



# Lyndeborough Views

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## Know Your Neighbor: Ralph and Helen Dwire

By Nadine Preftakes

This is a story about love, hard work and commitment to God, family, community and each other. It is a story of two people who have dedicated their lives to teaching others, not only in the classroom, but by simply living their lives to the fullest and giving to others as much as possible. It is a story about learning from mistakes and then leading by example, being understanding and tolerant, working together to accomplish goals and being grateful for what you have. It is a simple story shared by many, but it is the story of Helen and Ralph Dwire.



June 16, 2012 marked the celebration of Ralph and Helen Dwire's 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. They met while attending Keene State College. Helen was 25 and majoring in Home Economics, and Ralph was 24 and majoring in Industrial Arts. Both knew that they wanted to teach. Ralph owned a Model A and would drive himself and a few friends back and forth from Keene to Merrimack while in school. A mutual family friend introduced him to Helen, and pretty soon she too was getting rides from Ralph between Keene and her hometown of Brookline. One day Ralph decided to ask

“the little girl who rode with him” to go to the movies. Helen accepted. After that first movie, they continued to go together on picnics, hikes and dances. However, with his consistent sense of humor, Ralph recalls with fondness that it was Helen's baking and cooking that made him really take notice of her qualities. “I loved chocolate cake” said Ralph, and one day a friend of Helen's asked Ralph if he wanted a taste of her chocolate cake.

Helen replied, “Well, what's wrong with my chocolate cake?!” After tasting Helen's cake, Ralph thought to himself that it was by far the best chocolate cake he had ever eaten and decided that this girl was worth checking out some more. “When I did [check], I realized that Helen was quite a lady”. That was the beginning of not only a love affair between Ralph's appetite and Helen's culinary skills, but between his heart and hers. Ralph, however, states it better, “I couldn't let a good girl like that slip through my fingers!” They were married in a simple ceremony at Helen's parent's home in Brookline, and went to the White

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### LYNDEBOROUGH VOTING INFORMATION

This fall there will be two elections. Please note that the State Primaries in September will be held at Old Town Hall while the General Election in November will be at Citizens' Hall.

The Lafayette Artillery will be selling coffee/breakfast fare and then offering a great lunch.

**State Primary Election: September 11<sup>th</sup>, Old Town Hall, Center Road from 8 am – 7 pm.**

**General Election: November 6<sup>th</sup>, Citizens Hall, 8 am – 7 pm.**



## Wilton Ambulance Recruits Volunteers With No Medical Training

By Gary Zirpolo

The Wilton Ambulance has created a new position of "driver" and is now recruiting volunteers with no medical training. Wilton Ambulance will provide these new members training in operating the ambulances and assisting the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Adding a third person on the ambulance crew will give the crew the ability to have both the EMT and the Paramedic assisting the patient in route to the hospital. This position is also a good way for people to experience what people do in Emergency Medical Services (EMS). It can be especially helpful for someone who is considering entering the emergency services field. This position is a gateway to becoming an EMT; drivers will be expected to enroll in EMT training within one year of joining and be a licensed EMT within two years.

In the past, the Wilton Ambulance Service has not supplied members with training, unlike other volunteer organization which allow members to join and then provide each member with the appropriate training. For example, a volunteer firefighter will go through the application process for the department, receive some initial training and then go through the formalized Firefighter I training from the NH Fire Academy. This is not the procedure with most EMS organizations. Instead, in the EMS field, a volunteer obtains an EMT license prior to joining the organization.

The new driver position gives Wilton Ambulance a creative way of recruiting volunteers. It provides the recruits with some initial training, and then allows them to "try on" the EMS experience to see if they like it before committing to the full training program. The new recruits can complete their EMT training while volunteering with Wilton Ambulance. The experience gained as a driver can also help the volunteers with their EMT course work; since they will have some experience dealing with patients and will have some exposure to many of the topics they will learn in the EMT Class.

Members of Wilton Ambulance come from all walks of life and careers. Our membership lives both inside the coverage area (Wilton, Lyndeborough and Temple) and outside. Some members commute from as far away as Massachusetts and Concord, NH. If you are a licensed EMT and would like to volunteer, or have no medical training and would like to become a driver, please contact Chief Gary Zirpolo at 603-654-2222 or via e-mail at [Gary.Zirpolo@wlt-ems.org](mailto:Gary.Zirpolo@wlt-ems.org)



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Lyndeborough graduated their last sixth grade class on June 5th. This upcoming school year the elementary schools in SAU 63 will include Kindergarten through Grade 5. The sixth grade will move to the Wilton Lyndeborough Coop Middle School and so the tradition of graduating sixth grade comes to a close. Students from LCS posed for a photo after their graduation, from left to right back row: Jackie Bird, Jazmine DaCosta, Chelsea Moua, Nora Marcinuk, Ryan Decubellis, Morgan Anderson, Jack Bickerton, Kendahl Rae, Will Welch and Cody Johnson. Middle Row: Lexi Marois, Karac St. Laurent. Front Row: Colin Lothrop, Ashley Humphreys, Abby van Ham, Josh Lowton and Joe Marcinuk.

*Photo Courtesy of Kathleen Humphreys.*

# Stories in Stone: Route 31 Cemetery

By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

Route 31 Cemetery is south of the intersection of Forest Road (Route 31) and Gulf Road. It is very small, only 0.1 acres, and is a town maintained, private burial ground created by the early Butler, Stephenson and Crosby settlers. There are 24 names recorded on gravestones in this cemetery. Interestingly there is nothing to indicate where the Crosby graves are located. This cemetery is one of our historic cemeteries in town, meaning no new burials are allowed since we really don't know how many or where the unmarked graves are.

The houses for the Butlers, Stephensons and the Crosbys were all located within a short distance from the Route 31 Cemetery. The Crosby house, as it was known, is between the Route 31 Cemetery and Gulf Road. The Stephensons had a large family with several houses on Gulf Road and toward Greenfield on Forest Road (Route 31). There was a Stephenson saw mill on "Rocky River," now called Stoney Brook, near the bridge on Gulf Road. The Butlers also lived on Gulf Road. Jacob Butler's barn has an interesting history. In 1845, the old Congregational Church was sold to him for \$86. He used the lumber from the church to build his barn.

In the Route 31 Cemetery, there is a monument for Jotham and Lucinda Stephenson and their children. The last Stephenson to be buried there is William R. Stephenson who died December 6, 1922, at age 81. His wife was buried in 1876, age 26. Jotham Stephenson is the grandson of John Stephenson, the first town clerk, who settled in the west part of Lyndeborough because he heard there was grass there. The settlers would break down a beaver dam, eat the beavers and then a meadow would grow where the beaver dam used to be. A meadow was a valuable commodity in the forested landscape.

Even though this cemetery is very small, there are eight veterans buried here. Jonathan Butler, a blacksmith, was in the Revolutionary War and was at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was taken ill and had to hide in a swamp during the retreat and was later reunited with his company. Jacob Butler served in the War of 1812. Six men were in the Civil War. John H. Stephenson was in the 4th Regiment NH Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1862, discharged in 1864 and died in 1867, age 33. His brother, Jonathan H. Stephenson, was also in the Civil War. He was in Company H 14th US Infantry, discharged August 20, 1864 and died December 27, 1864, age 28. Four members of the Lafayette Artillery are buried here. William R Stephenson, a private who served in 1864 at Fort Constitution, Portsmouth. B.E. Swington served in Company B Lafayette Artillery N.H. Infantry. A.P. Swington served in Company B Lafayette Artillery N.H. Militia. Charles C. Swington served from 1848-1850.

Route 31 Cemetery may be small and has not seen a burial in 90 years, but it is full of history. If you are passing along Route 31 near Gulf Road, stop and remember those who are there, including those who are buried here in unmarked graves.



Photo of Jonathan Butler's gravestone

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# Local Business Update: Pinnacle Mountain Custom Knives

By *Adrienne Colsia*

Once you see a knife made by John Miller, you will never look at knives the same way again. The quality, strength, and craftsmanship of each knife are immediately apparent, but the most interesting parts of the knives to me are the beautifully patterned, dyed, hand crafted wooden handles.

John and his wife, Joanne, both grew up in northern Vermont near the Canadian border and were high school sweethearts. They settled in Lyndeborough on Cemetery Road in 1991, and raised their two now grown sons, Ian and Ryan. They love the town and particularly the friendliness and openness of its citizens.

John owns a software consulting company called Lyndeborough Objects Technology, which specializes in high performance embedded systems. He has always had a love for woodworking and took up the hobby over thirty years ago. He creates beautiful pieces of furniture, such as high chairs and tables, using inlaid wood, while his wife makes unique wooden pens.

John has always been fascinated with knives and has collected them for twenty years. He started making his own knives ten years ago and opened his business 1 ½ years ago. To maintain his standard of high quality, he does everything on site in his workshop, which is quite impressive.



He kindly showed me around his workshop, telling me the different steps involved with creating a knife. He starts with steel bar stock and, using ceramic belts, he grinds it into the shape of the final knife. When the steel is 90% ground, it is hardened in ovens at temperatures up to 2000 degrees.

What makes the steel of the knives so durable is the nitrogen quench (cryogenic treatment) they endure at temperatures 350 degrees below zero. This finalizes the hardening process and stabilizes the steel. The process identifies poor quality steel, which will crack if it is at all defective. Finally, the steel goes into another oven for approximately two hours, a double cycle, to temper it and bring it to the appropriate hardness range. At this point the steel is ready to be finished. He offers four different finishes.

*John's donation of a knife to the silent auction was a big hit!!*

The beautiful wooden handles start with a block of acrylic stabilized wood. The acrylic is key to helping prevent cracking. Wood patterns are dyed adding wonderful color to the knife. Each knife comes with its own custom-made leather or kydex sheath.

Most of John's knives are custom ordered. Pinnacle Mountain Knives come with a full warranty for life against defects other than normal wear and tear. Check out his website at [www.pmknives.com](http://www.pmknives.com) which includes his contact information, a page on how to order a knife, and nice photos some of his knives.

The knives are heirloom quality and have a variety of uses. John is easy to work with, takes great pride in his work, and is one more very talented member of our Lyndeborough community.



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## *Neighbor..... (Continued from page 1)*

Mountains for their honeymoon. After only three weeks of marriage, Ralph was called to serve his country. He enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in Texas as a mechanic. He served his country for four years while Helen taught and awaited his return. Ralph served the last fourteen months of his duty in Korea before he was discharged in 1955.

In 1955 after leaving the Air Force, Ralph and Helen moved to Lyndeborough and bought a little house on Forest Road where they still reside. At the time, it was little more than a small cottage on three acres of land that needed extensive renovations, but they both saw potential for the place and by working together over the years, created a beautiful home for themselves and their two sons, Keith and Owen.

Keith has followed in his father's footsteps as a carpenter. He is incredibly talented and gifted and makes his living by fashioning beautiful wooden bowls, cabinets and other furniture. In truth, there is practically no wood project that he is unable to master with his skills. Keith also takes after his parents in his generosity to the Town of Lyndeborough—building bookshelves and an incredible oak desk which he designed for the library. He just recently refurbished the decorative wooden fan that will be placed in the front of the Center Church in Lyndeborough and donated to the recent silent auction.

Owen has given Ralph and Helen two grandchildren, Chris and Abbie. He has dedicated his life to his family and country serving many years in the Air Force flying F16's. He recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after twenty years.

Ralph and Helen pursued their Masters Degree in 1973 and continued to teach their skills to the children of Wilton and Lyndeborough. "My teaching career was lovely. There were many young people I taught that became Industrial Arts teachers themselves. In class we built hutches, grandfather clocks, coffee tables, cedar chests and also many small items." Not only did Ralph teach valuable woodworking skills, he gave so much more. "I always thought to myself, how can I help these kids? Not just their woodworking skills, but their attitude and personality. I strived to do that for all my students. Helen and I did not make much [money], but we worked together and we made it."

Helen taught Home Economics for 37 years, teaching her students sewing, child care, cooking, interior decorating and how to balance budgets. She loved what she did and in Ralph's words, "The students got a crackerjack education from Helen." Ralph and Helen both hold the belief that every child matters and strove to make each child know their worth. They endeavored to use mistakes made in their classes as learning opportunities, instilling in their students a strong respect for property, each other and themselves.

Not only were Ralph and Helen focused on their students, but they took their civic responsibilities to heart as well. "Helen's Donuts", as they are affectionately called, are always greeted with great enthusiasm at all the elections, town meetings, planning board meetings, library fund raisers and various functions around town. Helen and Ralph have been making donuts for more than 25 years for the people of Lyndeborough. Helen revealed that she got her secret recipe in American Home Magazine but over the years she has made a few adjustments so that they come out pretty near perfect. She says that she and Ralph work together: Ralph mixing the dough, Helen cutting it and both of them taking turns baking the donuts. It takes about three hours to make four dozen donuts. "They really hit the spot and if it makes a few people in town happy, that is what makes us happy and we will continue to do it as long as we are able."

Both Helen and Ralph have given much more to the community than just delicious homemade donuts. Ralph served on the Lyndeborough School Board for 18 years, many years on the Planning Board and was also a Selectman for one term. Both of them have a deep rooted love for the Lyndeborough community. They said that they grew up knowing and appreciating all the older folks in town such as Mrs. Bartlett, Brownie Wilcox, Ed Schmidt, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Center, Mrs. Howe, Mr. van Ham and many more. Ralph says they taught us so much about giving and helping each other. Helen recalls that new arrivals in town were presented with warm brownies or a cake, and if someone needed emergency childcare, or was sick, or even needed to borrow anything, they would be there to make sure that their needs were met. "We were young and they were older. They loved Lyndeborough, and they encouraged us to help the town in whatever capacity we could. I think we've done some of it."

Ralph and Helen Dwire are a strong couple who have weathered many storms in their lives together, but their love for each other has remained constant and true throughout their 61 years of marriage. With a wicked grin on his face, Ralph said he will stay with his "little lady" as long as she continues to bake him chocolate cake. Helen accepted.

Taking great pride in always being there for their children and grandchildren, maintaining their home with hard work and determination, being active participants in Lyndeborough town events and caring for neighbors and strangers alike to the best of their ability has always been important to Ralph and Helen. Their compassion and generosity is present today and is felt and appreciated by many. Ralph's words of encouragement to all people in the community, and seconded by Helen are "Be yourself. That person living next to you is your neighbor. Treat them with respect and help whenever and wherever you can."

# ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED

By Adrienne Colsia

If you are feeling the crunch of this economy and need some assistance to help you during these tough times, there are local resources available to provide some relief.

We have a great food bank called the Open Cupboard Pantry (OCP), which is located in the rectory of the Sacred Heart Church on Maple Street in Wilton. There you will find non-perishable canned goods, coffee, sugar, potatoes, some refrigerated vegetables, and even frozen meat when available—all for free. You can also pick up kitchen paper goods, bathroom toiletries, dish soap, laundry and bath soap, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, and other helpful supplies. The OCP is unique in allowing you to shop the shelves for what you need rather than pre-bagging supplies. It is available by appointment only, so please call any of the following people to set one up: Linda at 654-2635, Nancy at 654-9387, or Deb at 654-6547.

Our town also offers other outlets to help you. Did you know we have a fuel assistance program? We also have access to Meals on Wheels and welfare assistance. You can either phone Kate Thorndike, at Citizens' Hall at 654-5955, or you can go directly to our town's website. I find it easiest to google Lyndeborough NH. When Lyndeborough's website comes up, I just click on it. The address is <http://town.lyndeborough.nh.us/Pages/index>. At the Home Page, I place the cursor onto the "Departments" heading. A drop down window will open with all of the town's departments listed. Slide your cursor down to "Welfare" and click on it. You will find links to "Welfare Application", "Fuel Assistance", "Meals on Wheels", and a link which will lead you to other local resources which are there to help.

There is help out there! If you are feeling the pinch, don't suffer needlessly. Use our local resources to help carry you through.



Time has come to pass that Amy Taylor, formally of Lyndeborough, NH was married in holy matrimony to Peter Lance Hunt of Monessen, PA at the Church in Serwickly Township, PA. The wedding took place on Easter Sunday of 2012.



## Lyndeborough Garden Club Quilt Raffle

The Lyndeborough Garden Club is raffling a quilt to benefit the J.A. Tarbell Library garden. The quilt is on display at the library and tickets may be purchased there. The quilt will also be on display with tickets available at the primary voting in September and the general election in November. The drawing will be at the Tree Lighting in December. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. For more information please call Sally Curran at 487-3412.



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## LYNDEBOROUGH'S SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

By Ellen Pomer

To those of us planning to attend Lyndeborough's Sixth Annual Community Day, the weather on the morning of Saturday, August 18, was somewhat questionable. But about 10 a.m., the dreariness lifted, the sun shone brightly, and a perfect day emerged. The weather was just the foretelling of what proved to be (in my opinion) the best Community Day ever.

People observed or participated in events throughout the day. The Market Place had an assortment of vendors selling crafts, salsa, jewelry, baked goods, antiques and more. As always, the speakers under the tent were both entertaining and informative. New Hampshire author Stephen Closs discussed his book *Willing Sacrifice: Granite State Valor during the American Civil War 1861-1865* and focused his discussion on the stories of Lyndeborough soldiers who made the 'supreme sacrifice' for the Union and the abolition of slavery. Local poet Cynthia Geiger read some of her poetry for the listeners.

Holding with tradition, the Lafayette Artillery held their encampment, fired the cannon, served hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch, and conducted a flag retirement ceremony with the local scouts. The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club held the Silent Auction inside Center Hall with a wide variety of auction items for bidders to choose from as well as raffles for many prizes, including the hand-hooked Lyndeborough rug on display—winner to be drawn Election Day. Members of the Society of American Magicians performed amazing magic acts for the enjoyment of the people in attendance, and a touring youth circus troupe, the Flying Gravity Circus performed a variety of circus acts for their first time at Community Day.

The steak dinner, complete with salad, baked potato, corn on the cob and a drink was delicious! Yummy desserts were provided by the Friends of the J.A. Tarbell Library. Music was a wonderful way to wind down the day, enjoy a meal, and just relax and kick back. Doc and Friends treated listeners to soft jazz and Sweet Tooth ended the day with their eclectic blend of country, soft rock and popular music.

The day was a huge success, and everyone I spoke with had a marvelous time! All are looking forward to Lyndeborough's Seventh Annual Community Day! See you there next year!

Check out photos from Community Day and the Open Farm Tour on the next two pages!!

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# LYNDEBOROUGH COMMUNITY



**Above:** Bud McEntee looking over the glass bottles at the Silent Auction.



**Right:** Theresa Mahew showing off the bread she bought at Ashley Humphrey's jewelry and baked goods stand.



**Below:** Kristofer Henry, owner of 44 Bikes in his shop where he designs and makes custom tig welded bicycle frames.

**Below:** The Lafayette to right - Tony Busc Holland, RJ Humph Thomas - aka Gener his three granddaugh Camryn Ayres - 7 an Springfield, Pennsylv end.



# DAY AND OPEN FARM TOUR 2012



**Right:** 4 Month Old Evelyn Nadine Pieterse being held by Major General James B. McPherson as portrayed by Scott Thomas from Pennsylvania.

**Left:** Scouts placing the retired flags on the burn pile at the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Photo by Kathleen Humphreys.



**Left:** Mishell Pfeil of Lyndeborough decorated bottles of syrup by weaving beads to help raise funds and awareness for children of Guatemala during Lyndeborough Farm and Studio Tour. Photo by Kathleen Humphreys.

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**Right:** Corey Cheever working on a stained glass design in his new studio which he has just opened. See article in this issue.



# Local Business Update: BARB WIRE DESIGNS

By Adrienne Colsia

### Stained Glass Panels, Glass Fusion, and Warm Glass Creations

Drive down Purgatory Falls Road and on a pretty farm with fenced-in horse pastures, a barn, two horses and a dog running around, you will find the brand new workshop Corey Cheever designed and built himself to help grow his stained glass business. He designs stunning stained glass panels, glass fusion pieces, and warm glass creations. Corey has lived in Lyndeborough for most of his life. He and his wife, Susan, bought this property 16 years ago. They have five grown children and six grandchildren whom they see often.

Corey owns RHR Construction, which specializes in custom homes and commercial buildings. As a general contractor, he provides both design and construction management. When he is not building something, he is usually found in his workshop designing and creating unique pieces with glass and metal as "Barb Wire Designs."

Corey took his first course in stained glass while living in Hillsborough thirty years ago. His girlfriend at the time decided to take a class in the art of stained glass and, having always been interested in art work, Corey decided to take the class, too. One class led to two more and that was the extent of his formal instruction. He has been making stained glass creations ever since.

He is always thinking about and looking for ideas for his creations. He may see a scene while driving along the road or may come across a photo in a magazine that jumps out at him. When that happens, he heads to his workshop and makes the initial drawing of his design. He continues revising the drawing until he has a master pattern; which has all the pieces outlined. Once the master pattern is complete, he proceeds to cut out each individual pattern piece and then finds and cuts glass to match each piece. He grinds the glass to make it fit correctly. This can be time-consuming because some of his works have many pieces of glass. He then cuts lead to fill in the spaces between the glass pieces. The messiest part of the job is working a cement glazing compound between the glass and lead. The compound solidifies the piece, making it waterproof and wind proof. When evaluating a stained glass creation, the sign of a good craftsmanship is clean solder lines between the glass with little splatter.

He has many different sizes and colors of glass in his workshop. Glass is expensive, ranging in price from \$6 to \$100 per square foot. He is always on the lookout for unique and colorful glass. He also enjoys welding and fabricating and has started creating mixed medium designs using metal and glass together. He will build a pretty flower with glass petals and a metal stem, or a square piece of artwork combining the two.

Corey can build and repair Tiffany lamps, windows, and other decorative pieces. It would be worthwhile to stop by his workshop and see some of his beautiful work on display. One of his creations will enhance any room. He can create a piece to meet your needs. I was the fortunate highest bidder on the stained glass piece he donated to Community Day's Silent Auction, and it is amazing how this one piece hanging in my dining room window beautifies the room.

Corey can be contacted by phone at 603-654-2887, or e-mail him at [barbwire58.cc@gmail.com](mailto:barbwire58.cc@gmail.com).

## Community Suppers



While the weather allows, the Community Suppers will be in Center Hall at 6:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month. When it turns cold we meet in the Tarbell Library. The dinner is a potluck, so bring what you feel like making! The dates and locations are as follows:

- September 8 at 6 pm: Center Hall
- October 13 at 6 pm: TBD
- November 10 at 6 pm: the Library
- December 8 at 6 pm: the Library
- January 12 at 6 pm: the Library
- February 9 at 6 pm: the Library

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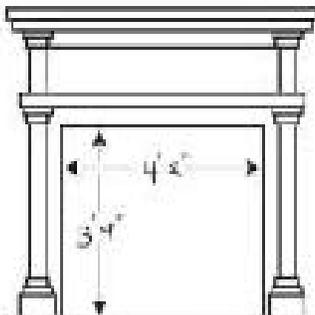
## Around Town

Young entrepreneurs, Dylan Boot and Samantha Brady sell vegetables from their garden along with a refreshing drink on Richardson Road.



## Local Attorney Mediator Honored at Magic Convention

Joseph Caulfield, Esq., of Lyndeborough, was among the magicians honored at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame of Famous Unknown Magicians and Clowns Convention held in Manchester on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Mr. Caulfield is the New England Regional Vice President of the Society of American Magicians and performs with his wife, Kathy, as Lord and Lady Black-Sword. The Hall of Fame of Famous Unknowns was established in 1988 to preserve the heritage of magicians and clowns who have contributed to the art and to the community, yet have not had the recognition they deserve.



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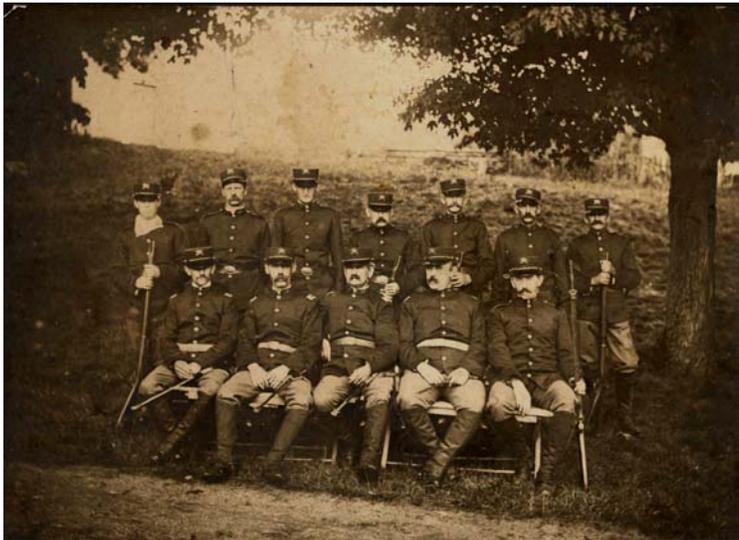
# A Shared Surprise

*By Capt. Walter Holland, Lafayette Artillery*

During Lyndeborough Community Day, Tom Schultz of Wilton stopped by the Lafayette Artillery encampment to show and share several prized family possessions - a pair of officer's gold braided, dress shoulder epaulettes for a Militia uniform, and a brass pistol bullet mold. Tom's Great, Great, Grandfather, Eli Clark Curtis, had been a member of the Lafayette Artillery Co. several different times. In 1848-1849 his service was probably as a private. He served again from 1857-1867. It was during this time, in 1864, in the middle of the Civil War, that he served as a Lieutenant when the Artillery Co. was called into active duty by the United States. The Confederate Army was beginning a campaign to attack Washington, D.C. The NH Heavy Artillery that had been stationed at Fort Constitution to guard Portsmouth Harbor was sent down to Washington to man the forts around that city. Local NH State Militia units were called into active duty for a three month period to serve garrison duty at Fort Constitution. The Lafayette Artillery Co. and the Wilton Infantry Militia (also called the Wilton Town Band) were sworn into active service and served together at Fort Constitution. The Artillery has a large photograph of the two units on the parade ground at Fort Constitution taken during their service there. The Wilton Town Band is in formation with their instruments; behind them are the Artillery members, and then the Lafayette brass cannon can be seen on the parapet with other cannons. After the war was over, in 1865, Eli C. Curtis was elected Captain of the Artillery, and served until 1867. The epaulettes could be from the 1864 or 1865 time period. Eli Curtis would also serve with the Artillery again in 1879-1880 when it was part of the NH National Guard. The Artillery also has photographs of the whole unit and another of the cannon firing squad that were taken in 1879 when the NH National Guard had a large encampment at Fort Natt Head at Keene, NH.



*Above: The epaulettes and brass pistol bullet mold of Tom Schultz's Great, Great, Grandfather Eli Clark Curtis who was a member of the Lafayette Artillery.*



Tom also brought along a photograph that was taken during the Centennial celebration of the Artillery in 1904. The photograph shows the officers of the Artillery seated in a row along Captain Andy Holt's driveway. Tom's Great Grandfather, Albert E. Swinnington is shown holding a rifle in the back row. Tom was very kind to donate this photograph to the Artillery, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Lafayette Artillery are very appreciative of this addition to our historical archives.

*Left: Back Row L to R: Carl Bishop, Fred Moore, James A. G. Putnam, Walter S. Tarbell, Charles L. Perham, Albert E. Swinnington, Harry Herrick*

*Front Row L to R: Fred Holt, Edward Ross, Andy Holt, Charles H. Tarbell, Algernon W. Putnam*

## The Eleventh Hour, of the Eleventh Day, of the Eleventh Month....

All military veterans, retired and active duty, and all citizens are invited to join with the Lafayette Artillery Co. on Sunday, November 11, 2012, at 11:00 am, at Lyndeborough Center for ceremonies in observance of Veterans Day. The historic 1844 brass cannon will be fired three times, saluting all veterans, past and present, who have served so honorably in defense of our great nation. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Town Hall and all are welcome. Please plan to attend to meet and thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice to preserve the freedoms and liberties we hold so dear.

## SNOWFLAKE – LYNDEBOROUGH SKI CLUB

Any skier or rider is welcomed to join our club and enjoy the lowest season pass prices and student lessons at Crotched Mountain. For more information, contact 654-5111 or [kmbh@tds.net](mailto:kmbh@tds.net) to register or visit [www.crotchedmountain.com](http://www.crotchedmountain.com) and follow these directions. Click on the Headline "Groups and Clubs" and then follow to "Club Program" then to "Club Member Login" and enter the club login.

**Club (login) name: Snowflake Ski Club.**

**Club password: snowmember.**

Go shopping and select passes and assign a guest name to each pass.

Deadline for discount pass is October 12, 2012.

# Zo Tobi Wants to Record Music to Help Social Change

By Karen Grybko

Zo Tobi, formerly of Lyndeborough, is passionate. He is passionate about helping people, passionate about inspiring social change, passionate about the ecological health of the planet and passionate about music. He wants to use his passion for music to help inspire, empower and fuel the hopes and dreams of those trying to make a difference in their lives and in the world.

Central in Zo's earliest memories are playing guitar and a love for music. He remembers playing a little red guitar that he received for his 2nd birthday and singing along with Raffi, the children's performer. As a teenager, he developed an awareness of social injustices and ecological crises in the world. At WLC, he organized an initiative to bring recycling to the high school. He continued playing music; and, he laughs as he remembers, during his senior year he was voted "most likely to become an activist for all things weird."

While at college, Zo played music in coffee shops and on college campuses and got involved with a growing movement to address climate change. He lobbied his college campus to switch to clean, renewable energy. After college, he continued to focus his activism on climate change and other crises facing the world. He soon realized that music helped activists meld themselves into a community that laughed, cried, and celebrated together.

Zo decided to use his passion and talents to create music that would inspire activist communities and use his experiences to coach and advise young change makers. He plans to record his first EP, titled "Blessed Unrest," containing five songs. In order to accomplish this, Zo needs to raise \$18,000 by September 16<sup>th</sup>. He wants the recording to be an unusual 27<sup>th</sup> birthday gift but needs help to raise the required finances. The money will all be used to pay for the professional backup musicians and the production expenses for the 1,000 records.

For more information about Zo Tobi, information about his activism, information about donating to his cause, and/or a sample of his music please visit his website: [www.indiegogo.com/zo-tobi-debut-record](http://www.indiegogo.com/zo-tobi-debut-record)

## The Changing Face of Divorce

Joseph Caulfield, Esq., of Lyndeborough, recently attended two days of Collaborative Law training. Collaborative Law, most commonly used nationwide in the resolution of divorces and other disputes, is a growing practice in New Hampshire's current climate of shrinking budgets and court closures. Collaborative Law is a non-court method of resolving disputes privately with the help of trained professionals without the expense of court.

Attorney Caulfield is a member of the Souhegan Collaborative Law Practice Group with Honey Hastings, Esq., Margaret Cunnane Hall, Esq., David Sturm, Esq., Barbara Landry, Esq., and W. John Dulmage. Collaborative Law trained professionals work together as a team. Lawyers help their clients determine and advocate for their needs. Mental health professionals lend support and direction as "coaches," meeting the often overlooked emotional needs of participants that court-centered dispute resolution is not equipped to address. Financial professionals assist in gathering and analyzing information in order to reach a sustainable resolution. This process becomes a binding court order as if made by a judge, but relies on the participants' knowledge of themselves, their families and their respective needs to determine the best path for the parties and their families.

For more information, visit Collaborative Law Alliance of New Hampshire at, [www.collaborativelawnh.org](http://www.collaborativelawnh.org)

## Tetanus

By Sharon Kinney, Lyndeborough Health Officer

Tetanus is a life-threatening bacterial infection. When you get a cut or a wound in the skin, it allows an opportunity for bacteria to enter the bloodstream. The bacteria gives off a toxin called *Clostridium tetan*, a microbial poison. The toxin begins to work from the outer-most nerves inward to the spinal column. It causes muscles to contract in uncontrollable spasms. The muscle spasms cause the jaw and neck muscles to tighten, also, called lockjaw. If untreated, spasms can spread to the hands, arms, legs and back and cause inability to breathe.

So, if you have ever been told if you step on a rusty nail you have to get a tetanus shot or you could get "lockjaw," it's true. However, tetanus is not limited to just a rusty nail injury—any puncture wound, dirty cut or animal bite, burns or splinters could allow tetanus into the bloodstream.

To prevent tetanus be sure you have a tetanus shot every 10 years. If it has been more than 5 years since your last tetanus or you can't remember when your last one was, then you may need another. Try to get a tetanus shot as soon after the injury as you can or at least within 1-3 days of the injury.

Symptoms begin anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks. Symptoms begin by usually stiffness of the jaw and muscle spasms, stiffness of the neck, difficulty swallowing, fever, sweating or fast pulse. Call your medical provider if any of these symptoms occur.

Prevention is the key. See your physician for yearly physicals and, at that time immunizations are reviewed and your tetanus shot can be updated if needed.



On June 16th John Andrews Holland, son of Walter and Karen Holland of Lyndeborough, married Heather Leigh Freeman, daughter of Gail and Marshall Freeman of Apex, NC. The wedding took place at the Elizabethan Gardens on the island of Manteo, NC, one of the couple's favorite places. The reception followed at the Roanoke Island Inn in Manteo. The couple honeymooned in Manteo and have recently purchased a home on the island.



The above postcard of the Lyndeborough Baptist Church was sent to Karen Holland by Lowell Joerg, Tucson, AZ. Here is the letter he wrote which accompanied the post card:

*Good Morning,  
I sure hope this letter brightens your day. I was at an antique store here and found this old circa 1948 "real photo" picture card of your Baptist Church. How the card got to Arizona we'll never knows.  
It's an old time classic, for sure. I thought to myself, by golly, I'd send it home where it can be appreciated. Our heritage is valuable to all of us. Lots of changes over the years, I'm sure. Enlarged it will make quite a display.  
Well, I gave 5.00 for it so if you want it for 6.00 or 7.00 or so why that's sure o.k. Throw in a little postage if you want, too.  
And my wife says if I hear from you I'll have to take her to lunch. I am eighty-four years old and still going strong.  
I like to call my little hobby, "A re-distribution of happiness." Our world sure needs it.  
Thank you and Godspeed in your work. Have a wonderful and progressive year.*

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*Kitchen Views.....**Dutch Apple Cake*

Serves 10; Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

**CAKE:**

2 cups flour  
3 tsp. baking powder  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 egg beaten  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup milk  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup shortening, melted  
1- $\frac{1}{2}$  cups apples, chopped.

**TOPPING:**

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar  
3 tbsp. flour  
2 tbsp. butter, softened  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. cinnamon

Mix first five ingredients. Set aside. Combine egg and milk. Add shortening and blend. Add egg mixture to dry ingredients. Fold in apples and mix thoroughly. Pour into a greased 8-inch baking pan. Combine topping ingredients and sprinkle over batter. Bake at 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

This is delicious as a dessert with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream to top it off. Also makes a terrific coffee cake.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS**Lyndeborough Apple Festival**

The Lyndeborough Fire Department Auxiliary will host their

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