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Know Your Neighbor – Clayton and Polly Brown

By Nadine Preftakes

When you move to the country and marry the girl next door or (as in this case) the girl across the street, it gives new meaning to *knowing your neighbor*. Clayton Scott Brown and Polly Olive Bullard were only 20 years old when they met. Clayton's dad was a salesman who sold mostly cars, but pretty much anything else, and, because of his job, the whole family—Mom, Cecil, Dad, Harold, and younger sister Janice—moved around a good bit. Clayton was born on March 17, 1929, in Rhode Island and graduated in 1948 from Leander Peck High School in Barrington, Rhode Island. Eight moves and twenty years after Clayton's birth his parents came to purchase the house on Center Road in 1949.

Clayton and Polly Brown

Even at a young age, Clayton loved the country so much that after they moved to Lyndeborough, he made up his mind that he would never leave. To this day, the same house that his parents bought in 1949 is the house he and Polly have called home for 65 years.

Polly was born on March 11, 1929, only six days older than Clayton. She grew up in Lyndeborough and lived across the street from Clayton with her parents, Olive and Earl Bullard, her sisters Peg and Caroline (nicknamed "Sooky") and brother Earl Jr. (called Buzz).

Clayton laughed as he told me the story of how they met. "When my family moved to this house, I went across the street to ask the neighbor if she knew anything about how good our well was. There I met Polly's mom Olive, at the door, with Sooky hiding behind her skirt.

"She told me that the well never ran dry and in the same sentence told me that she had a daughter named Polly who was away at 'Normal School' and that I should meet her. I went home and asked my mom what a "Normal School" was." Turns out, it was Keene State College, where Polly was studying to become a teacher.

Curious about "the girl across the street," Clayton remembers the summer day he was sitting on his front porch and saw Polly walking by with a young man. Before continuing his story, Clayton looked affectionately at his wife of 63 years, laughed and quipped, "It was all her fault because she was so beautiful that she stole my heart and I fell in love with her."

Right then and there, he decided to steal Polly away from the other guy by inviting her to go with him to the movies and on picnics. His persistence paid off, and after two

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WLC Budget Committee Member Volunteer Needed

The WLC Budget Committee is in need of a volunteer from Lyndeborough to serve on the committee until the March 2015 election at which time the position will go before the voters for a one year term (the balance of the three year term). If interested please contact Kristina Fowler at the SAU office k.fowler@sau63.org by July 1st. Please contact Karen Grybko kgrybko@live.com 654-5362 for any additional information regarding the position.

WITHIN SEASON SILKS AND CRAFTS

Lyndeborough has its fair share of creative people, and Dora Collins is no exception. The ceramic bird feeders and seasonal ornaments she designs are unique and add delight to any home. She also has a business on ETSY, where she sells her sophisticated silk floral creations. Her flair for color combinations adds beauty and distinction to her designs.

Dora and Dave Collins moved to their Center Road home in 1990 and have raised three boys there. Prior to the move here, they sold their home in Randolph, MA, and were planning to buy a dome house in Connecticut. When the dome house fell through, they were faced with nowhere to go. Since Dora always loved southern New Hampshire, they looked to settle in the area and happened upon a little known jewel called Lyndeborough. Oddly enough, their home is located in Lyndeborough, but their mailbox is situated across the town line in Milford, thus putting them in the unusual situation of having a Milford address while paying taxes to Lyndeborough. One of the perks of country life!

Over the years, Dora worked part-time as a florist and has owned several businesses, of her own. She has always been creative and constantly looks for new ideas. She likes to take unique items and make unusual arrangements out of them. While browsing through a store one day, she came across a colorful ceramic cow with a chicken on its head. A light bulb went off and her bird feeder creations were born.

For Dora, each season brings new ideas and creative designs: During the fall she conjures up Halloween creations, the winter brings festive Christmas ornaments, in the spring Easter decorations brighten the area, and during the summer months she focuses on garden whimsies and bird feeders. In addition to the seasonal creations, Dora designs gorgeous floral arrangements, throughout the year.

If you are looking for something different or unusual to give as a gift or to brighten up your home, you will not be disappointed with any of Dora's many creations. Her products can be found locally at Lull Farm, on Route 13 in Milford, open daily 7-7, and also at White Home Collections, 9 Greenville Road, Wilton, open Monday to Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 11-5. Her silk creations can be found at ETSY, an online venue for artists to sell their creations, http://www.etsy.com/shop/WithinSeasonSilks. You can also contact her directly via email withinseasonsilks@gmail.com.

Governor Maggie Hassan visited the Maple Guys' new sugar house on Cram Hill Road in Lyndeborough on March 11, to ceremonially tap the first maple tree and kick of the sugaring season. She was greeted by members of the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association and Maple Guys owner Chris Pfeil and his family. From left to right: Bodie Peters, President of N.H. Maple Producers Association, Robyn Pearl, Publicist, Howard Pearl, Treasurer, Chris Pfeil, The Maple Guys, Governor Maggie Hassan, Lorrain Merrill, N.H. Commissioner of Agriculture.

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The Library to Host Summer Reading Program

The J. A. Tarbell Library will have a summer reading program at 1 PM on Wednesdays - July 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Legacy Essay Contest Winner - Garrett McQuade

This year's winner of the Legacy Essay Contest is Garrett McQuade. Each fifth grade pupil at LCS was asked to write an essay on what they wanted to be remembered for. All essays were very good, which made the selection quite a challenge for the members of the Views Selection Committee. The winning essay is reproduced in its entirety.

My Legacy: Kindness By Garrett McQuade

What kindness means to me is something that happens naturally. When I was little and growing up and I was being kind, I realized what a good feeling I got from showing an act of kindness to anyone. Throughout my life, kindness was always, and still is, one of my better qualities. When I am polite, I might see somebody learn from me and helping somebody out, and that makes me feel good that I taught somebody to be more kind.

The things I do to be polite might be as simple as holding the door for somebody. Some others might be loaning a quarter to buy a popsicle at lunch or maybe share my snack with somebody with no snack. Some others might be cheering up a younger student or loaning an item to somebody in need of it. Sometimes I volunteer or get up to help clean up a spilled mess.

When people are polite they should get a feeling of gratitude, happiness, and helpfulness. When I'm polite, I get that same feeling and I love it! There are some good reasons to be kind and that might be the feeling you get or it might be letting someone discover a brand new quality of you.

When I'm kind I get thanks! Also I get, "You're really kind, thank you!" When people say those things to me it encourages me to want to be polite even more. Also, I do want to put some of my life in making my class a better place by encouraging kids to be more kind and have it be a more friendly class.

As I get older I plan to still be kind and helpful to people. This quality I have will hopefully stick onto me for the rest of my life.

As I get older and see so many new people being kind to one another, it just makes me feel good and I want to help even more! When I go up to the middle school I think it will be easier to make friends with some of my amazing qualities such as being kind.

MEMORIAL DAY IN LYNDEBOROUGH

Left: Fife and Drum Provide Music

Right: RJ Humphreys plays Taps

Left: Mazie Jenkens with her Flags

Below Right: Horse Team, Mike and Doc, with Hans Swenson Driving

JASON HOLT – "THE REST OF THE STORY"

By Roberta Howe Douglas

Shortly after the December 2013 issue was mailed, The Views received a letter from Roberta Howe Douglas of Milford, in response to the article, "Stories in Stone: Fall Tragedies," by Ginny Chrisenton. This article included information about Roberta's great-grandfather, Jason Holt. Roberta had been searching for Jason's grave, and after reading the article her questions regarding the location of Jason's grave were answered, and she provided some additional information about the incident which we would like to share.

Editor's note: Due to the quality of the newspaper articles they could not be included.

On September 26, 1890, he met with an accident and lost his leg. There was no more information in The Lyndeborough Town History about this, but this story brought to mind a scrapbook that my mother gave to me some time ago. I believe it was a scrapbook that Jason's daughter, Rosie Emma Holt, compiled after the accident and the large benefit dance that was held for Jason in February of the following year.

There is a picture of Jason sitting in a chair. It shows where his left leg was amputated. Also, there were several newspaper clippings from the Nashua Telegraph. Reading from some of the clippings in the scrapbook:

"BROKE HIS LEG

Friday afternoon the rope which was being used to hoist the wrecked tender out of the canal broke. As it snapped it swung out and a hook attached to it hit Jason Holt, the boss of the gang that has been rebuilding the canal. The hook caught him on the left leg breaking it.

He was carried to the WATTANANOCK house and Dr. Hammond summoned. On his arrival he pronounced it a very serious fracture and Holt will probably be laid up for some time. Holt's home is in South Lyndeborough and he has for some time past been at work making repairs to the walls and bridge in the Lowell yard.

The injured leg of Jason Holt who was hurt Friday afternoon by being struck by a hook, at the Lowell yard was amputated last night. Dr. Hammond performed the operation. Upon examining the leg closely it was found that the knee joint was thrown out, and that the bones both above and below the knee, were crushed into a shapeless mass, and the leg could not be saved. Accordingly Dr. Hammond amputated it and the patient is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances."

Nashua, NH Oct. 4 (1890)

"The many recent railroad accidents on the southern division of the Boston & Maine Railroad in this area have caused a good deal of comment.

The running into of Howard, French & Heald's team at the Front Street crossing was of slight importance compared with the accident that followed on its heels, the dumping of the locomotive Albany and a freight car into the Jackson Canal off the weakened railroad bridge. The work of removing that wreck, which took a large gang of men working day and night, 5 days, was watched by many people.

It was the removing of this wreck that the gallant veteran, Capt. Jason Holt, lost his leg. It is reported that the railroad management has offered Holt $20,000 compromise.

How the accident occurred and who is to blame, is yet a mystery. The investigation resulted in reinstating all the charged men, it being proved that they were not to blame."

February 2nd, 1891

Benefit Dance in behalf of Mr. Jason Holt at Citizens' Hall.

SO. LYNDEBOROUGH, N.H., February 2nd, 1891

The Benefit dance to Jason Holt, who was hurt in this city in the fall, given at Citizens' Hall in South Lyndeborough on Monday, proved to be what the most genuine predicted, it would be, the most grandest ball ever in Lyndeborough.

600 people (townspeople, others came from Nashua, Milford, Wilton, Greenfield, Hancock and other places). Five Train Cars left Nashua and they added two more train cars at Wilton station.

The party broke up about 1:30 in the morning and the train started for Nashua at two o'clock arriving here at about three with a tired but happy party.

Milford Rotary Club Supports the Wilton-Lyndeborough Youth Center

The fun factor and safety precautions at Goss Park will be enhanced this summer thanks to a donation from your local Rotary Club. The Milford Rotary Club recently donated funding to the Wilton-Lyndeborough Youth Center for the purchase of two new sets of basketball backboards, poles and hoops, and six new rescue tubes.

The Milford Rotary Club is a service organization with over six decades of history serving the Amherst, Lyndeborough, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton communities. The Rotary International motto is "Service Above Self" and Rotary's mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Milford Rotary raises funds for its charitable giving and scholarship programs through three annual fundraisers. In July, Club members put on a 100 Holes of Golf In One Day tournament at the Amherst Country Club that includes a fantastic raffle for $13,000 in prize money with valuable coupons on each raffle ticket. The Sunday after Labor Day is reserved for a huge Pancake Breakfast under a big top in the County Stores' parking lot. Then, starting the day after Thanksgiving, Milford Rotarians can be found selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths in front of Frederick's Pastries in Amherst. Each year Milford Rotary provides $25,000 in local scholarships and well over $50,000 in donations to local, regional and international non-profits and community betterment programs.

Milford Rotarians look forward to seeing the Goss Park Swim Team at this year's 46th Annual Milford Rotary Swim Meet to be held July 19th and 20th at the Keyes Memorial Park in Milford. A Goss Park Swim Team has been participating in this summer event since the very first Milford Rotary sponsored swim meet was held on July 17, 1966.

Milford Rotary is always looking to increase its ranks with new members interested in fellowship and community service. To learn more about the Milford Rotary Club and how to join this dynamic group of community volunteers, please visit www.MilfordNHRotary.org.

Pinnacle Mountain Fish & Game Club's Annual Bruce Geiger Memorial Fishing Derby Results

By Kathleen Humphreys

Pinnacle Mountain Fish & Game held their annual Bruce Geiger Memorial Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 18, at Geiger Pond.

Winners who were awarded prizes:
LARGEST FISH: Ryleigh Smith, an 11.8" trout weighting 9 oz.
SMALLEST FISH: Ashley Humphreys, a 5" perch weighing 1 oz.
MOST FISH CAUGHT: Jacob Geiger and Ashley Humphreys, 8 each
FIRST TROUT: Cristen Powell
FIRST LIMIT: Malle Levit

54 kids participated in the Bruce Geiger Fishing Derby, and 70 trout were caught.

The Pinnacle Mountain stocked 100 trout while the state matched them with another 100. They tend to toss in a few extra fish, so it was estimated there were 250 fish in the pond prior to the Derby. All participants received a gift, free hot dogs, soda and cookies. "It went well, the kids had a good time," said Pinnacle Mountain Fish & Game organizer, Jay Trask.

Right: Third grader Spencer Gibson shows off his catch of the day!

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Lyndeborough 8th Annual Community Day
Silent Auction

Saturday, August 9th, 2014 9:00 AM ~ 6:00 PM ~ Old Town Hall

Here is a partial list of items:

A large variety of Lyndeborough Glass—donated by Mark Newton —Miscellaneous Values
Unique Stained Glass Hanging—Barbed Wire Design—Value $125
Ledge Top Farm Gift Certificate—Value $15
Fox Den Farm—Seasonal Basket of Veggies—Value $50
Glass Terrarium—Value $40
Rock Garden Planter—Value $35
Hand Painted Silk Scarf—Emily Morgan—Value $50
Paradise Farm—Two 1/2 Bushels of Apples—Value $50
Beautiful Garden Jewel—Value $50
A Variety of Photo Cards—Local Scenes of Lyndeborough—$15
Feel Good Farm—To Be Determined
The Maple Guys—Gift Basket
Truck load of Compost—Value $50
China Star Gift Certificates
Maple Lane Farm—TBD
"Bid on the opportunity for 2 or 3(smaller sized) adults to volunteer to join the crew of the Ophelia, a 22' Catalina Capri for a cruise around the Boston Harbor Islands for 2 hours minimum. Dates are flexible and meals are included - Value $300"

Lyndeborough Open Studio
&
Farm Tour
Sunday, August 10th 2014
10:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM

Here is a partial list of attendees so far:

Barb Wire Design—Stained Glass Creations
The Fishn Shanty—Hunting & Fishing supplies
Maple Lane Pies—Homemade pies, salsas, soaps
Ledge Top Farm—organically grown fruits and vegetables
Paradise Farm—fresh fruits & naturally raised meat
The Maple Guys—at their new location on Cram Road
44 Bikes—handcrafted custom tig welded bicycles
EJ's Bakery—Wonderful Bakery Goodies
Feed Good Farm—pick blueberries, carriage rides, Frisbee golf
Schoen Woodworking—custom cabinets, furniture & restoration
Brooks Post & Beam—Custom timber frame homes and barns
Almost There Farm—Horseback riding lessons, boarding, clinics and summer camp

Check the town web site for updated information on Community Day, the Silent Auction and Open Studio and Farm Tour.

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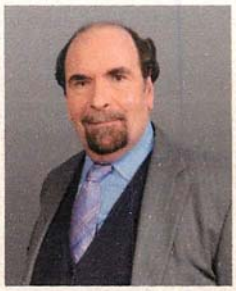

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Paying It Forward - John (Pickle) Hyde

John (Pickle) Hyde, longtime Lyndeborough resident, suffered an unfortunate and unprecedented violent attack which has significantly impacted and changed his life. John always helped anyone in need, whether it be plowing a driveway, taking down trees, painting the Center Church, or offering whatever services were within his power to neighbors and community members.

He is a self-employed carpenter who will be out of work for a very long time. He has no medical insurance and the medical expenses are piling up.

As a community, we always come together to lend a helping hand to one of our own, and John and his family are extremely grateful for any and all donations. A fundraiser, "For Pick's Sake," is being organized for Saturday, July 19, 3-8 p.m., including dinner, live music and a silent auction. Hot dogs, burgers and French fries will be available for purchase (BYOB). Auction donations so far include a handmade deer call, bowl and maple leaf spoon rest by Pickle.

If you wish to contribute you may donate auction items at the J.A. Tarbell Library or at the Town Clerk's office. Or you may donate money directly by depositing into a special account at TD Bank (just designate the money for the *John Hyde Pickle Fund Raiser).* Or you can visit the following link: *www.GoFundMe.com/95rggk*

The family is very grateful for all the support, well wishes and fund raising efforts.

On behalf of Pickle, the family would like to thank the townspeople of Lyndeborough for their generosity and support.

Wilton Old Home Days - A Week of Fun

Wilton will be celebrating their Old Home Days Saturday, August 16 – Sunday, August 24. This year's theme is "275 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

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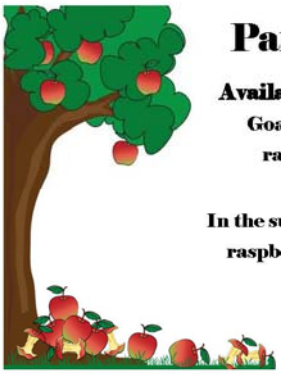
We welcome all floats for the parade. For more parade information, please contact Parade Coordinator Don Condon patdon1278@tds.net or text to 603-654-7195. Concessions Coordinator is Gary Crooker crooks@tellink.net or 654-5688.

More detailed schedules will be available in the next few weeks and will be posted at local businesses and the Wilton Post Office. Please check the Wilton Old Home Day Facebook page for more information www.facebook.com/wiltonoldhomeday.



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Memorial Tree Planted at Center Hall

By Kathleen Baglio Humphreys

Local families replaced a tree outside historic Center Hall that was first planted in the early 1950's by then Road Agent Earl Bullard and his son-in-law Clayton Brown, a town highway employee.

Polly Brown, Peg McEntee and their families donated a Norway Spruce in memory of their father, Earl Bullard, who died in 1963. The tree will be the town's Christmas tree for the Center.

It was an average day working in Lyndeborough for Bullard and Brown. "We were working on a gravel pit on the other side of town and this tree fell down off the bank. Earl took it to Town Hall and planted it and we just forgot about it. It grew pretty well, was thick on the bottom and looked nice," said Clayton. "Unbeknownst to us someone trimmed it, which you don't do, and it ruined the tree. Last year the town removed it," he added.

The tree, or lack thereof, caused a lot of discussion with the Board of Selectmen and many residents missed seeing a spruce tree outside Center Hall. Last December, Selectman Fred Douglas and his wife Lynda donated a fresh tree and elementary students made ornaments to hang in the Center. A plan to provide electricity for next winter is in the works.

On May 12, the spruce, which originated in Stewartstown, New Hampshire, was planted with the assistance of the highway department, who removed the old stump and provided loam and strong backs. The Browns and McEntees water the tree daily and Road Agent Kent Perry will help with watering, also.

"We plan to have lights on it. We were planning on a six-foot tree so it's a good thing is smaller than we expected because it would be hard for the kids to decorate," commented Brown.

"We planted the tree in Earl's memory and to replace the one he planted many years ago. I like to do it. The town has been good to me and it's a good town to live in," said Clayton.

He noted, "It was a nice addition to the hall."

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years Clayton and Polly exchanged vows in the Lyndeborough Center Church on August 18, 1951, and became Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Polly and Clayton honeymooned in Isleboro, Maine for ten days. They drove there in a 1928 Model A Ford which Clayton had purchased for twenty dollars. He said that one of their friends gave them two spare tires for a wedding gift, and they tied those tires onto the back. "That car was the funniest thing you ever saw with those tires hanging off of the back."

Clayton worked hard to support himself and Polly, first on a chicken farm in Nashua, then at Parker's Orchard driving trucks, packing and delivering apples. Later he went to work for Polly's father Earl who was the elected road agent from 1948 to 1961. He says he learned an awful lot from Earl and liked him even more. In 1961 Clayton became the Lyndeborough road agent and remained in that position until 1972, when he went to work for the Wilton Highway Department until 1976. At that time he earned $.80 an hour in the summer and $1.00 an hour in the winter. It wasn't until 1961 that he began making $4.00 an hour.

In 1978 Clayton became the rural mail carrier for Lyndeborough. Every day he traveled 88 miles over mostly dirt roads in his International Scout car with his Old English sheepdog, Sharley, in the back seat. In the 11 years that he delivered the mail, he recalls some interesting adventures.

"One day I came across a man with his car stuck in a ditch and I helped him out with my trusty Scout. Turns out the man was Senator Judd Gregg".

"Another time, there was this huge hurricane and when I came to Lyndeborough Center, a big tree fell into the road right in front of my car. I promptly turned right around and went back to the Post Office and then home, leaving the mail to be delivered the next day."

In Greenfield, there was a one-story roadside house. Clayton said one very cold day he noticed the front door open and no smoke coming out of the chimney. He went inside to check on the older gentleman and found Fred Smith lying on the floor. "The poor old cuss was almost gone. So I got him up into a chair, built a fire and went up to the next farm to get someone to help him."

Clayton remembers fondly all the people who he met and knew on his route. At the time, there were only about 600 residents in town and he knew them all. Most everyone had cows and dairy farms. "We were all close and helped each other as much as we could."

Clayton and Polly, like everyone else, owned a few cows. They had to milk them twice a day, in the morning at 5:30 and evening around 5:00. After the morning milking, he would turn them out of the barn and walk them down the road to the pasture located where his son Steve Brown lives now.

"I would follow them down there to make sure they didn't wander. At that time there were usually only two cars that used to travel up and down Center road in the morning. Prentice Nye Jr. and Orin Simpson worked at a machine shop called Williams and Hussey and would drive by my house every morning. Most days these young men did not drive too fast, but one day Orin was traveling a little too fast on the road while I was out walking my cows down to the pasture when he came by, so I took my stick and banged it on the car to remind him to slow down! Those cows were a lot of work, but we enjoyed them."

Polly earned her BS degree in Education from Keene State College and taught elementary school in Lyndeborough, Wilton and Milford earning just $2,200.00 the first year.

She too recalls many adventures in her 20 years of teaching, but one of her fondest memories is the time she did not have a car to get to school in Lyndeborough and drove Clayton's dump truck to work. Several of her students, Bo Leavitt, Brian Firmin and Loren Johnson were so impressed when they saw her drive up in the big dump truck, that they exclaimed, "If Mrs. Brown can drive a dump truck then she can do just about anything!"

Polly enjoyed teaching her many students and says, "The best thing about teaching is seeing your former students become adults, parents and now many of them are grandparents. My years of teaching were happy, challenging and very rewarding."

Through the years, both Clayton and Polly have given back to the town many times over. Clayton was Supervisor of the checklist with Mary McIntosh and Bob Johnson for several years, Cemetery Sexton for a short time, and Budget Committee member for one term. He also served on the Lyndeborough Fire Department from 1951 to 1978 with Ed Schmidt, Bob McIntosh, Roger Currier and Zeke Harkleroad."Being on the fire department was really interesting. You never knew what you would find."

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The Open Cupboard Pantry

If you are feeling the crunch of this economy and 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 offering you pre-bagged supplies.

Access to the OCP is available by appointment only, so please call Linda 654-2635 or Nancy 654-9387 to schedule an appointment.

The Easter Bunny Visits Lyndeborough

Left: Beatrix Irvine and her basket of eggs

Below: Evie Pieterse looking at Bunny

Right: Atticus Irvine looking at his prize basket

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If you drive down Brackets Cross Road, you will pass a cute log home belonging to the Crouse family. Bill Crouse grew up in Hollis and in 2004 went looking for more land. He fell in love with and bought the log house situated on 15 acres. His wife, Lynne, joined him at the Lyndeborough address in 2005 and, since then, their family has expanded to include three children: Kelsey (age 7), a first grader at LCS, McKenna (age 4) and Devon (age 2).

Wood is in Bill's blood. While in high school, he worked at Bingham Lumber in Brookline and started a firewood business, buying 100 cords of wood each year from Mark Gibbons of Wilton. His first dump truck was purchased before he could drive; therefore, he had to find drivers to help him deliver the wood. During the deliveries to the area, he discovered a nice town called Lyndeborough.

Upon graduating from high school, he spent a semester at Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks studying forestry. Bill paid for his own education, so each weekend he would drive the six hours each way to work at Bingham's Lumber. When this proved to be too much, he transferred to the Thompson School of Forestry at UNH. In 1999, he graduated with a 2-year degree. After graduation, he continued his education in the evening at SNHU, receiving his BA in Business. This was fortuitous because he met his wife Lynne, at SNHU.

While pursuing his education, he continued to work at Bingham Lumber in various capacities. Bingham's wanted to expand the logging segment of the business but also continue to contract this out of house. He had spent years purchasing woodlots for Bingham's and contracting outside logging companies to cut. Bill was not happy with the performance of some contractors, so Bill took control of the situation and became a certified professional logger. Unfortunately, Bingham closed the sawmill portion of their operation shortly thereafter. This didn't stop Bill, who found different area sawmills to use. His future partner was one of his log-buying customers. Although he no longer cuts or splits firewood, they do continue to sell grapple loads of firewood logs.

Proctor Hill Forestry and Logging was started in 2001 when Bill teamed up with Craig Birch, a licensed forester, to create an all in one business. Initially, Bill had a John Deere cable skidder and Craig had a chainsaw. Over the years, they have grown but still remain small and flexible. Craig has a forestry degree from the University of Maine and over 30 years experience in the industry. He has been involved with the Beaver Brook Association for the past 27 years, first as an employee and then as a longtime volunteer forester. He is also involved in forest and land management issues at the state level and has spent his life educating people about logging and forest health.

The Crouse family. Front row L-R: McKenna (age 4), Kelsey (age 7). 2nd row: Devon (age 2), Lynne Crouse and Bill Crouse.

Craig meets with the landowners to develop harvest plans, walk woodlots, mark trees, and lay out skid trails to protect water resources while allowing for an efficient harvest. By physically marking each tree he can better assess the health and quality of the tree. Bill finds it easier to follow the marked trees rather than trying to figure out which tree goes from inside a cab.

Their main goal is sustainable forest management, which includes leaving the area where they work in better condition than it was when they arrived. The benefits are many, because the land will be more valuable either through wildlife management, quality of trees, or a number of other practices. They work with the landowner's objective for the property and, if desired, will provide ideas and suggestions on how the property can best be utilized. They provide a full range of forestry services including management plans, boundary locations, trail consultations, and economic assessment. Using the science of forestry, and with just a little tweaking of the forest area, they can promote deer habitat or any kind of wildlife habitat you would like. For example, clear cutting a small patch allows certain types of new tree species to sprout up thereby attracting songbirds. The opportunities are endless!

Together they have decades of experience and knowledge to bring to the table. Their company does both the forest management plan and logging work, which guarantees quality as they have total control of the project. This is a unique service as most companies do either forest management or logging but not both. They are known for their careful quality work, and as a result word-of-mouth recommendations have kept their business going strong.

If you are interested in improving your property and adding value to it, these are the men to talk to. Bill can be reached at **620-0499** or e-mail him at **bcrouse925@aol.com**.

WLC Prepares for the New School Year

By Geoff Brock, Chairman of Wilton Lyndeborough School Board

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Co-Op school board is preparing for the new school year. On Tuesday, May 20, we completed our annual review and goal setting meeting. We are grateful for the support we received from the community at the district meeting in March and are confident that your support will lead to a better school experience for our students.

Reviewing the 2013-2014 year, we are happy to have completed a teacher contract, resolved the building issues at FRES in a cost effective way (this will be an ongoing focus until the project's completion), as well as aligned and selected a new math curriculum that matches the new Common Core Standards. We are also happy to have had a successful integration of both a new superintendent and new elementary principal.

Looking ahead to the 2014-2015 school year, our goals include a successful completion of the construction project, continued relationship building and community awareness, and creation of an integrated plan for technology improvements including: Building and grounds maintenance, facilities, furnishings, and instructional media. This will allow us to be proactive rather than reactive—"the science books are 20 years old or the canopy over the walkway is failing;" we hope to plan for the future resulting in a level tax demand.

Finally, while there is still a lot on our plate and because there are no "crisis" on the horizon, we have set a goal to improve the school system's rating from good schools to great schools. I truly believe we have the right people in place to make this happen—teachers, administration, school board members, budget committee members and support staff. We cannot do this alone; we will need additional help from our parents and an extra commitment from our students and teachers, but I believe we can make WLC a great school system.

Milford Toadstool Bookshop Poetry Contest Winners

In April the Milford Toadstool Bookshop held its annual Poetry Contest. Ninety-eight area students from all over the region sent in poems to be judged.

Three students from Mrs. Buttrick's third grade at Lyndeborough Central School were among the winners.

Lily Mueller wrote a cartwheel poem titled, "Dragon." Ryleigh Smith produced "Santa's Big Night," a story poem. Amoria Riendeau created a rhyming poem called "Reading is Awesome."

Each student was awarded a certificate and a book that was selected by the Toadstool. We are immensely proud of these creative, young poets!

L-R: Lily Mueller, Ryleigh Smith, Amoria Riendeau

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Earth Day Clean Up In Lyndeborough

By Sharon Akers

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lyndeborough Roadside Clean Up! When Cindi Hasty first suggested that the Lyndeborough Conservation Commission should take this on, I was very worried that we wouldn't be able to get the word out there enough to really get it done. I was pleasantly surprised to see the sign-up sheet fill in a lot during the last couple of weeks before clean-up! Hopefully next year we can have even more coverage and perhaps several groups can take on Route 31 and Center Rd more permanently.

I'm sure many of you have interesting stories to tell. My family and I all took on sections of New Road and a small section of Center Road during the clean-up week and a half, starting on Earth Day. It was very satisfying to finally remove the many tires, old metal cooler and rusty steel drum that had been on the side of the road in a gully for more than 15 years as well as the many, many bags of loose litter that we filled. The strangest things we found were brand new mower tires, an almost perfect china dish and a self-made terrarium formed by a fern that sprouted inside an old bottle. The heaviest and largest item was an air conditioner unit. We were told by our trash service that it would cost over $20 to take away the air conditioner because of the freon, which probably had dissipated into the air of the woods long ago and was most likely why it had been left there. So, thank you to the town for providing this avenue for the citizens to finally clean up again and have another reason to be proud of the beautiful place we love to live. Let's do it again next year!

Know Your Neighbor..... *(Continued from page 9)*

However Clayton states that being a Special Cop for one year in 1963 to 1964 was the most exciting and memorable volunteering position he held. "One time I was called out when it was almost dark because there was a fugitive cornered in a house on Center Road. So, I went there with my little gun; which, I hardly ever used – a peashooter actually - and I stood around the house, which was surrounded by a dozen state troopers, who all had shotguns. I was scared to death! The Chief was trying to talk to the guy and negotiate a deal where he would surrender. Finally they brought him out in handcuffs and after that I decided that being a cop was just not for me."

Polly volunteered in her own way. The townspeople and different organizations could always count on her to bake and cook for any function in town. She was also a volunteer librarian at the Tarbell Library and donated her time on Saturday afternoons and one or two evenings.

Clayton and Polly are of the same mind; when it comes to the old buildings in town. "They are very special and we feel it is extremely important to preserve the past for future generations." They know that the young people, these days, are very busy with their lives; but remark, that the older folks in town will not be around forever and hope that the younger generations will appreciate and care for the buildings as much as they do. Clayton has worked tirelessly this past summer on the Center Church fundraising and helping to restore it with the help of Don Anderson, Paul Demello, Wally Holt, John Hyde, Leo Trudeau, Kent Perry, Chris Brown, John Giese, Joe Mazerall, Andy Roeper and the many donors who generously gave funds to help with expenses.

In 1989 both Clayton and Polly retired and are spending time being together, enjoying their grandchildren, David, Chris, Beth, Jeremiah and Jamie and their two great grandchildren, Maddie Mae and Olivia. They have also logged a few miles traveling to every state in the United States with the exception of Kansas, Missouri and Hawaii. They even spent two months on the road driving 15,000 miles to Alaska and back.

The Model A Ford that Clayton purchased in 1951 is long gone, but Clayton and Polly have been together ever since. Clayton describes Polly in very poignant terms. "Polly is the best thing that ever happened to me. She is the best cook in the world and she takes good care of me. We've always done everything together whether it is raising our three children, Steve, Scott and Martha, milking cows and cleaning out the barn, or traveling. We have led a pretty normal life, but it has been a good life."

Polly said that Clayton is a great husband, dad, grandfather and great grandfather. "I joke with him that I have had the same dishwasher for 63 years and he hasn't broken down yet! I have loved him for 65 years and I still like him. I think that is important. It has never taken a lot for us to be happy. We didn't have a lot of money, but we were always affectionate with each other and we appreciate each other for the talents they have and the person they are. Clayton appreciates who I am."

Clayton shared some of his life lessons. "Stay within your income; if you can. And, stay out of debt, although it is not always easy. Be happy and have some fun."

They both agree that the secret to their long relationship and love for each other can be summed up in one simple word – trust. "We've always trusted one another and every night before we fall asleep, we always tell each other, I love you."

The love that Polly and Clayton have for each other is evident, in all they do. They have understood that every marriage goes through difficult times, but with patience, understanding and trust, one can weather the storms – be they squalls or hurricanes. Each of their lives individually has given meaning and purpose to their life together and in so doing have become an exceptional couple and an inspiration to all of us.

Women's Club Scholarship Awards Announced

The Women's Club of Lyndeborough and Wilton are proud to announce the winners of its 2014 scholarships: Victoria Lorvig and John Lemire of Lyndeborough and Kimberly Edmunds and Kelly Gilbert of Wilton. The winners were selected based on several criteria: Academic ability, writing ability, work ethic, volunteerism, and leadership skills. As always the choices were difficult to make as all the submittals demonstrated great talent and community spirit – a testament to the WLC parents and educators for guiding their charges well.

Victoria and John were ranked 2 and 3 in their class of 49 members, respectively. Both carried a challenging load of classes peppered with honors classes, including chemistry, physics, pre-calculus and U.S. government & economics. They demonstrated their creativity with classes in guitar, chorus, and woodworking. Practical courses to help ground and prepare them for adulthood included cooking (a skill every teen should have) and child care & parenting.

Victoria Lorvig is the president of the WLC National Honor Society, class secretary, and treasurer of the Student Government Association. Over her academic career she has received many awards, including High Honors and Certificates of Excellence in Math, English, Science, and Social Studies. She has been accepted at several schools but has not made her final selection at this time. She plans on studying finance with a goal to helping people manage and spend their money wisely. Victoria's parents are Elizabeth Smith and Donald Lorvig.

John Lemire is the vice-president of the WLC History Club, captain of the WLC Soccer team, alternate captain of the WLC Math Team, and active in Boy Scouts. He has been the recipient of the Heart of a Warrior Award twice and has received recognition for his prowess at soccer and tennis. John recently attained his Eagle Scout, and his project was to design and construct new steps for a local church. He plans to attend UNH at Durham in the fall studying civil engineering with a goal to become a licensed Professional Engineer. John's parents are Mary and Paul Lemire.

The Women's Club wishes our scholarship winners and all members of the 2014 graduating class great success in all their future pursuits!!!

2014 SUMMER FARMERS' MARKET

Local farmers are hard at work growing fresh, healthy food for your consumption. Come browse the various vendors and enjoy the live music we are treated to at most of the markets. Some of the local markets that will be operating this summer from mid June through mid October are listed below by the weekday of operation:

NASHUA: **Sunday** 10-2. June22nd thru October 12th. Located on the Main Street Bridge across from The Peddler's Daughter restaurant.

WILTON: **Tuesday** 3-6. June 10th thru October 7th. Located in the small park on Main Street next to Nelson's Candy. **Live music!** For information contact Nicole at 654-6201.

BEDFORD: **Tuesday** 3-6. June 17th thru October 14th. St. Elizabeth Seton parking lot at 190 Meetinghouse Rd. **Live music!** For information visit the website www.bedfordfarmersmarket.org.

MERRIMACK: **Wednesday** 3-6. Mid June thru mid October. Located at the Tractor Supply parking lot on Daniel Webster Highway, across from the Post Office.

AMHERST: **Thursday** 3-6. June12th thru October 9th. ***New location!*** Bedford Fields of Amherst garden center, formerly Ponemah Farms, at 42 Rte 101A. **Live music!** For information call 345-0860.

MILFORD: **Saturday** 10-1. June14th thru October11th. Granite Town Plaza parking lot, Elm St near Tractor Supply. **Live music!** Their 37th year of operation! For information visit the website www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com.

From A Grateful Recipient

What an honor and a privilege to have the Boston Post Cane! I would like to thank all those who had a part in this celebration. The flowers were beautiful, the reason for this occasion spoken well by Selectman Fred Douglas and what better time to present the cane than at Town Meeting Day!

- Lucy Schmidt

Above: Lucy Schmidt being handed the Boston Post Cane by Selectman Fred Douglas

Kitchen Views……

From Adrienne Colsia

STRAWBERRY LEMON YOGURT CAKE

2 ½ c all purpose flour, divided
½ tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
1 lemon zest
1 c butter, softened (2 sticks)
2 c sugar
3 eggs
3 tbsp lemon juice, divided
8 oz Greek yogurt (plain or vanilla)
12 oz strawberries (fresh & diced)
1 c confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan (10-15 cup pan). Sift together the 2 ¼ cups of flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix in the lemon zest and set aside.

With an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Then stir in 1 tablespoon of lemon juice. Alternate beating in the flour mixture and the yogurt, mixing just until incorporated.

Toss the strawberries with the remaining ¼ cup of flour. Gently mix them into the batter. The batter will be thick. Pour the batter into the Bundt pan. Place in the oven and **reduce the temperature to 325 degrees**. Bake for 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

Allow to cool 30 minutes in the pan, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely. Once cooled whisk together the remaining 2 tablespoons of lemon juice and the confectioners' sugar. Drizzle over the top of the cake.

Note: Can be used as a breakfast item or dessert. Yum!

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to eveyone who gave of their time, talent and resources to restore the Historic Center Church. It stands as a beautiful testimony to what hard work and TLC can do. Special thanks to Clayton Brown and Kent Perry who initiated and coordinated this challenging undertaking.

Come vist us this summer on the Farm/Studio tour in August.

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Pastor Paul Lemire and the congregation of the United Church of Lyndeborough

SENIOR DINNER DATES

The Senior Dinners will be held on the dates listed below at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Maple Street in Wilton from 4 to 6 pm.

Sunday, June 15
Friday, July 18
Sunday, August 17

To the Lyndeborough voters who came to Citizens' Hall and voted on Election Day, Thank You!
To the Lyndeborough voters who voted for me, I thank you for your confidence!
I shall do my best to maintain your confidence in that vote!
Thank you, ***Lee F. Mayhew***

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