



The New and Improved Lyndeborough Police Department *By Kathleen Baglio Humphreys*

Captain Tom Burke has been busy assembling an extremely experienced and versatile police department to keep the town of Lyndeborough safe. For the first time in many years, the Lyndeborough Police Department (LPD) is at full force, very active and visible on the street, getting results reducing crime within our town lines and helping keep the community safe.

The department consists of Captain Tom Burke III, Sergeant and Prosecutor Paul Roy, as well as Officers Rance Deware, Keith Herviux, Mike Needham, Gary Potter and Zachary Byam. Together they are a highly experienced and well educated team. Except for one officer, they are all part-time employees with a lifetime of valuable experience.

In March 2011, Tom Burke, a third generation police officer, was hired to head up the LPD following a few years of turbulence in the department.

Burke's first hire was Sgt. Paul Roy with 27 years of police experience. He is a graduate of Franklin Pierce University. He is a certified accident reconstructionist, certified police prosecutor, and full-time certified police officer. He works 32 hours per week.

Officer Rance Deware, III, works 32 hours per week and has 24 years of experience. He has a Master's degree from Southern New Hampshire University. He is a certified senior firearms instructor, field training officer, police prosecutor and a full-time certified police officer. He has accepted the role of school resource officer. Captain Burke felt that, with his background as a former Hesser College Professor and Cub Scout leader, Deware would be a good fit to work with the LCS students as the resource officer. "We

need to be available to the children. Rance will be at the school on a regular basis, handle any school related problems, and will work in the field as a police officer," said Burke.

"You don't have enough ink to list what Officer Deware and Sgt. Roy bring [to Lyndeborough's Police Department] as it is a lengthy list of highly skilled certifications and experience in law enforcement," Burke added.

Officer Keith Herviux has been with the LPD since March 2009. He recently graduated from the 154th Police Academy in Concord and is a veteran of Afghanistan. He has seven years experience as a state prison corrections officer. Also, he is a certified firearms, pistol and rifle instructor and is now a full-time certified police officer. "His prison experience and military background are a great mix, along with experience in the field and his ability to diffuse situations. He brings both experience and skills to Lyndeborough," said Burke.

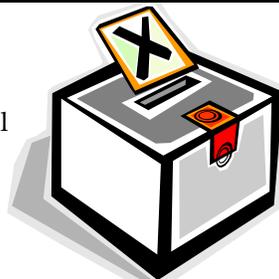
Herviux explained, "When I first arrive, I prep the cruiser as I'm big on patrol. I take care of any follow-up reports; then I hit the streets. People don't know what to do when two cops come to the house as it has not been the norm." Having two cruisers out on the road adds to the safety of the community and the police officers. "Lyndeborough is such a big town. If we only have state police backup, we know our backup could be a good distance away, so if we have two officers on, it's good to know, back up is close by. I would rank our police department, up with the top departments in the state coverage wise," added Herviux.

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Town Elections

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at The Old Town Hall
on Center Road, 10am-7pm

Baked Goods and Lunch provided by the
Lafayette Artillery



Town Meeting

Saturday, March 17th, 2012 at Citizens' Hall,
10 am - ?

Baked Goods and Lunch provided by the
Fire Department Auxiliary

LYNDEBOROUGH MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Schedule of Events for Sunday, May 27th, 2012

Time	Location
9:30 am	Memorial Day Observance with the Lafayette Artillery Co. at Lyndeborough Center Church
10:45 am	Procession to Center Cemetery for memorial service, prayers, and rifle salutes
11:15 am	Procession to South Cemetery for memorial service, prayers and rifle salutes
1 pm	Memorial Day procession and parade in South Lyndeborough. Memorial service, prayers, rifle salutes at Heroes' Stones, band concert, and guest speakers on the Village Green. The Lafayette Artillery will fire three salutes from their historic 1844 cannon at the end of the services. Services will include a memoriam of the 150 th Anniversary of events of the 1862 period Civil War.

9 am – 1 pm JA Tarbell Library

Book and bake sale will be held this year at the J.A. Tarbell Library and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Proceeds from the book and bake sale will benefit the library addition fund. Donations of books and baked goods are always appreciated. Please plan to stop by, enjoy the treats, and support the library.

The Lafayette Artillery Co. will also participate in the Wilton Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies on Monday, May 28, 2012. The parade starts at 9:00 am.

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By Adrienne Colsia

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Chris set up shop here in 1997, specializing in cabinetry, furniture, and the restoration of antique homes. He will build whatever you want from contemporary to traditional furniture and he repairs furniture, too. He does his own millwork when restoring homes thus controlling the quality of doors, windows, raised panel systems around fireplaces, flooring, cabinetry and so forth.



Chris Schoen in his shop

You can find samples of his beautiful work and information about Chris on his website. In addition there is a wonderful article from *Monadnock Living*, which includes more photos of his work, and contact information.

Chris is just one of many local businesses we will be featuring in Lyndeborough Views.

2012 Lyndeborough Town Election Filings

OFFICE	TERM	CURRENTLY HELD BY	PEOPLE WHO FILED
SELECTMAN (1)	3 Year	Arnold A. Byam III	
MODERATOR (1)	2 Year	Walter M. Holland	Walter Holland
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (1)	3 Year	Patricia "Trish" Schultz	Patricia "Trish" Schultz
CEMETERY TRUSTEE (1)	3 Year	Lawrence Cassidy	Lawrence Cassidy
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)	3 Year	Nadine Preftakes Lee Mayhew	Nadine Preftakes V. Lucille Watt
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (1)	3 Year	Sally Reynolds	Stanley Greene
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (1)	6 Year	Stephanie Roper	Stephanie Roper
BUDGET COMMITTEE: (3)	3 Year 3 Year 3 Year	James Button Donald Guertin Burton Reynolds Resigned	James Button Donald Guertin Sandra Schoen Corey Cheever
BUDGET COMMITTEE: (1)	2 Year	William Ball Resigned/Sandra Schoen Appt	Jeffrey Shinn
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (2)	3 Year	David Roemer Karen Grybko	Lee Mayhew Karen Grybko

Attention All Lyndeborough Business Owners

Lyndeborough Views has been having such a positive response to our Business Owners Stimulus ads that we are offering them again.

In an effort to support you, our local business owners, *Lyndeborough Views* would like to offer a **FREE BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD** to run in the June, July and August *Views* issue. If you are interested, please email a PDF of your business card or mail your business card so we have it by May 17. Email Karen Holland, kjh1@tds.net or mail, 200 Pinnacle Road, Lyndeborough, NH 03082, phone: 654-2480.



Know Your Neighbor – Tom and Ginny Chrisenton

By Nadine Prefakes

Tom and Ginny Chrisenton spent most of their childhood moving from place to place, but after buying 78 acres of land in Lyndeborough, they both say this is home and can't imagine living anywhere else. The people are great, and the town is very beautiful. Today their home, High Ridge Tree Farm, consists of approximately 800 acres of timber, trails that they have built, special places they have named such as, "Beavers Wanted Ford, the Hole That Ate Eric, The Witch's Oven, Peekaboo Street, the Jackknife and the Eye of the Needle," and an abundance of wildlife.

Ginny was born on Long Island, New York. Growing up, her family moved seven times living in New Jersey, New York, Florida, Massachusetts and Holland, until she attended the University of New Hampshire in Durham. While in the 10th grade, she lived in Daytona Beach, Florida, right next door to Bill France, Senior. Ginny says they shared a driveway, a fact that Tom found extremely interesting, being a Nascar fan. Bill France, Senior was inductee number one into the Nascar Hall of Fame, and he built both the Daytona Speedway and the Talladega Speedway in Alabama.

Ginny's dad was sent from Syracuse, New York, to manage the early Atlas missile program for GE at Cape Canaveral, and she says the space program was her backyard. She remembers shaking the hand of Alan Shepherd and witnessed John Glenn's motorcade at Patrick Air Force Base, then watching the shuttle as it headed into space.

When Ginny was in high school, she met Isaac Asimov, the science fiction writer. He spoke at her father's annual IEEE meeting for electrical engineers. Ginny, being a huge sci-fi fan, was fortunate to sit next to him for dinner and is proud to say she has several of his books autographed.



Tom and Ginny Chrisenton

Tom was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts. His father worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a marine mechanical engineer. His mom was a stay-at-home mom who took care of Tom and his two sisters Gail and Tracy. Like Ginny, Tom's life consisted of moving. Besides Newburyport, they lived in Arlington, Virginia; Salisbury, Massachusetts; Falls Church, Virginia; Alton Bay, New Hampshire; and Durham, New Hampshire. And like Ginny, he too met some famous people. One day in 1957 while his family was in Washington, D.C., they went to get some passes at Senator Kennedy's office to see Congress in session. While there, John F. Kennedy came out of his office and invited them in to see his sailfish. And when his dad wanted to see Winston Churchill when he arrived at Washington National Airport, he was able to see President Eisenhower pick him up in a Cadillac convertible with the top down from only 10 feet away.

Tom and Ginny met in 1970, when both were attending an Oceanography class at the University of New Hampshire. Ginny says she would always save a seat next to her for Tom, which paid off, because on October 9, 1971, they were married in a simple ceremony at Franconia Falls in the White Mountains. The first parcel of land they purchased in Lyndeborough would not be the last. Today their tree farm consists of 21 parcels. For 37 years, they have been the loving caretakers of the land they live on. They built their home from the timber that they cut

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themselves, and, even though they admit that the house isn't finished, they happily say that whenever improvements needed to be made, it coincided with another parcel of land that they wanted to purchase and acquiring the property always trumped improvements.

They have invested countless hours clearing and constructing miles of roads and trails throughout the property so they could reach remote parcels. Ginny and Tom have cleared fields called wildlife openings so that deer and other animals will have open places to graze and rest. Ginny maintains these openings in the summer by keeping them mown. In order to accomplish all of this, they would purchase larger pieces of equipment as they outgrew the old.

One of these "newer acquisitions" involved a memorable trip to the John Deere factory in Davenport, Iowa, which produces road graders, loaders and skidders. Many people receive unique gifts for Valentine's Day, but Tom's gift to Ginny in 2001 takes the prize: Her very own log skidder. Ginny was privileged to be able to drive this skidder off the line—much to the amazement of the factory workers. As with the special places of landmarks that have names, Ginny calls her skidder "Timber Jill."

Ginny taught math, science and computer science instruction for 30 years in both Milford and Keene middle schools before she retired in 2002.

Tom worked for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. His job consisted of helping property owners with farm and forest management, other land use issues, in addition to working with towns on resource issues including utilizing the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

After buying land in Lyndeborough in 1972, Tom began attending Lyndeborough Planning Board meetings, first as a member of the public, later as an alternate and then as a full member. When he retired he became a full-time Tree Farmer. Tom continued his work for the public at the state level as Chair of the NH Tree Farm Committee and was appointed by the Governor and Council to the Forester Licensing Board and Wetlands Council. Ginny continues to serve on the NH Tree Farm Committee, and Tom on the NH Timberland Owners Association Policy Committee.

Tree Farmers have a written management plan that addresses wood, water, wildlife and recreation on their land. There are about 1,600 Tree Farms in New Hampshire. Tom and Ginny have many products that they sell. Pulp, usually hemlock, goes to make paper and bark mulch. Their cordwood is sold as 12-foot long wood in 4 cord loads. Saw logs go to local mills to be sawed into boards. Veneer logs are the best quality; they are shaved to 1/32 of an inch and made into veneer plywood. Unfortunately the wood market has not been good the last few years, but there is still work to be done—from repairing the ice storm damage to thinning of poor quality trees for firewood.

In 1999, the couple were chosen New Hampshire's Outstanding Tree Farmers and asked to be part of the New Hampshire forestry exhibit at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington D.C. The show featured exhibits from Romania, South Africa as well as New Hampshire. "We were actually living exhibits," said Ginny, working with other people in the forestry community from NH. "The number of people we saw and talked to was incredible. The crowds were estimated at 1 million for the two weeks," said Ginny.

Ginny and Tom continue to serve the Lyndeborough community. Tom is a member of the Lyndeborough Planning board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ginny's love of history and cemeteries is an asset for her as a Cemetery Trustee. She is able to use her computer skills to create a database to track the people buried in town, cross-referencing the 1984 databases from Jim Button's classes, the book "Lyndeborough, Hillsborough County, NH, Tombstone Inscriptions 1764-1980," the original cemetery maps, both history books, vital statistics from town reports, photos of the stones and the identities of our veterans.

In addition to enjoying primitive camping, hiking, splitting wood, driving heavy equipment, watching Nascar races and boating, Ginny enjoys sewing, knitting, crocheting and reading. She is also a huge Harry Potter fan. She and Tom attended the Harvard Commencement ceremony so that she could hear J.K. Rowling speak. Ginny calls herself a "Jill of all Trades" but says her father calls them "pioneers" because they try to do everything by themselves.

Ginny and Tom are involved in many organizations. They are enthusiastic about promoting sound forestry and welcome organizations and groups to their farm. They love everything about their farm—how they are able to work the land, teach others about their land and being self-sufficient and make a living off their land. They say eventually their home will be finished, but they are not worried about that. They are too busy walking the trails, mowing the fields, photographing the wildlife, and managing and teaching new generations about forestry.

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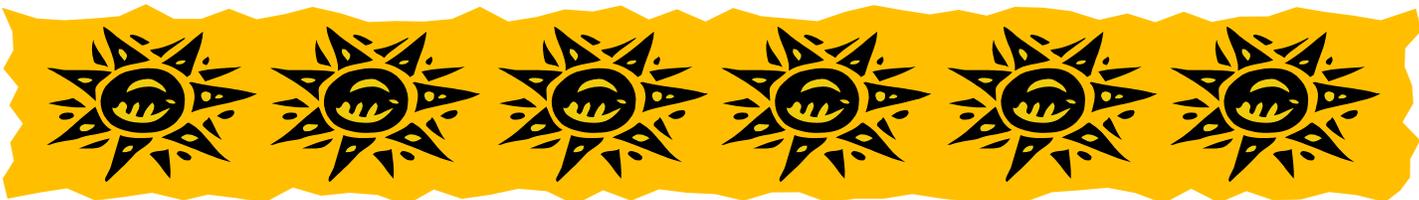
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6th Annual Lyndeborough Community Day & 2nd Annual Farm Tour

This year's Community Day and Farm Tour will be held the weekend of August 18th and 19th. We are planning new activities & speakers for Community Day as well as new additions to the Farm Tour. More information will follow in the next Views and on the town website. If you are interested in volunteering to help with these events or you have suggestions for activities, please contact Karen Holland, 654-2480 or kjh1@tds.net.



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OPEN CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

By Adrienne Colsia

The Rectory of Sacred Heart Church on Maple Street in Wilton houses a wonderful food pantry for those in need living in our community. The Open Cupboard Pantry (OCP) is located in the white house to the left of the church. The OCP needs our support throughout the year and not just at Christmas time.

The workers at the OCP stress that if you are finding it hard to make ends meet for whatever reason, you should not second guess yourself or think someone needs this food more than you. The OCP is there for anyone struggling and is generously supported by the community. Its purpose is to be used and, hopefully, give you a little relief as you cope with making ends meet. Some of the food supplies available are non-perishable canned goods, coffee, sugar, potatoes, some refrigerated vegetables and frozen meat, at times. Also available are kitchen paper goods, bathroom toiletries, dish soap, laundry and bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and toilet paper. Instead of pre-bagging food and paper goods for you, the OCP is unique, because you shop their shelves for what you need.



The OCP is open by appointment only, so 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.

There are several ways the community can support the OCP and donations are gratefully accepted. Market Basket has a donation barrel with the Open Cupboard Pantry's name on it. The barrel is located inside to the left as you enter from the right side of the store. You can also send checks to **Open Cupboard Pantry, P.O. Box 111, Wilton, NH 03086**. Volunteers are always welcome even if you can only donate one hour a week. Call any of the women listed above if you have questions or would like to donate your time.

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Fund Drive for the Center Church of Lyndeborough



A Brief History of the Center Church of Lyndeborough

Adapted in part from "A Thumbnail Sketch of Religious History, 1739 - 1976" by the Rev. William J. Clark, a former pastor.

The present Lyndeborough Center Church was built in 1837, replacing an earlier Meeting House on a near-by site. The site of the Meeting House was a gift to the church from Benjamin Lynde, for whom the town is named. The house to the right of the present church was originally the parsonage.

That first church was Congregational, organized in 1757, as "the town church" as required under the charter. Until 1819, when the legislature passed "The Toleration Act," which allowed people to stop supporting the town minister with their taxes if they were of a different religious persuasion, the town and church were basically one government.

The church decided on a new building and the town replaced the old meeting house with the present town hall in 1843.

In 1830, both a Baptist and a Universalist Society were formed in town. The Baptist Church flourished, and built their church in the Village in 1836. That church was remodeled to its present styling in the 1880s.

The two churches began joint services in 1942, with the Center Church used during July and August. The United Church, formally joining the two congregations took effect in 1967. The summer use of the church has continued since then.

The Center Church was "modernized" in the 1880s. The last structural change was made in 1989 when the steeple was strengthened. The tower supports had been weakened during the modernization when a

balcony underneath it was removed. The current roof is past 20 years old. The building does not have any water and only minimal heat. It does have some lovely murals in recesses at the front of the sanctuary.

How Can You Help?

A fundraiser has begun to help support raise funds for the much needed work on the Center Church. Some of the repairs planned are a new roof and a new coat of paint.

The Center Church and adjacent buildings in the Center of Lyndeborough are the pride of the town. The Town Hall was recently painted and the windows are in the process of being repaired. Removal of brush and downed trees around the area has been completed which has helped to improve the view of the church from the west side.

We are requesting support in our efforts to restore this beautiful historic building as part of the Town of Lyndeborough's heritage. Any amount of support which you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Clayton Brown, 654-9234. Donations may be made to The Lyndeborough Center Church Fund, Account #9725808921, c/o TD Bank, PO Box 150, Wilton, NH 03086

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Lyndeborough Central School Kindergarten Addition

By Sue Tussing, Principal LCS

The LCS addition is now complete and will begin operating as a kindergarten in the fall of 2012. Three double windows let in the sunlight and provide a view to the front and east side of the building, where grass, flowers and shrubs will be planted in spring and summer. The small space by the flagpole will house the kindergarten playground for easy access from their front door, and of course, the children will be able to run and play on our soccer field as well. The attention to detail is obvious in the design of colors, shapes, lighting, counters, cubbies, and storage areas. The color of natural wood and floor tile softens the cement block walls, and the accent wall mirrors the color of the sink counter top. There is a handicapped accessible bathroom off the classroom, all built to emergency shelter specifications.

We will begin to use our computer lab (built to replace the one we lost to the new hallway) as soon as we receive the occupancy permit. This room shares an inner door with our library, allowing us to continue to have library and computer classes run simultaneously. Our librarian is thrilled to have a closet, carved from the old lab space. She can now store the bins of seasonal books which used to take up space behind her desk. The shelves and desk which Ralph and Helen Dwire crafted for us in 1995 are still in use, housing a collection of over 4,000 books.

The back stairway leads to a new parking area which provides additional space for teachers and staff. At the back of the parking lot there is a detention pond meant to retain surface water and prevent it from flooding our neighbor's land. Hutter Construction extended our driveway, adding a basin to channel water into the ditch along the side of the highway. This spring they will complete work on the drive-through at the front of the school, replacing the base with a deep gravel layer and a smooth tarred surface. They will also apply the top layer on the new parking space.

We are very grateful to the residents of Lyndeborough who have allowed us to have this beautiful new space. Hutter Construction has done a wonderful job, working within the limits of our budget, and finishing well ahead of schedule. I am especially grateful to Jim Traffie of Hutter, who served as our site supervisor, and Fran Bujak and Jim Button, our school board members who met weekly with the construction team while the work was in progress. I would also like to commend Kyle Barker and his design team for an architectural conception which fits so well into the older building that it looks like it has always been here. It will serve as our kindergarten and as the town emergency shelter for many years to come. We are planning a ribbon-cutting celebration and Open House for the town and would love to have you come!



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Library Programs – What Would You Like To See??

The trustees of the J. A. Tarbell Library are asking for citizen input on the library. We would like to know what folks want for programs offered, services offered and hours of operation. Please either call or email your remarks to Bob Rogers, 487-3308, bobrogers@netzero.net or Sally Curran, 487-3412, sallycurran@netzero.net. Any comments would be appreciated and will help us serve you better.



It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

If you didn't receive a knock on your door from one of your local Girl Scouts, have no fear! Lyndeborough Brownie Troop 10957 will be selling cookies during Town Meeting at Citizens' Hall from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. In addition to favorites such as Thin Mints and Samoas, a new cookie has been introduced for the 100th Birthday of Girl Scouting: Savannah Smiles, a crisp lemon wedge cookie. Not only is this the only time of year when these goodies are available for purchase (they freeze well!), but the cookie sale teaches the girls important life skills like customer service, money management and teamwork. On a diet? Not a problem! The Troop offers a Gift of Caring purchase, with boxes being donated to the Open Cupboard Pantry in Wilton.



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Look for the full color version of the Lyndeborough Views while you are there!!

LOCAL PRODUCE AND MEATS FOR SALE

By Adrienne Colsia

If you have a hankering for fresh all-natural vegetables in the middle of winter, Tom Mitchell of Ledge Top Farm, 487 Center Rd (near Pead Hill Rd) is currently selling spinach, scallions and garlic. Soon after March, he may have another crop of spinach and kale available and in May and June, beets and carrots. You can contact Tom by e-mailing him at tommitchell@tads.net or phoning him at 620-7302.

Paradise Farm at 468 Center Rd, next door to Ledge Top Farm, sells their grass-fed beef, eggs, goat milk, honey, maple syrup, jams, and goat milk soap year round. You can contact Wayne at 345-0860 if interested in any of these products or through their business web site www.paradisefarmnh.com where you can find additional information as well.



If you love beef, Sally Reynolds at Colonial Top Farm in Lyndeborough sells Angus beef by the quarter or half a side. The meat is cut to your specifications, wrapped, and blasted frozen. Sally can be reached at 654-9462.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKETS

The Winter Indoor Farmers' Markets have been going strong. Here you will find locally grown meats, eggs, all-natural goat and cow milk, cheese, honey, maple syrups, jams, jellies, preserves, baked goods, New Hampshire wine and tea, and an assortment of other items. There are also hand crafted items and natural beauty products available.

The MILFORD Indoor Market will be running through May on the following SATURDAY mornings, so mark your calendars and come support your local community: March 3, March 17, April 21, May 5, and May 19. Third floor, Milford Town Hall Auditorium, Union Square from 9 a.m. – 12 noon

SUMMER OUTDOOR FARMERS' MARKETS

The Summer Farmers' Markets start the first week in June. The following is a list of some of our local markets you can be on the look out for. Check the local papers for more information as summer approaches.

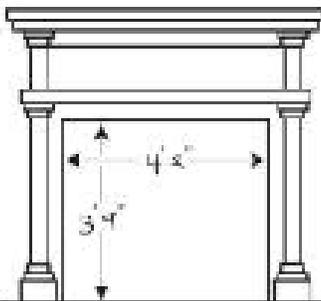
TUESDAYS: Wilton 3-6 p.m., Main St. in the park next to Nelson's Candy.

WEDNESDAYS: Merrimack 3:30-6:30 p.m., Daniel Webster Highway in the parking lot in front of Tractor Supply Store.

THURSDAYS: Amherst Village Green, 2:30-6:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS: Amherst, 3:30-6:30 p.m., off 101A next to Joey's Diner in the Lutheran Church parking lot.

SATURDAYS: Milford, 9-12 a.m., on the parking lot in front of Tractor Supply and Gold's gym.



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Stories in Stone: Perham Corner Cemetery

By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

Tucked away on Chase Road, off of Center Road, is Perham Corner Cemetery. This cemetery is bounded by wall and has a white fence gate. In 1832, Asa Blanchard and David Perham, both of Lyndeborough, sold the land to the Town of Lyndeborough, for \$1. According to the deed it was already bounded by wall, by the "publick highway leading to Wilton" (now called Chase Road) and being used as a burying ground. At the time of the deed, Perham Corner was called Bevin's Corner.

In colonial times, people were buried so they could rise facing the east on Judgment Day. The problem is that east has moved over the years as the magnetic north pole shifted position. Perham Corner is unusual as you can still see the rows change position to reflect this change. Rows aren't parallel, but seem to meet at a point to the southwest of the cemetery. In some cemeteries, rows and headstones have been straightened over the years, but you can still see the original alignment here.

Our database contains the names of 83 people who are buried there and still have existing stones. Fourteen Blanchard's and twenty-three Perham's make up the largest population in Perham Corner. There are headstones for 21 people, ranging in age from infant to 84 that show burials before the land was deeded to the town.

Al Morrison, who lives beside Perham Corner Cemetery, remembers seeing metal markers when he was young that indicated graves in the northwest corner of the cemetery, which now are unmarked. Last year he gave a generous donation to the Perham Corner Cemetery Trust Fund for the care of this cemetery. Perham Corner is one of our historic cemeteries and no further burials will take place here.



Perham Corner Cemetery. Photo by Ginny Chrisenton

There are many stark stories in stones in this cemetery. There is an unusual triple stone for three children of Jonathan & Louisa E. McIn-tire. Elbridge died August 28, 1819, at 1 year 3 months, Nathan died Sep-tember 3, 1819, at 2 years, 9 months and Marshall died September 6, 1819, at 6 years 6 months. It must have been heart breaking to lose three children so young in the space of 10 days.

Last summer saw some much needed work on Perham Corner. Our cemetery workers, Jen Dumont and her daughter, Emily Bailey, cleared the brush to the

stone walls, pruned bushes and killed poison ivy that was trying to creep in. The town road crew helped Mel Rossi repair and straighten leaning headstones. There are still stones in need of straightening, and we hope that work continues this year.

There is a wonderful story in the old history book about Bevins (Bevens) Corner. It seems Sally Bevens, who used to help her neighbors with haying and harvesting, came home for lunch one day and, hearing her pig squealing, she picked up a firebrand and attacked a bear! She was clawed on her shoulder and upper arm, but beat off the bear and saved her pig. The history book says that she carried the marks to her grave. Unfortunately, we don't know where her grave is or if it's in Perham Corner Cemetery. We do not have any record of Bevins in any of our cemeteries, which is why we have historic cemeteries and historic sections of cemeteries where we do not allow further burials.

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Officer Gary Potter is a town resident. He is attending the Police Academy for his full-time certification credentials.

Officer Mike Needham has worked part-time in Lyndeborough for the past two years. He is also a full time certified police officer. Mike is a full time officer for Temple-Greenville and usually works one or two shifts a week for Lyndeborough. Needham received a commendation for his heroic acts in the arrest of a murder suspect last year.

The rookie of the department is Zachary Byam (no relation to Selectman Byam). He is a senior at Norwich University in Vermont, and returns to Lyndeborough every Friday and Saturday night for training. He's a part-time certified officer. "He is a nice kid. I tried to put together a department that is diversified; young guys and middle age, all making it a cohesive group," said Burke.

"We have a strong police philosophy, and you've probably seen the cruisers more as we are always on the back roads. We feel our presence on these roads on a consistent level does deter burglars not to come to town. We take action and are diligent in our efforts to do that. Our community focus goes well beyond just talking to residents at the Village store. We act with the school, at town events, and our goal is to become part of the fabric of the community. We want resi-



L to R: Officer Keith Hervieux, Officer Rance Deware, Crossing Guard Ellen Martin, Sergeant Paul Roy Sr., and Captain Tom Burke.

dents to feel the police are approachable. We are starting with kids to try to break down the barriers there. Rance is doing a great job building a rapport with these kids. When I started here last March, I tried to get to know these kids as well.

"We have heard the question: Why do we need these highly trained officers in this small town? The answer is: One mistake by a law enforcement officer could cost the town six figures. This is not Mayberry RFD. I fully want to retain these officers, because I don't want to be a training ground for other jurisdictions. I will do what I can to keep them here," said Burke.

Some of the main activities in late 2011 were textbook, performed by seasoned professionals. Officer Needham handled the homicide call on Cram Hill Road. Needham had the suspect apprehended before state police arrived at the scene. After a series of break-ins at the Village Store, LPD staked out the store, and Officer Hervieux successfully caught the two burglars in progress. The police are more active on vehicle stops, and one driver was pulled over for going 80 mph on Route 31, a dangerous situation.

"We want to be proactive and not reactive. The type of statistics we strive for are the ones you don't make; the person who made it home safely, didn't get run over, didn't get hit by a drunk driver, and we have zero tolerance for domestic violence. It will not be tolerated in this town; we will arrest offenders. We are out there in full force now; saturating those back roads with as much overlapping coverage as we can, having both sides of the town covered. It's not fair to concentrate all our efforts only in the Village area so we need to be on the Turnpike and other areas, and the daily logs show the town is fully covered," said Burke.

"I've had more compliments from residents referencing the number of times they see police go by their house vs. a year ago. I think the consensus of the town is that they want this to be a safe community, and they want to know we are around. You will see the police on Purgatory Falls, New Road, Crooked S, Cummings, and off in the west side of town on Beasom Road. Additionally, the police can be seen at the Village Store during closing time and at the Central School in the morning as well as when school lets out; just to help keep it safer. Many people have commented, 'It's nice to see you on a regular basis.'

"We are a diverse group of highly trained officers that the town of Lyndeborough is reaping the harvest from. I'm very proud of all these officers," said Burke.

The Lyndeborough Police Department has information and resources posted on Facebook. They also have recently posted a video on teen drinking.

LPD Statistics from January 1 – February 11, 2012

124 calls for service; 6 arrests; 143 vehicle stops; 7 accidents

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kindergarten Budget Increase???

By Bill Ball

Voters should be aware that a number of Warrant Articles will be presented at this year's Cooperative School District meeting on March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle-Senior High School. I believe of special interest is Article #8, which, if approved, would extend the Lyndeborough Kindergarten Program from a half-day to a full day at an additional cost of \$124,729. For a number of reasons I don't believe such an action should be supported.

- The Town of Lyndeborough, after much deliberation finally approved a half-day kindergarten program, and now, before the doors even open and we know how many students will actually attend, the School Board is asking to increase the program to a full day.
- The projected cost of \$124,729 would be added to this year's tax bill at a time when every effort is being made to reduce the budget during these difficult economic times.
- Extending the program to a full day, if needed, can be approved any time in the future when financial conditions have improved and the number of actual students is better known.

From a Giving Tree Family

I would like to thank the Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club, the Lyndeborough Gatherers and also the generous people of Lyndeborough who donated to the Giving Tree for helping to make Christmas such a wonderful time for my family.

I would also like to thank the person who left the "Christmas Jar" on my front step.

Thank you all for your kindness!!

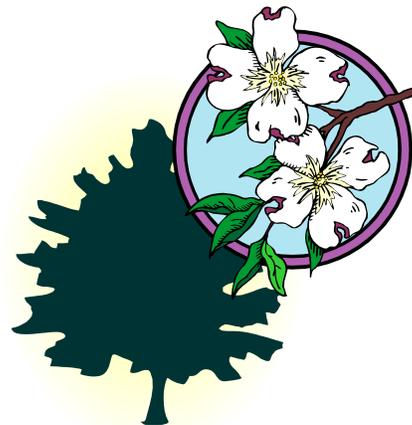
Very Sincerely,
A Grateful Lyndeborough Family

CURTISS DOGWOOD RESERVATION

By Jessie Salisbury

The Curtiss Dogwood Reservation on Whiting Hill Road, bordering Carnival Hill in Wilton, is a 14-acre state-owned botanical park dating to 1945. The state acquired the hillside through the efforts of Wilton summer residents Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Curtiss. Frank Blanchard, who owned the site, agreed to sell it for \$500, with the land to be known forever as the Curtiss Dogwood Reservation.

The idea of preserving the area was first suggested by E.D. Putnam of Antrim to Philip W. Ayres of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in the 1930s. Ayres had a survey done, but no money was available during the Depression years or during World War II. In the meantime, some of the property along the road was sold and houses built.



The flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida L.*) is native to the more southern parts of the country, with many of them growing along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. New Hampshire is in the northernmost part of the range. The Curtiss stand is the largest in southern New Hampshire. The park is open to the public, but there is very little parking along the road. A sign marks the beginning of a foot trail to the top of the ridge.

The Conservation Commission is in charge of the area and has been working on the restoration of the stand, which in past years had become overgrown with other types of trees. The area also supports a wide variety of native wild flowers. The Dogwoods typically bloom from May to first part of June.

On Display now at Citizens' Hall

Please plan to stop by Citizens' Hall and check out the new display. The Lyndeborough Historical Society is sharing their memorabilia from the Grange Hall (old Town Hall) and various artifacts from the town.

This exhibit will be running through mid-April. The next display will be focused on the Lafayette Artillery and its rich history.

Have an idea of something you would like to see shown in the display case? Please contact Karen Holland, 654-

Kitchen Views.....

From Sally Reynolds (Colonial Top Farm)

NEW ENGLAND BOILED DINNER

Make your own corned beef:

One fresh brisket (I do a whole one - 10-12 lbs - in a 4 gallon crock pot)

Mix 1C coarse salt in 1 qt hot water - stir until dissolved.

Fill crock to half full with cold water and stir.

Add 1 medium potato; add more salt if needed until potato floats.

Mix well; immerse brisket and add more cold water to cover the brisket.

Cover the crock and refrigerate for 4-5 days.

Drain; cut into meal size roasts and freeze.

To Cook:

Put brisket into large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 4-5 hours.

Add carrots and potatoes during the last hour. I cook cabbage and beets separately.

Enjoy!!



THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO TOWN!

No, it is not an April fool's joke!

The Easter Bunny is coming to Town!
He will arrive at Center Hall on **April 1, 2012 at 1:00** on the Fire Truck. Bring your baskets to find and collect beautiful colored eggs on the lawn.

This event is sponsored by the Lyndeborough Fire Department Auxiliary.



Photo on front cover: 1st thru 6th grade in front of the Lyndeborough Central School new kindergarten addition.



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