

Lyndeborough Views

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Village Common to Memorial Park

By Scott Roper

Anyone driving through South Lyndeborough may have noticed changes to the village common over the last few years. Brush has been cut back, trees trimmed, retaining walls rebuilt, holes filled, and new grass planted. This has all been done to provide a suitable setting for the Hartshorn Cannon, the World War I monument, and the World War II/Korean War memorial.

This year we dedicated two granite benches at the site. One was donated by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Five Minutemen Chapter 395. This bench is dedicated both to POW-MIAs and in memory of the Five Minutemen, five soldiers from Manchester who were killed in Vietnam shortly before they were due to return home when their truck hit a mine.

The other is dedicated to Patricia (“Patty”) Levesque, who grew up in Lyndeborough and gave to her town as an EMT with the Wilton-Lyndeborough-Temple Ambulance Service. The bench was donated by Patty’s WLC classmates.

Yet the Monuments Committee, which is overseeing this project, plans a lot more. Other improvements we expect to see over the next year include the installation of a fence separating the common from the brook that separates the land from that of the Smiths next door, as well as new trees and shrubs along the railroad tracks. And by Memorial Day 2014, before the 100th anniversary of the common’s creation, the Monuments Committee will install a memorial brick walkway.

At the same time, the Monuments Committee is working with the Heritage Commission to improve the section of the common between the tracks and Putnam Hill Road, and to

identify and preserve the foundation of the depot adjacent to church parking. The Heritage Commission hopes to recognize the history of the common and depot with a historical marker.

South Lyndeborough is a gateway into our town, and the common is one of the most visible parts of the village. The Monuments Committee and other volunteers are working hard to transform the common into a memorial park that honors our town’s soldiers, its volunteers, and its history, and is a place of which we can all be proud.



Above: A group of Memorial Park Committee members gather to clean up on the common.

Back row L - R: Stephanie Roper, Scott Roper, Lorraine Strube, Paul Martin, Walter Holland, RJ Humphreys and Lee Mayhew.

Front row: Ashley Humphreys. Photo by: Kathleen Humphreys

Town Administrator Update

The Town Administrator position was vacated in May 2011 when Jim Bingham left. Long time resident and Budget Committee member Burton Reynolds, who was serving at the time as the Town Administrator in New Boston, offered to fill the role. When he started in earnest in August, it was with the understanding he would serve for approximately a year. The plan was to get things back on track and to serve as a mentor to Kate Thorndike in preparation for her taking the reins. That time has arrived. The transfer of authority will take place during the Selectmen’s meeting on Wednesday, June 6th.

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NEW WEBSITE FOR TOWN LAUNCHING MID-JUNE

By Kate Thorndike, Town Administrator

Virtual Towns & Schools of Maynard, Massachusetts, is designing and developing Lyndeborough's new website. Their focus is on providing online services to the government sector - towns, cities, schools, villages, counties, libraries and related entities. They do not build websites for businesses, non-profits and other markets. This singular focus allows them to fully understand the needs and challenges specific to Lyndeborough, as well as provide us with a set of best practices and recommendations for the online content that we should provide.

The new website will be user friendly for the public and easy for the content users (Town Office Employees) to keep up to date. Along with the regular features offered by our present website, we intend to have email sign ups available as well as an area where you can direct specific questions to certain departments... and receive a response! The new site will be organized differently with the goal of providing a more streamlined, improved and satisfactory experience for our residents.

Please visit us at lyndeboroughnh.us for information on town events and for your online version of the *Lyndeborough Views*.

Update on Lyndeborough's Center Church Fund

By Clayton Brown & Kent Perry

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to the Lyndeborough Center Church Fund. We are slowly, but surely gaining headway. When you read this, the bell tower and perhaps some of the roof will be complete. We are not done yet. The painting will be next as soon as we get more funding.

We now have the capability to offer a tax-exempt status through the Church for IRS exemptions. Please feel free to contact Clayton Brown for further details at 654-9234.



Repairs are continuing on the Center Church with the help of local residents.

L - R: Clayton Brown, Chris Brown, Leo Trudeau, and Kent Perry.

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INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL AUTHOR JEFF STRATTON

By Adrienne Colsia

If you love to read and particularly enjoy thriller or suspense type novels or novels with a spiritual element, you are in luck because Lyndeborough has its own author. Jeff Stratton was raised in Derry, N.H. and moved here to Cram Hill Road with his wife, Kathleen, in 1996, shortly after they were married. Their family consists of their beloved 13-year-old Newfoundland, a cat, and three horses.

Jeff is a licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor, as well as a licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor working in Manchester. In his spare time, in addition to writing, he is a huge sports fan (Go Sox!).

I recently sat down and talked with Jeff about his books. Being an avid reader his entire life, he started writing novels in 1997 and, just a short time ago, completed his 6th book, "The Funeral Gatherers". He is mostly interested in the suspense/thriller genre, but also enjoys exploring the spiritual side of life.

Before starting a new novel, Jeff determines the book's title. Once the title is set, he forms a general idea of the storyline and characters involved. It is important to Jeff to create characters that are both interesting and realistic along with keeping the plot moving. He does not use an outline when creating a novel but rather enjoys sitting down at his computer and writing spontaneously, as thoughts and ideas come to him. He usually knows how he would like the story to end, but it is a journey and, as such, the end may change over time; if the story takes a different route than originally anticipated. He can complete a novel in about 8 or 9 months, if life does not throw too many distractions in his path.

His stories often loosely mirror some kind of event that took place in his life. To date he has written the following books: *Degree of Madness* about a psychologist who goes crazy; *Westward Hope*, which is a family-friendly story with a spiritual element; *Killing the Curse*, which deals with the Red Sox; *Where Cold Hearts Lead*; *The Courtesy Police*, about a group of recent college graduates whose actions create intrigue when they try to deal with the lack of courtesy they encounter; and his latest book, *The Funeral Gatherers*. This last work is about the suspenseful and spiritual journey his character, Brad Underwood, takes after seeing his father's sparsely attended funeral, a journey that leads him to question who he wants to be. Brad, in the course of a day, will be brought into contact with the FBI, terrorists, and a plot to assassinate the President of the United States.

Jeff's books can be found on Amazon. They are also available in e-book form. *The Funeral Gatherers* has its own website at www.jeffstratton.com. To contact Jeff himself, e-mail him at jstratton027@gmail.com.



SENIOR DINNERS

Another wonderful way the Open Cupboard Pantry contributes to the community is by providing a monthly Senior Dinner at no charge to all seniors in the area. These dinners are served in the hall of Sacred Heart Church, which is located to the right of the Open Cupboard Pantry on Maple Street in Wilton. Meals are served the third Friday of every month, from 4-6 p.m. The dinners are popular and are a good way to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

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Town Administrator.... (Continued from page 1)

The public is welcome to attend. Burton will be staying on as a consultant, working about two days a week on a list of potential projects directed by the Selectmen and Kate.

This past year has worked out well, not only for the smooth transitioning of the Town Administrator duties but also for the assistant's position Kate is vacating. The office assistant deals with many of the day-to-day functions of the Administrator's Office—helping citizens in various ways including dealing with assessing issues, handling timber and excavation taxes, determining eligibility for elderly and other types of exemptions, and assisting the Building Inspector are only a few of the assistant's tasks. Last summer the office fell seriously behind, due to one person attending to both the assistant and many of the administrator duties. The Selectmen approved hiring a part-time person to help and Lyndeborough resident Cindi Hasty was awarded the job. Soon, it was obvious Cindi would be a good choice to replace Kate when she moved to the Town Administrator's role.

As the June date for these changes approaches, Lyndeborough is fortunate both positions will have experienced people, as both will have been through most of the annual cycle with mentors teaching them along the way.

6th Graders Enjoy Environmental Camp

By Kathleen Humphreys

The sixth grade students from Lyndeborough and Wilton spent a week at the Ferry Beach Environmental School in Saco, Maine the second week of May. During the fun but intensive five-day program they learned about science and the ecosystems and how they related to each other. They visited the beaches, dunes, secondary dunes, salt marsh, forest and tide pools. The meals were very hearty and healthy and they learned a lot about where their food comes from. They had a great experience sleeping in the dorms.

Back row left to right: Lexi Marois, Chelsea Moua, Morgan Anderson, Abby van Ham, Kendahl Rae, Ashley Humphreys, Nora Marcinuk, Colin Lothrop, and Will Welch. Sitting: Jackie Bird, Joe Marcinuk, Josh Lowton, Cody Johnson, Jack Bickerton and Jazmine DaCosta. Missing from photo is Karac St. Laurent. Photo by: Kathleen Humphreys



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LCS Memories

"This school year was so much fun for me and I will hold these memories both in memory form and on paper forever. Memories are something you cannot delete, but only temporarily replace. I hope that LCS can continue to make every year as fun and wonderful as this year has been for me."

Abby Van Ham – Grade 6

"Second grade was a very good year. My teacher's name was Mrs. Songer. She was very strict, but it helped us focus and learn a lot. I always liked how in December she opened a little shop for kids to pick out a gift for their parents. She was very generous. I remember what I picked out from Mrs. Songer's shop. We also got to make cool Christmas ornaments." **Will Welch – Grade 6**

"First grade was lots of fun! We were little and scared, but Mrs. Lemire helped us. I remember making apple pie, warm and good smelling; peeling apples and baking. The best was eating the pie with ice cream on the side. Our family could come to enjoy the pie with us too. We make gingerbread houses also. Our class collected milk cartons. Then we frosted them and put yummy candies on the cartons. In first grade we had science experiments too. We tested to see if we put candy mentoes in coke-a cola if the coke-a-cola would fizz up and shoot up like a volcano. Well it did shoot up like a volcano and some got in Mrs. Lemire's hair!" **Ashley Humphreys – Grade 6**

"This is my sixth and last year at LCS. I remember in third grade when Mrs. Pawlik was explaining 'ballpark' estimations and accidentally threw a chalkboard eraser at my head. She really beat that lesson into my head!" **Kendahl Rae – Grade 6**

"All my memories of LCS are things that I will hold on to throughout my life. I will miss this school very much, but I will think back on the things that happened and remember how nice and cool this school was. Mrs. Bujak was one of the most awesome and special teachers I have ever met. I will remember her always." **Ryan Decubellis – Grade 6**

"Another memory was when my friends and I actually used to believe in fairies, while in third grade. We actually thought that discarded leaf stems were fairy bones, and that a bleeding heart flower meant a goblin was close by. I look back on that and think two things: that makes no sense, and ridiculous." **Karac St.Laurent – Grade 6**

"I've told you all about my memories from first, second, and fifth grade. And I've given them to you hoping that I won't be the only one who remembers the animal-hugging, spotlight loving, reading-helper girl. Because the more people who share a memory, the harder it is to forget. And I never want to forget any of these memories." **Nora Marcinuk – Grade 6**

"One memory I had in first grade was with my sixth grade buddy. He was awesome, really nice and funny! One day, he was selling ice cream and I went over to talk to him. He asked me if I had a quarter and I said no, so he gave me a quarter and I handed it back to him. He put it back in the money box and gave me an ice cream." **Joe Marcinuk – Grade 6**

"One memory I am always going to remember is going to camp. Another one is getting to know all new people. And the most things I love and know that I will miss is about being in sixth grade and having Mrs. Bujak as my teacher. She is an awesome teacher." **Lexi Marois – Grade 6**

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Piscataquog Area Trailways Mission 2012: Highbridge Renovation

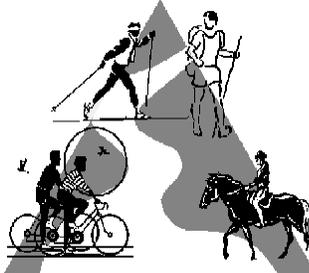
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Highbridge--The keystone and jewel of the Piscataquog River watershed trail system—is badly in need of repair. This bridge, spanning high above a series of beautiful cascading waterfalls on the South Branch of the Piscataquog River in the adjoining corners of New Boston, Lyndeborough and Francestown links the trail systems of these towns and extends the riding, hiking, biking and skiing access to many miles of trails beyond. A 50% grant from the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails in the amount of \$25,000 was awarded to the Lyndeborough Trails Association (LTA) last year, subject to matching funds being raised by the community. Over \$22,000 has been raised toward the balance, but \$3,000 still needs to be found before the grant deadline at the end of June.

Piscataquog Area Trailways, based in New Boston, is dedicated to getting this important project done and is sponsoring three fund-raising equine trail rides in the tri-town area this spring and summer. The first ride was held in New Boston on Mother's Day with great weather and a wonderful day of riding. Several generous landowners opened their property and allowed the ride to pass through on that day. Over fifty riders enjoyed beautiful views of the Monadnocks. The next ride is scheduled for Sunday, June 17, in Lyndeborough, and the final ride in the series is on Sunday, July 8, in New Boston. Go online to www.PiscataquogAreaTrailways.com for more information or call 487-5168.

Don't let this opportunity to enjoy the trails in our beautiful area pass you by! Ride, donate and pass the word to your friends and neighbors to do the same. And, by all means, visit the site of Highbridge on Highbridge Road, one mile west of the Transfer Station in New Boston. The gorge, the old mill site, the rushing river under the bridge—it's a sight you will never forget!

Piscataquog Land Conservancy has generously partnered with LTA and Piscataquog Area Trailways in support of this project. Their participation allows all donations to be tax deductible under their 501(c) (3) non-profit status. To donate, checks should be made payable to Piscataquog Land Conservancy with "Highbridge" in the memo line, and mailed to Theresa Berna, Highbridge Treasurer, 379 Old Temple Road, Lyndeborough, NH 03082. For more information on the bridge project, visit <http://www.highbridgeproject.info/> or call the Project Administrator, Phil Brooks, at 654-9745.



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HIGHLIGHT ON A LOCAL BUSINESS

JULIE ANN'S QUILTING

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By Adrienne Colsia

As soon as Julie Colotti was tall enough to reach the pedals of her mom's sewing machine, she became very involved with helping her mother quilt, embroider, and sew. Being the youngest of four children, she was able to spend a lot of time with her mom learning all she could. In 2011, after a lifetime of perfecting her craft, she decided to put her talents to use by opening a home business, named Julie Ann's Quilting, and selling her creations.

Julie is multi-talented and can create almost anything you desire. Wine gift bags and other wine related gift items, embroidered towels, baby bibs, dog bandanas and collars, aprons, yoga equipment carriers, table runners, and baby quilts are just a few of the gift ideas she has available. Additionally, she will custom make gifts to your specification and personalize any gift you would like with an embroidered saying of your choice. Julie wants you to be pleased with her product.

You cannot help but smile when you are in Julie's presence; her cheerful and fun-loving demeanor is infectious. She passes her sense of humor along with her love of fun and whimsy onto her products. The colors of the fabrics will brighten up your darkest room.

Julie and her husband, Chris, moved to Lyndeborough in 2004. Chris is the technical know-how of the business; he has designed the website and does whatever is necessary to keep the business side of things running smoothly.

Julie Ann's Quilting is located at 352 Winn Road, phone (800) 527-0345, website www.JAQuilting.com and e-mail Julie@JAQuilting.com. Accents With Style in Wilton, the Harvester Market in Greenfield, and Auntie's Attic consignment store on the west side of Manchester also carry some of her items. Some stores in the Lakes Region carry her creations. Check out her products on the website; you will not be disappointed!



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Community Day & Open Farm & Business Tour Update

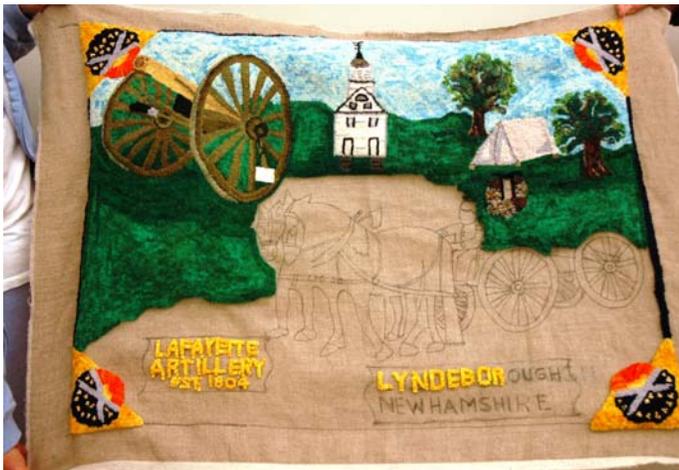
The Community Day Committee has been hard at work planning this year events which will be held on August 18th and 19th. So far we have confirmed the following events:

- Lafayette Artillery Civil War Encampment
- Lyndeborough Market Place
- Silent Auction
- Carriage Rides
- Scavenger Hunt
- 5K Fun Run
- Make Your Own Hula Hoop
- Flag Retirement Ceremony
- Magic Show
- Lyndeborough Police Department - fingerprinting
- Guest Speaker Steven Robert Closs, New Hampshire Civil War Historian & Author of *Willing Sacrifice: Granite State Valor during the American Civil War 1861-1865*
- Steak BBQ with music by Sweet Tooth

The Wilton Lyndeborough's Women's Club will again be having their Silent Auction. Already this year the club has received many beautiful items that you can bid on that will support the clubs efforts. Here is a partial list:

- Beautiful Floral Stained Glass Panel – Value \$125
- Post & Beam Mailbox Stand – Value \$175
- Terrarium – Value \$45
- Limo Ride – Value \$185
- Gift Certificate – River Road Tavern Bedford, NH – Value \$75
- Lots and Lots of Gift Certificates in various amounts from Local Businesses
- Hand Painted Silk Scarf – Value \$45
- Frame & Matted Picture of Lyndeborough Old Home Day from August 24, 1928 – Value \$100

In addition to the items for the Silent Auction, the Women's Club is receiving a beautiful hooked rug designed and made by local resident Diana Proctor.



The picture shows the rug in process. Diana doesn't sell her rugs but donates them to organizations that will benefit from the sale of her rugs. It is beautifully detailed and features local points of interest around town that people will recognize. The club will be selling raffle tickets during Community Day and other events throughout the year. Plans are to pick the winner on Saturday, November 10th. The Women's club is very excited about this donation as it will help them raise funds to sponsor families in need, provide fuel assistance, offer high school scholarships, and provide funds for additional events as they come up.

If you are interested in donating items or services to this year's Silent Auction, please contact Ellen Pomer, 654-5420 or ellenpomer@mac.com.

Open Farm & Business Tour

This year we have added local businesses to the Farm Tour in order to attract more people to the event. We want to showcase Lyndeborough and what we have to offer in the way of fresh locally grown products as well as businesses.

New to the Farm & Business tour this year are:

- **Amy Trudeau & Dan Knisell**, owners of **Fox Den Farm**, (see article & ad in newsletter), who offer organically grown heirloom vegetables and herbs
- **Christopher R. Schoen** (see ad in newsletter) providing Fine Woodworking,
- **Kris Henry**, Owner of **44 Bikes** offering handcrafted, custom tig welded bicycle frames
- **Corey Cheever**, Owner of **Barb Wire Studio**, artist and craftsman of stained glass,
- **Paul Freeman**, President of **Brook Post & Beam**, designers and builders of custom frame homes

The following farms and businesses will be back from last year:

EJ's Bakery, The Maple Guys, Feel Good Farm, Paradise Farm, Ledge Top Farm, Maple Lane Farm, and The Fishn Shanty.

Please plan on attending the tour and bring your friends and family. Last year was our first year in sponsoring this tour and the report back from both the farms and attendees was that it was a great success. You can help to make a difference when staying local and supporting your town businesses.

*Right:
Miniature donkey's
Ruby & Betty White
greeting guests at
Maple Lane Farm
during the 2011 Farm
Tour.*



Check the town web site for updated information on both events. We will be sending out a flyer beginning of August with all the final details. We are always looking for volunteers for both events as there is a lot that goes into the planning and organizing of these events. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Holland, 654-2480, kjh1@tds.net or Karen Grybko, 654-5362, kgrybko@live.com.

LCS Memories

"Then we went to fifth grade and Mrs. Nahass was really fun too. She would have us read fun books. We read *Lily's Crossing* and *Sign of the Beaver* and we would have a fun time doing it... Well, most of the time. But we still had a lot of fun. Those were good memories because what we did in fifth grade was tough work and what we did in the next class was even harder. In sixth grade we still had to do social studies just like fifth grade. OK, it's just as hard as fifth grade but the projects were pretty tough. Like making pyramids, that was hard because we would have to put the pyramids together and make it stand up. It was still fun because we painted and got objects from our house to put in the pyramid, like toy jewels, drawings and exedra, exedra." **Jazmine DaCosta - Grade 6**

SUMMER FARMERS MARKETS

By Adrienne Colsia

Summer is coming which means the outdoor summer farmers' markets will be starting up, too. If you like fresh fruits and vegetables, naturally raised and grass-fed meat, free range eggs, local raw honey, maple syrup, home baked goods, and more, come support your hard working local farmers by attending the following markets which start the week of June 10th and will run weekly through mid-October*:

WILTON - In the small park next to Nelson's Candies - Tuesdays from 3 - 6

MERRIMACK - Daniel Webster Hwy - The Commons parking lot across from the Post Office - Wednesdays 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

AMHERST - on the Village Green - Thursdays 3 pm - 6 pm

MILFORD - Parking lot of Tractor Supply - Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm

*TEMPLE - On the Town Common (RT 45) - Every Sunday 11 am - 2 pm - For information email: templefarmersmarket@gmail.com. Runs through Dec 23rd



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Center Road Repairs

By *Burton Reynolds, Town Administrator*

The State is responsible for two sections of Center Road: From Route 31 to Center Hall and from about Steve's Bus to the town line just before Fitch's Corner.

The Highway Department will be working on Center Road starting around June 1st. The portion that is the town's responsibility will be repaved in sections over the next three years. Before paving, there are ditch lines to be established, under drain to be installed, new culverts placed, old culverts replaced, ledge removed, some of the worst peaks and valley spots cut and filled, new drainage put in place, and new quality gravel deposited where necessary.

All these projects will take time. The Highway crew will be somewhere on Center Road many days this summer. There will be signs posted, so please watch for them and slow down. Significant delays are expected from time to time. When extensive work is to be done near a home, the homeowner will be notified in advance. Meetings of affected residents will take place to be sure everyone is on the same page.

We will try to keep the town website current as to the location of the work. Those areas where pavement was removed will be patched before winter. In 2013, we will see the road from Center Hall to almost Dutton completely replaced and then a base coat of pavement put down. This base coat will receive its finish or wear coat in 2016.

From Steve's Bus to the Wilton Road/Johnson Corner Road intersection will also be paved. Repair work may well continue into 2013. No paving will be done on Center Road in 2014. In 2015, we will pave from the Wilton Road intersection to Curtis Brook. In 2016 we will go from Curtis Brook to Center Hall.

If anyone on or near Center Road has fill they would like the Highway Department to consider using, please contact the town office at 654-5955 Ext 222.

Lyndeborough Democrats Meeting Schedule

The Lyndeborough Democrats will meet at the J.A. Tarbell Library on the first Monday of each month (except September) from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Any interested person is invited to attend. For more information contact John Pomer at 603-654-5420, email at Lyndeborough_Dem@me.com, or visit us on Facebook at "LyndeboroughDemocrats".

Meeting Dates: June 4th 7-8 p.m., July 2nd 7-8 p.m., Aug 6th 7-8 p.m., Sept 10th 7-8 p.m. and Oct 1st 7-8 p.m.

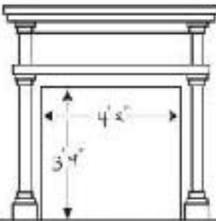
LCS Memories

"My memories in second grade have been almost completely wiped from my memory. But I do remember my friend Noah who was my best friend in second grade and was a friend worthwhile to have." **Josh Lowton - Grade 6**

"Mrs. Nahass taught us about the Civil and Revolutionary wars. Those were my favorite subjects we learned about. We also went to Battleship Cove. Also at the end of the day we each got a piece of candy from the candy jar. She was a really fun teacher!" **Cody Johnson - Grade 6**

"It was so much fun having a buddy from first grade. I made some new friends. I can trust my friends. I'm glad I'll have them at the middle school."

Colin Lothrop - Grade 6



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LCS Memories

By Morgan Anderson – Grade 6

I have only been here from third grade but I still have many memories from the past. This is a six paragraph essay about the wonderful memories I had at LCS. All of the memories are good and some a bit comical. Each paragraph is about a year I was at LCS. The years are all in order from third to sixth.

Grade three was when I first came to LCS and that is when I saw an old friend. I jumped for joy when I saw her for she and I were friends since we were two. A few weeks later my third grade teacher, who was always having fun, was pretending that the big eraser was a baseball bat. Then it accidentally flew out of her hands and hit my friend's head. But it didn't hurt. Third grade was when I met all my friends that I have today.

Grade four was a very fun year. It was when I got to see another old friend that came from my old school. It was also the year that the class got pet frogs and crabs. During the winter I was walking on the snow bank when suddenly I fell waist deep into the melting snow. My friend came over to help but his boot got stuck as well. My friend thought it was kind of funny because we had to wait till spring to get it back.

Grade five was probably the most fun of the years I had at LCS. Near the end of the school we had a really fun party at the fifth grade teacher's house. Also at the middle of the year every day on You Tube Live we watched baby eagles hatch and grow up. If it was raining and we had indoor recess our teacher would let us go on the computer and watch videos or use the smart board to doodle. Every day in fifth grade was a blast!

Grade six was a fun, but hard working class. We did a lot of hands on projects and labs. One hands-on project was a pyramid that we had to build out of cardboard. In Science lab, we grew Wisconsin fast growing plants. A really fun field trip we went to was Ferry Beach Ecology School or FBES for short. We stayed there for a week. Even though we worked hard we still had fun!

My time at LCS was probably the best time of my life and the best school ever. The four years at this school were the longest time I have been at a school. I wish that the sixth grade could stay so they could enjoy this school longer but that is beyond my power. So to all of those students here in LCS, enjoy your recesses, field trips, field days and happy moments while you can.

Skiing Racing Wrap-Up

By Kathleen Humphreys

Cannon Mountain is home to the Franconia Ski Club (FSC) and also the new home race team for RJ and Ashley Humphreys of Lyndeborough and their father, Ray Humphreys, a coach at FSC. The Humphreys practiced hard this winter on the challenging terrain of Cannon Mountain while making many new friends at their new club and improving their racing techniques. Both racers advanced to an older and more competitive division this season but rose to the challenge.

Ashley, age 11, placed 10th at the Dan Cardillo GS at Waterville Valley, 9th at the New Year's Slalom and 8th at the Pendoley Memorial Slalom both at Cannon and 6th at the Tecnica Winter Finish at Dartmouth Skiway.



Above: FSC racer Ashley Humphreys rounds in the GS course to place 8th overall at a Waterville Valley race.

RJ Humphreys, age 13, had a great season as J3 racer by placing 4th at a state qualifier at Waterville Valley, 6th at the Super G speed race at Sunapee and 5th at the State Finals which qualified him for the Piche Invitational race at Gunstock where he placed 7th against athletes from all over New England.

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Striking out Cystic Fibrosis

Article and Photo By Kathleen Baglio Humphreys

Eleven-year old Lexi Balam of Lyndeborough wanted to help her friend, Emma Krug. Emma is raising money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) through her project "Loops for Life" which makes potholders. She is doing this to help her little brother, who suffers from CF.

Lexi is a very talented athlete and outstanding softball pitcher. When she offered her talents to the campaign, "Striking Out CF" was born.

Lexi is a member of the Bears team from Wilton-Lyndeborough; which is part of the Souhegan Valley Softball League. She asked family and friends to sponsor her first 30 strikeouts this season. It didn't take long to reach her goal. In only 10 innings, Lexi reached the 30 K's with 0 hits and 0 runs! By doing so, she earned \$2,092.50 for the first 30 strikeouts! A few people have sponsored her until the end of the season (all strikeouts), so she is still earning \$7.25 per K and her extra K's are valued at a grand total of \$2,136 as of May 17 with three more regular season games scheduled before playoffs. Congratulations and nice work, Lexi.

Lexi is also on the Black Widow ASA team, and she practices pitching about 1-2 times per week at Power Series in Wilton. For more information visit: www.loopsforlife.com.



Lexi Balam, right, and Emma Krug hold the nine softballs that represents Lexi's 9 strikeouts in 3 innings from the May 12 game vs Milford Cyclones. Lexi is raising funds to help fight Cystic Fibrosis, a disease Emma's younger brother suffers from by getting sponsors for 30 strike outs this season. Emma also has a fundraiser for CF "Loops for Life" which makes and sells potholders.

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By Amy Trudeau

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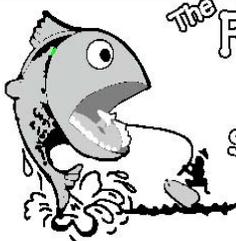
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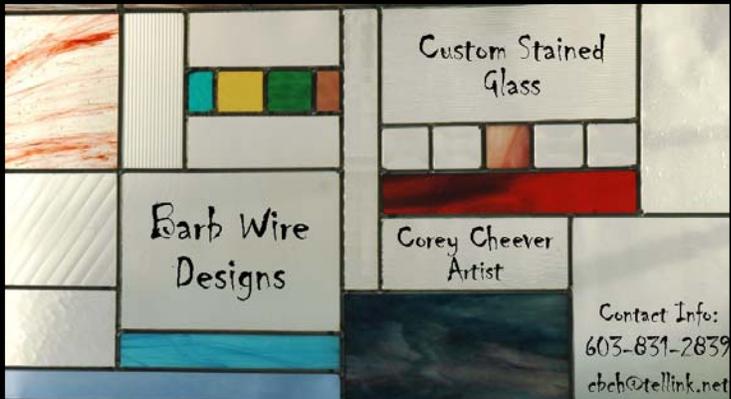
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Temple Historical Society to Host Antiques Appraisal

On Saturday, July 14, the Temple Historical Society will present "Antiques Sideshow," a morning of antique appraisals accompanied by a silent auction. The action-packed event, including the appraisals, Silent Auction, and a presentation on early New Hampshire glass, is scheduled in the Temple Town Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, together with a Bake Sale, and plans are in the making for a chicken barbecue.

Proceeds from "Antiques Sideshow" will be dedicated to the preservation and security of School House No. 6, Temple's last remaining one-room schoolhouse in its original condition.

The public is invited to bring treasured family heirlooms and keepsakes to the Temple Town Hall for a morning of antiques appraisals and historical information. The cost will be \$5 per item, with a limit of 3 items at a time. Those who want additional appraisals may bring fresh items after all present have had a turn and as time permits. If items are too big to carry, evaluations can also be made from photographs.

Three noted appraisers and antique specialists will discuss the historical background and provenance of a variety of items, and give oral appraisals. Leading the appraisal team will be New Hampshire Antique Co-op owner/manager Jason Hackler, specializing in fine art, American and English 18th- and 19th-century period furniture, porcelain, and silver. Jewelry and watch expert David Searles, a well-known dealer and exhibitor at NHAC, will share his knowledge of antique jewelry, jade, clocks, and pocket and wrist watches; and glass collector, and historian Michael George will provide expertise in early American glass.

"We never know what might turn up at an appraisal event," says Hackler. "New Hampshire houses are brimming with antiques waiting to be discovered."

After the appraisals, well-known Mont Vernon glass collector, Kevin Gendron, will discuss the Society's significant collection of early New Hampshire glass, which will be on display. The collection was greatly enriched a year ago by Gendron's generous donation from his private collection of more than a dozen objects and historical artifacts attributed to the Temple Glassworks. The Temple Historical Society is the owner and steward of the historic glassworks site, which is on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Rounding out the day's activities will be a Silent Auction of antiques and services. For more announcements and more information go to www.TempleAntiques.org or call Anne Lunt, 878-3443.



Above: Glass collector and historian Michael George will provide appraisals of early American glass at the Temple Historical Society's Antiques Sideshow which includes Appraisals & a Silent Auction on July 14th.

LCS Memories

"One memory in fourth grade was the crabs and frogs. I liked it because we got to take care of animals. Another memory was the book reports. I liked doing them because we got to do cool stuff and dress up like people in the book." **Jack Bickerton - Grade 6**

"My favorite fieldtrip is Ferry Beach. I saw all my old friends at Ferry Beach. It was raining half the time there. The food was disgusting but the lessons ere at least fun. But I stayed the whole week." **Jackie Bird - Grade 6**



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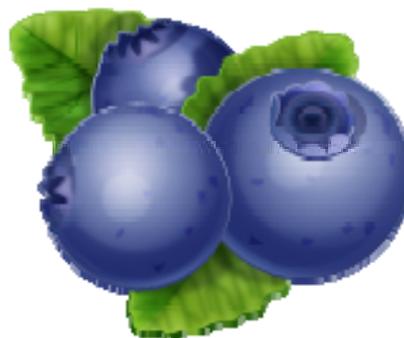
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Kitchen Views.....Blueberry Cake From Ellen Pomer

This recipe has been in my family for many years and when blueberry season arrives a cake appears at almost every family event and at the end of the day, not a crumb is left!

Cake Ingredients

¼ lb. Butter or Margarine – softened
 ¾ c. Sugar
 1 Egg
 ½ c. Milk
 1 tsp. Vanilla
 2 c. Flour
 2 tsp. Baking Powder
 ½ tsp. Salt
 1 c. Blueberries - lightly floured



Cinnamon Topping Ingredients

½ c. Sugar
 1 Tbsp. Butter or Margarine
 ½ tsp. Cinnamon

Cake

Cream butter and sugar until soft. Beat in egg. Stir in milk and vanilla until blended. Stir in flour, salt and baking powder. When mixture is fully blended fold in berries. Spoon into greased 9 X 9* cake pan and set aside.

Topping

In a separate bowl, mix together topping ingredients. When thoroughly blended topping will be crumbly. Sprinkle crumbly mixture evenly over cake. Place in 350° pre-heated oven for approximately 50 minutes or until top is golden brown and toothpick comes out clean (of cake batter) or top springs back when tapped.

* For a 9 X 13 cake pan, double recipe and add about 20 - 30 minutes additional baking time

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