enter "Snowflake Ski Club" and use the password "snowmember" to enter the joint Lyndeborough-Snowflake Site. The process changed so the clubs are combined to make it easier. If you are have problems registering just give me a call.

This discount club offers a variety of season passes available an Adult Season Pass for \$349, a Junior Season Pass for \$299, a midweek pass as well as student lessons and a family pass.

Crotched Mountain also offers a race team, development team, freestyle program and NASTAR!

For more information call 603-654-5111 or kmbh@tds.net for an application. THINK SNOW!

The History of the Baptist Church

By Dr. Stephanie Roper

Taken from information from the Histories of Lyndeborough book.

Lyndeborough residents officially formed the First Baptist Society in Lyndeborough in 1831, though the community had been evolving for over a decade. Initial claims of Baptists in Lyndeborough's ranks occurred only after the state of New Hampshire in 1819 allowed for disestablishment. Townspeople were legally allowed to petition to not pay their ecclesiastical tax, which paid for the upkeep of a single Congregational Church and the salary of its minister. Once Lyndeborough residents had the option to pay for the ministry of their choice, thirteen taxpayers initially petitioned the selectmen for exemptions, followed by another twenty nine. The first man documented in tax records as specifically exempt "on account of being a Baptist" was David Putnam in 1822.

The first Baptist services in Lyndeborough were held in the house of Moses Pearson in 1825, performed by Rev. Joseph Elliott of Mason. As a result of that service, two of Pearson's children were so moved that they were immediately baptized in the Rocky River (or Stony Brook.) For the next several years, the Baptist in Lyndeborough either traveled to Wilton for their services or received intermittent preaching when ministers could attend to their spiritual needs.

On December 10, 1829, a council convened to officially "constitute them into a distinct church." They met at the house of Daniel Putnam, Esq, (the future parsonage). This new church held its Recognition services as well as many of its early services at the school house. As the church, and in the fledgling village of Putnam's Corner itself, began to prosper, the accommodations proved to be inadequate. After the Baptist Society searched for a place for a building, Ephraim Putnam donated a lot on which to build one. In his description in the town history, Rev. Donovan explained that this structure "stood in the northeast angle formed where the road from South Lyndeborough to Temple is crossed by the Forest Road. The exact spot is very near where the railroad from Wilton crosses the Temple road, in front of the railroad station." Made from donated lumber and labor, the edifice was erected by a proper raising in 1832, with help from not only members of the Baptist Society, but Universalists and others in South Lyndeborough Village. The finishing work was completed over the course of several years as funds became available. Dedication ceremonies took place on October 8, 1836.

By 1863, the placement of the church became an issue. It stood so close to the east-west road that wagons apparently frequently defaced it with mud as they traveled by. Joel Tarbell came to the rescue, exchanging land with the church so the building could be moved across the road. While the original church had no foundation, when it was moved, it was raised and placed on firm underpinnings. As part of the move, the church was turned, so that its new and improved entrance stood to face the Forest Road. According to Donovan, "its whole appearance [was] much improved." Much of the improvement funds came from the efforts of the Ladies' Circle, a group formed to initiate and gather financial support for improvements to the church.

In 1873, after suffering through a high turnover of ministers, partly because of a lack of parsonage, the members worked to secure one for \$1,500. At this time, the Village of South Lyndeborough was thriving and a railroad from Milford was planning on pushing through the village to Hillsborough. [With the need to have control over the parsonage, they formed another Baptist Society in August of that year.]

In the late 1880s, the Baptist church experienced several significant alterations. The gallery was removed in 1887, followed by a porch being added in 1888. Joel Tarbell paid for the spire to be constructed in 1889. Tarbell also generously paid \$300 to erect a vestry under the structure. Commenced in 1891 and completed six years later, the church was again raised, this time by six feet. The weathervane was donated by summer resident E. B. Badger. The decora-

(Continued on page 7)



Ferra Enterprises

SPECIALIST—MERCEDES-BENZ REFINISHING
Repair and Refinishing All Makes and Models

311 Mountain Rd.
Lyndeborough, NH 03082
603-654-2072

William Ferra



Ledge Top Farm Frog Hollow Farm

Quality Small Fruits and Vegetables
No chemical pesticides or fertilizers ever used

Owner: Tom Mitchell
Email: tommitchell@tds.net Wilton, NH 03086
Website: www.ledgetopfarm.com Phone: 603-654-6002

(Continued from page 6)

tion on the church appears to have been altered to conform to the look of the new hall, Citizens' Hall, which boasted "stick style" decorative elements that were in style at the time.

In 1910, the Boston and Maine Railroad built a new railroad station in the village. Armory Hall, no longer needed as a station, was moved across the road to become the private residence of Wallace Dole, a long-time village resident and veteran of the Mexican Expedition of 1916. At the time, this building included a wrap-around porch and was not attached to the church structure. The parsonage that had stood by the church for almost forty years was moved up School Street to sit near the village's one-room schoolhouse. It remained the parsonage for the Baptist Church until the 1960s, when, due to a lack of a resident minister and low finances for the church, it was sold. The former parsonage, now a private residence, is reputedly the oldest remaining structure in the village and among the oldest in Lyndeborough. The home of Wallace Dole became the new parsonage in an agreement that let the church take over the building, after Dole's death, if church members took care of him in his last days.

Shortly after the relocation of the two buildings and the opening of the new Boston and Maine Railroad depot, the newly organized Village Improvement Society diligently worked to beautify the area. Their goal was to impress those traveling by railroad from Milford to Bennington or driving new automobiles along Forest Road through South Lyndeborough Village. They eliminated some of the dirt town roads crisscrossing around the new railroad station, planted hedges and lawns, and worked to make the spire of the Baptist Church a focal point for residents and visitors. Around that time, a gas lamp was installed at the corner of the church building to illuminate the crossroad as the road from Wilton to Greenfield and beyond became busy with automobile traffic.

Few significant alterations have occurred to the church edifice in the past century. Within the interior, as modernization touched the Village of South Lyndeborough, members adopted those changes in the Baptist Church. In 1928, when electric lines came to the village, the Baptist Church installed its first electric lights. In 1933, a bathroom with running water was installed in the parsonage, with water installed in the church kitchen two years later. With the problem of increasingly small congregations and limited finances for years, Lyndeborough's Congregational and Baptist parishioners elected to unite into the United Church of Lyndeborough in the 1970s. Also in 1975, church member and neighbor Walter Holt worked to attach the parsonage to the church. More recently, a handicap-accessible lift was installed so disabled parishioners can reach both floors, and enjoy the entity of the South Lyndeborough Baptist Church, one of the most historical structures in the town of Lyndeborough.

New Hampshire Glassmakers 1780-1886 www.nhglassmakers.com

"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 cruelly 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 of them never before exhibited in public, will now be assembled under one roof. The curators have also arranged a series of provocative lectures by eminent glass historians and scholars to provide a stimulating, informative event for collectors, historians, and scholars across New England and beyond.

Exhibit Dates:

November 13th through February 19th

For more information, check out - www.nhglassmakers.com
or contact Michael George at earlyglass@gmail.com



Peterborough Historical Society - 19 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN



Above: PTA members spent 3 days cleaning the walls and painting them in the first grade classroom at LCS. Pictured here are back row - left to right Alison Hayden, Sarah Hubbard, Jessica Cloutier. Front Row - left to right Michele Boette, Diane Bell and Lucy Noepel. Sherry LeBlanc is on the ladder.

Below: During the 4th Annual Lyndeborough Community Days Lillian Holt Slosek (front row, 4th from left) read from her book, "Mom Remembers" and caught up with some of her extended family in town. She is currently living in TN but was born here in Lyndeborough at the Forest House. Lillian's one wish from her family for her birthday was to return to Lyndeborough one last time. Her stories were funny, warm, and heartfelt, just like Lillian. Photo by Kathleen Humphreys.



Right: Rhonda Watts and her horse Crickett participate in Lyndeborough Community Day.



Left: The Library addition is ready for a new lawn.



Left: Lucy Schmidt's 90th birthday party held at the home of her daughter Ellen Martin on June 5, 2010.

Scouting in Lyndeborough

By Idina Holden

As the new school year starts, so do the Scouting activities in Lyndeborough begin. Lyndeborough has representative Girl Scout, Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops that are developing new skills and actively participating in the community.

Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world.

In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. Girl Scouts is open to girls ages 11-17. We are looking to start a Daisy troop if we can find interested kindergarten girls. Please contact Kim Pfeil at kimpfeil@yahoo.com for more information.

For 100 years, 80 of them in Lyndeborough, Boy Scouts of America has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Boy Scouts is open to all boys, 6th grade and up. Boys 1st through 5th grade are invited to join Cub Scouts.

All three organizations include members from both Wilton and Lyndeborough and from a variety of schools in the area. For more information:

Girl Scouts: Contact Ann Bird at hummingbird04@aol.net or 654-2468

Boy Scouts: Contact Karen Bourn at krb@tellink.net or 654-9716



Above: Girl Scout troop 2236 at their badge ceremony at Camp Ann Jackson.

Standing L-R: Abby van Ham, Lyndeborough, Alexis Blanchard, Ada Cook, Olivia Skelly, Kendahl Rae, Lyndeborough, Danielle Bird and Megan Vanderwoude

Sitting L-R: Bridget Popores, Nora Marcinuk, Lyndeborough, Jackie Bird, Ashley Humphreys, Lyndeborough.

Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library 2010 Programming for Adults & Families

September 15th Tracking in Southern NH @ 7:00 pm

Jon Sargent, local conservationist, will present the program. Learn how to recognize animal tracks when hiking.

October 5th Sy Montgomery and Howard Mansfield @ 7:00 pm

This well known area couple will read from their new books. Copies will be available. See web site for more information: <http://www.authorwire.com/>

November 21st Local residents Denise Dumas and Nancy Clark

2010 New Hampshire Artist Fellows, a designation awarded by New Hampshire Council for the Arts, will deliver presentations about their work. See web site for more information:

<http://www.nh.gov/nharts/artsandartists/fellows.html>

Sunday afternoon, November 21st with December 5th as a snow day.

December 11th

Holiday open house from 2pm - 4pm in partnership with Wilton Main Street Association. Activities TBD.

For more information check the web site: www.wiltonlibrarynh.org, click on calendar on left hand side.

Local Artist Series. Each month different artist/artists will have their work on display.

September: Carole Thorp/Watercolors & Robert Dahlinger/Photography

October: Southern NH Rugteasers/Fiber Arts Exhibit & Local Artisan

November: Margaret Pratt/Watercolors & Holiday Decoration Ideas by local Crafter TBD

December: Library Holiday Display & Annual Holiday Open House

How I Became a 12-year Old Bugler for The Lafayette Artillery

By RJ Humphreys, PVT. The Lafayette Artillery Co.

I was about three years old when I first saw the Lafayette Artillery Company's gleaming cannon and heard the loud boom as it was fired at the Lyndeborough Memorial Day Parade. Since then I've been drawn to the organization and its 1844 cannon.

Somewhere around age six, I said I wanted to join and even at that young age the Artillery Co. members encouraged me to get involved through a family membership and participate any way we could.

After watching the 2010 Memorial Day parade pass by, seeing the members of the Lafayette Artillery Company proudly carrying the American Flag and their militia flag, listening to the patriotic speeches, seeing the rifle salutes and their glorious cannon being fired by three veterans, I said I'm not going to miss another Memorial Day standing on the sidelines. I decided now was the time to get involved. I figured I was old enough and didn't want to wait another year, so in June, I put an application in as a junior member at age 11. Even before my application was accepted, I was honored to be asked to help at two local events on July 3 and July 4th. The Co. fired off the cannon and I was given a real NH 22nd Regiment forage hat to wear. It was really cool! On August 4th, 2010, I officially became an intermediate level member of The Co., just two weeks after my 12th birthday (Intermediate is ages 12-18).



Drummer boys and buglers were very important during the Civil War days because they sent crucial information to officers and their troops during both battles and every day life in the army so I figured my age would be just right for those roles. The Co. also encouraged me to learn the drum or bugle because they are important functions for them at parades, ceremonies and events. There was an Artillery Co. member who volunteered to teach me to play the bugle and was willing to loan me his Civil War reproduction bugle. It was hard learning at first, but I'm improving every day. On August 21, 2010, only 17 days after being named an Artillery Co. member, I played "Taps" at the Lyndeborough 275th Anniversary. I was nervous but it was an amazing feeling to play "Taps" during the flag retirement ceremony along side Christian Hettinger, my bugle teacher. My plan is to continue to practice and learn more bugle calls. I still want to learn to play the drum so if anyone can help me, it would be appreciated.

It was a lot of fun to research my uniform to see what soldiers wore, ate and owned during the 1860s. At first mom and I were going to make a uniform but we had a hard time finding the right pattern in my size, but we located a sutler (they sell C.W. reproduction equipment) in Oregon who could sew the jacket and pants at a very reasonable price and it came out amazing. Mom and I made my haversack (to hold my belongings) and I ordered a tin cup, a plate, and my own bugle. I've researched how to make hardtack, a staple food for soldiers and sea travelers, and plan to make some very soon. I hear it tastes horrible but it kept the soldiers alive. I was very proud to wear my Lafayette Artillery Company uniform to Lyndeborough's 275th celebration.

It would be wonderful to see more interest from young people in town for the junior or intermediate ranks. A few others teens have expressed an interest. An 11-year old girl who would like to participate on her horse as Rhonda Watts does and her young friend who could portray a camp family member.

(Continued on page 12)

ADVANTAGE
PLUMBING & HEATING
654-6076
Richard Wight
✓ Fully Insured ✓ Free Estimates ✓ Master Lic. 3118
"Fast, Friendly, Reliable Local Service
Saves You Time & Money!"

**CHECK OUT TOWN
EVENTS ON THE WEB!!!**
VISIT THE TOWN OF LYNDEBOROUGH'S WEB SITE
FOR CURRENT INFORMATION, CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AND OTHER TOWN INFORMATION.
<http://town.lyndeborough.nh.us/>
LOOK FOR THE FULL COLOR VERSION OF THE
LYNDEBOROUGH VIEWS WHILE YOU ARE THERE!!

Community Day ... (Continued from page 1)

Inside Center Hall, the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club sold Old Man In The Mountain Cookbooks and conducted the Silent Auction that had more than 80 terrific items for bid thanks to donations from businesses and people both near and far.

The Lyndeborough Trails Association and Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club co-sponsored the Steak Barbeque under the tent. Over 100 steaks, baked potatoes, ears of corn, salads, and drinks along with hot dogs and chips were served to hungry townfolk. The Fire Department Auxiliary provided the treats for dessert. The food was delicious; the steaks were cooked to perfection and could be cut with a butter knife thanks to our grill masters, Richard Herfurth and Arnie Byam. Also part of our yearly tradition was the live music provided by Sweet Tooth that kept us tapping our feet to the beat.



After dark, the campfire lit the encampment area with a warm yellow glow while people chatted, relaxed and enjoyed each other's company. A fitting end for a fun-filled day!



Left: Roger Crosby lends a hand and starts the grill.

Above: Ruth Johnson is selling Lafayette Artillery gifts and souvenirs.









Lyndeborough Apple Festival
October 10th, Center Hall
Lyndeborough, NH
Time: 1 pm – 4 pm



Apple
Dumplings

Lyndeborough
Fire Truck





The Lafayette
Artillery Co.

Apple
Crisp













Mark Chase and Jessica Leavitt were married on May 15, 2010 in Lyndeborough. The bride arrived on the fire truck and is the daughter of Bo Leavitt.

RJ Humphreys.... (Continued from page 10)

When we arrived at Lyndeborough Center on Saturday morning, I was so excited because it was my first event in my new Civil War uniform. I was not nervous, just thrilled to be there. Members of The Lafayette Artillery Co. who participated in the Lyndeborough 275th Anniversary Encampment were: Captain Walter Holland who really looks the part of a Civil War captain with a long white beard, First Sgt. Tony Buscemi, Sgt. Frank Holden, Rhonda Watts riding side saddle on her horse Cricket and her husband Christian Hettinger who is a bugler. In the afternoon Pvt. Richard Armstrong and Pvt. Karen Holland helped fire the cannon and Leo Trudeau came dressed as an early 1800s mountain scout and 14-year old Duncan Holden wore a Civil War vest and carried an antique firearm. Members Ruth Johnston and Lorraine Strube filled support roles and though they didn't help fire the cannon they were essential in manning the information and souvenir booth and cooking a delicious BBQ for guests. Also at the encampment was myself, PVT. RJ Humphreys who spent the night talking around the campfire and listening to an owl hoot while sleeping on a cot in an old tent at a Civil War encampment, right down the road from my own home.

At the encampment, Major General James B. McPherson surprised me by giving me a medal because he learned it was my first day in uniform as a new Lafayette Artillery Co. member and he was impressed with my enthusiasm and interest. I couldn't believe he was presenting me with a real medal, as if I just won a battle or something historic. The medal is inscribed "Nothing but Victory, the Army of Tennessee" and he told me the tale about how General Ulysses S. Grant fought 13 battles and lost none of them. He told me a lot of other interesting stories about our history and he was a really interesting person to meet, his real name is Scott Thomas and he came all the way from Pennsylvania to participate in the encampment and meet the Company. Capt. Holland commented that since I was awarded the medal at an actual event by a two star general, I can proudly display the medal on my uniform at any event we attend.

Although the Lafayette Artillery Company is a 206-year old continuously active militia, the time frame they concentrate on and re-enact is the Civil War. Last year in Mrs. Nahass' 5th grade class at Lyndeborough Central we studied American History and we did a chapter on the Civil War which I found fascinating. We also read a book called "Charlie Skedaddle" which was about a 12-year old drummer boy in the Civil War who was very excited to go off to war to avenge his brother's death but soon learned how serious war is and was very scared. The drum on the cover of the book looked just like a drum owned by The Company with the same painted American eagle and I found Charlie's story very interesting.

I would like to encourage other boys, girls, men, women and families to join the Lafayette Artillery Company, either as an active member who participates in the parades and events or as a supportive member who helps keep our town's pride and history alive. Lyndeborough has kept this militia and living history active for 206-years and has cared for an amazing historical cannon and it is up to our town folks and neighbors to keep the Lafayette Artillery Company alive for another 206 years. So please join us.



THE GIVING TREE—Please Donate!!

The Lyndeborough community will be asked again to support 2 or 3 Christmas families. Last year's outpouring of gifts were unbelievable. The gift tags will be available at the Christmas tree lighting in the village during Santa's visit and then will be displayed at the Library. Each gift tag has a family members name and a gift suggestion which will be attached to the wrapped gift. The Christmas families will be determined in early November. Please help contribute to helping make a families Christmas a joyous one.

Know your Neighbor....Continued from page 4

to welcome new neighbors or chat with old friends. A classroom in Lyndeborough Central School is painted by parent volunteers and one young lady told me that she cooked and delivered hot dogs to give to a few homeless people in Manchester. Another lady went out of her way to rescue a hawk chick that had fallen out of its nest. Letters to soldiers are written and sent, an older brother gave a fire helmet to his younger brother, and still another brother saved his money to treat his family to Dairy Queen. On the side of the road, trash is picked up, rides are given to those caught in a rain storm and turtles are moved out of harms way.

Don Guertin answered my questions without hesitation. He remembered the time a few years back when he had knee surgery. Aaron Brown made a point to come once a week and sweep the front of the Village Store. However Don laughed as he commented, "Of course he occasionally and good naturedly harassed the customers but they did not seem to care." Neighbors feed the birds, hold the door open for each other and spend many Saturdays to help make our town beautiful. Milford Police Chief, Fred Douglas spoke about the time when he was on duty and a turkey hen and her many chicks were determined to cross a busy road. Without the help of his blue lights and traffic direction, they would not have made it across. People set up fundraisers to help people in need and they quietly nudge us to give what we can. One generous lady arranged and paid for a fun afternoon excursion for friends and the J.A. Tarbell library addition and gardens would not have been possible if not for many generous folks in town. The bounty of summer gardens is shared with others, and the precious commodity of time, combined with each person's talents, is freely given to neighbors so that stair railings are built, roofs are repaired, and computer, plumbing and electrical issues are resolved.

Each member of the Fire, Police and Ambulance Departments are in the business of helping others in a crisis. However, their skills of rescuing, comforting and taking charge of situations are not limited to the perimeters of their professions. Many townspeople shared their stories of how they had been helped in "off duty hours" by these neighbors of ours because they can and want to help in any capacity. Collectively they represent a whole heap of kindness to others.

And whenever misfortune pays a call, Lyndeborough folks go out of their way to give help and comfort. Chief Rick McQuade spoke gently about acts of kindness, too many to count, shown to him and his family when his dad passed away. Our road agent, Kent Pery, noticed a person in need last winter struggling to shovel a great quantity of snow in her driveway and sent a co-worker to plow her out. He also mentioned that just a week ago, Tink Anderson came by while he was working and brought him a coffee coolatta. "It was just what I needed at the time and was such a sweet surprise." One small boy told me that he shared his crayons with his friend and another lady told me that angels do exist because a neighbor in town helped her find a place to live.

In the end what began as a collection of interviews became a gift of great proportions. It reaffirmed my belief that no matter if you call them good deeds, acts of kindness or angels; the wonderful reality is that they happen every day in ordinary places.

My daughter Meggie quipped truthfully, "Every time someone performs a simple act of kindness, it inspires others." The neighbors of Lyndeborough do just that.



The author's father Mark Kniedler after he fired the Lafayette Artillery's cannon at their Reunion.



Our Own New Hampshire Maple Products & Maple Sugaring Equipment and Supplies

The Maple Guys LLC
146 Schoolhouse Road, Lyndeborough
487-3292



10 Fredette Drive
Lyndeborough, NH 03082

(603) 472-6707

Ken Begley

www.greenacresirrigation.com

Lyndeborough Garden Club News



Inch by inch and row by row.....The garden in front of the J.A. Tarbell Library is starting to grow. Lyndeborough Garden Club members are waiting for rain to come tumbling down before we do much planting. However, we do want to begin work on the Community Daylily Garden, the triangular bed behind the parking lot on the south side of the library. If you have a daylily or Daylilies (not the common orange ones, we have plenty of them) that you will be dividing this fall or next spring, please consider donating one for the Daylily Garden. If you'd like to share a daylily, put it in a pot with your name and the name of the lily, if you know it, and leave it at the library. If no one is at the library, leave it in the shade by the ramp or drop it off with a Garden Club member. We will plant and label all the Dallies we receive this fall or next spring and we can all watch to see what glorious flowers bloom next summer. Questions? Call Ann Harkleroad at 487-2460.

The Hadley family reunion in Lyndeborough, held July 16th, was exciting, fun, and rewarding. I got to meet five cousins for the first time, all of which are descendents of Joshua. Also our group consisted of other Hadley families that were on their way to the big Hadley Reunion in New Bedford, MA the next day. These people were not direct descendants of Joshua but are descendants of Joshua's ancestors.

Helen Van Ham was our history guide and our Hadley Homestead tour guide. We all had a great time seeing the inside of this old home that has been preserved by the Van Ham family. Our thanks to Helen and her family allowing us to be guests in their home.

Our thanks also go to Ginny Christenton for the cemetery maps and locations of family graves and Bob Rogers for guidance and help. We were able to help John Grover who resides in your town but now is learning of his Hadley family roots.

- Janice Hadley Baber (front row, 2nd from left)



Photo by Theresa Van Ham

Honey

Jams

Fresh Fruit

Apples

Corn

PARADISE FARM

HOURS
TH-F 12-6
SAT/SUN
10-5

NATIVE
APPLES
99¢
1lb
PYO

GRASS FED BEEF · PICK YOUR OWN APPLES
FRESH PRESSED CIDER · PUMPKINS · JAMS
NATIVE RAW HONEY · BAKED GOODS & FUDGE!

COME ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL VIEWS!

468 CENTER ROAD, LYNDEBOROUGH, NH 603-345-0860
AT FITCH'S CORNER
2.3 MI UPHILL ON CENTER RD.
www.paradisefarmnh.com

What Happens to the Funds Raised by the Women's Club on Community Day?

By Ellen Pomer

Sometimes it is obvious what becomes of the money raised on Community Day because the organizations selling baked goods or burgers are located in town and each time the cannon fires or a trail improvement is made we can see our donations benefiting us all. But sometimes just how the money that is raised is dispersed is not so obvious.

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club is one such organization where the funds are used in a not-so-visible fashion, but never the less fill an important need in both Wilton and Lyndeborough. Each year after Community Day, I am asked the same questions. "What happens to the funds raised by the Women's Club on Community Day?" and "Do the monies raised stay in the community?" As a result I have decided to submit an article to the Views as soon as possible after Community Day each year.

This year the Lyndeborough Trails Association (LTA) joined forces with the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club to co-sponsor the Steak Barbeque. In addition to the Barbeque the Women's Club also sponsored the Silent Auction. The net from both events combine was about \$2300. The women's club has already cut a check for \$500 to the LTA. Additionally, the Women's Club purchased the extra food for the evening meal and donated it to WJAA to be sold at their concession stand.

With the Holiday Season quickly 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 gifts for one or more families from the towns of Wilton and Lyndeborough. During Christmas 2009 two Lyndeborough families were selected for the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree was located in Citizens Hall and in conjunction with townspeople the Women's Club helped provide Christmas presents to these families. The club donated an excess of \$500 worth of presents plus Market Basket gift certificates to this very worthy cause. Both families were awestruck by the generosity of the town and the club when the presents arrived at their homes. Another way the Women's Club helps to bring holiday cheer to the members of the community is with the Mother's Bags. Each year the club provides approximately 100 bags for women and seniors to the Christmas Store. These bags are filled with everything from toothbrushes and toothpaste to shampoo and hair conditioner and have an estimated value of \$35 each.

As staunch supporters of education, the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club grants two graduating seniors, from the towns of Wilton and Lyndeborough, scholarships (\$500 each), to help defray the cost of higher education. In June 2010 the scholarship recipients were Amanda Wight from Lyndeborough and Shelby Newsted from Wilton.

In July 2010, Goss Park was robbed of a significant amount of money, which was needed to keep the park operational. The Women's Club presented the park with \$500 to help replace the stolen funds.

Sadly, in August 2010 a father of three passed away suddenly. A fundraiser is planned for September 18th and again the Women's Club will be there to help. Please check the Milford Cabinet for updated information and how you can help this family in need.

Although the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club assists the community quietly and behind the scenes, the work it accomplishes: supporting the LTA and the WJAA, providing Christmas presents for needy families, granting scholarships to local high school seniors, supporting Goss Park, and helping a family through a tragedy, fills a very important role in the Lyndeborough Community.

Community Supper Update

Schedule for upcoming Community Suppers. Please watch for signs across from Village Store regarding location & time.

September 11 - Center Hall - 6 pm

October 9 - Center Hall - 6 pm

November 13 - Citizens' Hall - 6 pm



Plan to bring a dish to share and meet new neighbors and catch up with ones you know.

Cover Photo:

by Kathleen Humphreys

Back Row L to R: PVT Leo Trudeau (portraying an 1804 civilian Army scout), 1st Sergeant Tony Buscemi, Capt. Walter Holland, PVT Rich Armstrong

Front Row L to R, Duncan Holden & PVT. RJ Humphreys, Major General James McPhearson (portrayed by Scott Thomas from PA visiting brother Lowell Thomas of Lyndeborough), and PVT. Tori White of the 20th MA Infantry



Submission deadline
for the
December issue of
Lyndeborough Views
is **November 17th**
*Share your announce-
ments, photos and stories!!*

Lyndeborough Views is published quarterly
by the Lyndeborough Communication
Committee

Committee Members

Karen Grybko	Idina Holden
Karen Holland	Wendy Lazott
Ellen Pomer	Nadine Preftakes

For information about submitting an article
or announcement, obtaining a subscription or
placing an advertisement, or joining the LV,
please contact us at:

Lyndeborough Views
c/o Karen Holland
200 Pinnacle Mountain Road
Lyndeborough, NH 03082

Or email kjh1@tds.net



Lyndeborough Views
c/o 200 Pinnacle Mountain Road
Lyndeborough, NH 03082

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
LYNDEBOROUGH, NH
PERMIT NUMBER 7

POSTAL CUSTOMER
LYNDEBOROUGH, NH 03082