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“To Educate and Inform the Citizens of Lyndeborough”

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Why I Live in Lyndeborough

By Tom Brodeur

As I sat on the old stone wall munching trail mix and gulping water from my Nalgene bottle, I turned to my friend and said, “Someday I’m going to own a home with a stone wall marking the property boundary.” My friend turned towards me and nodded in approval as he bit into an apple. My passion for the outdoors led me to hike the many trails of New Hampshire. While on these hikes I would often stop at a stone wall to marvel at the people who built them and wonder how old the wall was and how long it took to construct.

I was born and raised in Nashua in a large neighborhood along the Nashua River. I loved the outdoors and spent much of my time fishing. As I grew older I became an avid hiker and backpacker. Each weekend, rain or shine, I would head north to hike the trails between Franconia and Crawford Notches. When I began working and time be-

came more precious, I would drive west to the Wapack Trail and hike my favorite section which climbed through Windblown Cross Country Ski area and up to Barrett Mountain.

In 2002, I was a young professional in financial services. I decided to sell my Nashua condo and buy a house outside of the city. I liked the idea of moving to a town such as Milford to experience the small town feel but also be within commuting distance to Merrimack. My search took me from Milford to Weare and as far west as New Ipswich. Nothing I looked at seemed to be the right fit.

One day, I stumbled across a home for sale in Lyndeborough. I had never heard of Lyndeborough and had to pull out a map to locate it. The photos of the home were

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The United Church in the Center of Lyndeborough sustained damage from Hurricane Sandy on October 29, 2012. A side corner column was blown off on the front right side of the old church which was built in 1837. The church has been under renovation and the side column was damaged. The column was a fake hollow column. Church member Clayton Brown said, “Thankfully the corner board fell in one piece and we already called Wally Holt so it can be put back up. I went up this morning to see if the tower survived, as we only put the shutters back a week and a half ago and it survived.” Lyndeborough Road Agent Kent Perry is one of the volunteers helping to restore the church. He believes the church was pushed back from the strong winds during the height of Hurricane Sandy causing the side piece to fall off. “You can see the old nails that held this piece to the church. This is only cosmetics and can be fixed. Thankfully we put the shutters pieces back on the bell tower last week or there could have been serious damage there to the structure without that extra support. One side of the roof has been replaced this summer which was good.” Brown said the north side of the roof will be replaced next summer.

Photo by Kathleen Humphreys, October 30, 2012

FARMERS' MARKETS CONTINUE AFTER THE HARVEST

If you would like food fresh, locally grown and made year round, or you want to know where your food has come from and what has gone into it, then consider patronizing the local farmers' markets. These markets continue throughout the year providing a farm fresh supply of beef, pork, eggs, goat milk, honey, maple syrup, fresh baked goods, and more to the community.

Milford Indoor Fall/Winter Market

Milford resumed its indoor market, located on the third floor of the Milford Town Hall auditorium, on Saturday, October 20. The market is scheduled to continue until spring on the following dates: 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 3/13, and 4/6.

Bedford Fields

Located on Route 101 in Bedford, across the street from Hannaford Market, Bedford Fields is a beautiful store and garden center selling many unique items. They host four farmers' markets on Saturdays in January and February from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, and 2/23.

The vendors work hard to provide you with high quality, fresh, natural goods and are very appreciative of all the local support. The farmers hope to continue seeing you throughout the year. It is nice to see all of their hard work enjoyed by our community.



Congratulations to the winner's of the Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club Hooked Rug. The winning ticket was drawn on Saturday, November 10th by Diana Proctor, who made and donated the rug. Pictured L to R: Stacie, George, and Olivia Connolly of Mason who were very excited to receive the rug. Donations from the raffle will be used to sponsor Christmas families, provide fuel assistance, give local high school scholarships, and much more. Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle.

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Stories in Stone: Dolliver Cemetery and Beasom Burial Ground

By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

The Dolliver (or West) Cemetery is a small, 4 acre cemetery on Pettingill Hill Road near the intersection of Old Temple Road. This cemetery is set back from Pettingill Hill Road and School House No. 5, used to be between it and the road. An old Lafayette Artillery book calls this cemetery "Cemetery No. 5" and includes "A List of Soldiers' Graves in Town We Decorate, revised in 1895." Samuel Buttrick, War of 1812, is the only one listed for this cemetery in 1895. Next year, he will have a veteran's flag placed at his grave for the first time in a long time as he wasn't in our current records as a veteran.

Captain John Dolliver donated the land to the town. The town has no formal deed that I've found, but was listed as a town cemetery in 1895. The 1905 Lyndeborough history book states that the first burials were Captain Dolliver's wife Lucetta P. (Draper) Dolliver, and Samuel Hodgeman who were interred on the same day. This seems a simple fact until you look at the dates of death: Lucetta Dolliver died in 1852, and Samuel Hodgeman died after being struck by lightning in 1860. In the early 1970's, Mrs. Ethel Clark told me that when the new Dolliver cemetery was created in 1860, graves were moved from the old burial ground behind her house, on Woodward Road, to the new cemetery. I've often wondered if that story was true and this simple statement in the history book seems to confirm that at least one grave was moved.

The people buried in the Dolliver Cemetery lived close to the cemetery, from Phil & Ginny Brooks' house to the houses on Beasom Road and down Old Temple Road to Stoney Brook where the Buttrick family had a mill. I've found a few stories in the history books about the people buried here. Alvaro Buttrick had a cabinet mill, Harold Eastman's father was a watchmaker and jeweler and had the only greenhouse in town in the 1890's, and Solomon Cram was the first to have a blacksmith shop. Captain John Dolliver is mentioned the most. He was born in Marblehead, Massachusetts, in 1810, and came to Lyndeborough to live with his grandfather, Philip Beasom, when he was 4. He inherited the homestead on the corner of Woodward and Beasom Road after his grandfather's death. There is a wonderful description in the 1905 history book.

"He was a large and powerfully built man, broad-shouldered and strong, of great endurance, and of great industry withal. He was genial and fond of company, enjoying a laugh or a joke, even if it was at his own expense. He took great interest in military matters and in military exercises and was captain of the Lafayette Artillery at one time."

He was severely wounded in the Civil War at Moreauville, Louisiana, in May 1864, and discharged in January 1865.

One story I learned directly from a headstone in the cemetery.

*"Alonzo E.,
son of Alban & Mary J. Buttrick,
died Dec. 24, 1876,
age 12 years 8 month.
Came to his death by falling
through the Gulf Bridge Dec. 12, 1876."*

This story isn't in the 1905 history book, but I did find that the Gulf Bridge is the railroad bridge, built in 1873, about a mile west

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Purgatory Falls Alpaca Farm

By Adrienne Colsia

The variety and talent of people that make up the wonderful community of Lyndeborough never ceases to amaze me. Dana and Tim Welch are two of the kindest people you will ever meet, and Lyndeborough is fortunate they chose to settle here eight years ago and create their farm and business, Purgatory Falls Alpaca Farm. They are grateful to be in such a community as they feel they could never do what they do without all of the help they have gotten and continue to get from their friends and neighbors.

They had both lived very interesting lives before moving here. Tim, a respiratory therapist at SNMC, was at one time a captain in the Merchant Marines. He then owned a business, which developed markets for underutilized marine species. He grew up in Milford, but as an adult has lived all over the world. He lived four years in Russia, where he became the first American ever to dive the Russian Arctic and White Sea in search of marine life. Unfortunately, they were devoid of all life due to all of the pollution.

Dana, a highly respected court reporter for the past thirty years, grew up in Tennessee. She lived in Colorado for many years, but, vowing to never live in a cold climate again, moved to Mexico where she became a dive instructor. The two met while scuba diving in Mexico. They were working for the Mexican government searching for fossils and signs of ancient life. They found some bones that were later carbon dated to be 5000-7000 years older than the next oldest known bones.

Love won out and Tim convinced Dana eight years ago to once again live in a colder climate so he could move back to his roots. They bought 40 acres on Purgatory Falls Road and built a pretty home, which is heated solely by an outdoor wood-burning boiler. This boiler also heats their greenhouse which grows plants of various kinds all year long, including 250 tomato plants planted each spring—the fruits of which friends and family are fortunate recipients.

Tim and Dana wanted to start a farm of some sort and were fascinated by the uniqueness and friendliness of Alpacas. Dana, being a highly proficient spinner and weaver, was attracted to the quality of fleece. They started their herd and have been developing their farm ever since. They have made a lot of progress building their herd and now have around 60 alpacas, some of which are rescue animals. They also have a llama to protect the herd, a beautiful horse named Morgan, a rescue donkey who used to carry visitors down into the Grand Canyon, and two Australian Shepherds. They are continually making improvements to their property, expanding pastures, and using it the best way they can. I met two of their farm hands, who are essential to the farm. Hannah Earle, 16, and Alex Pellerin, 18, take care of many of the never-ending chores a farm brings with it.

Alpacas, a member of the camelid family, are indigenous to South America. They are raised for their fleece, which is often compared to cashmere. There are two breeds: the huacaya (pronounced wah-Ki-ah) and suri (SOO-ree). Huacayas account for 90% of all alpacas, as their fleece is fluffy and crimped giving them a teddy bear-like appearance. Suris grow silky lustrous fleece that drapes gracefully in beautiful pencil locks. The Suris' fleece is too silky to spin by itself and must be combined with a courser fleece. They live to be 15-20 years old. They gestate for 11 months, but interestingly, a female alpaca can delay her pregnancy for up to a month due to food, temperature, or an instinct telling them

to do so. They can actually abort their own babies if they choose to. They are intelligent, docile, quiet, and amazingly resilient, adapting successfully to extremes of both very cold and very hot climates. They are clean animals, choosing a few areas to do their business in and leaving all other areas clean. They have minimal aroma and do not attract flies. Most people associate alpacas with spitting, but they mainly spit at other alpacas as a means of expressing displeasure or annoyance—if they feel their food is being encroached upon or if two males get into a squabble. Humans may get caught in the cross-fire, so it is best to study their behavior and avoid vulnerable situations.

Before the market crashed six years ago, an alpaca could sell for \$100,000. Now that same alpaca would sell for \$20,000. Today, the average price of an alpaca is between \$7000 and \$10,000 dollars.



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Live in Lyndeborough..... (Continued from page 1)

poorly taken so I passed by the listing and kept searching. Each time I would sit down to search, I would see the Lyndeborough listing, yet continued to pass it by. After visiting several properties I finally decided to take a drive and see what Lyndeborough was like.

As I drove up Center Road I saw the old, white church and the amazing views. Lyndeborough was a short drive from Milford and the surrounding cities of Nashua and Manchester. It was mid-October and the foliage was impressive. I drove through town, randomly selecting various roads to see where they would lead me. Many of the roads were dirt and sparsely dotted with homes that twisted through hardwood stands of oak and maple. When I reached the house I could not believe how nice it looked from the outside. It was not at all like the photos online. I returned home, arranged a showing and an offer was quickly submitted. Finally, on February 28, 2003, I closed on my new home in the secluded northeast corner of town.

As I drove around town getting to know the area, people waved as they shoveled their driveways or walked their dogs. I was amazed to have found this little gem of a town tucked away from all main roads but still in southern New Hampshire. Even more amazing, the folks I encountered did not have their eyes glued to an electronic device. The pace seemed slower here, more relaxed and more enjoyable.

That experience has only grown over the years. I moved here because it fit the basic criteria of what I was looking for nine and a half years ago. I have a nice, stress-free commute to work and the house is fantastic and has the space I was looking for. Necessities are 20 minutes away yet it is so incredibly peaceful here. Living in Lyndeborough is also so much more than that.

I loved nature and was an avid outdoorsman before I moved here. What I didn't realize was how much living here can become part of your soul. I have grown to love sitting on the porch to sip my morning coffee. I love to hear the birds sing and the gentle rustle of the leaves as the wind blows. I enjoy walking the many trails behind my house and have even taken up hunting. The peacefulness is intoxicating. After a stressful day there is nothing I enjoy more than to sit on the porch, listen to nature and decompress.

Recently, I learned my job will relocate to Westlake, Texas. I traveled there to do an extensive search of the area. Apparently, Texans enjoy living extremely close to one another. Everything is bigger in Texas, except the properties. I saw massive homes sitting on tiny lots, in some cases with just enough room to walk around the exterior perimeter of the house. I drove from Dallas to Fort Worth and visited every town in between. It was all the same. The landscape was a treeless sea of rooftops. When I returned, I reluctantly listed my home with the company-hired agent and began planning for life in Texas.

After a second trip to Texas I felt less like I could be happy there. I would be giving up my peaceful country home. I would be leaving my family behind. There would be no short drive to the mountains, the lakes region or the seacoast. Was I making the right decision? Texas is flat and treeless. It is hot, ridiculously hot, and there is no Dunkin Donuts!

After mulling over my options, I decided leaving Lyndeborough was not the correct decision. The "For Sale" sign will be coming down, and although I may have to travel much further for employment, I am not ready to give up the small town lifestyle. I actually enjoy (sometimes) the fact that I do not have high speed internet or a cell phone signal. Living in Lyndeborough has become a part of me. I don't do much peak-bagging these days, but I only have to travel as far as the borders of my own property to sit on a stone wall.



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of the railroad station in the village and a mile east of where Alonzo lived on Old Temple Road. The Gulf Bridge is about 200' long and 70' above Rocky River or Stoney Brook as we know it now. It must have been a great temptation for a boy of 12 to walk down the new railroad track to the Gulf Bridge and stand 70' above the water.

Mary Buttrick had two tragedies in her life, her first husband, Samuel Hodgemen, was killed by lightning and 16 years later, her young son died after falling through a railroad bridge.

The headstones for Alonzo Buttrick and Lucetta Dolliver are an example of "square raised" carving. The letters are raised above the background and cut with square edges. See picture of tombstone.

After reading the history books, I've concluded that Captain John Dolliver donated the land for this cemetery because he had 7 children by his first wife, Lucetta and 7 children by his second wife, Abbie. There wasn't enough room in the old cemetery behind his ancestral home to accommodate his large family and the other local families.

The Christmas Families

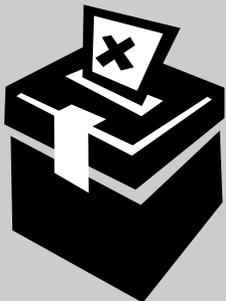
By Karen Grybko

The Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club is once again gathering names of Wilton and Lyndeborough families in need of help during this holiday season. Last year generous townspeople from both communities helped 21 children from 11 families, by purchasing gifts to match tags on the Giving Trees located at Citizen's Hall and the Tarbell Library in Lyndeborough, and at the Town Hall and the Gregg Library in Wilton. This year, in addition to the families recommended by the elementary school nurses, the guidance counselor at Wilton-Lyndeborough Coop and Monadnock Family Services have provided names of families needing assistance.

Currently, we have the names for 17 families with 48 children. Label Art, the Lions Club and some local churches have reached out and taken some of the children's names to help provide the families with the items needed. The Women's Club will be making tags for the remaining children to hang on the giving trees after Thanksgiving.

Please take a tag from one of the Giving Trees in town and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached under the giving tree by December 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Grybko at 654-5362.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**March 12th Town Elections, Old Town Hall,
10 am - 7 pm**

**Town Meeting will be March 16th, 10 am
Citizens' Hall**

News from the Lyndeborough Central School

By Sue Tussing, LCS Principal

I am delighted to share the news from Lyndeborough Central School. We are now a K-5 school, as our sixth graders are at the Middle School in Wilton. The fifth graders are taking many of the roles as the eldest in the school, and doing a great job. We now have 5th / 1st grade buddies, and we also have 4th / kindergarten reading buddies. The older students love the responsibility of taking care of the little ones, and the younger students appreciate the attention and care given them. We have two new teachers who are the perfect match for our school. Iris Houdyshel, our kindergarten teacher, is enjoying the new room, and seems to have a sixth sense (or lots of experience) about what 5 year olds need at school. They are thriving under her care. Tara Roper is our 4th grade teacher, with an impressive ability to teach to many learning styles, and to bring technology into every aspect of learning.

Our interim superintendent, Dr. Donald LaPlante, is hard at work for the year. We are now conducting a search for a permanent superintendent for 2013-14. The budget for the 2013-2014 school year once again forecasts big changes. The Wilton-Lyndeborough School Budget Committee is urging the School Board to find all possible ways to cut back on funding. The budget currently under consideration provides for only one elementary school principal, with a head teacher at Lyndeborough Central. There is also discussion of gradually moving the older students, grades 3-5, to Florence Rideout Elementary School in Wilton, and having all the K-2 students at LCS. This would require additional busing, and a vote to change the Articles of Agreement between the two towns. Please consider attending school board meetings to keep abreast of these new ideas!



The **Class of 1977 from The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative High School** celebrated their 35th class reunion in style at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua on September 15, 2012 with a buffet dinner, dancing, and a lot of just catching up. In attendance were 27 students (including six current Lyndeborough residents) and two teachers from the class along with their guests. From left to right in back row: Rev. Dale Edwards (classmate and speaker), Scott Peterson, Bruce Houston, Robert McPartlan, Bryan Larpenter, Peter van Ham, George Willette, Martin Crooker, Arnold Byam, Jodi (Cann) Thiele, Jonathan Sargent, Christine (Burke) McEntee, John Bell, and Greg Hutchinson. Middle row: Robert Pano (science teacher and class advisor), Natalie Mendham, Alice Cutting, Valerie Hays, Michelle (Deschanes) Valley, Julie (Barnes) Bursey, Diane (Tetrault) Weissflog, Melissa (Moore) Crooker, John Tallarico, and Christopher Pank (social studies teacher). Front row: Debra Brown, Roberta Greeley Curtis, Mary (Blanchard) Jensen, Nancy (Burke) Brown, Patricia Burke, and Michelle (Loverme) Tice. This was the fourth formal reunion event for the class, which was held with a special remembrance in honor of two late classmates Patricia Ann Levesque (class president) and Tara Benson Smith.

Photo by Kathleen Humphreys

AROUND



BELOW: Derek Lankowski hand Moderator Walter Holland on elect



ABOVE: Natalie (left) and Annie Herfurth (right), of the Maple Leaves 4-H Club, at the Hillsborough County Fair with their prizewinning Hereford cows. Natalie recieved the trophy for Senior Fitting and Showing and Annie won a 1st place in the Junior Class. In the breed show, Annie's calf Maple Lane Who Dat Bella was Champion, and Natalie's yearling heifer was Reserve Champion.

BELOW: The LFD during some practice drills. They held a Car Extrication Drill on Oct. 7 on Cemetery Road . It is held so that the Explorer team as well as the fire fighters get to have hands on experience. Left to right, Fire Fighter Zach Goodine, Fire Fighter Zach Johnson and Explorer, Caleb Berkebile.



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Many Thanks

Our Trick or Treating night in Lyndeborough brought many smiles to the young and young at heart whether you were receiving the goodies being passed out or the ones handing out the treats. But the fun Halloween night would not have been possible without the help of many people. So all of us Halloween lovers wish to thank Wally Holt and Danny Depont for driving the tractors and trailers; Tim Welch for his hay donation, Debbi Leavitt for the use of her tractor – Big Red, Tom Beauregard for the use of his trailer, Jessica Chase and Stephen Vergato for chaperoning and the Lyndeborough Police for their assistance in keeping everyone safe.



ABOVE: Spider Man Levi Hyde and Iron Man Jonathan Benson enjoy the hayride.



LEFT: (left to right) Danielle Drobat holding her brother Jack, Ryleigh Smith holding her sister Madelyn, Levi Hyde and Jonathan Benson.



LEFT: The Lyndeborough Fire Department Explorers practicing with the Air Pack Drill on a house on Center Road during an exercise.



ABOVE: Fire Fighter Ryan McQuade with Second grader Ryleigh Smith. The purpose of this exercise is so the kids can see the firefighters as themselves and then dressed in their gear so that they are not afraid in case of an actual fire.

OPEN CUPBOARD PANTRY

By Adrienne Colsia



The Open Cupboard Pantry (OCP) is on Maple Street in Wilton. (Maple Street runs behind Wilton Town Hall Theatre.) The OCP is located in the white house to the left of the Sacred Heart Church.

Please remember if you could use some help either now or in the future that our community has a wonderful food pantry. It is there to be utilized and is generously supported by the community, so don't hesitate to go there for food when you have trouble making ends meet. Some of the food they carry includes non-perishable canned goods, potatoes, some refrigerated vegetables, frozen meat (at times), coffee and sugar. Also available are kitchen paper goods, bathroom toiletries, dish soap, laundry and bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and toilet paper. Unlike other food pantries that pre-bagging food and paper goods for you, the OCP is unique because you are allowed to shop their shelves for what you need.

The COP is open by appointment only. If you would like to pick up food, please call any of the following people: Linda at 654-2635, Nancy at 654-9387, or Deb at 654-6547. They try to see everyone within 24-48 hours of the call.

If you are in a position to donate, please remember the OCP needs our continued support not only during the holidays, but throughout the year. In the November and December months it provides Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to individuals and families. There are several ways we can support this Pantry. Market Basket has a barrel with the OCP name on it set just inside the door to the left as you enter from the side where Redbox is located. Food donations are gratefully accepted or you can also send a check to Open Cupboard Pantry, P.O. Box 111, Wilton, NH 03086.

If you supported the Boy Scouts' Scouting for Food drive, please accept our thanks for gathering over 2,000 items for OCP.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club Update

The Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club has been very busy helping the communities of our two towns and is preparing for upcoming events. In June the club granted four \$500 scholarships to deserving students from the two towns; in August we participated in Lyndeborough's Community Day; in October we joined forces with the Wilton and Lyndeborough Fire Departments to raise funds for Rene Houle and provided grants to the Tarbell and Gregg Libraries; in November we had the drawing of the winning raffle ticket for the Lyndeborough Rug—hand-hooked by Diana Proctor, gathered names of 48 children in need of Christmas presents, and set up the Giving Trees in each town; and in December we will gather the donated gifts and distribute them to the families and pay out scholarship money granted in June. On the third Sunday in January, we will start 2013 by serving chicken parmesan to the local seniors gathered in Wilton at Sacred Heart Church.

We are grateful to the generosity and support the communities have shown during our recent fundraisers and activities. All of the funds raised are turned back into the communities as scholarships, Christmas presents, Senior Dinners, library programs, etc...

If you are or if you know a family that may be in need of assistance with Christmas presents please contact Karen Grybko at 654-5362. If you would like information about joining the Women's Club, please contact Karen at the number above or Ellen Pomer 654-5420.

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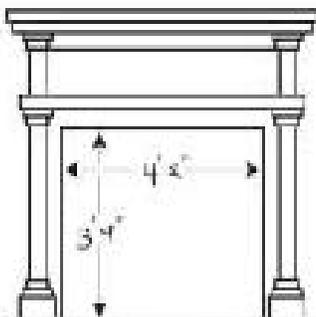
These are expensive animals and to prevent unscrupulous behavior, each alpaca is registered. At birth, the baby is named and a blood sample is taken from the baby, put on a special card, and sent to the Alpaca Registry where a DNA test is performed. Every registered alpaca is in the database and the baby's lineage can be traced back to its origins in South America. Before purchasing an alpaca, you can find out the parents, previous owners, babies they have had, and any health issues that have arisen. Every alpaca has a microchip placed behind the ear which is linked to the world-wide registry and anything about the animal's history can be found.

So, what does one do with these animals? Dana has taken her talent for spinning and weaving and created a business, Purgatory Falls Alpaca Farm. Spinning her own wool, she makes beautiful woven scarves, tapestries, assorted bags, and hats. The fleece is recognized globally for its fineness, softness, lightweight, durability, excellent thermal qualities, and luster. She hand dyes the fleece using both natural and acid dyes.

Dana also makes silk scarves and takes custom orders. She can take the hair or fur you have brushed from your dog and create a blanket. She has a beautiful one hanging on the wall of their home made from the fur of a beloved dog Tim once owned. The ideas and colors are endless and if you want something woven or a hat made, she is the one to do it. If you are looking for a good quality unique gift (Christmas is coming!), try these folks out. To contact her, phone 654-7690 or go to one of her websites: www.purgatoryfallsalpaca.com or www.etsy.com/shop/gypsylegacy. She can also be found spinning and selling her products at the Milford Farmers Markets year round.



Author's note: It would be nice if the many artists Lyndeborough has could form an association and have days where they showcase their creations to the public. We, the public, would love to see these works of art. These artists spend so many hours at their craft, but often it is a lonely endeavor, which lacks outlets to get their work out to the public. Some food for thought.



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INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS

By Kathleen Baglio Humphreys



The World Affairs Council of New Hampshire participated in a program called "Iraq Election Stakeholders." The participation consisted of hosting an Iraqi delegation and bringing them to various locations of New Hampshire observing the election process and how our government is involved in making sure elections are free, clear and transparent. The group visited Lyndeborough after the polls closed on election night, November 6, to observe the hand count process. They are seen in this photo with local contacts Nancy and Ariel Tobi, on left, and town moderator Walter Holland (5th from left). They enjoyed Lyndeborough hospitality and were happy to observe the hand count tradition. They took lots of photos and video of the process and asked questions from the "visitors" section of Citizens' Hall.

While in New Hampshire the Iraqi group met with the New Hampshire Secretary of State, visited New England College Poll Center, toured the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, walked through both the Romney and Obama campaign headquarters, met with students from Southern New Hampshire University, observed the hand count in Lyndeborough, met with Jake Berry of Nashua Telegraph and participated in a roundtable with Americans for Campaign Reform and the Coalition for Open Democracy.

"The US Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs take up and coming leaders from their countries to come to the United States to learn about different topics in the hopes of strengthening governments and ties between our countries. They also bring over non-profit leaders. They are selected by their embassies and consulates in their countries," explained Tim Horgan, World Affairs Council NH Program Director of International Visitors Program.

Many different groups have come to the United States and, according to Horgan, New Hampshire typically sees non-profits and women's rights groups. Each group visits four or five cities during the three-week program.

"They definitely liked the hand count because they don't trust the electronic balloting at this point. They do hand counts in Iraq and they were so glad to get an opportunity to see how we do it in the United States. They also enjoyed meeting the Secretary of State and seeing how elections are done here, so they can take that information back home and implement it in ways that will fit in Iraq," said Horgan.

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MAPLE LEAVES 4H

Veronica Boyle (left) of the Maple Leaves 4-H Club is getting her lamb, Clover, ready for the Hillsborough County Fair. Veronica won ribbons in the Fit & Show and Breed Classes, as well as the Lead Line and the Obstacle Course classes. She also won 4-H blue ribbons for her flamingo print fleece quilt and caterpillar cupcakes. She was awarded the Department Award for her cupcakes as they were the best entry in the baking department. Veronica entered her caterpillar cupcakes in the King Arthur Baking Contest and won the Youth Division Award. Veronica was 10 at the time, and is in the 5th grade. She is the daughter of Korena Ortiz. This was her first fair and our 4-H club is very proud of her accomplishments.

Santa Claus is coming to Lyndeborough!!!

***Sunday, December 9,
from 1:00-3:00 p.m.***

Santa will be here for the annual tree lighting on the Village Common and to visit with Lyndeborough children in the nearby J.A. Tarbell Library.

Santa will be drawing the winner of the quilt raffle during the tree lighting as well. The event is sponsored by the Lyndeborough Fire Department and LFD Auxiliary as a part of the LFD community outreach effort.



For those that ordered wreaths—they can be picked up at the Library during this same time.

Raising Money to Help Rene Houle

By Adrienne Colsia

The love and high esteem our community holds for Rene Houle was evidenced by the wonderful turn out at the spaghetti fund raising dinner held on Saturday, October 20, at Wilton's Second Congregational Church. Rene had been a volunteer fire fighter and the fire chief in Wilton for many years. More recently, during his retirement, he drove a school bus for Lyndeborough, and a limo for the LA Limo Company in Wilton. The kids on his bus liked him as he let them listen to the music they wanted.

In June, Rene was not feeling well so he went to the doctor. By August, he was diagnosed with a aggressive form of cancer and not given a good prognosis. People immediately wanted to help. The Wilton and Lyndeborough Fire Departments, Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club, and many friends organized a dinner to raise money and help his family with their expenses. The menu included spaghetti with several different sauces and a brownie sundae for dessert. A raffle and boot drive were also part of the day's events. Fortunately, Rene was able to be there and see all the support and love the community has for him.

Due to the large number of people who attended and the generosity of the Wilton Lyndeborough Communities, a total of \$6,420.00 was raised to help Rene and his family through this difficult time. Let's continue to hold Rene and his family in our thoughts and prayers.



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Lyndeborough Center Church Update

By Clayton Brown & Kent Perry

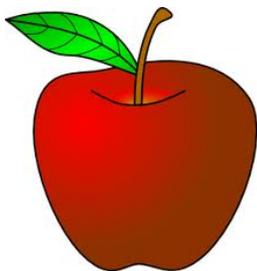
A church repair fund for Lyndeborough Center Church was started in January 2012. During a meeting on April 1, we decided what repairs were needed to the bell tower and the eight sided spire roof. We had the use of a crane to do this work. The shutters were removed and painted by volunteers.

The south side of the main roof was replaced. Many roof boards had to be replaced also. We hope to shingle the north side and finish painting next spring. We had the use of a local bucket truck that helped us with the painting. The beautiful decorative fan, made by volunteers, is stored and ready to be put up next year.

The final day of repairs was October 17, and we are pleased with the work completed thus far. We want to thank everyone who helped with this project. Work will resume in the spring.

*Kitchen Views.....****APPLE NUT BREAD****an old Polish recipe from Karen Grybko*

1/2 c. shortening
 1 c. sugar
 1 egg
 2 c. flour
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 2 c. pared chopped apples
 2/3 c. chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts)



Cream together shortening and sugar. add egg and beat well.
 Sift together flour, soda, salt, cloves and cinnamon.
 Add to shortening mixture, then stir in apples and nuts.
 Spoon into greased loaf pan.
 Bake at 350 for 1 hour. Let stand until cool. Remove bread from pan.

A suggestion: Chop the apple into chunks by hand. Using a food processor to chop the apple cuts them too small and gives the bread a smooth crust while hand chopping adds a bit of crispiness to the crust and adds chunks to the batter, which improves the quality of the bread.

FREE SENIOR DINNERS

One of the services the Open Cupboard Pantry provides is a free monthly dinner to any senior in the Wilton-Lyndeborough area. These dinners are served in the hall of the Sacred Heart Church, which is located next to the Open Cupboard Pantry on Maple Street in Wilton.

Meals are now being served the third Sunday of every month, from 4-6 p.m. They are quite popular and are a good way to visit with old friends and meet new ones. The Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club will be hosting the January dinner, and the main dish will be chicken parmesan.

Come join us for a great meal!!

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