Lyndeborough Views

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IT'S MAPLE SUGARING TIME

By Adrienne Colsia

It's that time of year again, when the sugar houses fire up their evaporators and make delicious maple syrup. The season starts anytime after February 1 and lasts through March 31. Ideal weather for sugaring is temperature related, mid 30's during the day and below freezing at night. If it is not cold enough at night, the process will not work.

Here in Lyndeborough, two maple syrup businesses are busy at work. The Maple Guys and Four Saps Sugar Shack are currently in the thick of making syrup. The Maple Guys may sound familiar, as they have been in business for 10+ years. The Four Saps Sugar Shack is in its first year.

The Maple Guys is owned by the Pfeil family—Chris, Kim and their children Dylan 12, and Mishell, 10. Kim's father is very involved, too. The Pfeils recently bought 48 acres at 311 Cram Hill Road, which was once the location of the Old Holt Sugar House, formerly owned by Guy and Vera Holt. The Pfeils built a new fully automated shack with lumber milled from their property. This property appealed to them as the land slopes downhill to the sugar shack. They have installed an intricate, eco-friendly, green tubing system, which allows the sap tapped from the trees to flow directly into the shack. In addition to syrup, they make maple cream, cotton candy, and molded candy. Governor Hassan will perform a ceremonial tree tapping in March. Check their web site at www.mapleguys.com or phone (603) 487-3292 for the date and time of the event and any other information.

Chris is the inventor of three products, which are sold to the sugaring industry in the U.S. and Canada: Accucup (measures the density of syrup), Hands Free Bottler (a manual syrup filling valve), and Sensafill (allows for automatic filling). A welder by trade, he was always interested in how the evaporators were welded, which led

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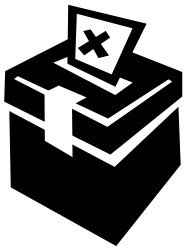
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 11th
Local Town Elections
Old Town Hall, Center Road
Voting time will be
10am – 7pm

Baked Goods and Lunch Provided by The Lafayette Artillery.



Saturday, March 15th
Town Meeting
At Citizens' Hall
9 Citizens' Hall Road
starting at 10am

Baked Goods and Lunch Provided by The Ladies Auxiliary.

QUESTIONS FOR SELECTMEN CANDIDATES – 2014

Name: Lee F. Mayhew

Why do you want to be a Selectman?

I have always believed in public service and I think it is an honor to be able to serve the citizens in the community that you live.

What are your top three qualifications for the position of Selectman?

1. Prior to my retirement at the end of 2002, I spent almost 19 years as the town administrator of Milford, NH. After retirement I worked in Amherst, Bow and back to Milford providing interim town administrator services. As such I am very familiar with the ins and outs of town government and how town government can serve its citizens in a calm, comprehensive and cost effective manner.
2. I care deeply for the community and its short and long term needs.
3. I am very comfortable in the role of facilitator to accomplish, in a balanced manner, the needs of the citizens with the available assets of the town.

Have you ever held any offices in town? Library Trustee & Zoning Board of Adjustment member.

What do you feel is the most important role as a Selectman in Lyndeborough?

Listen to the issues, understand and resolve the issues in an open and comprehensive manner with communication, clearly stating the rationale for the resolution and/or my position on the issue.

If elected, what would be your first three recommendations/actions for the town?

1. Take steps to insure citizen participation in the BOS (Board of Selectmen) meetings, one of welcoming, listening and helpfulness for the citizens who wish to interact with the BOS.
2. Insure that all "unfinished business" is not lost in the agenda process and that every question of a citizen is answered as completely and comprehensively as possible.
3. Insure that I have read and understood very comprehensively, before the meeting, all items that the selectmen are to act on.

And what would be your long term vision for the town?

Insuring the preservation of the small town, and rural characteristics of the community. Taking care of the town's infrastructure and other needs in the most comprehensive and cost effective manner possible. I would also work to insure that Lyndeborough has a great reputation as a government and a community. To do this, in part, we need to show appreciation for and to our employees and recognize that they have certain skills, for which they were hired, for a job; which I, as a selectman, may not necessarily have, but we will work in partnership for the town.

If elected, what areas would you like to see a change in and how would you achieve those changes?

Complete disclosure and compliance with the NH Right To Know Law, which would be accomplished by compliance with the statute.

How long have you lived in Lyndeborough? My wife and I have lived here five years as of March 2014.

Volunteer activities in Lyndeborough: Library

Any additional comments:

I would like to work with the selectmen, Kent and his staff to see if we can develop some winter activities for families/youth such as an ice skating area, eventually with a warming hut etc.

2014 LYNDEBOROUGH TOWN ELECTIONS CANDIDATE LIST

OFFICE	TERM	CURRENTLY HELD BY	PEOPLE WHO FILED
MODERATOR (1)	2 Year	Walter Holland	Walter M. Holland
SELECTMAN (1)	3 Year	Kevin Boette	Lee F. Mayhew
CEMETERY TRUSTEE (1)	3 Year	Virginia Chrisenton	Virginia Chrisenton
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1)	3 Year	Ann Harkleroad	Ann Harkleroad
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (1)	3 Year	Gary Leblanc	Gary LeBlanc
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (1)	6 Year	Jessie Salisbury	Jessie Salisbury
BUDGET COMMITTEE: (3)	3 Year 3 Year 3 Year	Michael Decubellis Karen Grybko Jeffrey Shinn	Scott Roper Karen Grybko Nancy Rose
BUDGET COMMITTEE: (1)	2 Year	William Ball	Corey Cheever
BUDGET COMMITTEE: (1)	1 Year	Burton Reynolds	Burton Reynolds
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (2)	3 Year	Thomas Chrisenton Walter Holt	Thomas G. Chrisenton Walter Holt

Painted Signs for Historic Houses in Town

The Heritage Commission is soliciting interest in painted signs for the older houses in Lyndeborough. We are currently working on an old house inventory, which will include all houses built before 1905. In the past, the Heritage Commission has investigated the history of houses, located an approximate date for the house, and produced signs to be placed on the front of the house to indicate that this is a historic house in town. These signs are made of wood, about 18" by 12", painted white with black lettering and the town logo, similar in look to the sign that we have placed on the South Lyndeborough Common. The price would be determined, though a rough estimate would be about $75.00 per sign.

If anyone who lives in one of Lyndeborough's old houses is interested in having a sign produced for your house, please contact a member of the Heritage Commission.

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Stories in Stone: Maps, Database & 1816

By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee

The Cemetery Trustees now have computerized maps and an integrated database of 2,418 names for all cemeteries and burial grounds in town. The cemetery database now includes all known veterans and the wars in which they fought, adding many veterans that we previously didn't know about. The work is not complete, as, during summer 2014, Cemetery Trustees Bob Rogers, Larry Cassidy and I plan to walk all the cemeteries and compare headstones with the information in the database and the information on the new maps. I have found that trying to make sure everything is documented from all the copies of old maps, the various numbering systems, veteran status, the headstone surveys from Jim Button's Wilton/Lyndeborough classes, the Lyndeborough Cemetery book, the list of graves decorated in 1895 from an old Lafayette Artillery book, the maps and database made by Dave Palance, the Town Reports and the history books, is like herding cats.

There are highlights to this puzzle. From the Lafayette Artillery's, "List of Soldiers Graves in town we Decorate" revised in 1895, I found 4 veterans—3 from the Revolutionary War (Andrew Thompson, James Thompson and William Abbott) and 1 from the War of 1812 (Oliver Stiles)—who are buried in town and have no headstones. We need to do some research on their veteran service to get the paperwork in order and have "government issue" headstones made.

There is an old, very fragile cemetery map that I did not want to unroll until the computerized maps and database were ready. This map, drawn in 1816, lists 185 graves in South Cemetery. These graves are high on the hill, where the huge pine tree was removed by Richard Herfurth last year and is part of section 1 and section 2. Only about 30 of the names are on headstones. All the graves are drawn in various size rectangles indicating infants, children and adults, and 62 have no names. Deciphering the names presents a challenge. I took pictures of each grid as it was originally drawn so I can look at the photos at any time without disturbing the old map. At first I wondered why so many graves are unknown, but the oldest settlers came to Lyndeborough in 1735, and this map was drawn 81 years later. This map is the oldest known cemetery map in town.

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A New Beginning for an Old Lyndeborough Home

By Kim Fregeau

Having stood strong in the heart of Lyndeborough for over 225 years, the four-chimney brick cape located at 1204 Center Road, has seen many seasons and will soon be ready for a new chapter in its long history—thanks to its current owners, Ed and Joanne Kutchman.

The house was originally built by Doctor Benjamin Jones and his wife Elizabeth and was home to the couple as well as their 10 children. Doctor Jones, a skilled physician and surgeon, was the first medical doctor to come to Lyndeborough. In addition to his duties as a physician, Dr. Jones served as town treasurer for a time, was an active member of the community, and along with the many people he hired to assist him, ran a large farm on the property. Over the years the Center Road location has been the site of maple sugaring, once boasted a "hops house," has been home to dozens of chickens, and currently, continues to nourish a small apple and walnut tree orchard.

Sadly, the site has also seen its share of fires. The most recent changes are coming about due to the efforts of the Kutchmans, who purchased the homestead after the January 2013 fire ravaged the attached barn. The Lyndeborough Fire Department worked hard to save the brick home structure and succeeded. The home did suffer smoke damage and after much conversation and debate, it was decided to save this piece of Lyndeborough history rather than tear down the home.

The owners have chosen to restore the many wonderful features of the house, including the three fireplaces and the original beams in the keeping room. A new kitchen, second bathroom, new windows, and many other improvements will complete the remodel. The basement is also very special: The four arched shaped chimney supports are still in place and are in excellent condition. One can imagine storing wine and canned goods in the arches. The foundation is strong and original as well.

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"Let There Be Song"

By Nadine Preftakes

This Year's Town Meeting will give Lyndeborough residents a unique opportunity to vote for the first time on adopting a song as our official town song. Wally Holt, a resident of Lyndeborough for almost his entire life, has written and, with the help of Jim McClure, recorded a very poignant song that he has titled, simply and appropriately, *Song of Lyndeborough.*

"I wanted to write a song about Lyndeborough and present it to the town as a gift. The inspiration just came to me, and I wanted to create a song that was humble and would appeal to both old and young alike and every age in between."

Wally's roots in the town go deep. Although he was born in Henniker in 1949, his family moved to Lyndeborough in 1953, to Milford in 1955, and then to Henniker again in 1960. It was not until 1972 that Wally returned to the house that has been in his family since 1904. It is still the place that Wally calls home. "Ever since I have been a child, I have had a yearning to be here, at this place. I have a lot of love for this town, and the people who have made and continue to make this town a great place to live."

Wally Holt. Photo Courtesy of Annie Holt.

His songs reflect these sentiments. "The older folks have had a great influence on me. They always had something of importance to say, if one took the time to listen." The advice and stories that were told to Wally all of his life have had a profound influence on the person Wally has become. He attributes his ability to write lyrics to his grandmother, Bessie Holt, who loved to write poems for people on special occasions in town. "I owe my love of words to my grandmother and often think of her whenever I am trying to create a new song."

Wally is known around town as an accomplished carpenter. He remembers the day when he was working on the barn roof of an old house on Center Road. "I happened to look up and saw an old sign that had been a part of the roof. The sign read, 'Welcome to Lyndeborough – A Friendly Town,' and made me think of all the older people that had made this town. There was no such thing as hate. They definitely worked hard to resolve their differences and work together. "One particular lyric in *Lyndeborough Song* reflects those sentiments. "They were the ones that really made this town, I know for a fact deep inside."

The musical ability that Wally possesses comes from both sides of his family. He started guitar lessons when he was ten years old, and the rest is history. His band, Bullseye Band, was started in 1963, and band members were more or less together for forty-seven years.

Throughout his life, Wally has contributed to making Lyndeborough a better place. He has driven one of the tractors for the Halloween hay rides for about thirty-five years with Bo Leavitt and has worked on helping to repair and restore the Town Hall. He also volunteers his time on the stone and brick work in the town common. "I believe in doing all that I can do to make this town a better place for future generations."

Wally believes that we need something positive for prosperity and knows our town is special, because we have endured all kinds of issues and still prevailed. This song pertains to all aspects of our town. "I have put my heart and soul into this song and wanted the town to have an official town song. Music is the language that everyone understands, and this is my gift to the town."

Although *Song of Lyndeborough* was only three months in the making, it encompasses a lifetime of learning and loving Lyndeborough. Wally's simple words of wisdom are, "Treat everybody like you want to be treated. In order to go forward in the future, we need to care about our friends and neighbors. In other words, *let there be song*."

PROJECT APPLESEED – TURNING AMERICA BACK INTO A NATION OF RIFLEMEN

By Cindy Ginn

April 19, 1775 – WHEN MARKSMANSHIP MET HISTORY AND THE HERITAGE BEGAN

This is the slogan of Project Appleseed®, a grass roots, 501(c)(3) non–profit, all-volunteer organization, dedicated to re-awakening the spirit of the American Revolution through weekend clinics held throughout the year at local clubs.

The one or two-day Appleseed events teach a unique combination of fundamental rifle marksmanship skills and American Revolutionary War history. No matter your age or shooting experience, you will learn, in a structured safe setting from certified instructors, a core set of techniques that will enable you to consistently put shots on target from as far away as the "Rifleman's Quarter Mile" - 500 yards.

Instruction starts with use of a sling as a shooting aid, and solid, stable, shooting positions (standing, sitting/kneeling, and prone) with their steady hold factors and then progress to the Six Steps of firing the shot. Students also learn natural point of aim and how to adjust sights or scope with confidence.

Appleseed events use scaled-down targets designed to present the shooter, at 25 meters, with the equivalent sight picture of silhouette targets at 100, 200, 300, and 400 yards. This distance may sound easy, but if your fundamental shooting skills are not up to par, you may end up humbled! Shooters are presented with the Army Qualification Target (AQT). Forty rounds. Ten targets. Three positions. Four minutes. Score 210 or better out of 250, and you earn the Rifleman Patch. Typically only 10% of shooters at an Appleseed event achieve the necessary requirements for this coveted award.

On the second afternoon, shooters move to 100 yards or longer (facility permitting) and experience firsthand how the basics apply at extended ranges. External ballistics and the use of come-ups are taught, so shooters can hit at distance without necessarily needing to adjust their sights.

Woven throughout the weekend is the history of April 19, 1775 – the battles of Lexington and Concord. The events of that day and key people, both famous and not-so-famous, who merit honor and gratitude for their sacrifices, are brought alive through oral presentations. Questions such as, "who fired the first shots at Lexington Green," "where exactly did the Revolutionary War begin," and "who was Samuel Whittemore" are explored. Come to an event and you may find out the answers!

In just a few years, Project Appleseed has grown into a nationwide program that annually holds hundreds of shoots with tens of thousands of participants. The instructors are all volunteers who have earned the Rifleman patch and have decided to be involved in getting Americans to return to our roots of being a nation of riflemen. They are some of the most qualified, receiving over 125 hours of on-the-job training to run an event.

As a 60-year-old grandmother who had never shot before, my first Appleseed event could be compared to drinking information through a fire hose, but my skills have increased. Initially, I was happy to just hit the target, get grounded in marksmanship skills, and learn about what really happened on April 19, 1775 when our history as a

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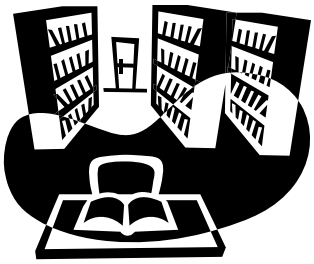
J.A. Tarbell Library Update



Don't forget our ongoing book sale at the library: Hard cover books are 50 cents each or 3/$1.00, and paperbacks are 5/$1.00.

The library will be having a Humanities Council speaker on May 23, at 7:00 p.m. Jere Daniell will be speaking about New Hampshire towns and Lyndeborough in particular.

Going to a New England museum? The library will reimburse you up to $40.00 per family per year. Just save your receipts and bring them to the library for your reimbursement.

Join us on Friday, March 21, at 1:00 p.m. for a Book to Movie program. Stop by the library anytime, pick up the book and join us for a discussion and the film.

A knitting group meets at the library on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. All are welcome.

Trivial Pursuit meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Village Common Celebrates 100 Years

By Dr. Stephanie Roper

The Heritage Commission and the Monuments Committee would like everyone to know that the year 2014 commemorates the centennial year for the South Lyndeborough Village Common.

This small parcel of land had been privately owned when Putnam's Corner first became a crossroads of the north-south Forest Road and the west-to-east road from Temple (now Pettingill Hill Road) and what became Putnam Hill Road. This land next to Ephraim Putnam's house was utilized for the benefit of the town, specifically as a training ground for the Lafayette Artillery in the era before the Civil War. It was only when the railroad was laid in the village that the common reverted to the town.

During the late 19th century, the area that became the common can only be described as a mess. It appears that very little grass existed as it had in the past and future; the common was pretty much a convergence of dirt roads that sprawled all over. Of course, at that time, it had a road bisecting it from Putnam Hill, which continued across the tracks on the south side of Tarbell's Store (now Citizens' Hall Road). Armory Hall, which served as the train station as well as a public hall, stood next to the railroad line, but also in the middle of several roads. Given that Lyndeborough residents were trying to impress outsiders with the improvements made to the Forest House, Baptist Church, and the construction of the new Citizens' Hall, this disorganized and unattractive intersection was viewed as both an eyesore and an embarrassment.

The Village Improvement Society was organized in 1910, as a women's group interested in "active participation in the welfare and improvement of their town of Lyndeborough," according to member Isabel Whiting. This group of around twenty women began their efforts by improving the town grove, adding garbage cans near the post office, and installing street lighting in the village. Then, in August, 1913, the society voted to beautify and improve what they called "the Square." This was not a modest project; it took the work of sixteen men, along with horses, carts, and wheelbarrows, to grade, plant, and lay out the common in an aesthetically pleasing manner the way that William Kimball had prepared in his professional engineering plan. The volunteers created a hedge-lined walkway from Forest Road to the new railroad depot and added benches and decorative shrubs. Once it was completed, "the Square" became a beautiful spot, one that served as the location of the annual town Christmas tree lighting.

The Village Improvement Society continued to maintain the common, the World War I memorial at the library, and the horse drinking trough for decades. Unfortunately, once the depot was torn down and the Improvement Society mem-

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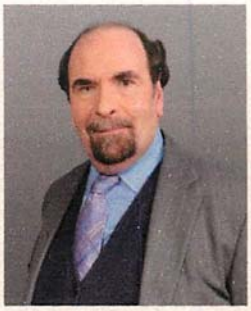

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Five Guys and Five Plows

By Nadine Preftakes

Now that spring is blessedly around the corner, I would like to take the time to publicly thank the men on the Lyndeborough Highway Department (LHD). Kent Perry, Mark Chase (Pictured Below), Steve Vergato, Mel Rossi and Greg Porter work hard, not only in the summer, but definitely during the winter months when the snow comes calling. Each time a big snow storm is predicted, this five man crew prepares to meet the challenge. When the five town plow trucks are filled with gas and ready to go, each man heads out on their assigned route to make sure that the roads are kept as free from snow and ice as possible. Oftentimes, it can be a treacherous job, especially being alone in the plow, when the back roads are narrow and icy and cell phone coverage is not especially crystal clear. But each member of the LHD takes great pride in their role as caretakers of our roads, coming to work in the early morning hours when there is the prediction of an imminent snowfall and, more often than not, working late into the evening, making it possible for all of us to navigate the 59 miles of Lyndeborough roads with as little stress as possible.

For me, owning a home on a dead end road is a wonderful thing, but when a large snowstorm happens, it sometimes feels as if it is just Mother Nature and me—alone on a mountain. Then, I see the familiar and welcome sight of the snow plow making its way up the road, lights blinking and snow flying off the large blade. It is a reassuring sight to be sure, and I do not take this for granted, because it means that despite the pile up of snow and ice, I know that with the advent of the plow I will soon be reconnected with the rest of the town. After I have wielded my snow shovel to clear the steps and paths around my home, I take the time to reflect and feel grateful to the men who work hard plowing and treating the roads making it possible for me to be able to get out when I, not only have to, but want to.

So when you have a few free moments, try to remember that there are about 1,680 residents being cared for by just five guys and five plows and take a moment to let each of them know just how much you appreciate the effort they make to keep our roads safe and sound for all of us.

Lyndeborough's Boston Post Cane To Be Presented March 15th

The Boston Post Cane will be presented to Lucy Schmidt during a ceremony at the start of Town Meeting on March 15, 2014. Town Meeting begins at 10:00am at 9 Citizens' Hall Road. Lucy Schmidt is the oldest resident of the Town of Lyndeborough, she will be 94 in June.

Congratulations Lucy!!

Photos: Lucy with her mother Florence May in 1926, and Lucy today.

INDOOR FARMERS' MARKETS

For those of you who love fresh local produce and products, there are still several indoor farmers' markets scheduled for this time of year. Below are the markets and remaining dates they will be held:

MILFORD: Enjoy live music while browsing the 17+ vendors. Located in the Milford Town Hall Auditorium on the third floor from 10-1 on the following Saturdays: 3/1, 3/15, 4/5, and 4/19. For more information visit the web site at www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com or call 603-345-0860. You can also "Like" us on Facebook.

BEDFORD FIELDS: Located on Rte 101 across the street from Hannaford's Grocery store. Their last market will be held on Saturday 3/8, from 10-3. Among the 20+ vendors you will find arts and crafts in addition to items listed below.

Both markets sell all kinds of great items such as meats, poultry, fish, produce, eggs, soups and chowders, goat cheese, woolen products, variety of baked goods, artisan breads, jams and jellies, pickles and apple spice rings, locally roasted coffee, wild bird feeders, honey and beeswax products, maple syrup and more. Help keep their season going strong and come out to support their hard work. It is always greatly appreciated.
The local summer Farmer's Markets will kick off in mid-June. We will have more information in the June Lyndeborough Views.

Message from the Chief

By Chief Rainsford G. Deware, III

First, I would like to let everyone know what an honor it is to be the Chief of Police here in Lyndeborough, New Hampshire!

Since my appointment in October 2013, the police department has gone through some changes in staff. Officer Ralph McClellan has resigned due to his full-time obligations with the Dunbarton Police Department. Officer McClellan was a decorated and dedicated employee while here with us, and he will be greatly missed.

The department has hired Richard Sprankle at the rank of Sergeant. He will be the second in command and Officer-in-Charge when I am out of state or have time off. Sgt. Sprankle will be working 24 hours per week at this position. His duties will include administration and patrol supervision. Sgt. Sprankle has over thirty years of law enforcement experience and is a fantastic resource for our agency. Also, added to the roster was Officer Michael Chapdelaine. Officer Chapdelaine brings 16 years of law enforcement experience and an additional four years as a military police officer in the U.S. Army. Both men began working for our agency in February 2014, and we have already seen an improvement in coverage to the town.

Currently, we are conducting background investigations on both a part-time officer candidate and a full-time officer candidate. Once these two individuals have passed all of the phases in the hiring process, they will be considered for employment with the Lyndeborough Police Department (LPD). The full-time officer candidate will be required to complete the full-time N.H. Police Academy and, hopefully, will be able to attend this May completing the academy in August. It will be at least October before this officer is on solo patrol and we are at full staff.

In order to provide Lyndeborough's townspeople with the most well-trained and informed police department possible, a variety of training sessions have been scheduled. Our firearms instructors have all been re-certified for another two years, attending training at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training in Concord. In March, the LPD will be conducting joint training with the Wilton Police Department for CPR/AED. This training is being provided by the Wilton Ambulance Service. The agency will also be conducting joint training with the Peterborough Police Department in future training sessions.

In December 2013, I was appointed President of the Hillsborough County Association of Chiefs of Police. The association meets monthly and is a venue for all chiefs, commanders and supervisors to share information from participating agencies at both the state and county level.

Maple Sugar Time....*(Continued from page 1)*

him to his business of selling maple sugaring equipment. Along this line, in 2003 he created a web site www.mapletrader.com, where anyone can log on to find or sell equipment, ask questions, locate trade shows, and generally find out anything pertinent to the industry.

The Four Saps Sugar Shack bought their equipment from Chris Pfeil, who they say has been great to work with and very supportive of their endeavor. They are located on Center Road near Route 31. You can easily see the nice new shack they just completed. Owned jointly by two couples, Ken and Tara Begley and Derik and Kristina Comtois, the Four Saps name refers to their four children: Kenny Begley 9, Korey Begley 6, Raven Comtois 12, and Justin, Comtois 10.

Below: The Pfeil family of The Maple Guys. Left to right: Dylan age 12, Chris, Kim, and Mishell age 10.

Ken Begley, the owner of Green Acres Irrigation since 1996, has always been fascinated with the sugaring business and has been making syrup for personal use for 6 years. He took his expertise of running tubing in his irrigation business to running eco-friendly tubing for maple sap in the woods. Derik Comtois, a carpenter who specializes in commercial and residential remodeling and additions, was also interested in the business. The two families, having been good friends for years, decided to pool their talents and money and start a legitimate maple business. Derik was instrumental in building the new sugar shack. They plan to have a grand opening and welcome people to stop by anytime. There will be an intercom buzzer installed and available, if no one is in the shack. During the sugaring season their hours will be from 11-6 daily. They will sell their maple products year round including maple candies, maple covered cashews, maple dog and cat treats, maple cream, and obviously, maple syrup. They can be contacted at www.foursapssugarshack.com or (603) 714-4503.

Both businesses want to keep things as local as possible, are eco-friendly, and are always looking for new trees to tap. If any landowners have maple trees they would not mind having tapped, please let either of these businesses know. They each are very community oriented and want to provide educational programs. Both will be participating in the annual maple weekend, March 22 – 23, so plan on stopping by and saying hello.

Left: The Begley and Comtois Families. Front row left to right: Korey Begley age 6, Kenny Begley age 9, Justin Comtois age 10, and Raven Comtois age12. Back row left to right: Ken and Tara Begley, and Kristina and Derik Comtois.

Save The Dates

8th Annual Lyndeborough Community Day
Saturday, August 9th
9 am—7 pm

Open Studio & Farm Tour
Sunday, August 10th
10 am—3 pm

More information coming in the June Views Issue
If you are interested in participating or helping please contact Karen Holland,
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Project Appleseed…… *(Continued from page 6)*

free nation began. I discovered that shooting is not a "spectator sport" and that a true rifleman "PERSISTS". I did persist, put a scope on my Ruger 10/22, and after a record nine Appleseed events and 1000's of rounds, earned my first Rifleman Patch.

Lest you think that you are above this course because it is "basic," remember it is the basics that matter. As one of the instructors put it, the better term for what Project Appleseed teaches is "traditional field-expedient" marksmanship skills, like your grandfather learned.

As a side benefit, I really enjoyed meeting like-minded people of all ages and backgrounds. I truly identified with the whole concept of getting Americans off the couch and back to our roots as a nation of riflemen.

Project Appleseed events are very family friendly. For a child, it's about learning safety, gaining responsibility and confidence, sharing an awesome experience with mom and dad, and learning history that is often lacking in our schools. Children will inherit this country, and this is perhaps the best reason to bring a child to an Appleseed event.

The cost for attending is an excellent value: Men $80/2 days, $40/1 day. Women are $40/2 days, $20/1 day. A child under 18 is free with a paid adult, otherwise it's $20/ 2 days, $10/ I day. LEO and active duty military are FREE (a small range fee may apply).

Attending an Appleseed event fulfills one of the requirements for participating in the CMP program. CMP provides older government surplus rifles like the M1 Garand to qualifying Americans at bargain prices. It's a great way to acquire a piece of U.S. history.

To find an Appleseed event near you visit the website, www.appleseedinfo.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/NHAppleseed. The gear you'll need is listed. Semi-autos with a 10-round magazine are recommended; 22LR is very popular.

Upcoming shoots include: Pelham - September 14-15 and November 9-10; Dalton - September 28-29; Peterborough – October 26-27; others are on the website. Space is limited.

EARTH DAY - HELP MAKE IT LOCAL!!

By Sharon Akers, Conservation Commission

When: April 22nd – May 3rd, in conjunction with Earth Day
Who: Anyone who wants to help clean up our roads. Do it with friends, family, or by yourself.
Where do I take my trash bags: Please bring them to Citizens' Hall on Saturday, May 3rd and place in town truck.

Ever notice how when the snow melts suddenly everything looks dirty? Let's do something about it! Hopefully the snow will be melted by Earth Day, April 22nd, and then we want to start cleaning up! Just in case it's not, and for those of us away on Earth Day, let's give ourselves just over a week of concentrated effort to get the roadsides as clean as when they are covered by snow.

Please pick your favorite road or one you want to explore and bring your own recycled bags so that we are not buying new plastic to throw away immediately. Email your road of choice to the Conservation Commission (sharonakers12@gmail.com) or call Cindy Hasty (654-5955 ext 221 or chasty@lyndeboroughnh.us) at Citizens' Hall, or stop in and sign up, so that we know which roads don't have coverage.

This qualifies for community service hours with the high school. If you are doing this for community service hours, please be sure to report how many bags you collected, which road, and how many hours, when you bring in the trash to Citizens' Hall so we can verify. Also please fill out a "service learning sheet" available from s.coffey@sau63.org.
Be safe and let us know how it went. Please send any pictures to Lyndeborough Views, kjh1@tds.net.
There will be a receptacle at Citizens' Hall to save you the trip to the dump.

Easter Bunny is Coming to Town!

The Lyndeborough Fire Department Auxiliary will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Center Hall on Sunday, April 13th at 1:00pm.

Please join us in welcoming the Easter Bunny to town when he arrives on the Lyndeborough fire truck.

Remember to bring your basket to hunt for eggs and candy too!

LYNDEBOROUGH MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Schedule of Events for Sunday, May 25th, 2014

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.

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 26, 2014. The parade starts at 9:00 am.

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club prepared and served the monthly Senior Dinner at the Sacred Heart Church in February.

Left: Enjoying the senior dinner are L to R: Bud McEntee, Clayton Brown, Polly Brown, Alice Holt and Peg McEntee.

Right: Caryl McEntee cooks up some great food for the senior dinner.

Lyndebourough's Newest Eagle Scout

John Lemire was honored with Eagle Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouts. The Court of Honor took place on February 22 at the United Church of Lyndeborough. John is a member of Troop 10, one of the oldest troops in New Hampshire.

John was responsible for restoring the steps in front of The United Church of Lyndeborough last year as part of his quest to become an Eagle Scout.

Pictured right, Unit Commissioner and Police Chief Rance Deware presents the Eagle neckerchief to John Lemire.

Village Common… *(Continued from page 7)*

bership waned, this public space grew less and less well maintained. By the 1970s, the lilacs and other plantings on the common had been taken over by scrub brush and the common fell into disrepair, so much so that everyone forgot that there was a granite drainage culvert amid the undergrowth. Over the years, the South Lyndeborough village common reverted back to the embarrassing eyesore that it had been a century before. Only when the cannon was removed to Lyndeborough Center in 2009 did anyone look at the future of the common and see that it could be brought back to its former beauty.

Over the last four years, the Monuments Committee, with help from other townspeople, has volunteered to slowly improve the common and turn it into a proper memorial park. Once again, flowers, plantings, and benches grace this public space, while residents can read the names on the brick patio, or contemplate the monuments to the First World War, Second World War and Korean Conflict. For the second time in a century, Lyndeborough citizens have made the common into a pleasant place that enhances the village and the town. Hopefully, this time, townspeople will recognize that the memorial park is something worth keeping up and we won't have to rescue it from obscurity in another century.

Pysanky/Ukrainian Egg Classes

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Stories in Stone….. *(Continued from page 4)*

I can't say too much in admiration of our history books in town. The wealth of knowledge and detail in the 933 pages of *The History of the Town of Lyndeborough New Hampshire 1735-1905* by Rev. D. Donovan and Jacob A. Woodward, is incredible. Looking through this history book brings the stories of these people alive and could fill many Views articles. The earliest settlers in town were Cram, Putnam and Chamberlain. All are found on the old 1816 map along with these names: Carkin, Carleton, Carson, Stiles, Kidder, Holt, Parson or Powers, Manwell, Ellinwood, Dascomb, Lakin, Carleton, Boffee, Statton, Stephenson, Ordway, Johnson, Boutwell, Holt, Marshal, Blaney and Lee. The saddest entries are for the children and infants with no names listed.

Below is a quote from pages 607 and 608.

> "The traditions of Indian incursions in this town seems to be treated by Rev. Mr. Clark with too little credit. True, none of our inhabitants, so far as know, perished by the hands of the red men. But it is a matter of history and of fact, that a garrison was built in town by order of Major Lovewell. This fort was standing at the time of the French and Indian war, in 1744. Not only was there a fort here, but John Cram, who in 1708, did fort duty at Fort William and Mary, for a time, had command of it.
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> "Sarah, the wife of Ephraim Putnam, is reported on one occasion to have shown remarkable courage and strategy in holding the fort when her husband was absent. The enemy were stealthily approaching but were betrayed by the dogs, which always barked more furiously on scenting the Indians. The single guard in charge was too timorous to be of much service. But Sarah was cool, and ordered the men (as though present) to their posts, at different stations. The man and her own boy, also, answered in changed tones from different points, and then all was quiet. This gave the enemy the impression that the fort had more defenders than they knew, and prevented an attack. After peace came about, the Indians said that at that time they thought they were able to capture the fort, but were surprised that so many men could have gotten there without their knowledge, and gave up their design, for fear of being defeated. They said, also that at other times they could have captured the commander, but they refrained, thinking they would capture the whole force together.
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> "An Indian told that once when the commander turned his horse into the pasture, he lay so near the bars that the horse could have stepped on him. But he didn't not want to kill the white man then, because they had planned to take the garrison and kill them all at one time."

I need to make a flowchart just to keep up with the people, and the histories of those who are listed on the 1816 map. This year, I hope to correctly place the people on the 1816 map onto the new computerized maps.

Cemetery Update: In December, Richard Herfurth took down several ash trees that were shedding branches on graves in South Cemetery.

In the last Views, I talked about tragedies that happened in the fall. I mentioned that Jason Holt "*met with an accident on the railroad and lost a leg*" with the 1905 history book leaving the details to our imagination. Bruce Houston emailed that Jason was his second great grandfather. "Jason's accident happened while building the trestle just north of the village." In my article, I also wrote that Jason's wife Rosie (actually Rosina), died in childbirth and her daughter Rosie, who married John M. Curtis September 11, 1894, also died in childbirth, along with her infant son. Bruce said these stories were passed down through his family and that the infant son who died had a twin sister also named Rosie, who lived. This Rosie grew up, married Robert Howe and is Bruce's grandmother. Rosie and Robert Howe are buried in Johnson Corner Cemetery. Thank you, Bruce Houston. I've updated the database to include this information.

During voting at Center Hall in March, the database and maps will be available for viewing.

A New Beginning….. *(Continued from page 4)*

During the remodel, photographs of the old wallpaper were taken. There were layers and layers of wall paper, providing a history of style and fashion throughout the years. One particularly lovely example was in the front parlor. It depicted a scene from the "center" of a town. No doubt, the person who chose this wallpaper loved and celebrated the location of this home, the true center of town. This was a love that a previous house resident had in common with one of the home's most recent occupants, Shirley Stephenson. Shirley had been overheard saying, "When I get to the center of town and see the church, I know, I am home."

This historic house on Center Road will soon be ready to welcome a new family; who will surely love this home as its previous occupants have.

Kitchen Views….. Maple Cream Scones

These soft, delicate biscuits are one of the most delicious ways I know to run up your cholesterol count. You can imagine how good they are, since they call for both cream and butter. Served with coffee, they make a simple, satisfying breakfast.

2 cups all-purpose or unbleached flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons cold butter, cut into ¼ inch pieces, plus 2 tablespoons butter, melted
¾ cup heavy cream
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. Combine the flour, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Cut the butter pieces into the flour until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Make a well in the mixture.
3. Blend the cream and ¼ cup of the maple syrup and pour the mixture into the well. Stir, just until the dough coheres.
4. Lightly flour a work surface. Turn the dough onto the surface and knead four or five times, gently. Pat or roll to a thickness of about ¾ inch. Cut into 2-1/2 to 3 inch rounds with a biscuit cutter and place on the prepared baking sheet.
5. Stir together the melted butter and remaining 2 tablespoons maple syrup, then brush a little on each scone. Keep the remaining syrup mixture warm. Bake the scones for about 15 minutes, until golden. Serve hot. Spoon the remaining warm syrup mixture over the scones.

Yield: About 12 scones

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Cover Photos: LCS Students enjoying the recent snow!!

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