Lyndeborough Views

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Stories in Stone: Memorial Day and our Civil War Veterans

by Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

As I write this article, Memorial Day is fast approaching, and Walter Holland will have placed flags on all the veterans' graves. In the past, many of these flags were just stuck in the ground and were often very sad looking by Veterans' Day when they are removed for the winter. For years, the Lafayette Artillery and the Cemetery Trustees have wanted to have flag holders at veterans' graves to allow the flags to fly proudly throughout the year, make it easier to weed whack and easier to set them out each year. The flag holders we had seen were either extremely expensive or didn't fit with the character of Lyndeborough's old cemeteries. This year that wish for flag holders has come true. Mike DeArruda, Edna Worcester's nephew, has made by hand 322 beautiful flag holders in his blacksmith shop, at a very reasonable price. Even though the contract stated that 100 flag holders would be delivered by Memorial Day and the remainder by the end of September, he was able to deliver all of them at the beginning of May.

With the theme of veterans in my mind, I looked through the notes I have on people buried in South Cemetery for article ideas. I never know what I'll find or where the story will take me when I start to write an article for the Views. A short note about James Boutwell being in the Civil War attracted my attention. Looking further in the old Lyndeborough history book, I found that he was a private in the Sixteenth Regiment, NH Volunteer Infantry (NH Vol.), under the command of Colonel James Pike. The 16th Regiment was mustered in October 1862, for nine months' service. James Boutwell enlisted September 6,1862, sailed for New Orleans, Louisiana, and the regiment was attached to Sherman's Division, Department of the Gulf. The regiment had duty in several different places in Louisiana, was assigned as guard at the arsenal of Nathaniel P. Banks's Army at Springfield Landing, Port Hudson, Louisiana and finally moved to Concord, New Hampshire, August 1-14, 1863. James Boutwell, died August 15, 1863, one day after he returned home. He was 43 years and 4 months old. Technically, he was still on active duty as the Regiment wasn't mustered out of service until August 20. His widow, Ellen O'Donnell Boutwell, received a widow's pension.

After the Civil War, veterans of the Union formed an organization called the Grand Army of the Republic. The post in our area was named the Harvey Holt Post, No. 15 of the G.A.R. in his honor.

In 1871, the Harvey Holt Post used money they had raised and money appropriated from the town to erect a monument in South Cemetery to honor the living and the dead who served in the Civil War. This monument is near the flagpole and is easily seen from Cemetery Road. There are 14 names on this monument. The inscription reads: "They died that our Union might live."

Harvey Holt, age 20, was in Company 1, 2nd Regiment of the NH Vol. which was in the Army of the Potomac in Virginia. He was killed July 21, 1861, by an exploding shell, in the 1st Battle of Bull Run. The battle was just west of Washington D.C. in the Virginia countryside. He was detailed as a sapper and a miner, which means a soldier involved in construction, i.e. bridges, field defenses, general construction and repair. This battle was the largest and bloodiest

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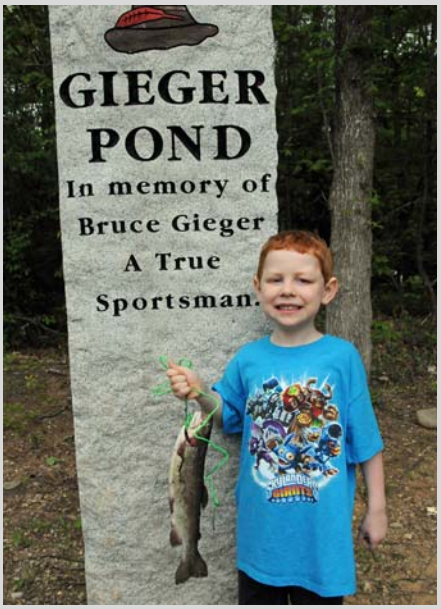
CALLING ON ANY LYNDEBOROUGH BUSINESSES

We here at *The Views* are always looking for businesses in Lyndeborough to be highlighted in our issues. We like to do an article featuring one local business in each issue. If you would like to spread word about your business within the community, please contact Karen Holland, kjh1@tds.net, to set up an interview. It's good, free, local advertising!

The Annual Bruce Geiger Memorial Fishing Derby was held on May 19th and sponsored by the Pinnacle Mountain Fish & Game Club. The Club provided bait, assistance, prizes, hot dogs and beverages to 64 participants at this year's event. The club purchased 100 fish while the NH Fish & Game stocked the pond with an additional 100 fish. In total, 180 fish were caught by children 16 and under while 102 of them being trout.

Below: Jacob Geiger, Bruce Geiger's granson, proudly shows off his catch. *Photo by: Kathleen Humphreys*



Podium at State Finals

State Team honors went to RJ Humphreys of the Franconia Ski Club during the awards ceremony at the NHARA U16 State Finals. RJ placed 2nd in slalom, 3rd in giant slalom and 2nd overall for the two-day event to be named to the State Team. RJ lives in Lyndeborough and is an 8th grader at WLC.

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Some History about Lyndeborough

By Clayton Brown

Recently, during a discussion regarding old things about the Town of Lyndeborough and how different the town is today, the topics of the old town horse drawn hearse and the snowplowing crawler tractor were brought up.

Yes, at one time the Town of Lyndeborough had a horse drawn hearse! We do not know when the hearse was purchased, but we do know in the earlier days, it was kept in a small building known as the hearse house. This building was located near the Lyndeborough Town Hall, and in 1938, when George Warren constructed a new town barn, it was moved to that location. During the early 1950's, the hearse was housed in the old town barn, in the town center. I am aware of this because it was there when I first went to work for the Lyndeborough Highway Department in the 1950's until approximately 1955. Since that time, there has been no trace of the town hearse.

There are some old stories about the town hearse. Helen Van Ham and some other children used to play ball in the center of Lyndeborough, and some of the boys would disappear and take a few moments to play in the hearse. I recall that one of the town employees fell asleep in the hearse after a night on the town. I was the person who found him there!

The snowplowing crawler tractor (pictured above) was bought by the town in 1938, and after years of use was sold to a salvage yard in Temple. The plow was rescued and restored by Temple resident Jim Benotti, who still owns it today. It was equipped with a large V-plow and a wing on each side of it. We used this piece of equipment to open the town roads.

Two pieces of town equipment that have become some of Lyndeborough's history!

Helping to Eliminate Breast Cancer…One Step at a Time

By Cathy Bullard

Breast Cancer are very scary words for any woman to hear. The odds are high that someone you know will hear these words; one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. In the U.S., one case of breast cancer is diagnosed among women every two minutes. It is the most frequently diagnosed cancer and is the leading cause of cancer death among women worldwide. Male cases of breast cancer are less numerous, 2,000 cases of male breast cancer to 200,000 cases of female breast cancer a year. Yes, very scary stuff!

Now for some better news: Breast cancer deaths have declined by 33% in the U.S. since 1990. There are nearly 3 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. today, the largest group of cancer survivors in this country. Early detection through mammograms and effective treatment are important in survivability. Receiving regular mammograms after the age of forty is the single most effective tool for detecting breast cancer early. The five year survival rate for breast cancer, when caught before it spreads outside the breast is now 99%; in 1982 this rate was only about 74%.

One organization working toward a cure for breast cancer is Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Susan was diagnosed at age 33 with breast cancer, a battle she lost three years later. During her treatment she identified areas that were lacking in the care of women with breast cancer. Susan's sister, Nancy, promised her to do what she could to work toward a cure. Started with only $200, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has invested more than $2.2 billion toward fulfilling that promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to fighting breast cancer worldwide.

One of the fund raising events is the Komen 3 Day, held in cities across the country. Each walker commits to raising a minimum of $2,300 and walks 60 miles over the three days. In past years I have thought of participating in this event, only going as far as requesting information. Sixty miles is a big undertaking. But is it as big or as hard as undergoing treatment for breast cancer?

In 2011, I received the scary diagnosis of breast cancer. I had early detection on my side, something that every woman deserves. Over the next eleven months, I learned a significant amount about breast cancer and all the treatments for this disease. Medical research has made great strides in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Tests have been developed to predict a recurrence of the disease and to determine genetically if family members could be at risk. Chemotherapy medications are combined in a way to target each woman's specific cancer and radiation is tailored to each individual. All this developed over years of research, so perhaps the cure for breast cancer is on the horizon.

A group of super people—my family, friends and coworkers—supported my journey through treatment. There is also another group of supporters—the doctors, nurses, medical assistants, receptionists and various technicians dedicated to providing care with a great big dose of encouragement. I will be forever touched by the outpouring of support I received through this very difficult time.

This July, I will be walking in the Boston 3 Day. I am fundraising to hopefully ensure that more women will have access to routine screening exams and treatment, if needed. Will you join me? If you would like to donate there are three ways:

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Upon seeing the American flag waving majestically on a tall white flagpole above the picturesque Milford Oval, did you ever wonder where the flagpole came from? Well, wonder no more! The flagpole was made here in Lyndeborough at Yankee Flag Poles on Center Road. The business began in the early 1970's when the original owner and engineer, Bob Lent, developed a system to make flagpoles strong and durable. When Bob decided to retire, he looked for someone willing to learn and take over the business. In 2005, Keith Carmen became interested in purchasing the business, began his training in the skills necessary for the creation of flagpoles, became the owner and operator of Yankee Flag Poles and moved from Lyndeborough after 25 years in Amherst.

The pole making process begins with mounting a mold in the shape of the inside of the pole on a lathe. (The lathe can accommodate a 40-foot long pole in a single piece and often two or more singles are joined together to create a larger pole, like the 80-foot pole on the Milford Oval.) As the pole is turned on the lathe, ten strings of fiberglass, known as "roving," come off a spool. The roving is wrapped around the mold as well as back and forth according to a specified formula. More roving is used at the top of the pole where more strength is required. When the roving has been added, fiberglass cloth is wrapped over the surface numerous times, and then a resin hardener is poured over the pole as it spins until it is completely covered and soaked. When the resin and fiberglass harden, the surface is ground and sanded to a smooth finish. The final coat is a polyester resin, which yields a shiny finish. The pole is completed once it is removed from the mold (not an easy task) and prepared for shipping.

Keith Carmen grew up in Milford, the oldest of ten children from a military family. As a teenager, Keith milked cows at a local farm to earn money; the farmer was so impressed with Keith's work ethic that he introduced Keith to a builder. The builder taught him the construction trade. Keith went to school for formal training and learned the 'old school way.' To this day, Keith does not cut corners on his jobs, but prefers to do things the right way, the first time.

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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Ashley Humphreys who races for the Franconia Ski Club competed at the CanAms Championships held at Mont Tremblant, Quebec in March accompanied by her coach and Dad, Ray Humphreys. Ashley placed 40th out of 140 U14 boys and girls in the Skills Competition. In giant slalom she placed 49th and in slalom she was disqualified on her first run but placed 42nd on her second run. To qualify for CanAms, Ashley placed 7th in the BWL Northern NH Division, 14th at the NH BWL Championships and named to the NHARA State Team, 27th at the Eastern Regional Championships which paved the road to the CanAms Championships. Ashley lives in Lyndeborough and is a 7th grader at WLC.

photo by: Kathleen Humphreys

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club awarded 4 $500 scholarships to well deserving high school seniors at WLC to further their education. The recipients were: Casey Melrose, Marissa Courtemarche and Kyly Clark of Lyndeborough and Andrea Heck of Wilton. Casey plans on studying engineering at the University of Vermont. Marissa will go to Franklin Pierce University to study pre-veterinary medicine. Kyly will study business & entrepreneurship at the University of Vermont. Andrea plans on getting a degree in psychology at Keene State College. Congratulations on a job well done!

Community Day & Open Studio & Farm Tour

The planning stages for Community Day &the Open Studio & Farm Tour are well underway and are scheduled for August 17 & 18th respectively.

So far the Community Day events include: Lafayette Artillery Civil War Encampment, Lyndeborough Market Place, Women's Club Silent Auction, Flag Retirement Ceremony, Magic Show, and Steak BBQ with music by Sweet Tooth. We are working on some speakers, a blacksmith demonstration, and activities for children.

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: a large variety of Lyndeborough Glass, Beautiful Iris Stained Glass Panel , post & beam mailbox stand , terrarium, multiple gift certificates, handmade custom knife, frame matted photo of local flowers, planting of four 4' maple trees on your property, trailer load of compost, Maple Guys gift basket and gift certificate, fly rod kit, photo cards, Hair Cottage gift certificates.....and much more.

If you would like to donate anything to the silent auction, please contact Ellen Pomer, 654-5420.

Open Farm & Studio Tour

This year we have added some additional business to the Farm & Studio tour. Some of our regulars will not be joining us this year due to conflicts but we hope to have them again next year.

New to the Farm & Studio tour this year is Bunk House Quilts & Fox Den Farm.

The following farms and businesses will be back this year: EJ's Bakery, Barbed Wire Designs, Feel Good Farm, Paradise Farm, Ledge Top Farm, Schoen Woodworking, Maple Lane Farm, and The Fishn Shanty.

Please plan to attend and support your local businesses. Bring your friends and family. This is our third year sponsoring this tour and we continue to receive great comments from all who attend. Remember, you can make a difference when buying local.

Check the town web site for updated information. 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.

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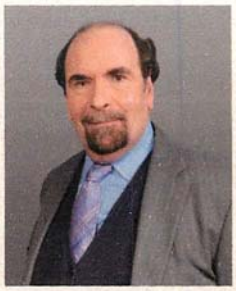

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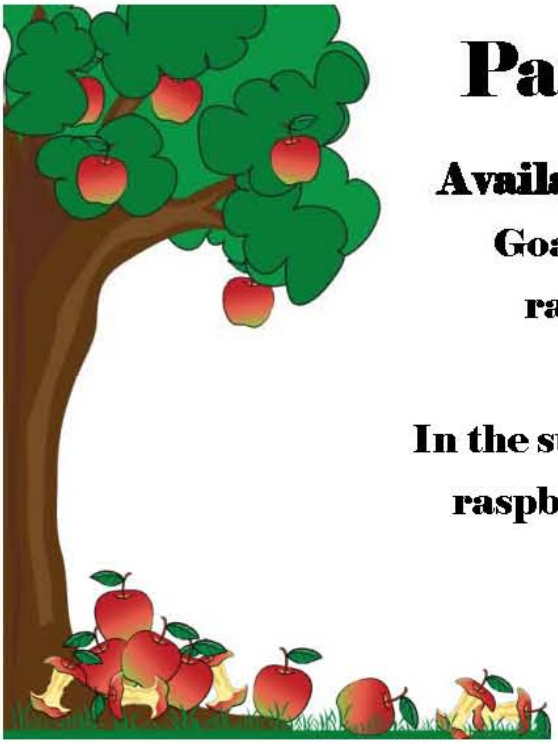
Sending a Message to our Students - Please Drive Responsibly

By Gary Zirpolo, Chief of Department, Wilton Ambulance

On Friday, May 3, at 9:35 a.m., the sirens blared and the lights flashed from the Wilton police cruisers, fire trucks, and ambulances responding to a serious motor vehicle collision with multiple injuries, and a person ejected from the car. Upon arrival, they found a drunken teenager, driver of the car, walking around the scene hysterical, two kids trapped in the back seat in critical condition, and a girl with an amputated arm who had been ejected from a vehicle. It was a horrific scene, but luckily this was only a demonstration held at the Wilton-Lyndeborough Co-operative (WLC) High School. The purpose of this demonstration was to hammer home the danger of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. This project was coordinated by WLC Senior Sam Norford as part of his senior project. This topic is important to Norford as he has just completed his Emergency Medical Technician course, is an apprentice on the Town of Wilton Ambulance and is an Explorer with the Lyndeborough Fire Department. Norford has been to his share of drunk driving accidents as a fire and EMS responder and hopes that, with this demonstration, he can stress to his classmates the importance of not drinking and driving.

The event started with a 911 call going over a PA system for the students to hear, followed by a dispatch of police, fire, and EMS personnel. Norford, a police officer and fire officer arrived on the scene and explained the scenario to the students. Additional fire and EMS units soon arrived. Upon their arrival, the Wilton firefighters began extricating two patients from the back seat while Wilton police performed a field sobriety test and placed the driver under arrest. Wilton Ambulance EMT's and EMT students worked to stabilize and transport the patients. Several minutes later the UMass Memorial Lifeflight helicopter touched down on the ball field. All the patients were transported from the scene - one by ambulance to a local hospital and one by UMass Memorial Lifeflight Helicopter. The "dead body" was removed by Smith and Heald Funeral Home, and the car was removed by Wilton Towing. Norford then made a few closing remarks about drunk driving, backed up with statics. Norford said, "I did this as a way to complete my required senior project and to send a meaningful message to teens in my community. The goal was to raise awareness for drunk driving and hopefully help kids in the area make good decisions this prom and graduation season."

Participants included Wilton Fire Department, Wilton Police Department, Wilton Ambulance, Wilton Towing, Smith and Heald Funeral Home, Blanchard Auto Salvage, Bruce Heck Excavating, UMass Memorial Lifeflight and Wilton Lyndeborough Co-Op students Lucas Willette, Andrea Heck and Erin Beadtle. A dead body (played by Anne the Mannequin) and staff from WLC were all important in making this event happen.



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battle in American history at this point in time. Union soldiers fought hard, but retreated in disarray. Harvey Holt was the first man from New Hampshire killed in the Civil War.

The Harvey Holt family monument is a large obelisk, and is in the left most corner of the oldest section of South Cemetery, high above Furnace Hill Road. The inscription reads:

"In battle he fell, while bravely fighting.
He thought of his friends far away.
For his country his life blood was shed.
And bravely he passes away."

On July 9, 1861, a 20 minute cannon exchange between Confederates on Ship Island, off the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, and the U.S.S. Massachusetts led the Confederates to abandon the island. The fort under construction, was renamed Fort Massachusetts and became a Union prison for Confederate prisoners of war. George R. Follansbee, Eighth Regiment, NH Vol. died of disease on Ship Island May 1, 1862.

John Hartshorn also served in Company 1, 2nd Regiment of the NH Vol. The 2nd Regiment wore Union gray uniforms the entire war and refused to switch to Union blue. John Hartshorn survived the first battle of Bull Run. He was killed May 5, 1862, age 21. He was one of 2,283 Union soldiers killed in the Battle of Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Mississippi River was important in the Civil War, because it was the easiest way to travel and transport goods. The Confederacy controlled the Mississippi River between Port Hudson, Louisiana, and Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Union made the Mississippi River campaigns a priority. The following Lyndeborough soldiers were involved in these campaigns.

Walter Chamberlain, age 17, 16th Regiment, NH Vol. died of disease in New Orleans, May 7, 1863.

L. Nathan Hodgman, 8th Regiment, NH Vol., was wounded at Port Hudson, Louisiana, on May 27, 1863. He died on his way home, January 9, 1865.

Corporal Edward P. Ross, 8th Regiment, NH Vol., was killed at the failed assault of Port Hudson, Louisiana on June 14, 1863.

Port Hudson was the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River. When Port Hudson eventually fell on July 9, 1863, the Union controlled the Mississippi River.

Jotham P. Draper, 8th Regiment, NH Vol. died of disease, June 14, 1863, in a hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

John R Butler , approximate age 22, 16th Regiment, NH Vol., died of disease in a hospital in New Orleans, June 28, 1863.

Corporal Eben J. Palmer, 16th Regiment, NH Vol., died June 30, 1863 in Baton Rouge.

Nathan S. Harris, age 27, 16th Regiment, NH Vol., was detailed as a wagoner and drowned in the Mississippi River near White River, Arkansas, August 6, 1863, on the way home.

On July 4, 1863, Vicksburg, Missippi, fell to the Union after months of intense fighting.

John H. Karr, 16th Regiment, NH Vol., died of disease at Vicksburg, August 10, 1863.

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At the same time, Lyndeborough men were also fighting in the Army of the Potomac.

Frederick S. Maning, 5th Regiment, NH Vol., was wounded December 13, 1862 in the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia. This battle is known as the most one sided battle of the Civil War, with Union casualties more than twice those of the Confederates. He was killed in the Battle of The Wheatfield on July 2, 1863 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Of the 20,444 men (Union and Confederate) who fought in the Battle of The Wheatfield, 30% were killed, wounded or captured. The 19-acre Wheatfield is considered among the bloodiest battles on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

William Langdell first served in the 1st Regiment, NH Vol. from April 22 to August 9, 1861. He re-enlisted August 30, 1861 in Company H 14th US Infantry, was captured May 5, 1864, in Wilderness, Virginia, and died in Andersonville Prison, Georgia on September 25, 1864. This prison was the most infamous Confederate prison of the Civil War. Sergeant William Langdell was one of nearly 13,000 who died there. The site of the prison is now the Andersonville National Historic Site and the cemetery where he is buried is now a National Cemetery. Over 40% of all Union prisoners of war who died, died in Andersonville Prison.

Corporal Austin Blood, 1st NH Cavalry, was wounded November 12, 1864 near New Town and Cedar Creek, VA and died of wounds at Winchester, Virginia, December 10, 1864.

Two soldiers in Lyndeborough just missed being on the Civil War Memorial. James Boutwell, who died one day after coming home from the war, as described above. Gorham B. Clark enlisted at age 15 in the 5th Massachusetts Regiment and served from September 1, 1862 to July 2, 1863. He re-enlisted March 26, 1864, in the US Signal Corps and died July 24, 1865, at age 18 years, 3 months and 6 days, two and a half months after the war ended. He is buried in Johnson Corner.

I couldn't find an exact number of men from Lyndeborough who participated in the Civil War. The book, "Lyndeborough, Hillsborough County, N. H. Tombstone Inscriptions 1764-1980" by Ann Louise Nichols, has 81 names, units served and pension numbers for the Civil War. The old Lyndeborough history book lists 98 men who marched off to fight far away in the Civil War. Of these, 7 re-enlisted, 5 were killed in action, 10 died from their wounds or from disease, 1 drowned, 1 was captured and returned to the Union by an exchange of prisoners and 1 died as a POW. Many were wounded and some discharged for disability or disease. In addition, 55 men from the Lafayette Artillery were stationed at Fort Constitution on New Castle Island to guard Portsmouth Harbor. The site is now a state park..

In the old Lyndeborough history book, the last sentence in Chapter 10 "Lyndeborough in the Civil War" sums up all veterans: ***"Honor to whom honor is due!"***

In Memory of 9-11-2001 and Our Mom Margaret Hutchinson

By Alice Gray & Family

Twelve years ago was the terrible bombing of the World Trade Center twin towers, and in 2013 the work crews are completing the final touches on the new memorial tower at Ground Zero in New York. The new tower is dedicated to the memory of all the victims and families. Please say prayers for the survivors.

Also on 9-11-1913 my mom, Margaret Schmidt Hutchinson was born to Edward Schmidt Sr. and Alice Cheever Schmidt. She lived her life in the church and for her family. From the time she was sixteen years old, Mom played the organ for various churches including the United Church of Lyndeborough, for years. Margaret married Calvin Hutchinson in 1946, and together they raised three children of their own, and at least thirty-five more foster children.

This 9-11-2013, she would have been 100 years old. So Mom, from your family, in loving memory of your birthday, we will think of you and mark the day for you and all the 9-11-2001 victims and families.

Wilton Lyndeborough Youth Center - Goss Park

By Kristin Schwab, Park Director

Come enjoy the Summer of 2013 with us at Goss Park. We offer red cross certified swim lessons, swim team, swimming, snack bar and daily activities. The park will again be offering tennis lessons, tots soccer, youth soccer, and youth basketball camps during the summer. Hope you will join us for a great summer of fun! Go to www.gosspark.org for more information or call 654-6053.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Middle School inducted twelve members into the newly formed Souhegan Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on April 8 at a ceremony held in the cafeteria where the students recited the NJHS Pledge then received certificates and yellow Honor Society tassels. The middle school choir and band performed for a packed audience of parents, fellow classmates and faculty. Guidance Counselor Shannon O'Donnell started the new chapter to give middle school students more options for community service and growth. Front row left to right: Nora Marcinuk, RJ Humphreys, Jack Reid, Ashley Humphreys, Katya Lutz and Abby van Ham. Middle row; Lexi Balam, Emma Krug and Autumn Roberts. Back row: Ian Losee, Grace Wight and Danielle Bird. Nine out of the twelve new NJHS members attended the Lyndeborough Central School!

To be accepted as a member of NJHS a student first is nominated based upon their GPA then the student can apply for membership if they choose and there is an acceptance process based upon the following qualities: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character plus a written essay about why each student felt they would be a valuable member of NJHS reviewed anonymously by a Faculty Council.

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Wilton/Lyndeborough Brownie Troop #10957 sent boxes of donated Girl Scout cookies to the Air Force 376th Expeditionary Security Forces K-9 Squadron, "The Guardians of the Night," currently serving in Kygyzstan. Shown in the photo is Staff Sergeant Nicholas Earle of Lyndeborough, with Ricsi, his unit's Tactical Explosive Detection Dog. Earle's sister, Ryleigh Smith, is a member of the Brownie Troop.

SUMMER FARMERS MARKETS SCHEDULE

Though it seemed not to be coming for a while, spring did finally appear. This means summer is right around the corner, bringing with it the wonderful weekly outdoor farmers markets. The farmers are currently hard at work growing healthy food for you to consume. Below are the days and locations of several of our local markets:

WILTON: TUESDAYS from 3–6, starting June 11th. Located in the small park next to Nelsons Candy on Main St.

MERRIMACK: WEDNESDAYS from 3-6 starting June 19th. Located on DW Highway in the Tractor Supply parking lot across the street from the post office.

AMHERST: THURSDAYS from 3-6. Located on the Amherst Village Green.

MILFORD: SATURDAYS from 10-1. Located on Elm St. in the parking lot in front of Tractor Supply.

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The Open Cupboard Pantry, located at Sacred Heart Church in Wilton, needs donations of: canned tuna, meals in a can (such as spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.), laundry detergent, toothpaste, brownie/cake mixes, sugar, crackers and canned fruit. A donation box will be available at the J. A. Tarbell Library.

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Senior Dinners, sponsored by the Open Cupboard Pantry, will be held this summer on Sunday, June 15th, Friday, July 19th and Sunday, August 17th at Sacred Heart Church in Wilton. These dinners are free and open to all seniors of Wilton and Lyndeborough. For more information on either of these or for transportation to the dinner, call Roger or Linda at 654-2635.

Yankee Flag Pole….. *(Continued from page 5)*

During the past 30 years, he has worked in the construction industry in the area, including subbing for various contractors building entire homes and doing finish work on Phil Brooks Post and Beam homes. He also makes cement counters of any color, shape and texture. If you can imagine it, he can probably create it. He made a counter and backsplash with different colored imbedded glass for a pretty and colorful effect.

In 2008, Keith was in a serious motorcycle accident on Center Road; the accident left him in bad shape. After 2 months in rehab, he was finally able to return to his home. Prior to the accident, he had been in the process of remodeling and making his home livable, but in his physical state following the accident, he could not perform any of the necessary work to finish it. The house was little more than a shell. Keith didn't know, what he was going to do, and is still in awe of what happened next. A friend in the construction business knew of his plight and phoned some contacts from the construction business. Before Keith knew it, people began showing up at his home and finished his apartment in one month. Keith believes the contacts made it far nicer than he could have done on his own. Plumbers, sheet rockers, electricians, sanders, painters, even a fuel company came in and supplied and finished his apartment. He did not know some of the folks who showed up to do their bit. It gave him a faith in humanity knowing there are a lot of very kind and generous people out there.

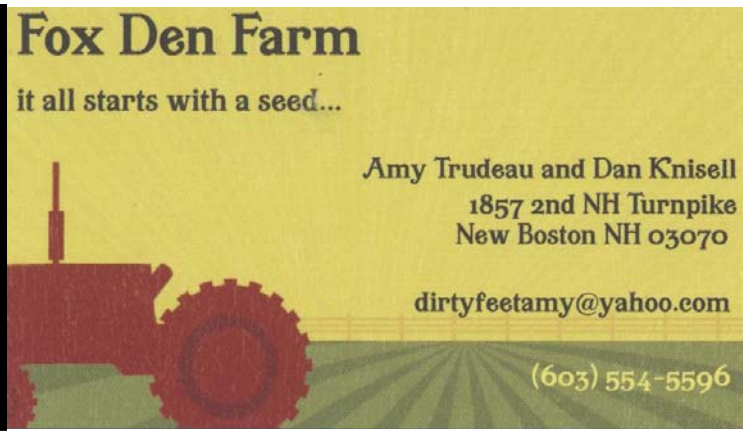
After Keith took over the Yankee Flag Poles business, he created a website and built up sales. He has sold flagpoles to post offices, town halls, government buildings, military posts, and lots of McDonald's restaurants. Some customers are as far away as Yonkers, New York. There is not a lot of repeat business because his well-made poles last forever. He also sells many smaller stick flags to be placed on cemeteries. He supplied Lyndeborough with the flags that are placed on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

In addition to his poles, Keith sells any and all flags anyone could possibly want. They are all of good quality and American made. Some of the flags he sells are Old Glory (USA), the 50 state flags, POW/MIA (donated with the purchase of a flagpole), religious, sports, and various national flags. Believe it or not, New Hampshire is the most expensive of the state flags, probably due to all of the different colors. He believes you will not find a comparable flag for less money.

One of Keith's many hobbies is motorcycle riding. The riding group Rolling Thunder donated a POW/MIA flag to our town and Keith donated a US flag, a NH state flag, and halyard. The flags are all proudly hung in the Lyndeborough Memorial Park across from the Village Store.

Hopefully, the next time you see a flag waving from a pole, you may think differently about the flag and all the work that is needed to make the pole.

Keith can be reached at his web site www.yankeeflagpoles.com or by phone at 654-6700.



In Memory of Lillian Holt Slosek
July 24, 1912 – March 27, 2013

The oldest living relative of the Holt family recently passed away at the age of 100. Lillian Holt Slosek was the daughter of Harry and Bessie Holt of Lyndeborough, born in 1912, and she had a full and happy life as a centurion. Lillian was their eldest child and she had three younger siblings. She grew up in Lyndeborough and went to school here. Lillian continued her education at the University of New Hampshire, from which she graduated in 1934, then taught in Troy and Wilton High School. She married Dr. Edward Slosek in 1938, who was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, and for the next 22 years she enjoyed being a "navy wife" while her family lived in interesting places including Hawaii, the Panama Canal, the east and west coast and Guam, where she was a teacher. Lillian and Edward had two daughters, Carol and Sandra. In 1958 they retired in Tallahassee, but they moved to Tennessee in early 80's.

Lillian had one last homecoming. In 2010, she attended Lyndeborough's 275th Celebration at Community Day and read excerpts from her book "Mom Remembers" to the crowd. Lillian also provided photographs from Lyndeborough's 200th and 250th Celebrations for everyone to enjoy and view. She wrote a book about the Holt family tree that dates back to 1740 called "From Went I Cometh".

"She really loved this town," said her nephew, Wally Holt who still lives in the Holt homestead on Forest Road. "My aunt Lillian is the last of my grand-folks' children; she was the eldest but they all died before her." Wally went on to explain that Aunt Lillian traced the family history from England through the ancestors who settled and built the house in Lyndeborough, where Andy Roeper lives now on Holt Road, which was the original homestead. Records show there was another homestead before that but it burnt down in 1740. Andy Holt was the last family member to move to the "bright lights" in Lyndeborough's Village area and the Holt clan has been in the "new house" for 110 years.

Wally may be the eldest Holt now at age 64, and he enjoys passing along the family and town history.

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Kitchen Views……

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CRUST:
1-½ C all-purpose flour
½ C (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
¼ C packed brown sugar

PREHEAT oven to 350 degrees. Grease 13X9 inch pan.

For Crust:
BEAT flour, butter, and brown sugar in a small mixer bowl until crumbly. Press into greased baking pan.
BAKE for 12 to 15 minutes until lightly browned.

FILLING:
3 Large eggs
¾ C corn syrup
¾ C granulated sugar
2 Tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 Teaspoon vanilla extract
1-¾ C (11.5 oz. pkg.) Nestle Semi Sweet chocolate chunks
1-½ C coarsely chopped pecans

For Filling:
BEAT eggs, corn syrup, granulated sugar, butter and vanilla in a medium bowl with a wire whisk. Stir in chocolate chunks and nuts. Pour evenly over baked crust.

BAKE 25 to 30 mins or until set. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Makes 2-3 dozen depending on how they are cut.

Town of Wilton Ambulance holds EMS Week Appreciation Dinner

By Gary Zirpolo, Chief of Department, Wilton Ambulance

The Town of Wilton Ambulance held their annual Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Week Recognition Dinner on Saturday, May 18, at Lyndeborough Center Hall. The dinner honors the dedicated service (largely volunteer) provided by the members of Wilton Ambulance. Invited guests were from the members of the Service, the Boards of Selectman of each town (Wilton, Lyndeborough and Temple), and the Ambulance Association Board of Directors.

EMS Week is designated as May 19-26 for recognizing the dedication and work of EMS personnel and educating the public about EMS. The theme for 2013 is "EMS: One Mission, One Team," and Wednesday, May 22, was designated EMS for Children Day.

Chief Zirpolo commented that all the accomplishments of the Town of Wilton Ambulance would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of every member, from drivers to paramedics. Chief Zirpolo also thanked the significant others and family members for giving up their time with the loved ones so they can volunteer.

Chief Gary Zirpolo, along with Captain Robert Cole, presented Length of Service Awards to members of the service along with three additional awards. They went to Joe Kenney for the "EMT of the Year," Ellen Leavitt for the "Paramedic of the Year," and Captain Robert Cole for "Most Volunteer Hours Performed."

Wilton Selectman William Condra, who was in attendance, posted on his Facebook page:

> *" ... We have a tremendous respect and admiration for the members of the Wilton Ambulance Service. Last night's presentation included continuity of service awards to individuals who have completed from 2 to 18 years of service to the Towns of Wilton, Lyndeborough and Temple. Several of the individuals introduced last night were just completing their training and will soon be full members of the Ambulance Service. These individuals are to be congratulated for their willingness to become involved. Graduating trainees are the future recipients of the 2 to 18 years of continuity of service awards ... "*

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COVER PHOTO: The Lafayette Artillery and the Black River Fife & Drum pose for a group shot prior to the Memorial Day 2013 Parade. The Black River Fife & Drum has been participating in our Memorial Day parades for over 20 years. *Photo By Kathleen Humphreys*

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