

Lyndeborough Views

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Know Your Neighbor - Ashley and RJ Humphreys

By Nadine Preftakes

Being raised in a small town has its benefits, but it can be exciting and scary having to spread your wings when moving onto a new venture, sometimes much sooner than expected. High school students RJ Humphreys, age 16, and Ashley Humphreys, age 14, are spending this academic school year at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine, leaving behind their family, friends, comforts of home and their Lyndeborough support system.

However, having known both of them for most of their lives, as they truly are my neighbors, I am confident they are up to the challenge to navigate life in a boarding high school due to the community involvement they experienced in Lyndeborough. They attended Lyndeborough Central and the Wilton-Lyndeborough Co-Op. At WLC, RJ and Ashley were charter members of the National Junior Honor Society and Peer Mediation. They did well academically-Ashley graduated first in her 8th grade class and RJ was ranked in the top 10. They both received generous scholarships to Gould Academy and Ashley was named the Joe Roderick Scholar at Gould for 2014-2015.

At WLC Ashley played soccer and softball while RJ played soccer and baseball. Sports took a different route for RJ this fall, and he chose to try the mountain bike team at Gould where he enjoyed the sport immensely. His team won the New England Championships. Ashley was on the

Gould JV soccer team and was awarded the Coach's Award. Ski practice started on November 3, so they are already on the hill training and pursuing their dreams.

As most people know, competitive ski racing is a big part of Ashley's and RJ's lives. Attending Gould Academy will allow them to train more often without having to travel hours from home and miss days at school. They can compete at a high level of ski racing while also getting an excellent education in a nurturing environment only five miles from Sunday River. The winter academic schedule consists of a half-day in the classroom and a half-day on the mountain. They also have Saturday classes on occasion and mandatory study hall in the evenings.

Gould Academy prides themselves on a strong sense of community, while the school size is similar to Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative HS. "It's a small cute community like Lyndeborough," said Ashley.

They have volunteered as much as possible in their young lives because their parents, Kathleen and Ray, have been instrumental in encouraging their children to help out in whatever capacity they were capable of. I have seen them at almost every community function such as the Apple Festival, Community Day, Memorial Day Parades, Veterans Day Celebration, at the polls on election day raising

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LYNDEBOROUGH HOLIDAY FAIR RESCHEDULED



Due to the recent snow storm the Lyndeborough Holiday Fair scheduled for November 29th at the J.A. Tarbell Library is being postponed till Saturday, December 13th, 9 am - 2 pm, at the library.

Please plan to support your local crafters and buy some unique and unusual gifts for the holidays. Check the town web site for the flyer which lists the vendors and their products.

ELECTION DAY



Election Day in Lyndeborough

Top Left: Town Moderator Walter Holland thanking Ralph Dwyer for his vote and the wonderful doughnuts he and Helen always bring to election day.

Top Right: Bud McEntee. **Left:** 1 year old Clemmens Baker

VETERANS DAY



Above: Veterans Richard Herfurth and Todd Mason

Left: Veteran Mark Shultz fires the Lafayette Artillery's Cannon.

Wilton Lyndeborough School Update

By Geoffrey Brock, Wilton/Lyndeborough School Board Chair

The big news this year is the construction of the consolidated elementary school in Wilton. We are happy to report so far the project is on schedule and on budget. We are more confident now of success than when we voted last March. The next big milestone will be this February vacation when we move the students in the 1950's wing of Florence Rideout Elementary school into the new building. Work on Lyndeborough Central School is estimated to begin this summer.

The school district is still very focused on implementing our "Good to Great" plan for our district schools. Some of the successes so far are: The alignment of our curriculum with the state Department of Education evaluation models, improving the school culture and climate by creating more parent meetings and better and regular communications to parents, and providing leadership and service to the community by having the middle school science classes do a water study of the river in downtown Wilton and present the results to community members.

We have started our budget process for the 2015-2016 school year. The Budget Committee and School Board had their first meeting on November 5. We are happy to report that the new budget will include at least as much consolidation savings as was forecasted in March. With the consolidation savings the cost of the new construction and renovation to Florence Rideout and Lyndeborough Central School will not raise school taxes for either town. Our next joint Budget/School Board meeting is December 9 at 7 pm.

2014/2015 WINTER FARMERS' MARKETS

By Adrienne Colsia

The winter markets have begun, and a wide variety of high quality, locally grown/ made goods are available there. Beef, lamb, pork, poultry, duck, tilapia, vegetables, eggs, goat milk, cheese, honey, and maple syrup can be found along with soups and chowders, jams and jellies, locally roasted coffee, and premade dinners such as eggplant parmesan, lasagna, meatballs, and 3-cheese ravioli. We now have French pastry in addition to artisan bread and an assortment of baked goods, wool products including all-natural non-dyed skeins of yarn and sheep pelts. Stock up on goat milk soap and bee-so-soft skin cream made with jojoba oil. Additionally, we have guest vendors who bring their unique products to the markets such as elk and specialty teas. You are sure to find something you like while you are entertained with live music as you shop. Stop in at the Winter Farmers' Markets and show your support for our local hard working members of our community.

Below is the schedule for the two local winter farmers' markets:

MILFORD: Milford Town Hall Auditorium located on the Oval, 10 am - 1 pm on the following Saturdays: 12/6, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21, and 4/11. For more information see their web site at www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com. Also "like" us on Facebook at [Milford farmers market of NH](#) to receive periodic updates. For more information contact Wayne at 345-0860.

BEDFORD FIELDS: Route 101 across from Hannaford's Supermarket. Located in their beautiful greenhouse 10 am -3 pm on the following Saturdays in January and February 2015: 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, and 2/28..

We hope to see you there!



Stories in Stone: Spotted Fever

By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

A notice in Concord's "New Hampshire Patriot" dated February 25, 1812, reads:

"Died. In Lyndeborough, of the Spotted Fever, a daughter of Mr. Edward Bullard, aged 10 ---- two children of Mr. Asa Manning ---- a son of Mr. ----- Haggett ---- Mr. David Butterfield ---- Mr. Jacob Manning ---- two daughters of Capt. Clark ---- a son of Mr. Jacob Wellman."

According to the 1905 Lyndeborough history book, thirteen died in Lyndeborough over thirteen days in February 1812. It also states that in 1812, in less than three months, in the town of Acworth, fifty-three of fifty-eight deaths, were caused by this plague.



Spotted Fever or Cold Plague, as it was also called, occurred in the winters of 1812-1815 in New England and as far as Ohio. It's hard to tell what Spotted Fever or Cold Plague was in today's terms. Various references call it typhus or meningitis. Symptoms were initially, extreme torpor and cold (I don't know if a person had chills or their temperature was low), followed by a very high fever. Remedies of the time were varied and included making the patient sweat by keeping the bed hot with steam--because otherwise the patient became cold and would soon die, drinking spirits (alcohol) by pints and quarts (!), and drawing quantities of blood.

One cure from vermontgenealogy.com was "to one quart of lime, add one gallon of water. To one quart of tar, add two quarts of water. Let these stand in separate vessels until they froth, skim the froth, pour them together. To this mixture add eight ounces of saltpeter" [potassium nitrate which is found in gunpowder], "four ounces of opium - take a glass before going to bed and repeat the same in four or five hours." Makes you wonder how anyone could survive the cure.

Of the thirteen Lyndeborough deaths in thirteen days in February 1812, I can only find records of nine in the 1905

Lyndeborough history book, the cemetery maps and the database. We don't even know the names of two.

The daughter of Mr. Edward Bullard, aged 10, is not on a cemetery map, in the database or in the genealogy section of the 1905 history book.

Olive Manning, daughter of Asa & Olive Manning was born June 3, 1805 and died February 12, 1812, age 6 years, 8 months 9 days.

Sarah Manning, daughter of Asa & Olive Manning, born July 11, 1807, also died February 12, 1812. She was 4 years 7 months 1 day.

Their father, Asa Manning, was a farmer from Johnson Corner, who was selectman and also represented the town in the legislature during 1842-1844. Asa and his wife, Olive Manning, are buried in Johnson Corner. Current maps and records do not show the daughters Olive or Sarah Manning being buried in Johnson Corner, though

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Election Day was a Family Affair in Lyndeborough.

Left: Zach Penney and his Mom Elizabeth take a look in the Ballot Box
Below: Kendall Lennon helps Dad place his ballot in the box.



School Memories

By Polly Brown

Did you go to one of the one room schools in Lyndeborough? If you did, there must be memories that you would like to share with people who never attended a school that had eight grades in one classroom and only 15 or 20 students and one teacher.

Memories are being collected from students who attended Lyndeborough Central School. We know there are still people who have memories of school days before 1949, living in our town or living in other areas outside Lyndeborough, that have something to share.

We would like to have a memory gathering after the holiday season. If you are interested please call Polly Brown, 603-654-9234.



TOWN ELECTION & TOWN MEETING INFORMATION – March 2015



Town Election will be Tuesday March 10th. At this point in time the location has not been confirmed so please check the town website as well as the local papers prior to the elections. It will be held at Citizens' Hall or Old Town Hall.

Town Meeting will be Saturday March 14 at 10am at Citizens' Hall. Filing for Town Offices will be from Wednesday January 21st through Friday January 30th. Trish Schultz will be in the office from 3-5pm on Friday January 30 for filing only.

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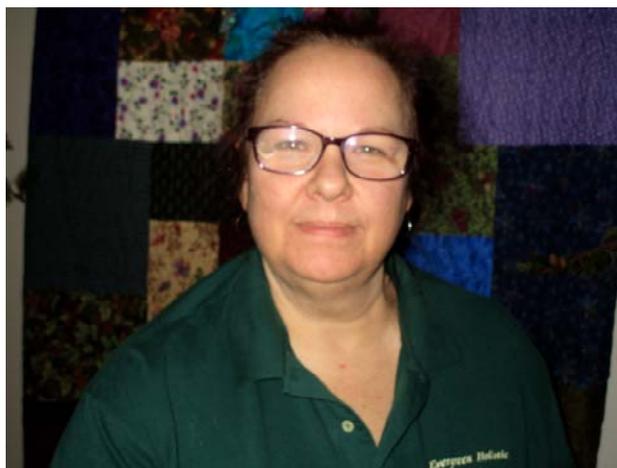
By *Adrienne Colsia*

Are you feeling stressed? Do you have pain that just won't go away? Have you suffered an injury recently? Is your body complaining about sleeping on a bad mattress? Are you stuck sitting in one position at work for hours on end? Fortunately for you, Mary Delong and her business, Evergreen Massage, are ready to help! Mary moved to town a year ago bringing with her years of experience and a wealth of knowledge in therapeutic massage, Reiki, deep tissue trigger point therapy, and more.

After growing up in Buffalo, New York, she moved to the New England area in 1988. She became a stay at home mom when her son Ian was born in 1995. Little did she know the huge positive effect Ian would have on her, eventually causing her life to go in an entirely new direction. When Ian was 3 years old he had a vocabulary of only ten words and was diagnosed as being verbally dyspraxic, meaning he knew what he wanted to say, but couldn't find the words to say it. He also had other sensitive issues including dyslexia and high functioning autism/Asperger's Syndrome. He was also gifted. Early intervention efforts failed, which sent Mary on her own search to help resolve his issues.

Leaving no stone unturned, she came across Cranial Sacral Therapy (CST). When Ian was between the ages of 3-5, she took him to see an osteopath who performed this work. She started seeing changes and when they were driving home after only the 3rd or 4th appointment, Ian suddenly said, "That way is home." Those four simple words demonstrated amazing progress and Mary was thrilled. This same therapy helped resolve his sensory integration issues as well.

Amazed at the gentleness and powerfulness of this therapy, she pursued taking classes at the Upledger Institute, which is the world leader in cranial sacral education. The late Dr. John Upledger developed and expanded this form of therapy. The body knows how to heal itself, and CST helps regulate the flow of cerebrospinal fluid, which induces the body to heal itself. This is a method for detecting the motion of the Cranial Sacral system and for assessing imbalance within the body.



Mary now knew she had found her path in life. Seeing the profound impact these therapies had on Ian, Mary wanted to help others. Ian is now nineteen years old and recently completed a course in Canada on commercial beekeeping. On a side note he is looking for places to put beehives next spring. If any of you would like bees to pollinate your vegetation, please contact Mary.

Massage is considered to be a non-invasive therapy, and it works effectively with the systems of the body. It can be beneficial to a number of health concerns. It improves circulation and flexibility and can ease chronic pain. Over the years Mary expanded upon this love of hers and now offers a wide variety of therapeutic services. She studied under Reiki Master Libby Barnett right here in Wilton and is now a Reiki Master herself. This gentle therapy uses the universal life force energy, and through her hands and touch she transfers this energy into her client, leaving the client feeling more relaxed and centered, and it can relieve pain. She provides an assortment of massage therapies including Swedish

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Massage, Neuromuscular Therapy, Trigger Point Therapy, Cranial Sacral Therapy, Myofascial Release, Hydrotherapy Treatments, some acupuncture and reflexology, and more. She incorporates hot stones in one of her treatments. She keeps up her licensing by taking refresher courses every two year, to help her stay on top of the latest techniques and therapies. For more detailed information on what each of these therapies entails, visit her web site at www.evergreenholistictherapies.com.

Last year, after raising her son in Brookline for 13 years, she wanted to expand her business, so she and her husband David, a construction welder, looked for a house in the center of a town. They found a cute home with lots of personality right next to the Tarbell Library here in Lyndeborough. Her practice is in a cozy room attached to the home. They like it here, particularly the down to earth realness of its citizens. She also has an office in Nashua located inside Marc Anthony's salon in the strip mall next to Kohl's shopping center.



Her appointments are client driven. She is available, by appointment only, seven days a week and has evening sessions, too. She would love to sit down with you and discuss your short and long term goals. She feels confident her therapies will help with whatever is ailing you. The best way to reach her is to call or text her at (603) 315-3328.

Veterans Day in Lyndeborough



Left: Pvt. & Vietnam Veteran Rich Armstrong

Below: Bob Booraem and Water Holland (both US Army Veterans)



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GETTING TO KNOW MONADNOCK OIL

By Adrienne Colsia

A friend from Lyndeborough raved about how helpful a man from Monadnock Oil had been. She was having problems with her furnace and he had been taking care of them. After talking with my friend, I thought others may want to know about this local, reliable, and helpful company. Monadnock Oil can sell, install, and service oil tanks, hot water heaters, furnaces and boilers, and air conditioners.

Rob Jones, owner of the company, is a "hands on" kind of man, who prefers working hard to sitting still. After attending high school, he started on a journey that exposed him to a variety of careers. Among his many jobs he learned mechanics by working on cars, did landscaping, and drove delivery trucks including delivering appliances and antiques. Some of his childhood friends were in the heating business and he'd call them when he needed help with his furnace. They would tell him that he was good enough to do his own repairs, if he learned how.



He decided to learn and started out by doing duct-work, then switched to plumbing. Eventually he landed a job with Lorden Oil who put him through school and where he found his true calling. After years of working for others, he formed his own company, Monadnock Oil, in 2003. He is based on Glass Factory Road where he also resides with his significant other, Tiffany, and their 3 year-old son Nate. It is a family affair, as Tiffany is the Office Manager and Rob's adult son, Nick, also works for him.

Rob grew up in the area, and his family has deep roots here. His great-grandparents, William and Frannie Jones, owned the Lyndeborough Village Store 1943-1956. Their daughter and her husband, Fred and Shirley (Jones) Lorette, owned the store from 1956-1963. Rob's dad, Bob Jones, grew up on Forest Road and owned Do All Rent All in Milford. Rob's aunt and uncle, Kelly and Barry True, live on Center Road, and many know Barry as an excellent chimney cleaner. Rob met Tiffany four years ago when a kayaking date turned into much more. They moved to their current home and started a family.

Monadnock Oil can meet all your needs when it comes to sales, service, and installation of oil tanks, hot water heaters, furnaces and boilers, and air conditioners. Each employee is certified, and it is important to them that their customers are happy with the work they provide. They offer free estimates and will give any first time customers \$20 off a tune-up if they show them this article. Rob is committed to his community and supports any local businesses he can. He would welcome the chance to help you with your heating needs. He can be reached at 654-7645 or 315-2988.

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the flag or helping at the bake sale table, and participating or helping out at Santa and the Easter Bunny's visit. They have painted the town barn a few times, cleared brush from an old Revolutionary War cemetery and placed flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

The sense of community service is still strong in them as Ashley has volunteered with "Reach Out" at Gould Academy, which helps the community raise money for a food pantry. And RJ, who has been a member of the Lafayette Artillery since age eleven, commented, "When I woke up today I looked at the calendar and realized it was Veterans Day and I missed being in Lyndeborough with the Lafayette Artillery. It was weird not to be there to raise the flag, help fire the cannon and to sound 'Taps.'" But on that day, both students found time to volunteer their time giving tours to perspective new students.

Election Day in Lyndeborough is a unique experience, and the Humphreys kids realized that young. They enjoyed going into the polls while their mom marked her ballot and then each took a turn being picked up so that they could reach the ballot box and place their mom's ballot inside. Moderator Walter Holland always made them feel very special. As they grew older, elections became even more meaningful, because before they went to school they would help Walter raise a special flag in honor of a deceased Artillery member, Edna Worcester. This special flag proudly flew over the United States Capital before making its way to Lyndeborough.

The Lafayette Artillery Company has been in existence since 1804. RJ has always been enamored with the company and their brass cannon. He was about 4 years old in the earliest known photo of him at an artillery encampment at Town Hall, smiling while standing



RJ and Ashley Humphreys

between all the members of the artillery. Little did they know, he would be sitting at the encampments as a member, in a few short years. Pvt. RJ Humphreys enlisted at age 11 and is helping to keep the artillery and its rich history alive. He helps take care of the historic 1844 six-pound cannon, marches in parades, participates in Veterans Day and is their bugler. Ashley has been involved for a while but officially joined in 2012.

One very special event that RJ and Ashley enjoy is walking alongside Captain Walter Holland through the Lyndeborough Cemeteries while placing flags on each veteran's grave for Memorial Day. Not only do they love carrying all the flags and placing them carefully and respectfully on the veterans' graves, they enjoy hearing the stories that Captain Holland relates to them about each veteran. His combined love for history, freedom and young people always shines brightly when he tells of the sacrifices that these men and women made for their country. I had the privilege of attending one year and was totally fascinated by the vast knowledge that Walter possesses for each soldier and how passionately he tells their stories. In doing so, he has instilled in RJ and Ashley that same respect and love for, not only Lyndeborough, but our country.

After RJ joined the artillery company, Burton Reynolds gave RJ his high school bugle while friends, Christian Hettiger and Joe Kenick taught him how to play. RJ practiced until he became proficient at sounding "Taps". I remember taking walks down Crooked S Road in the summertime, and I always considered it a treat to hear RJ playing soulful sounds on his bugle as he faithfully practiced "Taps". It made me proud that a young person had such persistence to persevere and make each note as professional as he could, especially for such a solemn occasion.

Before leaving for Gould, RJ told me he loves that Lyndeborough is steeped in history, and he loves knowing a lot of people. Ashley said, "I love that I get to help my neighbors and the people I know. I love that the town is not too big and not too small."

They left for Bethel on September 3. Dorm life is a new experience for each of them, but both have enjoyed meet-

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LCS Celebrates Halloween with a Parade and Party

Right: Chief Deware and Principal Tim O'Connell
Below: Some of our "Super Moms"
Below Right: Bobby Williams and his son Dallas.

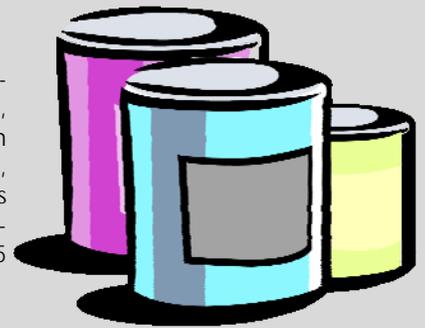


The Open Cupboard Pantry

If you are in need of some assistance to help you through, the Open Cupboard Pantry (OCP) is there to give you some relief.

The OCP is a food pantry 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 frozen meat (sometimes). Kitchen paper goods, bathroom toiletries, dish soap, laundry and bath soap, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, and other helpful supplies are there as well. The OCP is unique in allowing you to shop the shelves for what you need rather than pre-bagged supplies. It is available by appointment only, so please call Linda 654-2635 or Nancy 654-9387 to schedule an appointment.

With school vacation coming soon, the pantry is in need of meals in a can (soups, spaghetti-o's, etc.), canned fruit, and box mixes (brownies, cakes, muffins, etc.).



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

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there are unmarked graves next to their parents. There is no record of a son of Mr. ---- Haggett, who died in 1812, on any cemetery map. He is not in the genealogy section of the 1905 Lyndeborough history book. He might be the son of John Haggett who lived in Johnson Corner. There are unmarked graves next to John Haggett in Johnson Corner Cemetery.

David Butterfield was born in 1775 and died February 18, 1812, age 37 years. He is buried in Johnson Corner Cemetery. He lived next to the Haggetts' farm.

Mr. Jacob Manning might be the son of Jacob and Sarah Manning. They are buried in Johnson Corner Cemetery and there are unmarked graves next to them. They also lived on the same farm as Asa Manning, above, and the families are buried in adjoining lots.

Hannah, wife of Alfred Killam, daughter of William and Sarah Clark, was born February 13, 1793. Her son, Alfred Clark Killam, was born January 1, 1812, and she died suddenly February 19, 1812, age 19 years, 6 days. Hannah Killam is buried in Center Cemetery.

Deborah Clark, another daughter of William and Sarah Clark, was born May 3, 1803, and died February 19, 1812, age 8 years 9 months 16 days, the same day as her sister, Hannah. She is also buried in Center Cemetery and shares a beautiful double headstone with her sister.

Their father, William Clark, was a farmer and drover (herder of sheep and cattle) and a selectman from 1798-1802. Their mother, Sarah Clark, gave birth to a daughter October 12, 1812 and named her Hannah D.

William Moor Wellman, a son of Mr. Jacob and Elizabeth Wellman, died February 19, 1812, age 16 years and is buried in Johnson Corner Cemetery.

Isabel Cram, wife of Jacob Cram, died either February 13, 1812 (headstone) or February 3, 1812 (history book), age 72. She is buried in South Cemetery. She died in the thirteen day time period for the Spotted Fever deaths, but there is no record of her cause of death in the 1905 Lyndeborough history book.

It's interesting to note that most of the people known to have died of Spotted Fever in Lyndeborough lived in Johnson Corner. It must have been a terrifying time to have so many people so seriously ill and die at the same time, some on the same day, in the same area.

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Senior Dinners



Another wonderful way the Open Cupboard Pantry contributes to the community is by providing a monthly Senior Dinner, at no charge, to all seniors in the area. These dinners are served in the hall of Sacred Heart Church; which is located to the right of the Open Cupboard Pantry on Maple Street in Wilton. Starting in January, the schedule for these meals will be adjusted so they will always be served the third Sunday of every month, from 4-6 p.m. The Senior Dinners are popular and are a good way to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club is planning to cook and serve the dinner in February.

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ing and getting to know their roommates. RJ's roommate is from Mexico, and Ashley's roommate is from Taiwan. They eat in the dining hall, do their own laundry and have to be responsible for themselves.

"I miss home and my family. Lyndeborough is a unique town and I'm not going to get anything else like it out there, but the transition went pretty good and I was able to get into a rhythm," said RJ. Ashley added, "Being on campus is fun and I like meeting new people, but I miss my family and my pooch and my old friends from school. Outside of Gould is like a small city. I miss the dirt roads in Lyndeborough."

Fred Douglas, a friend and mentor who was born and raised in Lyndeborough, told them, "Never forget your roots". I suspect that that will not be a problem.

Ashley and RJ's mom, Kathleen, commented "I miss them a lot and especially feel that loss during the many events in town that I'm now going to alone such as Veteran's Day or voting and fun events such as the Pumpkin Festival. "I'm really proud of them for taking on this challenge and being brave enough to leave home so young. I'm really glad they are there together because they are very close to one another as siblings,"

Lyndeborough is a very special community that realizes the value of helping others when help is needed, participating in town events and encouraging all of its members to give of their time and talents in whatever capacity that we are capable of. Volunteering is not always an easy task to accomplish. It takes time and commitment and a bit of putting yourself last and others first. It can be tricky, to balance your talent and time; but in so doing, you gain immeasurable and valuable experiences, memories and friends. It is refreshing to see, not only RJ and Ashley Humphreys, but many people, young and young at heart, of our town doing just that.

The Giving Tree – Please Support Our Local Families

By Karen Grybko, Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club

This season there will be two Giving Trees, one at the J.A. Tarbell Library and one at Citizens' Hall. Both will remain at their location until Friday, December 12. You will have access to the trees and gift tags during normal operating hours at each location.

Gift tags will be hung from the trees with a name, age, clothing size or gift request. You simply remove the tag, attach it to a **wrapped gift** and return the gift back to the Library or Citizens' Hall. Because some of our families may need assistance with food, gas, oil, etc., cash is greatly appreciated. The Women's Club will then purchase the needed products or gift certificates for the families. Some of the tags will also have "gift certificate" on them instead of a specific suggestion.

The children range in age from kindergarten to high school. All of the children attend either Lyndeborough Central School or Wilton-Lyndeborough Co-op. If you do not have the opportunity to shop for a gift, donations will be accepted towards local gift certificates. The older children from each family have gift requests that are educational in nature and more expensive. Cash donations would make it possible to fulfill their requests. When purchasing gift certificates please support your local businesses. Gift certificates to these stores have always been well received: The Toadstool Bookshop in Milford and Peterborough, Lady Rook and Bead in Wilton, The Color Shop in Wilton, Market Basket in Milford and The Dollar Store in Milford.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please call Karen Grybko at 654-5362. You may also leave your gifts at 24 Maple Lane if it is more convenient.



J.A. TARBELL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

J. A. Tarbell Library winter plans are beginning to take shape. We hope everyone can join us for these great programs. Please let us know if there is anything you are interested in. We are always looking for ideas!!

Monday, December 8th at 6:30 pm

Our Monday evening talks will continue starting with Brenda Scott speaking about Acupuncture. "Needles a little stress relief?" Come hear Brenda's talk on what acupuncture can do, listen to a story on its U.S. beginnings, and see how it works. Brenda had spent 25 years in the information technology industry when a near fatal auto accident led her to discover the wonders of acupuncture and to begin the journey that led her to become an acupuncturist.

Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Bob Welsh will present the Speaking for Wildlife Presentation, "*New Hampshire Bats and White Nose Syndrome*" sponsored by the NHU Cooperative Extension.

Monday, February 9th, 2015 at 6:30 pm

The NH Humanities Council (NHHC) will sponsor "*Discovering New England Stone Walls,*" with Kevin Gardner. Why are we so fascinated with stone walls? Kevin Gardner, author of *The Granite Kiss*, explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape.

Book to Movies are also continuing:

Pick up *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith, famous for writing *The Hundred and One Dalmatians at the library*. The novel relates the adventures of an eccentric family struggling to live in genteel poverty in a decaying castle during the 1930s. On **January 30**, in addition to the usual 1 pm movie and discussion, we are planning a second viewing at 7 pm. Please tell us if you plan on coming to the 7 pm show.

Outdoor Sky Watch Update

We were all disappointed with the cancellation of the outdoor sky watch with the New Hampshire Astronomical Society. We will try again in February. Watch the web site and Facebook page, J. A. Tarbell Library, for the date, time and location. With luck we will see Jupiter, Jupiter's moons, our moon, Andromeda Galaxy, Orion's Nebula and maybe Venus and Mars. An indoor talk will also be scheduled.

ONGOING AT THE LIBRARY

The **Museum** reimbursement program is still available.

Knitting and Crafts. Meet the 2nd and 4th Friday at 1 pm in the JAT Community Room. Anyone interested in an evening group, call 654-6790 or email: jatlprograms@gmail.com

Talespinners. A writing group, meets 10:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the JAT Community Room.

Wilton-Lyndeborough Significant Trees Group. Identifies and records all memorial trees or otherwise significant trees in Wilton and Lyndeborough. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 10 am.

Ongoing Book Sale - Books in the community room are for sale.

The JAT Community Room is available for meetings. Contact the library. This is your library. If there is something you would like, let us know. We will see what can be done.



2014 Report on the Progress of the Center Church

By Clayton Brown & Kent Perry

Three sides of the church have been painted. Wally Holt and Kent Perry did most of the painting. Next year we should have a grant to do the back of the building, and hopefully the shutters will be ready to be put back on at that time.

A grant was used to fund the repair of two of the large windows and the side-lights beside the right front door. Andy Roper did a nice job on these. The grant money came from a trust fund left by Ella F. Anderson. Ella established the trust because she wanted the churches in the area to be maintained.

There were 32 people who helped us with labor, volunteers, and contracting. In addition, there were 121 people in town, as well as Milford, Wilton, and Amherst, who donated \$21,000 and some even donated twice.

The account at the TD Bank is still open to receive donations to keep the church in proper repair. Please send your checks payable to The Lyndeborough Center Church Fund to TD Bank, Box 150, Wilton, NH 03086, attention the Lyndeborough Center Church Fund.

We would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thanks!" to everyone for their continued support!!



Santa is Coming!
Come one, come all
For Santa is arriving
On a big red fire truck!
Bring your wishes and dreams
To whisper in Santa's ear!
See the Christmas tree all aglow
And enjoy refreshments at
Citizens' Hall.
Sunday, December 7th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Kitchen Views.....

From Adrienne Colsia

CHOCOLATE CHIP COFFEE CAKE

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

BATTER

½ cup margarine or butter (one stick)	2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. baking soda
2 eggs	1 cup sour cream
2 cups flour	1 tsp. vanilla

Cream butter and sugar in a bowl. Mix in eggs to the creamed mixture. Once blended, stir in flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Add sour cream and vanilla to the mix and set aside.

TOPPING

1 cup chopped nuts (optional if you don't like nuts)
 1 pkg. (6oz) chocolate chips (I use Nestle semi-sweet and I also use a bit more)
 ¾ cup brown sugar
 1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix all topping ingredients together.

In a well-greased non-stick Bundt pan, alternate layers 1/3 topping on the bottom, 1/3 batter, 1/3 topping, 1/3 batter, and the remaining layers topping and batter. Using a knife swirl mixture together.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes. Cool in pan on wire wrack for 10 minutes before taking cake out of the pan.

My mother has given this cake out to family and neighbors at Christmastime for decades. She wraps it in tinfoil and covers with a bow. It tastes the best when heated so I microwave each piece before I eat it. Enjoy!

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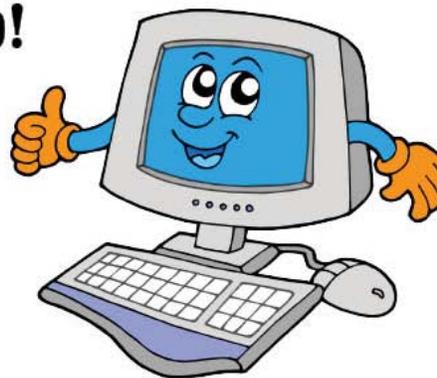
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