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## Know Your Neighbor – Rick McQuade

By Nadine Preftakes

On a beautiful fall afternoon, Rick McQuade took the time to share some of his thoughts with me on beginning a new chapter in his life. He and his wife Brenda are the newly minted owners of the Village Store, and, after 15 years, Rick is gracefully resigning as Lyndeborough's Fire Chief. Our interview was informative, inspiring, and, at times, poignant.

When Rick was just sixteen years old, he wanted to join the Lyndeborough Fire Department but was told he had to wait until he was eighteen before he could officially volunteer. When that day finally arrived in 1988, he filled out the paperwork and became an official firefighter. For the past twenty-seven years, he has served the town of Lyndeborough as a member of the Lyndeborough Fire Department. During that time, he has acquired a great deal of education, not only about the life of a firefighter but also about himself as a person.

Throughout the years, Rick saw the department change and grow in subtle ways. He stated that the “older members” spent an incredible amount of time mentoring the younger members. The elders taught valuable lessons about tried and true techniques, while allowing the younger group to make their own choices and occasional mistakes. They took the time to show them more efficient ways to handle difficult situations. “When working with the older members, I was taught so much without realizing just how much information I was absorbing. I was learning just by the simple fact of working with these guys.”

He spoke of budgets that were a lot smaller compared to now, usually around \$30,000-\$35,000. That was a direct result of the amount of work done around the station and

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## Old Town Hall Backdrop Gets New Life

By Jessie Salisbury

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, conservators Christine Hadsel and Mary Jo (“MJ”) Davis, along with the non-profit organization **Curtains Without Borders**, repaired, restored and rehung the c. 1900 hand-painted backdrop at the Town Hall. They were assisted by several residents, including Clayton and Polly Brown, Nadine Preftakes, Al Gibson, and Linda Anderson. It will be unrolled and on display during voting at Town Meeting in March 2016.

The curtain, which was probably purchased by the Pinnacle Grange, was removed from the stage in the 1960s, rolled up and stored upstairs in the old dining room when town business moved to Citizens' Hall. A roof leak at some point left a water stain in the center of the curtain and there were two small rips.

The Historical Society had it brought out and evaluated in 2009, and discussions were held as to how to raise the needed \$3,000 to have it restored. Since then, it has been stored behind the stage at Town Hall. When the Moose Plate Grant was applied for, the Budget Committee agreed to place the costs in the town budget.

Wally Holt did the required cleaning and painting of the stage before the backdrop was replaced. The restoration was a project of The Heritage Commission.



# Stories in Stone: The Raising of the Wilton Meeting House

**By Ginny Chrisenton, Cemetery Trustee**

September 7, 1773 was a beautiful day. The Town of Wilton was building a meeting house. The expense had been raised by the whole town. Food for the workers was prepared. The timbers were cut. People were coming from miles around by foot, horseback, cart and wagon. Many of the men would be raising the huge timbers, the women talking and getting the food together, the children running around and playing. All were there to watch the frame of the building being raised. The sides were up and part of the roof on when Captain Bradford, one of the men helping from Lyndeborough, noticed that a post in the center of a large beam stretching across the middle of the building was beginning to buckle from the weight of the men, tools, boards and other beams to be raised for the roof. He went to the master workman and warned him of the problem. The master workman replied "that if he was afraid he might go home, that they wanted no cowards there." ([The History of Lyndeborough N.H. 1735-1905](#), page 148)

Captain Bradford left and while proceeding home, he looked back and watched in horror as the entire structure fell, dumping 53 men 30 feet to the ground along with their tools, the boards, the roof beams and the sides of the meeting house. Of the 53 men that fell, Reuben Stiles of Lyndeborough and two others died instantly. Three men, all of Lyndeborough were mortally wounded. Joseph Severance, died the next day. Timothy Carlton lived 4 days, and Benjamin Jones died soon after. There was not a workman there that didn't have a broken bone or cuts from falling tools and axes or severe bruises. Twelve Lyndeborough men were wounded. As the entire population of Lyndeborough in 1773 was less than 500, the community was hit hard.

Captain Bradford's house and land was at the Wilton end of Perham Corner Road on what was then called Gun Hill. There is no record of where he is buried. I suspect he is in an unmarked grave in Perham Corner Cemetery or in an unmarked grave on the old 1816 map of South Cemetery. This map only notes the names of about a third of the graves drawn. His son, Thomas Bradford, born in 1771, is buried in a large plot in South Cemetery.

## **Killed Instantly**

Reuben Stiles was born in Lyndeborough on June 13, 1749, and died at 24. He is buried in an unmarked grave high on the hill in South Cemetery. His name is on the old cemetery map from 1816, so we know approximately the location of his grave.

## **Mortally Wounded**

Joseph Severance is not in the cemetery database, in the old Lyndeborough history book or listed on the old 1816 South cemetery map. We only know his name and the manner of his death.

Timothy Carlton was the son of Jeremiah and Eunice Carlton. He is also buried in an unmarked grave high on the hill in South Cemetery and listed on the old 1816 map. He is buried not far from Reuben Stiles.

The Benjamin Jones who died in the raising of the Wilton Meeting House is only listed in this incident in the old Lyndeborough History Book. There are two other men named Benjamin Jones in the history book in 1773, but the dates of death or the dates of the birth of their children make it impossible for them to be the Benjamin Jones who died in 1773.

## **Wounded**

David Carlton, Timothy Carlton's brother, was mortally wounded at Bunker Hill, carried off the field by his brother-in-law, John Johnson, and died 2 days later on June 19, 1775. He is listed in the old history book as the first Lyndeborough citizen to die for his country. He is not in the database for Lyndeborough cemeteries, so we don't know where he is buried.

In 1773, there were two Jonathan Chamberlains living in Lyndeborough, a father (66 years old) and son (34 years old). One of them was wounded when the Wilton Meeting House fell. Both marched to Ticonderoga on July 1, 1777, in the Revolutionary War. Jonathan Chamberlain, Sr. lived to be 83. Jonathan Chamberlain, Jr. lived to be 79. Both are buried in the Chamberlain plot high on the hill in South Cemetery.

Lieutenant Thomas Boffee served in the Revolutionary War at Bunker Hill, Winter Hill, Canada and in Trenton in the winter of 1776. The old history book says he is buried in South Cemetery under the pines. Unfortunately, the pines have been there for a long time. One huge one fell down a few years ago luckily missing every grave stone in its path. Richard Herfurth removed another huge pine that was growing in the middle area of the 1816 map, thus protecting many old headstones.

Andrew Thompson marched to Bunker Hill and to Fort Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary War. He is buried in the Route 31 Cemetery, in an unmarked grave.

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# HIGH BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE DEDICATION

By Jessie Salisbury

A new bridge in North Lyndeborough crosses the south branch of the Piscataquog River and connects a system of trails in Lyndeborough with a similar network in New Boston. The bridge, located on High Bridge Road, is the combined efforts of the Lyndeborough Trails Association and Piscataquog Area Trails, and replaces a bridge closed and abandoned by Lyndeborough around 1970.

During brief dedication ceremonies on Sunday, October 25, Lyndeborough Trails Association member Tracey Turner called the effort "One of the most significant collaborative conservation efforts in the area," adding, "volunteers put in countless hours."

Rain earlier in the day ended and about a dozen people attended the ceremonies.

The bridge, built of white oak, cost about \$50,000. Half of that amount was a state trails grant obtained by the Piscataquog group. The rest came from a series of fund raisers and private donations.

According to Kim DiPietro of New Boston, "The old abutments were solid. It was quite an undertaking, but it was doable. Everyone has been really supportive." Agreement and cooperation from Lyndeborough officials was required, she said. "The Highway Department came down and moved some boulders for us."

The bridge is open to hikers, horseback riders, cross-country skiers and snowmobiles. It is on a Class 6 road where ATVs are not allowed.

Phil Brooks, one of the bridge builders, said the Association was formed about four years ago to develop a trail system "from the southwest part of town to the northwest." "Most of the trails are along existing Class 6 roads," Brooks said. "And most of the rest is over conservation land. This bridge," he added, "is a big link for us."

Lyndeborough Trails Association's first project was two years ago. It was the replacement of a bridge on Stonebridge Road, located behind the Town Hall in Lyndeborough Center, where a stone culvert had been broken by a logging truck.

The new bridge is dedicated to all of those who helped build it. A plaque with the names is located at one end of the bridge. The original bridge was closed by the town because of replacement costs. The bridge served one family who had other access.



**Above:** Kris Henry, Center, President of the Lyndeborough Trails Association along with Association Member Tracey Turner, right, and Doria Harris, left, a representative of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy, during the dedication service. Photo by Jessie Salisbury.

## Historical Society Donations

The Lyndeborough Historical Society would like to thank Judy Sanders for her generous donation of old photographs and deeds to her former home in South Lyndeborough. One of these pictures shows the hill west of the Village Store before the construction of Citizens' Hall. These pieces of Lyndeborough history will be catalogued and stored in the secure Historical Society room in the library.

We would also like to take this occasion to remind anyone that we are constantly looking to acquire more articles on Lyndeborough's history for the Historical Society's collections. If anyone has any photographs, postcards, or any other items from Lyndeborough's past, no matter how recent or remote, we are interested. If you do not want to part with photographs, older postcards, or other paper goods related to Lyndeborough, we would appreciate a scanned version. We want to maintain and preserve as much of Lyndeborough's history as we can, and any help that residents can give us is appreciated. Please contact Jessie Salisbury or Stephanie Roper, if you are interested in donating any relevant items.

## Donald Jorgensen Lorvig

Donald Jorgensen Lorvig of Lyndeborough, NH, passed an untimely death on October 2, 2015. Formerly of Lyndeborough, he was 54 years old. A loving and involved father, he is survived by his daughter Tori, and also siblings Eric Lorvig, Rachel Batterson, Jeremy Batterson, Sarah Thompson and Joshua Batterson, and mother, Jane Batterson.

A graduate of the University of Chicago, his long list of accomplishments include a software patent and a Congressional nomination to the Air Force Academy. He also was renowned for his mile time in both high school and college and completed numerous road races including half-marathons.

A carefree soul with a lust for life, he was generous to a fault and never hesitated to help a friend in need. Don left his mark on many of us. He enjoyed making everyday life and it's myriad of experiences fun and memorable for all involved. A bassist and overall musician to the core, his quick wit and fun-loving nature will be missed.

A memorial fund has been established in his name to help with any unexpected cost that his family may encounter <https://www.youcaring.com/tori-lorvig-445466>



**DON'T MISS SANTA!!**

The LFD and Auxiliary will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting on **Saturday, December 5th** in the Village at 4 pm.

Afterwards the children will walk with Santa to the JA Tarbell library where he will listen to their Christmas wishes.

**Refreshments will be served.**

**The Giving Tree ~ Please Support Local Families in Need**



The Giving Tree is at two locations this year. At The J.A. Tarbell Library and at Citizens' Hall. Both trees will remain at their locations until Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, gift tags will be hung from the tree with a name, age, clothing size or gift request. You simply remove the tag, attach it to a wrapped gift and return the gift back to either location. All of the children attend the local Wilton and Lyndeborough Schools. If you do not have the opportunity to shop for a gift, donations will be accepted towards local gift certificates. The older children from each family have gift requests that are educational in nature and more expensive. Cash donations would make it possible to fulfill their requests. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

**JA Tarbell Holiday Fair set for Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

This year's Holiday Fair will be held at the J. A. Tarbell Library Saturday, November 28th from 9 am - 2 pm. Support your local artisans and buy your holiday gifts early. Don't forget to check out the Giving Tree! The library is also raffling off a lovely boxwood tree, \$1 ea or 6 or \$5.

- Karen Grybko ~ Homemade Salsa's & Candy, Goat Milk Soap, Hand Cream & Lip Balm
- Robin Arnold ~ Peace of Earth ~ All Things Mushrooms; dried, seasonings & Skin Products
- Ralph Dwire ~ Hand Crafted Wooden Items
- Barbara Fredette ~Homemade Ornaments & Gifts
- Karen Holland ~ Garden Jewels & Photo Cards
- Joan Hyde ~ Doll Clothes
- United Church of Lyndeborough ~ Upcycled crafts, cards, & more
- Donna Anthony ~Pysanky Ukrainian Painted Eggs, Carved Eggs, Bird Houses & More
- Beth Penney ~ Penney Wise Farm ~ Bees Wax Lip Balm, Jams & Jellies, Holiday Designs
- Mary DeLong ~ Evergreen Holistic Therapies ~ Free Chair Massages
- Kim Hilton ~ The Gargoyle's Nest ~ Beautiful Hand Made Jewelry
- Anna Roemer ~ Twilight Farm ~ Yarn, roving, Hand-knitted Items, Jellies & Jams
- Cindy Newton ~ Singing Bear Gallery ~ Healing Gemstone Jewelry & Accessories
- David Schmechel ~ Bittersweet Farm ~ Honey, Baked Goods & Granola
- John Holland ~ For the Birds ~ Cedar Dwellings for Bluebirds and Chickadees
- JAT Library Knitters ~ Handmade Felted Bags, Hats, Mittens & More
- Diana Chauvin ~ Sewing Crafts, Baby Bibs, Burp Cloths, Jewelry Pouches, Aprons & More



Please join us. Refreshments will be served!

# The Lyndeborough Fire Department Auxiliary

## Who are we? What is our purpose?

By Doris Kelley

The Lyndeborough Fire Department Auxiliary is a small group of volunteers who work together to help support our town's firefighters. Whenever there is a large fire in Lyndeborough and the firefighters have been on the fire scene for a long time, the Auxiliary members gather at the fire station to make and transport food, drinks, and any additional supplies that the firefighters might need.

As a group, we hold various fundraisers throughout the year, such as, the Apple Festival in October, dances at Citizens' Hall, and the sale of delicious food at the Annual Town Meeting in March. These events not only raise funds for the Auxiliary, but increase awareness of our organization while drawing the community together. All monies raised are returned to the Lyndeborough community. Each year at Christmastime, the members vote to donate an amount of money to the Fire Department to help purchase a piece of equipment that is not covered in their budget. In addition to the Fire Department, Auxiliary funds are used to aid fire victims and to provide scholarships for residents who want to pursue a career in firefighting. Christmas on the Common and the Easter Egg Hunt at Center Hall are two group-sponsored, fun-filled annual events.

The Auxiliary meets once a month at the Lyndeborough Fire Station on Forest Road. Meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of the month; but the group is flexible to accommodate members when necessary. During meetings, upcoming events are planned, ideas for future fundraisers are discussed, and mock drills with the Fire Department members are conducted. If we are called out to help during a town structure fire, the group gathers at the Fire Station and follows protocol to determine who mans the station, who makes the food and who transports the food to the scene. Even though the group is small (five) and enjoys working together, we would like to increase membership. The Auxiliary would love to have you join us at a meeting and get to know us. All you need is a willingness to volunteer a little time and make some new friends!

## Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club Update

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club has been very busy helping the communities of our two towns and is preparing for upcoming events. In June 2015 the club granted scholarships to deserving students from the two towns; in August we participated in Lyndeborough's Community Day; and two weeks later we assisted with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy's Bicycle Race to help raise funds for Rose Mountain. Now we are in the process of coordinating the Giving Trees in both towns and distributing the donated gifts to the families.

We are grateful to the generosity and support the communities have shown during our recent fundraisers and activities. All of the funds raised are turned back into the communities as scholarships, Christmas presents, Senior Dinners, library programs, WLC Cupboard, etc.

If you are or if you know a family that may be in need of assistance with Christmas presents please contact Karen Grybko at 654-5362 or kgrybko@live.com.

The club welcomes new members to the group. If you would like information about joining the Women's Club, please contact Karen (information above) or Ellen Pomer at 654-5420 or ellenpomer@mac.com.



Kindergartner Travis Cole  
celebrates Halloween this year dressed  
as a Police Officer.

## Citizens' Hall Display Case Available

Few people may know that the glass display case in the main room in Citizens' Hall is available for any resident to display small items. This showcase is intended to have temporary exhibits of anything about Lyndeborough or made by someone from Lyndeborough.

In the past, the Historical Society and the Lafayette Artillery have presented various elements from Lyndeborough's past for all to see. These have included an exhibit on the railroads and railroad stations, examples of arcane kitchen items, and postcards of the town from days gone by.

This locked glass case could be a way to way for a resident to show off artwork, photography, or hand-made crafts for sale, or for someone to highlight some aspect of Lyndeborough from the past. The goal is to have a rotating exhibit, with each display remaining for about a month. If anyone is interested in showing off Lyndeborough-related items, please see the people at the town offices. Anna Roemer, Twilight Farm & Fibers will a variety of her products on display. See the article on page 7 for more information.

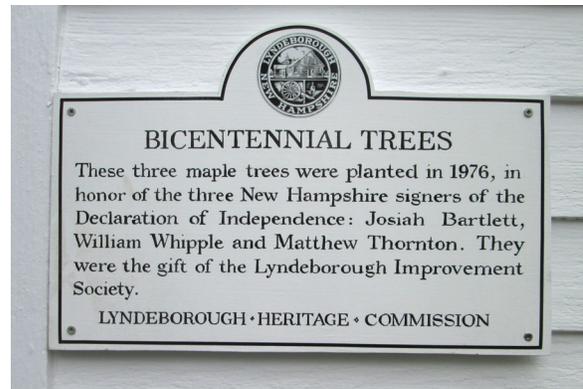
## Historical House Signs Still Available

The Heritage Commission wants to remind anyone who owns an older house in town that we are selling historical signs for houses similar to the one pictured below. These white signs with black lettering and the town seal will include the date (or approximate date) of your home and either the name of the first homeowner or the name of an important past owner. The signs are a way to highlight the history of your home and its historical importance to Lyndeborough. The cost for a sign is \$75. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Heritage Commission—Bob Rogers, Jessie Salisbury, or Stephanie Roper.

## The WLC Cupboard

The WLC Cupboard provides free clothing, food items, new toiletries, backpacks, new undergarments, and shoes for our students. When children have these basic needs met they will achieve greater academic success. Students are introduced to the WLC Cupboard through their school counselors, nurse, or administrators. They can visit the closet privately, during school hours, and choose items that help them to feel confident and comfortable. This holiday season, the Guidance Office expects to distribute gift certificates to approximately 30 teenagers.

To donate, please drop off items at the WLC Main Office. Checks can be made out to WLC Cupboard. Along with the items listed above, they will also accept gift cards to Market Basket, Mother and Child, Wilton House of Pizza, Walmart, Target, Goodwill and local businesses.



## SENIOR DINNERS

The Senior Dinners will not be held during the months of December, January, and February. They will resume in March 2016 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. The dinners are held in the hall at Sacred Heart Church, Maple Street, Wilton.



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# TWILIGHT FARM AND FIBERS

By Adrienne Colsia

Yet another bucolic scene awaits anyone who drives up Lager Lane to Anna and Dave Roemer's home. Sheep graze nearby while turkeys and chickens wander about. The vegetable and flower gardens have been put to bed for the winter. Two hard-working and talented people live in this home.

After spending 14 years on Dale Street in Wilton, raising their children and being very civically involved with the town, (Dave on the School Board and WLC Budget Committee and Anna a Girl Scout leader and on the PTO for years), Anna Roemer and her husband Dave built their home on 16 acres in Lyndeborough in 1999. They wanted more land than they had in Wilton to continue their mission of raising animals in a humane way. They cleared some land for pastures and put in several gardens. For 25 years they have grown all their own poultry and vegetables. They currently have 8 sheep, 25 layer chickens for eggs, and 50 free-range meat birds. The impressive barn was built by them using wood harvested from their property which they milled and dried, before Dave constructed the actual building.



Anna Roemer of Twilight Farm and Fibers

Many people may know Anna through her business of 23 years, Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning. Using only citrus based cleaning solutions, she cleaned carpets and upholstery. This business allowed her the flexibility she needed to raise her two children and the ability to help contribute to the family finances. Now that the children are grown and living out west, she recently decided to retire from the carpet-cleaning business, to explore her creative passions.

Twilight Farm and Fibers sells yarn and roving, as well as a variety of wool items hand woven and crafted by Anna. She uses the fleece from her Corriedale/ Rambouillet sheep, bred for the dual purpose of providing meat and quality fleece. The fleece produces a fine wool great for knitting, needle felting, and wet felting. She makes hand spun wool on her Ashford traditional spinner, beautiful wall hangings using dyed wool roving woven on a peg loom, and has used the fleece to make soft, warm comforters. She recently started naturally dyeing yarns using items such as acorns, black walnuts, marigolds, and poke berries.



Above, The Ashford Traditional Spinner Anna uses.

While I was there, Anna was in the process of making cute Santa ornaments from felt. In the bright and airy craft room, she displayed a variety of her creations, including a pretty purple shawl, wall hangings in deep vibrant colors, hand spun wool in gorgeous hues, naturally dyed wools in earth tones, stunning hand painted yarn, and felted wool soap. The soap, used as a scrubby, is great for cleaning the dirt off of camping and gardening hands. Once the soap is used up, the leftovers can be composted as it is made of all-natural soap and wool.

In addition to her wool products, she sells poultry, her own jams and jellies, and eggs. Anna has displayed a few of her beautiful woolen items in the glass case at Citizens Hall. Check them out! You can contact her by phone at (603)654-5607 or email [aroemer@tellink.net](mailto:aroemer@tellink.net). Also, please "Like" her Facebook page Twilight Farm and Fibers. Anna will be at the JA Tarbell Holiday Fair on Nov. 28th.

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## Update on Lyndeborough Center Church

By Clayton Brown & Kent Perry



The Lyndeborough Center Church project is complete. Wally Holt, Joe Mazerall and Steve Ciardelli finished painting the back of the church using Joe's bucket lift and Paul Martin's lift to reach the high places. The shutters were repaired, painted, and put back on the church.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the project. A total of \$25,000 was raised. The church applied for a grant from the Ella Anderson Trust Fund and received \$8,000 to finish the painting and restoring of some of the windows.

We had the use of one crane and three bucket lifts. These machines were owned by Curt Guild, Andy Roeper, Paul Martin, and Joe Mazerall.

The roof was done by Wally Holt and his crew along with Leo Trudeau. Leo supplied new roof boards and a shingle lift. He also pointed the chimney.

The painting was done by Kent Perry, John Giese, Wally, Joe, and Andy. The shutters were painted by John, Ron Curran, Nadine, and Clayton. Many of these needed repair as well.

We received 121 donations from the people of Lyndeborough, Wilton, and Milford. The work was completed by 32 volunteers. It took three years to complete this work, but it truly was a labor of love of our hometown. We can all be proud of our Lyndeborough Center with its newly painted buildings and well-maintained grounds.

Ralph and Keith Dwire made a new fan for the front of the church which was quite an accomplishment.

The Lyndeborough Center Church Fund account is still open at TD Bank, PO Box 150, Wilton, NH 03086.

Many thanks to all.

A black and white photograph of a forest path with text overlaid. The text is arranged in a curved banner at the top, followed by the name 'Ariel Tobi', his title 'Professional Trail Designer and Builder', and 'Low Impact Custom Trails'. At the bottom, there are two phone numbers and an email address.

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with the trucks by the department members. "Everyone helped out, and there was a great deal of comradery among the members. We had a lot of fun too." With a bit of laughter he recalled a few stories about some of the calls and drills that he attended. "If we were on a drill and were caught not paying attention, we occasionally ended up in the porta tank." Smiling he recalled another story about learning and being together but with a bit of mischief directed at one particular member. "We were all practicing a rope rescue training drill and Teddy Waterman was the 'victim strapped to the backboard sked' which was a glorified sled. Without him being aware of what was about to happen, we hoisted him up to the top of the hose tower which was about 65 to 70 feet. Needless to say, he was none too happy about that! But he was also a good sport and laughed with us when he was safely on the ground."

Another adventure and learning experience that came to mind occurred very shortly after Rick had joined the department. A call came through for a brush fire in town. When Rick arrived at the station, he found to his surprise that he was the only one to show up. Since he could not drive the truck and no one else had arrived, he, quite frankly, did not know what to do. While he was standing there in front of the station pondering what to do, Chris Carter, a Wilton firefighter, drove up and asked if he needed help. Rick emphatically answered yes. Then Wayne Scott, a retired Lyndeborough firefighter also showed up and the three of them jumped in the truck and headed to the scene. These "willing, but not quite kosher, participants" successfully put the fire out, but that was not the end of the story. Come the next Monday evening fire meeting at the station, Rick said he found himself in a heap of trouble. He was told in no uncertain terms that for his safety and the safety of others, he should not have involved a retired member, nor a Wilton member but instead should have called for Mutual Aid to come. As hard as it was to be told that his "detour from protocol" was definitely a mistake, Rick said that his adventure became a learning experience that he never forgot.

"Everyone takes away something from their time spent with each other on the department. I hated public speaking but out of necessity, I learned to, if not love it, to do it somewhat well. Not everyone fits the Model A Role of a firefighter. We are all different and possess both strengths and weaknesses. It is the chief's responsibility to see how each member fits in and contributes to the best of their abilities."

The road to becoming a firefighter is a long, but worthwhile one. Anyone who has a desire to be a part of the department must submit an application, criminal background check and driving history record. Membership is voted on by the department. This membership entitles them to attend meetings, respond to calls and participate in drills. If they are willing to further their education, they can enroll in Basic Fire Fighter One, a class that involves 220 hours of training to become a certified firefighter.

"There are three things that I love about a small town fire department. The members love to help others and have a passion for what they do. Typically we know the people we are helping and so, even though it is difficult at times, we are able to relate to them and what they are going through, which allows us to treat them emotionally as well as physically. Most importantly, we are all here to support one another."

Volunteering time and skills to assist others requires a great deal of commitment and is very rewarding. Rick believes that everyone's life is important and through the years, he and the department members always did their best to take care of the people in Lyndeborough. However, there are times when the outcome of a call can be



Rick McQuade

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## Happy Holidays to *Lyndeborough Views* Readers

As part of your delegation to the NH General Court, I felt news about the following information could be useful to you. Please contact me if I can be of assistance: [carolrose.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:carolrose.roberts@gmail.com)

### **COVERING NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Covering New Hampshire** is the official, free resource for Granite Staters to learn about the Health Insurance Marketplace, the New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHHPP) and the new, affordable health insurance plans that are now available. The enrollment period for the NH Health Insurance Marketplace is now open for 2016. The enrollment period will close on Jan. 31, 2016. This is a great resource for anyone who would like help picking the health insurance plan that best suits your needs. Go to: <http://coveringnewhampshire.org/> for information on "Covering New Hampshire".

### **'REAL ID' AND YOU**

When the NH General Court meets again after the first of the year, one of the first items of business will be to address the use of our current drivers licenses as an ID for travel and other purposes. Presently, New Hampshire allows license holders to request removal of their photo or Social Security number from the system, which makes the state out of compliance with the federal **REAL ID** Act. Under the Federal **REAL ID** act, the Department of Safety keeps Social Security numbers and photos on file. A bill which will be presented in January at the NH House will allow citizens who do not want their photo or Social Security number on file to be issued a regular driver's license. They would still need a passport or other federally issued identification for air travel, border crossings, or to enter government buildings. This is a complex issue but not without precedent, as 46 other states have already complied. To be in compliance, NH needs to have a bill in place by June 2016.

### **THE DRUG EPIDEMIC IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Governor Hassan and the Executive Council called a Special Session of the NH House to begin work on the overwhelming issue of drug abuse in New Hampshire. The House will convene this special session on November 18th at 12:00 pm. The hope is to have plans in place near the beginning of the year. For background information, I recommend an article about the drug epidemic - from the Nov. 5 - 11, 2015 issue of the Hippo: <http://www.hippopress.com/read-article/drug-dealers-paradise>

*Carol R. Roberts*  
*State Representative*  
*District 4 - Hillsborough County NH*

## Sato Heart Rescue: Meet Miracle Now Available for Adoption

Sato Heart Rescue in Wilton works exclusively with a shelter in Puerto Rico to bring adorable "Satos" (Puerto Rican slang for homeless dogs) to New Hampshire.



Miracle was born with Swimmers Syndrome, which is a condition where she was unable to move her legs or sit up. Miracle was brought to the shelter on 12/2/2013 and at that time a wonderful vet decided to do surgery to correct this condition. The surgery was a success! After many days of recovery and rehab Miracle is healthy and happy! She is approx. 2 years old, a very sweet girl, LOVES the water and is ready to find her "furrever" family. Miracle will be making her journey to New Hampshire in December. To learn more about Miracle, other adoptable dogs, becoming a foster family or volunteering please visit <http://www.satoheartrescue.org>.



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April 9: Timothy Welch from Purgatory Falls Alpaca Farm will talk about everything ALPACA. He will have a couple of animals, some raw fleece, spun fleece and some fleece products, which everyone can see and touch.

Michael Beebe, also a Lyndeborough resident, will come to speak about the beginning of the skiing industry in New Hampshire, the topic of his new book. Date to be determined.

Regina Conrad, former planetarium educator, will talk about Total Solar Eclipses. Date to be determined.

JATL will qualify for two New Hampshire Humanities programs in 2016. You are welcome to go to their web site [www.nhhc.org](http://www.nhhc.org) and suggest a *Humanities to Go* program.

New Hampshire Astronomical Society will be invited back with their telescopes.

First Monday of the month Adult Coloring will be added to the continuing events.

Art, Crafts, and Treasures continues: We ask anyone interested in displaying their treasures, crafts, or art work to please contact the library or email: [JATLprograms@gmail.com](mailto:JATLprograms@gmail.com)

Large Print books are available and our collection is growing.

For more information on these or any of our programs, please contact us at (603) 654-6790 or email [jat@tellink.net](mailto:jat@tellink.net) or [jatlprograms@gmail.com](mailto:jatlprograms@gmail.com). Or stop by during our business hours: Mon 12-5, 6-8; Weds 10-6; Thurs 1-6 or Sat 10-12. We are closed on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.



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 at the 2015  
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 Lyndeborough.

## CHECK OUT TOWN EVENTS ON THE WEB!!!

Visit the Town of Lyndeborough's Web Site for current information, calendar of events and other town information.

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

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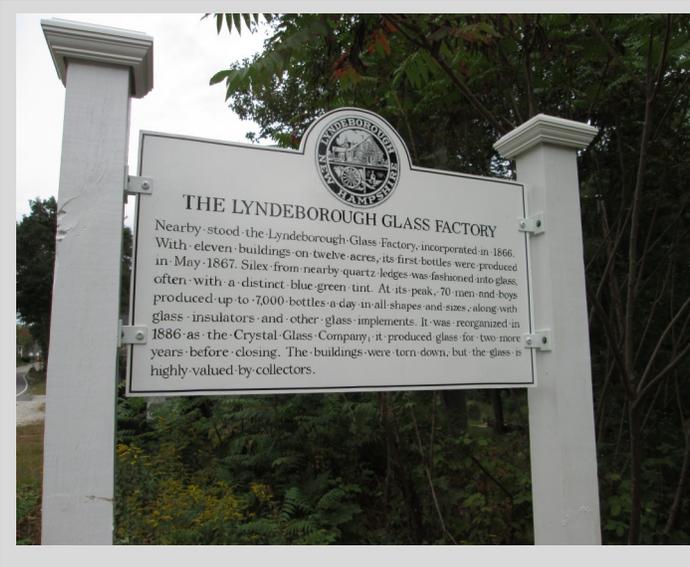
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The Lyndeborough Glass Factory sign at the corner of Route 31 and Glass Factory Road was installed by the Heritage Commission in September.

It is the third historic marker in the series and suggestions are being sought for next year's sign.

Previous signs were placed on the Village Common and by the Town Hall in Lyndeborough Center.

Picture by Jessie Salisbury

## Update on the Village Memorial Park

By Dr. Stephanie Roper

We have brought electrical outlets to the common. Although we had hoped to have the latest order of bricks completed for Veterans' Day, the order was delayed at the engravers. Never fear! The bricks have just been completed, but we will be waiting until spring to lay these bricks. We also plan to work on bronze plaques for the center monument, the one devoted to veterans of Vietnam and later wars.

We are gathering names for a complete list of Lyndeborough residents who have served in Vietnam and later wars. If anyone knows of any names of veterans from Lyndeborough who served, please leave the names with the town offices, so that we will not have any missing names. We want to acknowledge and honor all veterans from town.

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

very difficult and heartbreaking. At times like these, the department provides critical stress incident debriefing which is invaluable. But support for one another also comes from informal group settings in the department where members can talk and occasionally joke freely in informal group settings.

Rick grinned when he said that people were not the only creatures that the department has rescued. They saved a donkey when it became entangled in a barbed wire fence, a deer that fell through the ice on a pond, and believe it or not, an iguana that was stuck up in a tree. Not only has the department served the Lyndeborough community, the community has been very supportive of the Fire Department. Boot drives, pancake breakfasts, haunted houses, and yard sales are always well attended and generously contributed to.

Rick quietly spoke about how rewarding his tenure on the department has been. He has loved doing the job and feels that the passion he felt to help others in need when he was just eighteen has stayed with him all these twenty-seven years. He has loved seeing his three sons come to know him as, not only a father and firefighter, but as a human being who is committed to giving and helping others. "Taking care of the town always goes above and beyond fire calls. Whenever a citizen is in need of help, no matter whether it is in the form of a simple job requiring some manpower or a bit of financial issues, we, as a department, have always found a way to give."

The hardest part about Rick's decision to step down as chief was actually making the decision and then moving forward with it. Rick spoke about how blessed he feels to have been a part of the community for so many years and in such a unique way. "I believe I have both gained and contributed much to the people of this town and have been a part of something bigger than just one person. Even though I am stepping down as the fire chief and taking a three to six month hiatus from the department, I want the townspeople to know that I am not resigning from the department. I still love helping others and sharing my experiences with the next generations of members and hopefully one day new members can all come to me as one of those older guys."

Rick ended our conversation by saying that he would not be where he is today if not for his beautiful wife, Brenda who has always been there for him and their family. "Our lives are heading in a new direction and I know the townspeople are happy for us as we begin this new chapter."

## *Stories in Stone..... (Continued from page 2)*

Benjamin Senter was the first of the Senter family to settle in Lyndeborough. He was a private in the Revolutionary War. He lived and is buried in North Lyndeborough. If you go through the gate at North Cemetery, his grave is near the left of north stonewall and in the middle of the cemetery.

Ebenezer Gardner was a Revolutionary War veteran and very active in the town and church. The old history book lists his wife, 2 daughters and 3 sons as being baptized June 18, 1788. His veteran gravestone in North Cemetery was broken in late 2010 by loggers and was replaced by the loggers with an exact replica, in 2011. If you go through the gate at North Cemetery, his grave is to your right and right next to the stonewall.

Uriah Cram lived near South Cemetery. He was a Minuteman and also paid others to serve in his place during the Revolutionary War. He had a two-story house that was well built—so well, that it had panels that could be moved on the second floor to create one large room. It was used as an armory and drill place for the Minutemen. He lived to be 81 and is buried in South Cemetery.

Edward Bevins lived at Bevins Corner, which is now called Perham Corner. He served extensively in the Revolutionary War at Fort Ticonderoga, the Alarm at Bennington, Rhode Island, in the Continental Army and at West Point, NY. We have no record of where he is buried, but my guess is in an unmarked grave in Perham Corner Cemetery.

Nehemiah Hutchinson also served extensively in the Revolutionary War. He was at Bunker Hill, White Hill, Canada, Trenton and the Alarm at Bennington as 1st Sergeant. There is no record of where he lived in town or where he is buried.

John Rowe served in the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Bunker Hill, at Fort Ticonderoga, in the Continental Army in 1777 and as a ranger for the defense of the Western Frontiers. Again, we have no record of where he lived or where he is buried.

The raising of the Wilton Meeting House was a horrific accident. Amazingly, the building was later finished and dedicated on January 5, 1775. It was struck by lightning July 20, 1804 and suffered extensive damage.

## 2015/2016 Indoor Farmers' Markets

By Adrienne Colsia

For those of you, who love fresh locally made products all year long, the Indoor Farmers' Markets have begun! Below are the remaining dates of your local upcoming winter markets:

**MILFORD:** Enjoy live music while browsing a wide variety of vendors. Located in the Town Hall Auditorium on the third floor, **from 10-1**, on the **first and third Saturdays of each month from December-April** : 12/5, 12/19, 1/2, 1/16, 2/6, 2/20, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, and 4/16. Check out their web site at [www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com](http://www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com) or call 603-345-0860. "Like" them on Facebook at Milford Farmers Market of NH.

**BEDFORD FIELDS:** Located at 331 Rte 101 in Bedford across the street from Hannaford's Grocery store. Held the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of January and February**; 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, and 2/27, **from 10 am-3pm**. In addition to what is listed below, the 20+ vendors include some that provide arts and crafts. This pretty garden center is a great place for a market.



Both markets sell all sorts of high quality fresh items such as meats, poultry, fish, produce, eggs, goat cheese, woolen products, variety of baked goods, artisan breads, jams and jellies, dried beans, honey and beeswax products, maple syrup and maple products, goat milk soaps and lotions, and more. Buy local and support their hard work! It is always greatly appreciated.

### Open Cupboard Pantry

The Open Cupboard Pantry (OCP) serves the towns of Lyndeborough, Wilton, Temple and Greenfield. Clients visit at the OCP by appointment only. To schedule an appointment contact Roger LaDouceur. Patrons are screened to verify they are income eligible. The OCP is not intended to provide a family's total needs; it is meant to be a supplement to food stamps. If you have a question regarding your family's eligibility and you have access to the Internet, information is available on the town's website. Go to [www.town.lyndeborough.nh.us](http://www.town.lyndeborough.nh.us), scroll down to 'Where do I go for?' click 'More' and then click on 'Welfare'. If you do not have internet access or have additional questions, call the Lyndeborough Selectmen's Office at 654-5955. Additionally, the OCP is equipped to help families in emergency situations; if you are in need, please call Roger LaDouceur at 654-2635.

The Open Cupboard Pantry is supplied through donations (food & money) and purchases made through the New Hampshire Food Bank. The need for food supplies is there year round. Presently, the OCP would appreciate donations of shampoo, laundry detergent, coffee, vegetable oil, meals in a can, crackers, and paper towels. Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted. Checks should be made to The Open Cupboard Pantry and mailed to OCP, PO Box 111, Wilton, NH 03086. Donations are tax deductible.



### Thank You!!



The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts would like to thank the communities of Wilton and Lyndeborough for your support of the annual Scouting for Food drive. We collected over 1,400 items for the Open Cupboard Pantry on November 14. If you missed the opportunity to donate that day, please deposit your donations in the container for OCP at Market Basket or send a check to The Open Cupboard Pantry.

# Kitchen Views...

## Bacon Candy Appetizers

### Ingredients

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons chile powder  
20 slices of thick-cut bacon (1 1/2 pounds)

### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400°. Line two rimmed baking sheets with foil. In a small bowl, whisk the brown sugar with the chile powder. Arrange the bacon strips on the foil and coat the tops with the chile sugar. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until caramelized and almost crisp. Transfer the bacon to a rack set over a sheet of foil to cool completely then serve.

### MAKE AHEAD

The bacon candy can be made earlier in the day and stored at room temperature.

## Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Potatoes & Bacon

By Julie Grimes Bottcher from Fine Cooking Issue 70

### Ingredients

1-1/2 lb. baby yukon gold potatoes, quartered (or halved if very small)  
1 lb. brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved  
6 medium shallots, quartered  
3 slices thick-cut bacon, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch strips  
3 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tsp. kosher salt  
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper  
2 Tbs. unsalted butter, melted  
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

TIP: If you can't find small potatoes, cut medium-size ones in half and then quarter each half so they're about the same size as the Brussels sprout halves.

Position a rack in the center of the oven and heat the oven to 450°F.

Combine the potatoes, Brussels sprouts, shallots, and bacon in a large bowl; toss with the oil. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and toss again. Transfer the vegetables and bacon to a 10x15-inch Pyrex dish and roast, stirring every 15 min., until the vegetables are tender and well browned, 35 to 40 min. total.

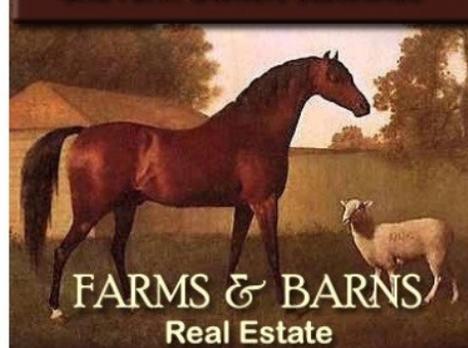
Combine the melted butter and lemon juice in a small bowl. Pour the butter mixture over the roasted vegetables and toss to coat. Serve immediately.

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