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“To Educate and Inform the Citizens of Lyndeborough”

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## Calling all Lyndeborough Central School Alumni

By Kathleen Baglio Humphreys

The Elementary School Historic Committee is searching for students who have attended the Lyndeborough Central School or any of the former one-room schoolhouses in town during the past 65 years.

A LCS Alumni gathering is planned for Sunday, June 14, from 5-7 pm to say good-bye to the small elementary school and honor an “End of an Era.” It’s also a chance to collect stories, photos and information from former students of their carefree days being an elementary student in Lyndeborough.

Alumni are encouraged to put their stories on paper before the party or email them.

Plans include a large group photo at 6 pm, hopefully with generations of former students who were educated at LCS. A photo was taken last October with the hope of gathering more former students at the end of the school year.

The committee will publish two books early next year with the history of both Lyndeborough’s and Wilton’s school buildings.

People can bring a dessert or appetizer to share at the casual event.

“Please help us locate alumni and pass the information along,” said Elementary School Historic Committee member Nadine Preftakes.

“It’s important to get people together so we can preserve the history for future generations,” Preftakes said.

“If it’s just one memory of something that happened in second grade, we are happy to hear about it,” said Preftakes.

“We are taking the opportunity of the changes in the school to excite people about gathering stuff before it’s lost,” said School Board Chairman Geoff Brock.

Photos or memories can be sent to [lyndeborocentralmemories@gmail.com](mailto:lyndeborocentralmemories@gmail.com) or [npreftakes@tds.net](mailto:npreftakes@tds.net).

A Facebook page has been set up at:

[FlorenceRideoutandLyndeboroughCentralSchoolhistoriesandmemories](https://www.facebook.com/FlorenceRideoutandLyndeboroughCentralSchoolhistoriesandmemories).

In September, all Lyndeborough and Wilton students in grades 1-5 will attend school in Wilton in the new additions and renovated 1895 building. Kindergarten and Pre-K students will go to school in Lyndeborough, which will be renovated, as part of the cooperative consolidation, and the building will also house the SAU 63 Administrative Office.

Volunteers are needed to help locate former students and work on the books.

### My Memories of a One Room School House

By Beverly Sherman Shea

I graduated in 1944 from the eighth grade. All the schools in town got together for graduation. There were three of us who graduated together. We lived several miles from the school and were driven there and back by Mr. Fletcher, who drove a very large old car. In the later years we were driven by Lucy Schmidt. Our school had a small entrance way which was where we hung our coats. There was a large crock, gray with a blue stripe. There was a spigot, and this is where we got our drinking water. I don’t remember how the water got there or when it was refilled. There was another door around near the back of the building. This went in to the wood shed. The school room was heated with wood. The stove was on one side of the room and was surrounded by metal with a door on the front. This protected the children from getting burned. The girls in the upper grades were taught to cook on this stove. We made soup, pudding, etc. Then we got to eat it.

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# ALMOST THERE FARM

By Adrienne Colsia

Two perks of interviewing Lyndeborough businesses are meeting kind, interesting people and finding more beautiful pieces of property here in town. Almost There Farm definitely has both! Starting at the Village Store, heading north on Route 31 (Forest Road), turning left onto Old Temple Road, just a short distance before number 233 and this beautiful farm. You can't miss the new 120' x 66' indoor arena they just built. Kim and Scott Snow have raised their six boys here; a few are still at home. In 2008 the Snows started expanding the property to include their horse business.

Kim grew up in New Jersey. She moved to New England to attend college. After moving around for several years, she returned to New England, where she met her husband Scott. Originally from Maryland, Scott bought the Lyndeborough property in 1993. They married and Kim joined him here in 2003. Kim is currently a history and French teacher at Milford High School, and Scott owns his own computer company, CNI, which designs software.



Kim and Scott Snow from Almost There Farm.

In 2008, one of her sons wanted a horse. Little did they know that accommodating his request would lead to a whole new adventure. They decided to turn their 30 acre property into a serene horse farm dotted with rolling hills, green pasture, and a three acre pond where the horses can cool off during the summer. This summer they will be converting 20 acres into additional pasture. It is a laid back, relaxing farm with friendly people and happy horses. They offer boarding, training, clinics, lessons, and more.

Enter Jared Penley. Jared is the full time trainer hired by the Snows. Jared grew up with horses in North Carolina using the English method of riding. He switched to Western at 18. At age 20 he moved to a 12,000-acre ranch in Arizona to become their horse trainer. In mid April of 2014, he connected with Kim and after several talks moved here in June 2014. All disciplines, both English and Western, are welcomed at the farm.

Jared wants to help people understand their horses and to be safe when riding them. He uses natural horsemanship methods to work with each horse and their mind rather than to try to work against them. He can start a young horse under saddle, deal with problem behavior, and address any other issues you may be having with your horse. On June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, he will be leading riders on a trail weekend; the riders will be on horseback the entire time which includes maneuvering through challenging areas. He will help the rider and horse get through material obstacles safely while building confidence with the rider. For example, many people have trouble getting their horse to cross water, such as creeks. Through patience and a lot of teaching, Jared shows the rider how to accomplish this.

Additionally, Jared teaches mounted shooting lessons and belongs to the New England Six Shooters, a group which is part of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. This is the fastest growing equine sport in the world and is growing at a rapid rate in New England.

On the weekend of July 17-19, the Ian Goodwin Memorial trail ride will be starting from Lyndeborough. Friday night a potluck dinner is planned. On Saturday, a 6-hour trail ride is scheduled, ending with a pig roast and a band in the evening. The weekend concludes Sunday with a 2-4 hour trail ride and lunch. Monies raised will support scholarships for local students.



Almost There Farm wants to serve you and your needs. They welcome suggestions and ideas. Owners of horses boarded there are encouraged to drop by anytime which is good for both owners and their horses! They currently offer both short and long term boarding in spacious stalls. They lease horses and offer consulting services to help you buy or sell a horse. The outdoor arena is used for

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## Memorial Park Update

*By Dr. Stephanie Roper*

Like the rest of us, the memorial park in South Lyndeborough has managed to survive the winter a little the worse for wear. Over the last few weeks, the usual hardy crew of volunteers has helped to spruce it up to get it ready for Memorial Day commemorations that occur there every May. We have cleaned, cleared, raked, and planted appropriate flowers for a pleasant, peaceful, and patriotic common.

This year we plan to clean up the side of the park closest to the church. We want to redevelop what used to be lawn but has become a muddle of gravel. We will be adding loam and reseeding the area to reclaim some of the area as part of the park. In addition, we will be cutting down some scrub brush on that side of the railroad tracks so that travelers from Putnam Hill Road will be better able to view the monuments as they come into the village.

Later in the summer, we will be adding bricks, both engraved and plain, in front of the monuments. Our plan is to create a brick walkway to the monuments from Forest Road. If anyone wants to get a brick engraved for \$50.00, to be placed in the walkway, please contact the town offices or members of the Monuments Committee: Lorraine Strube, Lorrie Haskell, Paul Martin, Walter Holland, Wally Holt, and Stephanie Roper.

## Flags Poles in Lyndeborough Seeing New Life

*By Kathleen Baglio Humphreys*

Efforts to spruce up flag poles in town have been on-going as residents saw the need and went into action.

Last fall, with the approval of the Cemetery Trustees, Selectman Fred Douglas volunteered to scrape and paint the old wooden flagpole at Center Cemetery. The pole was made out of a tree. After scraping, it was determined the old pole was in rather poor shape and in the end, realized it needed to be cut due to rot. Road Agent Kent Perry donated a flag pole to the town that he and his wife Betsy had stored at their home. Douglas painted the pole which soon after was proudly flying the United States flag.

Before Memorial Day, a resident mentioned to the town that the flagpole in Memorial Park was too tall for the size flag that was being flown. This comment set in motion a chain reaction to paint the 60 foot galvanized metal flagpole. Action was taken and Wally Holt was hired to paint the pole for \$200 while Joe Mazerall's crane was used to hoist the painter to the top for \$300. The pole was quickly scraped and painted white early one morning in May and the top was painted gold. Ironically, the pole was last painted 18-years ago, by Wally Holt.

The Lafayette Artillery Company purchased a 10x15 foot flag which was hung by Capt. Holland and members of the company, Ashley and RJ Humphreys just before Memorial Day. The large flag looked glorious, flowing in the breeze during the annual Memorial Day Celebration. The trio also placed flags at the Veteran's graves to honor them for Memorial Day.

Lyndeborough is truly a patriotic town.



*Left to right: Ted Piwowarczyk, painter Wally Holt and crane operator Joe Mazerall, all Lyndeborough residents, collaborated to paint the 60 foot galvanized metal flag pole in Memorial Park on May 14, in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade and Observance.*

## Know Your Neighbor: Mike Beebe

By Nadine Preftakes

Mike Beebe and I sat on my front porch talking to each other one beautiful evening while his adopted black lab, Hydro, played with the dog toys in the yard. Hydro was so named because he was found near a hydroelectric plant in Missouri after a flood, and his owners could not be located. Two hours of conversation felt like two minutes as Mike shared some thoughts on his life, his life work, and his passion to make a difference.

Mike is a New Hampshire native who grew up on a farm in Hollis, New Hampshire. His family raised poultry, vegetables and dairy. Mike's first job was to clean and sort the eggs in the cellar of their house for 25 cents an hour. Mike's parents, Charlie and Lucie, loved skiing, and in 1936 they bought two hundred acres of land on Temple Mountain and turned it into a rope-tow ski area that was open on weekends. Mike learned to ski at the age of two and continues to enjoy the sport every season.

After Mike graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1965 with a degree in Business Administration, he decided to take over the running of the ski area. On the property, he built a house and greatly expanded the place. He spoke of the many people he met that visited the area and the wealth of collected stories about their lives and adventures on the mountain. He has taken those stories and combined them with his own personal family life, to create a book that he has written called *Adventures of Rope Tow Charlie*. It is a series of short stories about the early days of three generations of the Beebe family, and how the ski industry has changed over the years. Clothing, ski equipment, snow grooming and rope tows have all evolved into more convenient winter gear, more efficient snow grooming methods and high speed quad chair lifts.

During the time that Mike was working and managing Temple Mountain Ski Area, he employed about 125 people. Of those employees, 75 of them were on the actual payroll, and the other 50 worked for a season pass. Some of his employees were even young, second generation employees. Their jobs included shoveling the tow lines, and working as ski instructors and ski patrols. "When you are a service business, you do a lot to serve the clients."

Through his years of working and being around many people from all walks of life, Mike realized that among his workers, young and old alike, there would occasionally be alcohol and substance abuse issues. "I wanted to try and help these folks and so I set up an *Employee Assistance Program* to identify job performance issues so I could then mentor, intervene or offer treatment for these employees." The program was extremely valuable, and

in 1977, when a very enlightened superintendent recognized the prevalence of substance abuse problems in the Conval School District, he asked for volunteers. Mike was one of many to volunteer his time and what he had learned with his *Employee Assistance Program* to gather together a task force that worked to create the *Student Assistance Program*. This program was made available to students two days a week for three hours each, and was so successful that it ran for twelve years, easily helping more than a couple hundred students each year. "I did a lot of assessments of students that were referred to me. We would meet one on one or in groups. I spoke to kids in the classroom and brought recovering addicts into the classroom as inspirational speakers. Many people – from the principal and teachers, to the janitor and parents - put in many hours of their own time in order to achieve the goal of meeting students' needs." Mike was very much aware of the value of gaining more knowledge in the area of substance abuse in order to be more effective in student counseling. And so when Antioch College brought an outreach program into the schools for anyone who wanted to further their education, Mike took advantage of it and achieved a Master's Degree in Education with his emphasis on Substance Abuse.



Mike Beebe and his dog Hydro

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## Memories of a One Room School House..... (Continued from page 1)

Our teacher was Mrs. Adelaide Herrick. I had the same teacher all the time I went to that school. She also introduced us to classical music. She had some kind of a record player. She would play records on this and then we would all discuss the music.

Our bathroom facilities were rather primitive. On one side of the room were two doors: One for the boys and one for the girls. Inside were the typical facilities of the days—"the outhouse."

At recess we played baseball, a game called "kids and crawl in" and dodge ball. These are the games I remember the most. Sometimes in the winter we would walk out in the field and slide on the hill. In bad weather we stayed in and played a game on the blackboard called "Hangman's Noose." This was a 30's version of today's TV show, "Wheel of Fortune."

These are my memories of a one room school. It was quite a different education from what the children of today get. Those were different days, and we all seemed to enjoy school.

## HISTORIC MARKERS PLACED IN LYNDEBOROUGH CENTER

By Jessie Salisbury

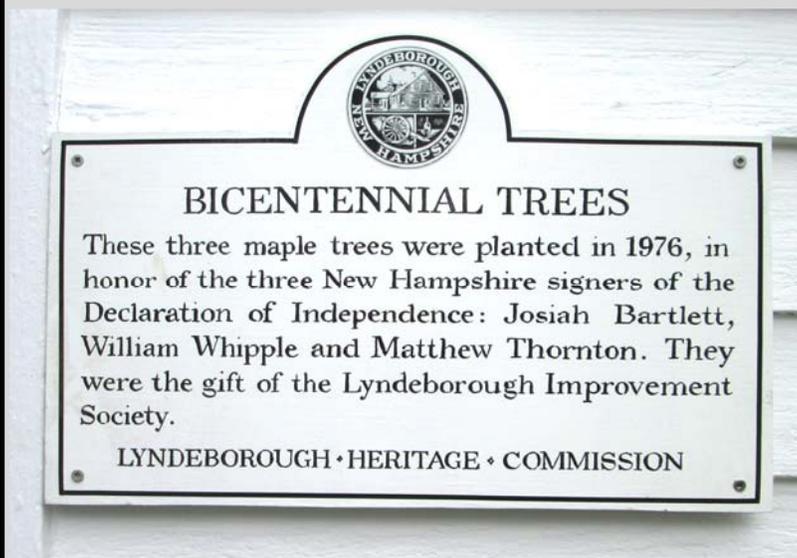
Two historic markers have been placed in Lyndeborough Center by the Heritage Commission. They were made by Ould Colony Artisans of Wiscasset, Maine, and installed recently by Wally Holt.

A two-sided sign on the ledges near the flag pole detail the history of the Center Village, once the commercial center of the town, and the history of the Meetinghouse built in 1845. It served as the town hall until the 1960s and is still the main voting place.

A sign on the front of the hall notes that the three maple trees along the driveway were planted in 1976 as a bicentennial tribute to the three New Hampshire signers of the Declaration of Independence: Matthew Thornton, Josiah Bartlett and William Whipple. The trees were a gift from the Lyndeborough Improvement Society.

The signs are the second in a series planned by the Commission. This year's sign will commemorate the Lyndeborough Glass Factory.

The signs will be formally accepted by the town at 6 pm, June 10, before the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.



**Above:** One side of this sign details the history of the Town Hall, seen in the background, while the other side provides a brief history of the Center Village and the former Congregational Church.

**Left:** This sign is located on the front of the Town Hall. The trees line the driveway to east side of the hall.

# DONATIONS TO PRESERVATION OF WOODMONT ORCHARD

*By Jessie Salisbury*

The Souhegan Valley Land Trust, a registered non-profit, has agreed to act as a holding agent for donations for the preservation of Woodmont Orchard on Center Road at Perham Corner. Preservation would be accomplished by an agricultural easement on 95 acres.

The Conservation Commission has voted to donate \$30,000 toward the effort. The preservation effort, being coordinated by the Russell Foundation of New Boston, depends on receiving several state and federal grants. Donations will be used to provide required matches for the grants. The asking price for the conservation easement is \$420,000. It is expected to take at least a year to complete.

The property, known to long-time residents as Parker Farms, was one of the earliest commercial apple orchards in the area. The original orchards were developed by George Parker in the 1890s, and continued by his grandson, also George, until purchased by Woodmont Orchards.

David Milton, who operates the Fitch's Corner Farm Stand, acquired the property a few years ago. He plans to continue operating the property as a farm but will probably grow more corn and other vegetables than apples.

Donations may be sent to Souhegan Valley Land Trust, P.O. Box 417, Milford, NH 03055.

## WLC's Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to WLC's 2015 Graduating Class!

Members of the class from Lyndeborough are: **Ashlyn Adcock, Lorie Blaise, Jeremy Cavarretta, Maris Chhetri, Parker Coleman, Jordan Lits, Connor Melrose, Alysa Minot, Karissa Rowell, Alexander Thibault and Skye Williams.**

Best Wishes in all your future endeavors!



## SENIOR DINNERS

The Open Cupboard Pantry contributes to the community by providing a monthly Senior Dinner at no charge to all seniors in the area. These dinners are served in the hall of Sacred Heart Church, which is located to the right of the Open Cupboard Pantry on Maple Street in Wilton. The meals are served the third Sunday of every month, from 4-6 pm. The June dinner will be on Father's Day, June 21, and a cookout is planned for later in the summer. The Senior Dinners are popular and are a great way to visit with old friends and meet new ones.



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# Putnam Corner

*By The Heritage Commission*

*This is the latest in a series of articles on the history of South Lyndeborough village, written by the Heritage Commission. Previous attention was given to the Village Store, the Forest House, the Baptist Church, and Citizens' Hall.*

Putnam Corner was a small crossroads where a road from Temple to Mont Vernon intersected with one from Wilton to Greenfield. It is unclear exactly when the name was given to the corner, but it existed prior to 1830. During the 1830s, the village was formed by the laying out of the Forest Road and the erection of many of the houses that stood near this corner. According to the first town history, only five houses existed in what became South Lyndeborough village before 1830.

The name for Putnam Corner apparently came from several members of the Putnam family who lived close by. These included the closest, and most notable, neighbor to the crossroad—Captain Eleazer Putnam. Next to the common, the house presently owned by Rob and Deize Smith was erected in 1830. It was constructed in the Greek Revival style, which was quite fashionable across New England at the time. The initial owner was Eleazer Putnam, who had been born in Lyndeborough in 1801 and was a descendant of two of the first families to settle in the town. He was a millwright by trade, most likely working in the Putnam family mill nearby.

Eleazer Putnam believed strongly in giving back to the community, especially serving his country as a member of the military. At a time when all able-bodied men in Lyndeborough were supposed to be in a militia unit within the 22<sup>nd</sup> New Hampshire Regiment, Putnam chose to associate himself with the elite artillery company that had been established in Peterborough in 1804. Only a few years after he had constructed his house, the artillery company shifted its location to Lyndeborough with Eleazer Putnam as its new captain. Conveniently for Putnam, the company, soon to be incorporated and renamed the Lafayette Artillery Company, trained in the area that abutted his property (though at this time, the "village common" as we now know it was actually just a mix of roads and private property). He served as captain from 1833 to 1836. He apparently remained a member of the company for years after, well beyond his required years of service to a militia company were over. In 1864, only two years before his death, he went with the Lafayette Artillery Company to Portsmouth to protect that city and harbor from possible invasion by the Confederate Navy.

He and his wife, Mary, had four children, two of whom lived to maturity. Both of their children, Albert and Adaline, married members of the Steele family. Albert Putnam apparently moved to Antrim and fought in the Civil War from that town, then moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts, and worked as a machinist. Adaline Putnam married William Steele, and the couple inherited the Putnam house next to the common. William Steele was born in Maine in 1826, lived in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and came to Lyndeborough in the mid-1850s. During the Civil War, Steele enlisted as a Private in the Sixteenth Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers on October, 1862. He served for ten months in the Department of the Gulf, most likely in Louisiana. Like his father-in-law, Steele also was a member of the Lafayette Artillery Company when it was activated to serve at Fort Constitution for seven weeks in 1864 to protect Portsmouth. He worked for the Boston and Maine Railroad for many years, which may explain why, when the railroad came through the village in 1873, it bisected Steele's land. The couple had eight children, five of whom grew to maturity. Both Adeline and William Steele died in 1908. One of their unmarried sons, George Steele, appears to have continued to live in town until his death in 1929.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the three members of the Steele family continued to live in the house, but took boarders into their comparatively large home. With more summer residents and tourists coming into rural New England, including Lyndeborough, William and Adeline Steele opened their home to seasonal boarders. According to the first town history, published in 1906, "Many transient visitors to this village find here homelike accommodations."

The early 20<sup>th</sup> century was the peak of railroad traffic, just as automobiles were becoming available to the masses. This was the time when the South Lyndeborough Village Improvement Society decided to beautify the area around the train station and common. At the same time, the property got a new neighbor on its south side—the Tarbell Library, constructed in 1911. The town also installed a new and impressive granite horse trough along the Forest Road on the land of William Steele. Once it was not needed for watering horses, the trough became a planter, initially kept up by the ladies of the Village Improvement Society, and later by the owners of the former Putnam house when they desired to.

After the railroad ceased its passenger operation during the Great Depression, the "Steele House" became a bit run down. One owner added some poorly chosen siding that hid much of the house's Greek Revival character. It was only the renovation of the house made by the most recent owners, Rob and Deize Smith, that uncovered this architectural gem. Through their attractive landscaping efforts, the Smiths have also contributed greatly to the look of South Lyndeborough village.

## Know Your Neighbor..... (Continued from page 4)

In 1984, Mike sold the ski area, moved to Hollis and built a home. In addition to volunteering his time in area schools, he and two colleagues decided to set up an outpatient treatment substance abuse program in Manchester called *New Life Center*. This program ran until 1995 when Mike made the decision to go into private practice. Throughout his thirty-seven year career as a substance abuse counselor, more people than one could count benefitted from his desire to teach, counsel, encourage and help.

Mike laughed as he told me that when he was in college, at the age of twenty-two, he, like many fellow classmates, "liked to party as well as partake" a few times. "I never got into any trouble, but it wasn't for lack of trying, and if someone had told me back then that I would be a drug counselor later on in life, I would have laughed myself silly."

In addition to his work, Mike volunteered his time and talent to countless other programs. He was President of the Monadnock Region Association, President of the NH Ski Owners Association and spent thirty five years as a volunteer fireman in the towns of Temple, Hollis and Lyndeborough. He was chairman of the Greater Manchester United Way Substance Abuse Committee for fifteen years as well as chairman of the Lions Club Substance Abuse Committee. He was a representative of *Tough Love*, a group which involved traveling all over the area speaking to parents about substance abuse. He helped and worked with Veterans through Easter Seals and was Director of the National Council of Alcohol in Manchester. If this does not show dedication, than I am not sure what does!

Mike's caring for others and compassion for trying to make a difference has made him an extremely valuable asset in many communities. When I asked him if he ever felt discouraged about the enormity of the task he had undertaken, he humbly replied, "At times I felt like the little Dutch boy with his finger in the dike trying to hold back the ocean. But there is always hope and that has kept me going."

Mike believes that in today's society there is so much negativity in the media which he says needs to change, because for every negative story, there are countless others doing good things. "Humans are magnificent, marvelous and mysterious beings and we keep forging on despite the odds."

Mike and his wife Pauline have always loved Lyndeborough, and so in 1995 they bought thirty acres of land and cut down enough trees to build, first a barn, then a house. The road they live on is quiet and peaceful. Pauline is also a psychotherapist specializing in child abuse and trauma victims. "In this helping business of ours, who helps the helper? Lyndeborough is an oasis. I love driving down the road being able to look at the fields and flowers, feel the breeze and bonding with Mother Nature. To me that is priceless." Both Pauline and Mike enjoy taking courses at Rivier College together. One of their favorites is a Cosmology course that they have been studying. Mike loves snowshoeing and kayaking, but skiing is by far his favorite, trekking to the mountain at least fifty times a year.

At the end of our wonderful porch conversation, Mike related a beautiful story of a little boy who was walking along the beach and came across many starfish that had washed up on the shore. It so moved him and so one by one, he worked to carry them back to the ocean where he would throw them back into the water. As he worked tirelessly to rescue as many as he could, a man who had been watching him came up to him and asked, "Why are you doing this? There are millions of starfish stranded on the beach. How can you hope to make a difference?" The little boy quietly picked up a starfish, threw it back into the ocean and stated, "Well, it made a difference to that one!"

And so has Mike...

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# WLC Cupboard

Did you know many children in our area go to bed hungry at night? Did you know many do not have basic necessities such as toiletries or basic clothing including socks and underwear? When children have these basic needs met, they will achieve greater academic success. The WLC Cupboard was formed by school staff and is located in a closet at the school. Students can visit the closet during school hours and select what they need.

The WLC Cupboard provides free clothing, food items, toiletries, and other items for the WLC students in need. The Cupboard is teaming up with other local organizations such as the OCP in Wilton, the WLC School Store and the Wilton-Lyndeborough Women's Club in order to successfully fill the needs of the students.

The WLC Cupboard is in need of:

Food items:

- Pasta and sauce
- Tuna and canned meat
- Cereal
- Pop tarts
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter, jelly and Fluff
- Canned fruit
- Mac & cheese and boxed meals
- Juice boxes or bottles
- Gatorade
- Crackers

Clothing items:

- (new) Socks, underwear and shoes
- (gently used) Winter jackets, warm clothing and boots
- Clean, appropriate styles for teenagers

Toiletries:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Toothpaste
- Toilet paper
- Beauty products

Additionally, gift certificates to Market Basket, Mother & Child, Walmart, Target, Wilton House of Pizza, and Antonia's Greek Kitchen are always welcome and checks can be made out to WLC Cupboard. All items donated can be dropped off at the WLC main office. Please be sure to mark containers, envelopes and bags with "WLC Cupboard."



## The Open Cupboard Pantry - Donations Always Welcome

The Open Cupboard Pantry (OCP) serves the towns of Lyndeborough, Wilton, Temple and Greenfield. Clients visit 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 Lyndeborough town web site. 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 & monetary) and New Hampshire Food Bank purchases. The need for food supplies increases during the summer months, and, at the same time, donations typically reduce, resulting in more purchased items. 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 out to The Open Cupboard Pantry and mailed to OCP, PO Box 111, Wilton, NH 03086. Donations are tax deductible.



## Beautiful Rug Donated to Bent-Burke American Legion

Diana Proctor is the Chaplain of the Bent-Burke Post 10 American Legion in Wilton. She has been hooking rugs for many years. Diana designed a military themed rug by herself, hooked the rug, and donated it to the Wilton Legion Post, where it will be hanging permanently.

The rug took hundreds of hours to make over a span of several months. Diana has made and donated several rugs over the past few years to local organizations for fundraisers, including Wilton Old Home Days, Lyndeborough Community Day, and Wilton-Lyndeborough Woman's Club.

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## 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.

[town.lyndeborough.nh.us](http://town.lyndeborough.nh.us)

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



## J.A. Tarbell Library Update

Monday, June 15 at 7 pm: **FRIENDS of JAT** meeting

Monday, June 22 at 7 pm: **ASTRONOMY** - Planets are Wanderers and New Horizon – Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn are seen after 9 pm. Over the next few weeks you can watch Jupiter and Venus trade places in the sky. ALSO - Updates on New Horizon, which will have its first flyby of Pluto on July 14, 2015. This is presented by Regina Conrad, JAT staff member, who was a weekend planetarium educator in Yonkers, NY, for 8 years and is a 2015 JPL Solar System Ambassador.

Tuesday, July 7 at 7pm: **COMPOSTING FOR HOME GARDENERS** - Marcy Stanton, NHU Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Coordinator, will return with a presentation on principles and practices for success. For centuries, gardeners have made compost and used it to improve their garden soil. Today, composting is also an important alternative to burning or disposing of organic material in landfills. During this workshop you will learn the basics of composting including vermicomposting, how the soil food web acts in the composting process, and the types of composting systems available for home gardeners. Attendees are invited to prepare a mini-composting experiment a few days before the class by adding a bit of soil and some chopped up food waste to a sealable plastic bag. We will use a microscope to look at what is growing in your bag! Registration required.

**ARTS, CRAFTS AND COLLECTIONS at the library:** We are inviting people to show their art work, quilts, crafts, and collection at the library. This summer we will install a lock on the display cabinet in the community room to secure any collection. We will display for 6 to 12 weeks. Details of quilts this quarter and paintings the next or seasonal themes of various media are being ironed out. We plan on having an "opening" with the start of the display. Please contact the library if you are interested in sharing your treasures.

### ONGOING

Books for sale in the basement Mondays and Wednesdays during library hours

Museum reimbursements are available

The library telescope is available to patrons over 18

*In the JAT Community Room* Note: These meetings are not sponsored by the Library but by specific groups.

**Heritage Commission** meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm

**Library Board** meets first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

**Knitting** meets on Fridays from 1 to 3 pm, all are welcome

**Talespinner** – A group of women writers more interested in improving our techniques in all types of writing than in publishing. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10 am in the JAT Community Room. New members are welcome.

**Wilton-Lyndeborough Significant Trees Group** identifies and records all memorial trees or otherwise significant trees and meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 am. New members are welcome.

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# WLC-DI Team Takes First Place

By Jen Wight & Nancy Rose, WLC-DI Co-coordinators

WLC-DI (Destination Imagination) congratulates "Tribute Troubadours," our high school improvisation team, made up of Michael Manning, Katie MacDonald, Olivia McGettigan, Laura Manning, Raven Bartlett, Gianna Mercier and Jared Manning, for winning first place in The Improv Games at this year's New Hampshire State Destination Imagination Finals Tournament held March 28. The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative High School team displayed amazing ingenuity, wit, and quick thinking in a challenge that required creating and performing three different improvisational sketches, each having four surprise elements, in less than 10 minutes.

The team will represent New Hampshire when it competes at the 2015 Global Finals at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville this spring. The team will need more than \$9,000 to participate in this world class event, which will draw thousands of creative problem solvers from over 30 countries. Community support would be appreciated greatly! To donate, please make checks payable to WLC-DI and mail to WLC-DI, 57 School Road, Wilton, NH 03086.

Thank you for your help, and good luck "Tribute Troubadours!"

Right: "Tribute Troubadours," a WLC-DI team, won first in the state in its challenge and will be representing New Hampshire at the 2015 Destination Imagination Global Finals this spring. Left to right: Members Michael Manning, Katie MacDonald, Olivia McGettigan, Team Manager Laura Manning, Raven Bartlett, Gianna Mercier, and Jared Manning. Over \$9000 is needed to send the team. Donations can be sent to: WLC-DI, 57 School Road, Wilton, NH 03086.



## Save The Dates

9th Annual Lyndeborough  
Community Day  
Saturday, August 15th  
9 am—7 pm

Open Studio & Farm Tour  
Sunday, August 16th  
10 am—3 pm

Updated information will be mailed out beginning of August. Also check the town web site.

If you are interested in participating or helping please contact Karen Holland, [kjh1@tds.net](mailto:kjh1@tds.net)

## A Message from District 4 Representative Carol R. Roberts

Hello Lyndeborough residents,  
I want to thank you for voting for me and for my colleague Kermit Williams in the November, 2014 election - sending us to Concord to represent your town as well as Wilton, Greenville, and Frankestown for the 2014-2016 term. We are just two of the 400 member General Court which represents the citizens of New Hampshire. A typical session day at Representatives Hall could see a request to vote on the red-tailed hawk as State Raptor; on whether one should be allowed to drive with an animal in ones lap; or whether to establish a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) scholar program. There is never a dull moment and I cannot begin to tell you all how proud I am to represent your interests. Please be sure to contact me with any question or comment you may have: [carol.roberts@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:carol.roberts@leg.state.nh.us). I have had the pleasure of hearing from several Lyndeborough residents these past few months. I look forward to hearing from you.

## **SUMMER FARMERS MARKETS**

By Adrienne Colsia

Summer is coming which means the outdoor Summer Farmers' Markets will soon be starting up. If you like fresh fruits and vegetables, naturally raised and grass-fed meat, free range eggs, local raw honey, maple syrup, home baked goods, and more, come support your hard working local farmers by attending the following markets which start June 9<sup>th</sup> and will run weekly through mid-October:

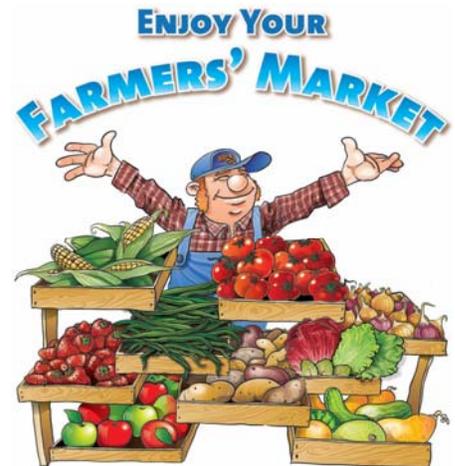
**WILTON:** Tuesdays from 3-7 starting June 9<sup>th</sup>. **New Location and extended hours!** Main Street parking lot at the north end of Main Street, located across from the traffic dummy with the flashing light. For more information see our Facebook page at Wilton NH Farmers Market or call Dick Putnam during the day at 654-6564.

**BEDFORD:** Tuesdays from 3-6 starting June 13<sup>th</sup>. Located in the parking lot of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish at 190 Meetinghouse Road. For more information see our web site at [www.bedfordfarmersmarket.org](http://www.bedfordfarmersmarket.org).

**MERRIMACK:** Wednesdays from 3-6 starting June 17<sup>th</sup>. They moved last year to 526 Daniel Webster Highway, a more visible location across the street from their old location. They are now located in the parking lot of the old Zyla's building which is currently the Vault Storage Facility.

**MILFORD:** Saturdays from 10-1 starting June 13<sup>th</sup>. Live music accompanies you while you shop! Located at 191 Elm Street in the parking lot of Tractor Supply. For more information see our web site at [www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com](http://www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com) and/or like us on Facebook at Milford Farmers Market of NH.

Please note there is no longer an Amherst Market.



### **Second Annual Lyndeborough Roadside Clean-up**

*By Sharon Akers, Lyndeborough Conservation Commission*

Let's do it again and keep Lyndeborough beautiful!

When: Any time before the weekend of June 20-21 when there will be a truck at Citizens' Hall for the collected litter. Just toss your bags in the truck at any time on these two days.

If you need bags they will be at the Lyndeborough Store for Pick up or at Citizens' Hall from Cindi.

If you are in high school you can use this for community service hours.

Please sign-up with Cindi Hasty, (603) 654-5955, x221, by email ([chasty@lyndeboroughnh.us](mailto:chasty@lyndeboroughnh.us)), or at Citizens' Hall, so we have an idea of how many roads are being covered, or actually uncovered!

## **Commemorative House Signs**

The Heritage Commission is once again offering commemorative signs for houses that were built prior to 1905. These wooden signs, painted white with black lettering, will have the town seal, the date or approximate date of the house's construction, and one name of a prior owner. This name could be the original owner of the house or an owner who lived in the house for many years and contributed the most to the property and the town.

These professionally produced signs are made in Maine by the same company that did the signs in the center and the village for the Heritage Commission. See the pictures that accompany the article on the "historical markers" in this issue on page 5 to get a better idea of the design.

House signs are 16" x 12" and are intended to be placed on the front of the house, to highlight the history and importance of the house to the heritage of Lyndeborough. They cost \$75.00 and can be ordered through the Heritage Commission. Please contact Bob Rogers or Jessie Salisbury to order one.

# Kitchen Views.....

From Karen Holland

## K & W Smash Up

This is a great to serve where you have lots of people.  
This recipe makes 1 Gallon of Garden Party Smash Up Punch

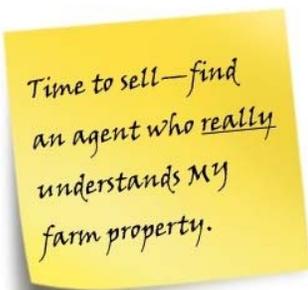
- 1 – 1.75 liter bottle bourbon
- .75 liter triple Sec
- ½ gallon orange juice
- 1 – 17 oz jar blackberry jam seedless
- 1 small club soda

Put jam and orange juice in bowl and smash w/potato smasher so the jam dissolves.

In a large container mix the bourbon and triple sec, then add the club soda, followed by the orange juice/blackberry jam mixture. Stir well.

Serve with lots of ice and garnish with an orange slice.

I like to put in a large drink dispenser, as shown, and add the ice and the orange slices vs. serving individually. It's very festive looking!



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*Cover Photo:*

A small number of Lyndeborough Central School alumni gathered last fall for a group photo which spanned 64 years of alumni. It included alumni who were second graders in 1949 to recent 2013 graduates and all enjoyed meeting each other and seeing former classmates. A larger group photo and party is planned for June 14 from 5-7pm for alumni of LCS and any of the one room schoolhouses to remember their days at LCS as this is the last year it will be an elementary school. Be part of the historic photo.

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