

THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROJECT

Alan Brown
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Midnight Madness on the Town Hall Stage

Moon Mountain Arts presents *Moon Midnight Madness: An Evening of Stories and Sketches of the Weird and Fantastic*, on Saturday, November 7 at 7:30pm on the Bradford Town Hall stage. Included in the production are performances by Jessica Fillmore (reading *Little Orphant Annie*), Francis Page of KAT Theatre (singing *Music of the Night*), Ev Kittredge (reading *The Ballad of Blasphemous Bill* with a short dissertation on Guy Fawkes Day), and cameo performances by author Geoffrey Douglas, Tillie Wheeler, Perley and Marcia Strout, Vernon Hall, Carol Tonkin, Debbie Lamach, Jay and Linda Lambert (singing duet), Laurie Buchar, Greg Johnson, and musical accompaniment by Larry Vannata.

Moon Mountain Arts (a collaborative of representatives from the Bradford Business Association, Women's Club, Historical Society, First Baptist Church, Artists & Artisans, and Friends of Brown Memorial Library) produces cultural and participatory events for the community that celebrate the talents of New Hampshire and Bradford area performers and artists.

Tickets are \$5 each and are available at Main Street businesses: Dodge's, Bowie's Market and Merrimack Farm Store, and at the door. For more information, call Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

Community Corporation Oversees Community Center Project

In the past few weeks, a behind the scenes process has seen the Bradford Community Corporation focusing now on the Community Center project. Corp. members Ev Kittredge and Don Johnsen with Bruss Construction, the project manager, and Freeman Associates as the project architect have been meeting with the State Fire Marshall's office and others working toward bringing the building up to code. All of these preliminaries take time to ensure progress without costly surprises down the road.

The first fundraising letters have been mailed and the response has been only fair, with pledges exceeding outright cash gifts by a fair margin. The grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation of \$10,000 received late in September, gave a big boost to the fund drive in its initial stages. All contributions will be gratefully received. Any citizen of the area who would prefer to talk to a Corporation member about the project before making a contribution may phone the office of the Bradford Selectmen to set up an appointment. All gifts should be made to the Bradford Community Corporation.

A recent gift from the Women's Coalition has provided private underwriting for the position of Program Development Consultant. This position has been accepted by Carol Conforti-Adams of CCA Associates. She will be coordinating current and prospective users of the Center, seeking grants for operation costs, developing an advisory board and generally promoting and publicizing the Center.

The Community Corporation meets at 7:00am on the first and third Friday at Town Hall. Items for the agenda should be sent to Chairman John Harris at P.O. Box 436, Bradford, 03221.

—Nancy Hibbard

Library Receives Computer Grant

Brown Memorial Library was recently awarded a \$2,600 Library Services and Technology Act grant for the purchase of an internet accessible computer. The addition of this computer to the library will open the door to a vast new area of information for Bradford residents without computers, and will increase without measure the amount of research material presently available at the library. Thanks to the following people for writing letters of support for the project: Bernie Lamach, Janet Sillars, Brooks McCandlish, Millie Kittredge, Laurie Buchar and David Levine. Special thanks to Randy Thomas for reviewing the grant proposal and making valuable suggestions for improvement. Watch the *Bridge* for information about when the new computer will be up and running.

A town-wide mailing of the library expansion's capital campaign was sent out in mid-October. As one of the major components of the expansion project, the capital campaign offers a special opportunity not only to help support the expansion but also to have your name or the name of a loved one become an honored and permanent part of the new library addition. Pledges and gifts are coming in daily and a number of the named gift choices have been funded. Many gifts have been made by individuals and some people have chosen to pool together to sponsor major gifts. To be sure the named gift of your choice is still available, it is best to call ahead before mailing your pledge card. If you would like to reserve a specific named gift or you need a copy of the capital campaign literature, please call Sue Bunis at (603) 938-5051.

Library expansion plans are moving forward rapidly and many Bradford residents have stepped forward to make offers of goods and services, ranging from discounted construction costs to volunteer painting and gardening crews. We welcome all volunteers and urge you to be part of what has become a true community effort.

—Library Trustees



Holiday Crafts & Antiques Fair

Start your holiday shopping and support your community at the same time!

The Bradford Women's Club will hold their annual Holiday Crafts and Antiques Fair on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28 from 9:00am-4:00pm and Sunday, November 29 from 9:00am-2:00pm. The Fair will be held at Ann Hallahan Real Estate at the corner of Route 103 and Center Road, next to the Bement Bridge.

Living in Bradford

Don't forget to vote!

Election Day
Tuesday,
November 3

Polls open
8:00am-7:00pm
Bradford Elementary
School

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

TOWN CLERK

October 3, Charles Racine and Sarah Smith were married.

October 24, Richard Marshall and Laura Simpson were married.

September 30, Barbara Swinnerton died.

Absentee ballots are now available for State General Election.

TAX COLLECTOR

Property tax bills were sent out October 23. If you did not receive yours or you have a problem with your bill please contact this office or the Selectmen's Office. Tax bills are due on December 11, 1998. Payments received after that will begin accruing interest at 12%.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00pm; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00pm; Friday, 8:00-noon. Phone 938-2288, 938-2094.

Office will be closed November 3 for Election. Office will be closed November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Marilyn and I wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.

—Sue Pehrson

Christmas in the Country

Bradford's Christmas in the Country events will be held November 27 through December 24. We are doing many different things this year, with something for everyone. Look for the Calendar of Events at local stores and on the Town Web Page at www.conknet.com/bba/

—Marlene Freyler

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 143 calls for service between September 17 and October 15. The breakdown is as follows: one aggravated assault, one ambulance call, three arrests, three assists to the Fire Department, 13 assists to other police departments, one attempted suicide, one bad check, one burglary, one welfare check, nine citizen assists, two incidents of criminal mischief, one cruelty to animals incident, one damage to property, one disorderly conduct, one driving while intoxicated, one incident/service, one intoxication, one larceny, two missing persons, one noise complaint, one reckless driving, two runaways, one sex offense, two suspicious persons/vehicles, one unattended death, 16 citations, and 67 warnings.

Harvest Square Dance

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream square dance on Saturday, November 14 at the Bradford Town Hall from 8:00-10:30pm. Jim Mayo is the caller and Elaine Lavoie will cue. Admission is \$4 per person. Spectators are welcome. For more information, call Virginia Johnson at 927-4956.

Area Senior Rally

Please come and join us on Saturday, November 7 from 1:00-3:00pm at Hallahan's Real Estate, Route 103 and Center Road. We will be discussing senior citizens and the law.

A representative from "The Senior Citizen Law Project," which is under the auspices of the NH Legal Assistance Program, will discuss the laws, rules and regulations that apply to seniors, and the legal services that the program provides to seniors. S/he will also answer any questions that we have regarding this subject.

Questions? Please call 938-2664.

—Lynne Smith

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The Bradford Bridge is a free community newspaper supported by advertisers. To place an ad, call Denise Fairbank at 938-2973 or send a FAX to 938-5263. Ad deadline is Nov. 20.

Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by Nov. 20.

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Bradford Representative Appointed to ASLPT Board

At the Aushon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) annual meeting held Sunday, Oct. 25, the membership appointed a new trustee, the first ever from Bradford. Charlie Betz, who has lived in Bradford for more than 10 years, is a self-employed cabinetmaker and carpenter. He is co-chairman of Bradford's Conservation Commission and is a volunteer land steward for the New Hampshire Nature Conservancy.

Betz takes the seat on the ASLPT board vacated by retiring trustee, Marilyn Kidder, owner of Coldwell Banker Milestone Real Estate in New London. As required by the land trust's by-laws, Kidder is stepping down after nine years of service on the board. In that time she has lead the group in various roles, including as its chairman from 1992 to 1994.

Kidder was honored by her colleagues and the more than 50 ASLPT members who gathered at the New London Historical Society for the annual meeting. The ASLPT's Executive Director Debbie Stanley noted that Kidder, who gives a percentage of every sale commission to the land trust, has over the years raised \$20,000 for land con-

servation. Kidder will continue to advise the ASLPT as a member of its Lands Committee.

ASLPT members also honored Dan Wolf, owner of Hodan Properties, Inc. of New London. Wolf turned the gavel over after chairing the Board of Trustees for the last three years. It was under his leadership that the ASLPT expanded its conservation role outside of New London to include the entire Kearsarge-Sunapee region: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Grantham, Goshen, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Wilmot and Warner. He continues to serve the ASLPT as a board trustee and a member of several committees.

Deirdre Sheerr of the New London firm of Sheerr & McCrystal was named Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

For more information about the Aushon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, call 526-6555.

BWC update

I want to thank everyone who helped at Candidates night. Twelve of the candidates for election in November spoke. We also heard letters from Senators Judd Gregg and Charlie Bass. It was a very informative event. It gave everyone a chance to mingle and ask questions. Refreshments were served.

We will be back at Ann Hallahan's again this year for our annual Holiday Crafts and Antiques Fair. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we would like all members to help in some way: knitting, sewing, cooking, or setting up. We welcome all the help we can get. The dates are Friday Nov. 27 and Saturday Nov. 28, 9:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday Nov. 29, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please give us a few hours of your time.

The membership meeting, "Magic Night with Andrew Pinard," was a huge success. Andrew is a great magician and had everyone wondering how he does all the tricks. The children especially enjoyed the evening. Thanks to hospitality for the delicious desserts.

—Doris Tremblay

Smith/Racine Wedding

Many Bradford residents were on hand to celebrate the wedding of Sarah Smith and Charles Racine at the Bradford Center Meeting House on October 3. A reception followed at the Buchar farm on Rowe Mountain Road. The couple is residing in St. Joseph, MI.



Ben and Susan Smith, brother and mother of the bride; Sarah and Charley; Nancy and Pete Racine, parents of the groom.

I WANT TO THANK THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF BRADFORD NEWBURY YOUTH SPORTS, MY TEAM (THE GRAY GOONIES) AND MY FELLOW COACH, MARK FAIRBANK, FOR AN EXCITING SOCCER SEASON!

—LYNN TRACY

Bernie Lamach



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Letters

To the editor:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter in support of Senator Amy Patenaude for reelection. After only one term, Amy has distinguished herself as a strong and independent voice for District 7.

As Senate President, I appointed Amy to six committees, including Wildlife & Recreation of which she is Vice-Chair. Her fellow senators know her as a hard worker who can always be counted on to do her homework and ask the important questions. During this past session, Senator Patenaude fought hard for property tax relief, and campaign finance reform. She also sponsored successful legislation to protect the Contoocook River.

The voters of District 7 have a wonderful and dedicated state Senator in Amy Patenaude. My hope is that they will send her back to Concord for a second term this November.

Joseph P. Delahunty

To the editor:

As residents of Bradford concerned about the current legislative issues that affect our town and people in terms of taxes, HMO reform, quality education and campaign finance reform, we urge you to vote for Beth Rodd on November 3. Beth will represent our interests in Concord as our state representative because of her concern with the quality of life issues before us. Bradford needs a voice in government that speaks to our specific town concerns. Beth Rodd is our only choice for a Bradford representative; the remaining candidates reside in Henniker. Her enthusiasm, concern for local issues and willingness to represent us make her the best choice for all of us. Make your voice heard on Tuesday, November 3rd. Remember to vote.

Elizabeth and Mike Hague

To the editor:

I am very pleased to hear that the library trustees along with the Librarian have decided to extend our present library building. It is very important to me that we preserve the present site, as it is a historical building. Surely with planning we will be able to accomplish this while also expanding the facility to accommodate future growth.

The present library is a beautiful building and holds many fond memories for all the residents of Bradford.

I do hope that the voters will see it this way and vote in favor of extending the existing building. They've got my vote!

Isabel M. Sheehan

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many members of our community for their professionalism and genuine community spirit in providing services to all of us.

On August 31, I experienced the smoke detector going off in my home and called 911. Even in the shock of the ordeal I was able to observe the team work and organization of our volunteer fire department and rescue squad. Their commitment to helping people was clearly evident. We all should be proud and thankful for such a skilled volunteer crew.

Another group of people that has contributed to the health and well being of our community is the Bradford Newbury Youth Sports Association (BNYS). For thirteen years volunteers have been providing organized sports for our children, and this service has contributed both socially and economically to our community. Research studies show that strong involvement with children's activities promotes high self-esteem, resiliency in our youth, and decreases the chances of many of the social ills we see in our society. BNYS's strong commitment to building self esteem and teamwork is reflected in the adults who serve as positive role models. On Sundays the adults play soccer in the true spirit of teamwork and building each other's skills. If you watch or

play you will experience a true sense of what non-competitive teamwork is.

The professional service of our volunteers in the Fire Department, Rescue Squad and in BNYS demonstrates the strong personal commitment of people volunteering.

The saying, "Enjoy life; this is not a dress rehearsal" is true. We only have one chance on this earthly planet. I, for one, am very thankful for the community-minded groups that have taken this saying and incorporated it into their actions by providing valuable services to our community.

Carol Conforti-Adams

Letters to the editor should be no more than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and content. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.

Historical Society Notes

During the cold months, the Old Post Office will be open by appointment or by chance. Call 938-5386.

The committee working on the Simonds Reunion '99 video would like to locate a record of Frank Fortune's square dance calls and any photos of students riding the train to school. Any ideas for Bradford representation at SFHS would be welcomed.

Bradford Bridge December deadlines

Display ads	Nov. 20
Classified ads	Nov. 26
Articles	Nov. 20*

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after November 20, please call Lyn Betz at 938-5029.

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Obituary

BARBARA F. SWINNERTON

Barbara F. Swinnerton, 57, of Fisherfield Apartments, died on Wednesday, September 30 after a sudden illness.

She was born in New York City, the daughter of Edward and Viola (Smith) Seamann.

She lived in New York until 1968, when she moved to Bradford.

She worked as a proofreader for New London Trust Co., years ago.

She was involved in the First Baptist Church of Bradford, where she knit items for various groups.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, John Swinnerton of Bradford; a sister, Patricia Hannon of Webster; two grandnieces, Kimberly and Lisa, and a great-grand niece, Grace.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

South Newbury Union Church News

Plans are being finalized for a Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 21 at the Friendship House at the South Newbury Union Church, located at Village and Sutton Roads. There will be lots of new items to see, toys, crafts, holiday decorations and gifts. You will find something for everyone. Visit the bake table and enjoy coffee, doughnuts, and corn chowder for lunch. For more information call 938-5369.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

On Saturday, November 7, birder Fred Sladen will lead the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter trip to Great Bay birding spots, including the recently established National Wildlife Refuge, to look for shore and water birds. Participants should meet at Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89, Warner, at 8:00am. Bring lunch, beverages, binoculars and a scope if you have one. Dress warmly and wear or bring snow/mud boots. The group is expected to return between 3:00-4:00pm. In the event of inclement weather, the storm date will be Sunday, November 8. If in doubt, call 526-4321 at 7:00am on Saturday.

Become acquainted with some of the Mid-Atlantic Coast National Wildlife Refuges at the monthly meeting of the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, Friday, November 13, 7:30 PM, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Gould Rd., New London. Speaker Jim Block will provide a refuge overview and show slides depicting wildlife found at Brigantine, Bombay Hook, Chincoteague, Great Dismal Swamp, and Pea Island on the Outer Banks.

The National Wildlife Refuge System features the world's most comprehensive wildlife management program and is a model of stewardship by the American people to conserve their precious natural resources.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

For additional information please contact President Gary Stansfield at 863-8737.

—Phyllis Curtiss



Parks & Recreation Update

Parks and Recreation line dancing has been a hit. Led by Grace Nelson, between 12 and 20 people of all ages and abilities have attended the October sessions. Two November sessions, on the 4th and the 11th, are slated, with more to come after the holidays.

Thanks to Judy Magee and her helpers, Parks and Recreation made \$190 selling soda and snacks at French's Park this summer—a welcome addition to our budget and to the hungry and thirsty mouths at the lake.

Parks and Rec is considering other activities. These may include another attempt at building an ice skating rink, fencing (the art of using blunt tipped swords, not installing chain link), Tae Kwan Do, gymnastics.... Your input is welcome.

We meet at the town hall on the third Thursday each month. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have any suggestions or questions please call Jane Lucas, 938-2570.

—Debbie Bruss

BE BRIGHT!

Regular Firearms Deer Season runs Wednesday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Dec. 6.

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Church News From Lynne E. Hubley

During the month of November, the Board of Christian Education and Missions is sponsoring a mission project entitled "Hunger Dinner at Home" to benefit the Heifer Project Int'l. (HPI). HPI helps people around the world become more self-reliant through the gift of animals and training in their care. HPI families then "pass on the gift" of one or more of their animals' offspring to a neighbor. We are invited to choose one evening during November to serve a humble meal to our families/friends (i.e. bread and soup) and donate the money we save on that meal to Heifer.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries November meeting will be Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00pm. The program is entitled "Thanksgiving When You're not a Norman Rockwell Family." The women are asked to bring canned goods for the Food Pantry to this meeting.

The Wednesday Night Study/Prayer Group has changed its format. A portion of the evening will be spent studying the book "Coping as Christians" by Maxie Dunham. The book covers topics such as interruptions, limitations, worry, guilt, fear, stress,

distress, loneliness, loss, grief and death. Another portion of the evening will be spent in prayer for group members, for the church, for our town and for our world. The first meeting will be Wednesday, November 4 from 7:00—8:00pm.

Church Women United are once again sponsoring a World Community Day service on Friday, November 6, to look at the world through the writings of five women theologians. This meaningful service will enable us to view our neighborhood with "global eyes." Women are invited to meet at our Church at 12:45pm to carpool to the Presbyterian Church in New London.

Our Thursday Evening Bible Study will begin on November 12 at 7:30pm at the parsonage. We will be studying from the Old Testament book of Exodus. Coffee and goodies are always served and we finish at approximately 8:30pm.

The kickoff to our stewardship campaign will be Sunday, November 15. The sermon title is: "Taking the Stew out of Stewardship." We will look in detail at the story of the "Widow's Mite."

Both youth groups (grades 4-12) will meet at the church at 2:00pm on November 15 to travel to the Hogan Center at Colby Sawyer College to enjoy an afternoon of swimming. We will return to the church by 4:30pm.

On November 22, from 2:00-4:00pm, our youth groups (grades 4-12) will meet for a Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt. The hunt will be indoors and outdoors. Refreshments will be served.

Our traditional Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed at the Food Pantry on Wednesday, November 18 from 6:00-7:00pm. Other baskets will be delivered on Sunday, November 22. We welcome any donations (food or monetary).

On Sunday, November 22, 1998 we will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday. There will be special readings and music. The sermon title is "Thanksgiving People." We will be looking at the story of the ten lepers who were healed with only one going back to say "thank you." Our financial pledges will be dedicated on this Sunday.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at the church vestry on Monday, November 23 at 10:00am to assemble "shut-in remembrances" consisting of cookies and fruit. Everyone is invited to bring a sandwich.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries are having a Christmas fair on Saturday, November 28, from 9:30am-2:00pm in the vestry. There will be crafts, food, a white elephant table and much more.

November 29 begins the Advent season. There will be no Sunday school this morning, but we will meet for worship at 10:00am. The Advent wreath will be lit, we will have a mini hymn sing, and the sermon title will be: "Have you Caught the Advent Virus?" After church, we will enjoy a potluck lunch, listen to a brief service entitled "Hanging of the Greens" and decorate our church for Advent. Anyone who would like to donate a wreath in memory of a loved one is asked to call the church office at 938-5313 by November 24.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

We will meet Thursday, November 12, at the Friendship House in Newbury to work on Christmas gift packages for the Shelter at 11:00am. We will have a bag lunch at noon (dessert and beverage provided); and a planning session will take place at approximately 1:00pm. Come with good ideas for next year's programs.

—Clare Bensley


We will be closing for the season on November 25.

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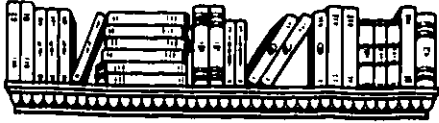
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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

AMETHYST DREAMS

Phyllis A. Whitney
Crown Publishers, Inc.
New York, 1997

Throughout her years of writing, Phyllis A. Whitney has built her stories around particular sites. The location of this novel is Topsail Island, North Carolina. Topsail Sound is part of the Intracoastal Waterway that offers boats clear passage all the way to Florida.

Early in the novel, Hallie Knight receives word that Susan Trench, her best friend from college, is missing. Capt. Nicholas Trench, Susan's grandfather has requested Hallie's assistance in finding Susan.

The ailing Captain Trench is wealthy and is cared for by his housekeeper, Mrs. Orien. From the start, the man irritates Hallie with talk about naming her in his will. She wants no payment; she only wants to solve the mystery of Susan's whereabouts.

The story opens with Louise Trench, second wife of Susan's father, Ryce Trench. Louise is upset about Hallie's expected arrival. Speaking to Ryce, she says, "We must stop her". Her husband's response is strange. "My father is dying and he's the one she's coming to see. The man just wants to talk about Susan." Louise fears the captain may die and list Hallie in his will. As the story progresses, it becomes clear that Louise is hiding a secret from her past.

Among the many characters are Dulcinea, a neighbor child who had been close to Susan and seems to pop up when least expected. The child is endearing. Others in the cast include Anne, the captain's divorced wife and grandmother to Susan; Corey, the housekeeper's son; and Brenda, a former soap opera star.

If you can keep all the characters straight, you may pick up clues regarding Susan's whereabouts, revealed in the final chapter, but don't look ahead...you'll spoil the mystery.

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State House News

by Marcia Keller

Although the daily papers would lead you to believe that education financing was the only topic before the Legislature this session, the Legislators will assure you that there were many other issues that were dealt with in 1998. As the new year and session approaches, it is time for a review of a few of the bills that were signed into law and will affect the way local officials and citizens conduct their business. For copies of the actual laws, contact your local Legislator, the State Library, or the NH Municipal Association.

Chapter 218, effective 8/17/98, adds a new paragraph to RSA 674:33 giving the zoning board of adjustment the authority to grant a variance if "...reasonable accommodations are necessary to allow a person or persons with a recognized physical disability to reside in or regularly use the premises..." The variance must be in harmony with the general purpose of the zoning ordinance and the zoning board may include the provision that the variance shall last only so long as the particular person has continuing need to use the premises.

Chapter 274, effective 8/25/98, continues an ongoing process of amending RSA 676:4, the planning board procedures for accepting and acting on applications for subdivision or site plan review. In this year's version, the board must determine if an application that has been submitted 15 days prior to the meeting contains all of the information required by the board. If the application is incomplete, the board must notify the applicant what information is needed. When the board has accepted the application as complete, according to its stated requirements, the board must act to approve or disapprove within 65 days unless an extension has been granted.

Chapter 281, effective 8/25/98, amends and adds new sections to RSA 674:54 that was

originally adopted in 1996. This law sets some standards for local review when governmental use of property is involved. The board of selectmen and the planning board both must be notified at least 60 days prior to construction when the state, university system, county, town, or school district plans a substantial change in use or a new use of governmental property. The notice must provide plans, state the use to be made, and outline a proposed construction schedule.

Either of the boards so notified (but not both) may hold a public hearing within 30 days of the notice and may issue nonbinding written comments on the conformity or nonconformity with land use regulations.

A new paragraph requires that any use, construction or development on government land that is not a "governmental use" shall be fully subject to local land use regulations.

Several exceptions are noted for public highways and for maintenance of poles, conduits or cables across public highways or railroad rights of way. The governor may declare a governmental use exempt where the delay involved with compliance would endanger public health or safety.

Chapter 57, effective 07/11/98, expands RSA 674:53 dealing with land in one town that can be accessed only by a road through another town. If the sole street access to a parcel is by way of a private road or a class IV, V, or VI road in an adjoining municipality, the town reviewing the application must inquire of the adjoining town or towns as to any facts or regulations regarding the road that would preclude or affect the proposal. The applicant must comply with any regulations relating to the road.

In addition, any subdivision or site plan which relies solely on access from an adjoining town must be approved by the planning boards of both towns. However, the only issue that the adjoining town can address is the road's adequacy for the proposed use.

Chapter 278, effective 08/25/98, allows the moderator of a town or school district to

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Filling:

- 5 eight-ounce packages cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 large eggs, plus 3 egg yolks, lightly beaten
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin

Preheat oven to 425°. Beat cream cheese; add sugar, eggs, flour and vanilla. Add cream and pumpkin to mixture. Pour over crust. Bake for 15 minutes, and then reduce oven to 275° and bake for one hour. Shut off oven. Leave cheesecake in oven overnight. Serve chilled. 12 servings.

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Selling Timber—Do Your Homework!

by Tim Fleury,
UNH Cooperative Extension

The sale of timber has been a common commercial activity in New Hampshire's forests for more than 200 years. However, timber harvesting will have a major impact on the forest. Harvesting timber can either significantly improve, or seriously degrade, your woodlot for a long time to come. A decision to harvest timber is a critical one, and it should not be taken lightly—do your homework!

Consider why you own forest land. Do you enjoy watching the woodland wildlife, such as moose, salamanders, ruffed grouse, deer and bear? Do you enjoy the simple beauty of an evening walk in the woods? Do you use your woods roads for cross country skiing? Is your woodlot a financial reserve for retirement, a college fund for the kids or medical emergencies? A timber harvest should be a tool which will enhance the use of your property. However, a timber harvest can seriously degrade your woodlot if it is done without regard for future values or the reasons you own the woodlot in the first place.

Do not rush into a timber sale. In most cases, your woodlot has been growing for years and will only grow more valuable. Take the time to explore your options. If you need to sell timber right away, then you should follow good business procedures. Talk to at least three different buyers. Don't be afraid to ask for references. Always work from a written contract. Discuss how you will be paid, when you will be paid, and who will pay. Also discuss when they will start, when they will finish, what they will do to finish or clean up the logging job, and who will do the actual harvesting. Don't be afraid to tell them you are not interested. Do not forget to investigate the various timber harvesting laws for which you will ultimately be held responsible. Most notably is the 10 percent

yield tax which you (not your logger) are responsible for paying to your local town for timber harvested.

Take the time to find out more about how the harvesting is done. People often complain that timber harvesting is "ugly" or that it has "ruined" the forest. There is no doubt about it—a timber harvest will dramatically alter the visual appearance of your woodlot. Many timber harvests are not done with visual impact in mind. A lot of debris can be left behind. Heavy equipment is needed to remove the logs. A timber harvest can be conducted in such a way as to minimize the visual disturbance or even improve the aesthetics of your woodland if you make it a priority and design the timber harvest to ensure its success.

Talk to a forester before you do anything on your woodlot. Foresters are trained in the economic, ecological, and social aspects of managing forest land. It is their job to look at the big picture when managing your property. Furthermore, using a consulting forester will typically bring you a higher net price when selling your timber. Consulting foresters sell timber for landowners. They are attuned to timber markets and what constitutes a reasonable price. They will also manage your woodlot according to your goals and not solely for the commercial sale of timber. A consulting forester will also mark trees which are to be removed in the timber harvest, arrange for a buyer, prepare a written contract, collect payments, check on the progress of the sale, make sure the New Hampshire Forest Harvesting laws are being met, and (ideally) manage the forest land for more than just the sale of timber. Anyone selling forestry services in New Hampshire needs to be licensed. Ask to see proof of license.

There is lots of information available to landowners interested in forest management and timber harvesting. Start with the UNH Cooperative Extension, which has a forester in each of the ten counties. We are available at no charge to answer your questions about forest management and timber harvesting. We can help you assess your harvest objectives and (perhaps) examine your woodlot. We can put you in touch with other organizations and sources of information depending on your needs and interests. The stewardship of your woodlot is dependent upon you!

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BEHIND THE BOOKS

An update from the Brown Memorial Library Trustees

Many thanks to our hard-working volunteer crew that recently gave the library a much-needed face lift. The overgrown trees on either side of the front door have been removed, and the library and its handsome front entrance are now easily visible to all who pass by.

Be sure to stop by the library table at the November 3 elections. The trustees will be there to answer questions about the expansion plans and the capital campaign. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets...all proceeds go to the library expansion fund and you might be the winner of cash, a Beanie Baby or a gallon jar filled to the top with delicious Reese's Peanut Butter Cups!

The Trustees welcome our newest member, Jane Lucas, who was appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacancy created by Carol Conforti-Adams' resignation. Lucas will serve until the March elections.

The recent public meetings held at the library resulted in several important questions about the expansion project:

Will the expanded library require added staff?

The addition has been carefully designed to allow one librarian to supervise the entire building from a central location. There will be no need for additional staff to run the expanded library.

Will the library be asking for additional tax dollars for expansion at Town Meeting? Absolutely not! The trustees have recognized the need to make this expansion possible without asking for additional tax dollars. We will be asking only for the release of the library capital reserve money which will affirm the approval of the expansion plan. There will be no further request for tax dollars.

Will donations to the capital campaign be used for purposes other than on-site expansion?

No. Capital campaign gifts will be used exclusively for on-site expansion. Any money raised over the amount needed for construction will help pay for additional furnishings and the refinishing of existing furniture—all for the on-site expanded library.

This month's book quote:

"Books are the treasured wealth of the world, the fit inheritance of generations and nations." —Thoreau, *Walden: Reading*

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postpone and reschedule the deliberative session or the voting day of a meeting in case of a weather emergency. The postponement, to a time, date, and place certain, may be made up to two hours prior to the meeting. The moderator must use "whatever means are available" to notify the citizenry.

Chapter 22, effective date 06/20/98, allows digital signatures the same force and effect as written signatures. The statement of purpose sets forth the reason for the act based on providing reliable electronic messages to facilitate economic development. The law contains a very technical definition of electronic signature to ensure its proper use.

Chapter 238, effective 06/25/98, is a comprehensive law that alters prior legislation dealing with how a town handles the proceeds from a sale of tax-deeded property. The new chapter sets up a 3-year period after a tax sale, in addition to the existing 2-year period, during which former owners have certain rights.

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Bradford Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool News

"A is for apple," the Bradford Newbury Kindergarten discovered when they visited Gould Hill Apple Orchard in Hopkinton. This fun activity wrapped up the letter "A" week. Students and parents made and drank cider, picked and ate apples, giggled and shouted in the enormous cave-like apple storage refrigerator. Back in the classroom, students and teachers made and ate applesauce with the apples they had collected.

Each kindergartener's homework is to bring in an item starting with the letter of the week. Teacher Mrs. Kingsbury cuts out and displays the gigantic letter on which is written dozens of words starting with that letter. Each student is also assembling a bright construction paper alphabet, letter by letter, to take home.

Kindergartners learned five safety rules during a visit to the Bradford Fire Department.

Thanks to all who bought flower bulbs and baked goods at the Warner Market Basket during the Fall Foliage Festival. Thanks also to the Market Basket for letting us set up outside their store. Plans are on for a Santa's Outlet at the Bradford Elementary School on Saturday, December 12.

—Claire Martin



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Legislative Report By Representative Barbara Conner French



It has been an unusually busy fall for the New Hampshire legislature, but educational issues aren't the only important matters being considered in Concord.

A very significant piece of legislation is in the final steps to full ratification. Senate Bill 409 will provide Medicaid eligible elderly and chronically ill adults with a continuum of care appropriate to their needs and affordable to the state and its taxpayers. This represents a major step forward in providing appropriate long-term care for those who need it. It will mean a great deal to families that use these services. One hurdle remains before the legislation becomes law. It must be endorsed by every county delegation in the state. If county delegations do not unanimously endorse this plan it will not take effect. The Merrimack County delegation met on Tuesday, October 27 and endorsed the legislation by a unanimous vote.

The Osteoporosis Advisory Council has continued to meet monthly and we're making great strides toward greater awareness of this serious health issue. The Council has worked hard to help update a questionnaire used by the state Department of Health and Human Services to assess the views of our citizens on a variety of health issues. We've added 10 to 12 questions on osteoporosis to this survey, which samples the opinions of about 1500 people a year in different parts of the state. This information will help us develop programs on osteoporosis treatment and prevention and the data will help us track the progress those programs make. The Osteoporosis Advisory Council will host a conference in Concord next May. The conference will make valuable information available to health professionals, educators and the public. I'll keep you posted in the coming months on the date and location of this event.

Another important study committee began meeting in September. In 1998 the legislature formed a group to study and make recommendations on the development and coordination of wellness and primary prevention programs for children and families in New Hampshire. There are many excellent programs already providing services to New Hampshire families and one of this group's goals will be to coordinate those programs so they can reach more families. In my research on this issue I've found that our neighbors in Vermont put a system in place 15 years ago to coordinate the creation of parent-child centers around the state. They've seen a dramatic decline in their drop out rate, teen pregnancy rate, welfare rolls and child abuse. I feel certain New Hampshire can enjoy similar success with coordinated efforts.

I think I've made my position on the Claremont decision very clear, but it bears repeating, I am firmly opposed to any efforts to overturn the Court's decision. They provided us with an opportunity and a challenge to meet our children's education needs and at the same time develop a fair and equitable tax structure.

I support a full and open discussion of our present tax structure and all its flaws, and I'm certain we will see such a discussion when the legislature reconvenes in January.

Whatever funding source we choose must be constitutionally dedicated to go back to our communities to provide excellent schools and property tax relief. I'm optimistic that a rational and equitable solution can be found.

I've greatly appreciated your support over the years and I look forward to continuing to represent your concerns at the Statehouse. Please feel free to contact me with any of your comments, questions or concerns.

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Report on the Kearsarge Regional School District by Mike Hague, Bradford School Board Representative

KEARSARGE APPORTIONMENT FORMULA UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

A recently decided court case found apportionment formulas like the one used for the towns within the Kearsarge School District to be unconstitutional based on the Claremont Supreme Court decision. What this means for our cooperative school district remains to be seen. Our State Representative, Bernie Lamuch, has been unable to get any answers from the Attorney General's Office. Your School Board met with the Joint Board of Selectman and the Municipal Budget Committee and will be pursuing those answers with the Attorney General's office and the Department of Revenue Administration. We live in uncertain times: stay tuned for more information.

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE:

We are one of a decreasing number of school districts in NH (34) that still does not have a kindergarten despite the overwhelming research about its beneficial effects in academic achievement, drop out prevention etc. (Guess that shows you where I stand on the issue). A bidder's meeting of all private area kindergarten programs was held recently to put out the bids from which a warrant article will be developed for voter approval in March. The input from residents and their representatives has favored contracting with the private kindergartens for their services as opposed to using state grants to help build space for district kindergarten programs. This will cap a two-year process of listening to residents and exploring various options. As always if you have any questions or want to give me any input, I can be reached at 938-2722 or lovmts@aol.com.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting, first session, will be on January 9, 1999. As you remember the

second session is the March voting day, March 9 this year; the first session is deliberative and informative, for discussing and deciding the amount of the budget to be approved by the voters and for deciding non funding matters. The school budget will be completed by December 1 and citizen petitions for Warrant Articles must be in by December 10. The filing date for Office this year will be January 20 to January 29. This is important to know because the School Board Representative for Bradford position will be open, as I am not running again. It has been a very rewarding experience for me but the time commitment is too much to continue, and I promised my boys....

SCHOOL REPORTS

Our high school students participated in a jobs fair in Claremont and were judged to be the best behaved and most interested by the participating businesses. Our boys' and girls' soccer teams have both made it to the state tournament. The USS Kearsarge of the US Navy will be in regular contact with high school students from the American Studies Program to add a little relevance to their education. The middle school has learned its lesson and is now mailing its newsletter home instead of relying upon students to deliver it, a wise decision considering the characteristics of the age group. Some teachers are working on an externship program for eighth grade students, again based on age specific characteristics, which favor learning from hands-on activities. Our Bradford principal, Scott Bouranis, is regularly reading to every class to promote reading and our school is looking to improve math scores this year as part of its annual School Improvement Plan (SIP). Bradford's "Jump Rope for Heart" program raised enough money for the Heart Association to be in the top ten in New Hampshire. Enrollment at Bradford Elementary is 208, the middle school has 532 students and the high school has 620. There are 2002 students in the district including 74 homeschoolers.

MONEY AND EDUCATION

Did you notice the study in the Concord Monitor that linked the district average income (as measured by percentage of students receiving government-subsidized lunches) to academic performance (as measured by third grade state assessment scores in math and language arts)? The study was done by the NH Center for Public Policy at UNH and is important because it helps to further define those factors that are important predictors of student achievement, of which quality of teaching is only one factor. If we can understand what is needed most by kids to become well educated then perhaps we can get much better at it.

BBA News

The Bradford Business Association is busy getting ready for Christmas in the Country. We will be having our annual Christmas decorating contest. Look in the December *Bridge* for more details, and start thinking of how you will decorate your house or your business.

We will be having our Christmas party at the Appleseed Inn on December 21. The cost for the Roast Beef Dinner will be \$12.00. All you have to pay is \$6.00 per person; the BBA will pay the other \$6.00. Hope we see you at our next meeting at the church vestry on November 16 at 7:00pm.

---Marlene Freyler

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Recent Selectmen's Meetings

September 28. Selectmen reported that the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Bradford Community Center project. Carol Conforti-Adams prepared the grant.

Sue Pehrson talked with Selectmen about the difficulties of collecting taxes on permanent trailers at the Lake Massasecum campground because changes in occupancy and ownership are not reported. She asked if the landowner could be requested to provide the names and addresses of trailer owners. Selectmen said they would check with the Town of Weare, as they have dealt with the same issue. It was reported at the Oct. 5 meeting that Weare sends an annual letter to campground owners requesting the names and addresses of trailer owners, and that the campground owners have been cooperative.

Milly Kittredge presented a visual demonstration of the benefits of keeping the Town Report in its current format, showing the bound edition of Bradford's first town reports and the most recent volume, which match beautifully. Other sizes, when shelved with the two volumes, stuck out like sore thumbs. With good humor, Cheryl Behr reported that she had already withdrawn her request and the format will remain the same.

Perry Teele reported that the beavers had outwitted the Conservation Commission's attempt to lower the water level near Alder Plains Road in two weeks' time, but that the Conservation Commission will try re-engineering the pipe construction before resorting to a more expensive solution.

Bernie Lamach presented information from the NH Department of Transportation that was given to him in response to his in-

quiries about parking problems on Route 103 at the entrance to Cobble Pond Farms. If the Selectmen request it, the State will place no parking signs for 250 feet on either side of the store's entrance. Police Chief John Sims also suggested that the Selectmen investigate the possibility of widening the shoulder across from the entrance so that trucks could pull further off the road. While there was concern that the solutions should be sensitive to the business needs of the store, recent motor vehicle accidents have demonstrated the need for some action. Chief Sims agreed to give the Selectmen his comments in writing to be included with a letter to the State.

October 5. Selectmen announced that the tax rate for 1998 has been set. The rate is \$29.53 per thousand, down from \$31.48 in 1997. The Town portion has declined \$2.36, while the school portion increased by 17 cents and the County portion increased by 24 cents.

Marcia Keller, representing the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, reported on milfoil control efforts. Although they were late getting placed, Keller said that the nets and boat traffic control markers at the entrance to the cove were fairly successful. They are hopeful that they eradicated the pieces that spread into the rest of the lake before the nets were in place. The floating mats intended to block sun were not very successful, and results from another lake using sunken mats were also discouraging. She reported on other possible approaches to the problem, including a harvester that is being designed that would be pulled by boats, and experimental work being conducted by the State using chemicals.

The Association presented Selectmen with a proposed budget of \$11,000 for 1999. They anticipate qualifying for matching State funds, and the Association will share the remaining costs. Keller said they would like to see the Selectmen enter a Selectmen's warrant article in the amount of \$3,000 to \$4,000. Selectmen said they will keep this in mind as they develop the budget in the coming weeks.

E. coli water testing results from Davis Brook were discussed, and David Currier requested that Carey Rodd, Bradford's Health Officer, receive copies of the test results. A complete set will be forwarded to him.

Ralph Carroll and Bob Moore were appointed as Deputy Forest Fire Wardens.

The Town of Henniker loaned their spare ambulance to Bradford while Bradford's ambulance is in Massachusetts being repainted and having body work done. Liability coverage for the ambulance was transferred to Bradford for the duration of the loan, with no additional expense to either town.

A West Road resident asked why paving on West Road has not been completed, and expressed concern about the rough condition of the unpaved portion. Road Agent Andy Anderson explained that the work has been slower than anticipated because of the large numbers of rocks and boulders in the roadbed. These rocks will heave up through new pavement if not removed before the road is repaved. He also explained that the grader couldn't grade out the washboard because of the type of surface left after the old pavement was removed. Work on the road is continuing and will be completed next year.

Selectmen received a letter from Carol Conforti-Adams regarding the need to amend the community block grant to allow the hiring of a project development coordinator for the Community Center. Selectmen took the matter under advisement and will consult with the Office of State Planning.

Representatives from the Police, Fire and Highway departments, the Cemetery Commission, the Budget Committee and the Planning and Zoning boards met with the Selectmen to discuss fourth quarter spending. The general budget is at 25% and all departments were instructed to watch spending closely and notify the Selectmen if they were about to overspend any line item, so that a source of funding could be identified immediately. The Se-

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lectmen encumbered money in many of the accounts to cover unanticipated litigation costs.

October 19. Several members of the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee met with the Selectmen. Leslie Nelson had volunteered to head a Water and Sewer committee, and the group asked the Selectmen if they would like her to pursue that project. The Selectmen were supportive and gave her names of others who have expressed interest in working on the development of a water and sewer plan. Joe Conway recommended contacting officials in Warner to explore the possibility of cooperation between the two towns.

The BEOC also asked that someone from the Board of Selectmen try to attend their meetings to keep communication strong as they work on Town projects. Marvin Rich said he would step in for Joe Conway, who previously attended meetings regularly.

The Library Trustees asked Selectmen to approve the appointment of Jane Lucas as an interim trustee to fill in for Carol Conforti-Adams, who resigned her position. Lucas will serve until the March elections.

Selectmen signed the warrant for the November 3 elections. Polls will be open at the Bradford Elementary School from 8:00am-7:00pm.

Selectmen sent a letter to the Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting the release of \$1,198.40 from the Capital Reserve Fund to cover emergency repairs to the pump and water heater at Town Hall.

A revised schedule for the West Road bridge repairs was reviewed. The precast portions will be set in place during the last week of October.

Selectmen resolved personnel matters in non-public session.

October 26. Hugh Keays presented the Selectmen with an open letter regarding the condition of West Road. The letter expressed concern that during the two and a half years since the pavement was removed from a section of West Road in anticipation of repaving, residents have had their cars and tires damaged, their property values are down and dust from passing traffic is at best a nuisance and at worst a serious health hazard. The letter requested that the town at least maintain the road at a level equal to that of other dirt roads. Selectman Vitale repeated the explanation given to another West Road resident at the Oct. 5 meeting, and agreed to contact the road agent about the dust problem. The selectmen said that other than attempting to control the dust, there is little that can be done until next year, when the paving project will resume.

- Lyn Betz

Planning Board notes

The major item dealt with by the Planning Board in October was the proposal by the Library Trustees to expand library services on the present site by adding on to the building. A preliminary discussion was held at the first meeting at which it was determined that a public hearing should be scheduled for October 27. Since the proposal is for governmental use of the property, the public hearing is for informational purposes and any comments would not be binding. However, the Trustees were asked to fill out a site plan review application. The abutters were notified and public hearing notices posted.

On the 27th, Chair Perry Teele stated that the purpose of the hearing was primarily for

information and to provide documentation in the files both for the board and for the public as to what is proposed. The expansion cannot and does not have to meet the zoning requirements because it is for governmental use.

Co-chair of the Trustees, Dick Keller, made the presentation after introducing the architect and the other Trustees who were in attendance. The proposal is to add 2,000 sq. ft. to the present building with a 1,000 sq. ft. addition to the basement area, providing a total of 5,000 sq. ft. to accommodate library needs well into the next century.

The site plan showed the location of a proposed new septic system and an alternative location for a new well if it should be required. With land acquired by the Library several years ago, the sideline setbacks would not be diminished from the original distance, and the rear setback would be reduced to 16.5'.

The plans presented showed access for disabled persons on the street level, with a lift to the main floor. Off-street disabled parking will be parallel to Church Street adjacent to the lower floor entry.

The Board thanked the Trustees for a comprehensive presentation and the site plan was put on file.

Other business covered by the Board included preparing the preliminary budget figures for 1999 and approval of driveway access permits on Johnson Hill Road and Old Fairgrounds Road. Bob Stewart, Jr. of RCS Designs presented an application for a two lot subdivision on Marshall Hill Road and a preliminary discussion for a 5 lot subdivision on West Road.


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Alan Brown by Audrey V. Sylvester

Abused horses have hope for new lives with Alan Brown's help. Alan transports mistreated horses to safe rehabilitation barns at the drop of a hat. He said, "I will go anywhere, anytime, for a horse in trouble." The family (his wife, Laurie, and their children Abigail and Elliott) shares his commitment.

In July, the Browns adopted one of eight rescued horses that were seized from a riding stable in Freemont, NH. The Browns claimed a horse named *Black Koa*. A freeze branded identification confirmed her lineage as a registered Arabian. Starved by the owner, she was skin and bones underneath a thick winter coat. Before joining the Brown family of five horses, *Black Koa* stayed in a rehabilitation barn where a specialist began the arduous task of bringing her up to a normal weight (she had lost several hundred pounds). First, she was allowed a teacup of grain, five times a day. Food was increased as she was able to digest it. After nine months, she is still slightly underweight.

The "Freemont" rescue began on a cold, dark January night when the NH Equine Humane Association (NHEHA) called. (The Association is an organization that investigates suspected cases of abuse and helps desperate owners find homes for unwanted animals.) The State of New Hampshire, NHEHA, and the Freemont police were activating proceedings against the owner. Eight horses tied in manure-filled stalls were found starved, and they needed transportation to rehab barns. (In July, the

Freemont owner was convicted on eight counts of cruelty against animals.)

Alan and Laurie hitched the trailer and were ready to deliver the horses by 10:00pm. At midnight, the couple was still driving on snow-covered back roads in Weare with a trailer filled with horses they didn't own.



At last they found their destination and after unloading the horses, the Browns returned to Bradford. They slept a few hours, and went to work: Alan to Concord, where he is Information and Technology Manager for the NH Employment Security Office; and

Laurie to New London, where she manages the Kearsarge Middle School's Computer Room. Alan is also Captain of the Bradford Fire Department.

Not all horses needing new homes are abused. One family pony became a problem for a woman whose husband had died. The pony kept the owner at bay by biting and wildly kicking. The widow fed it by throwing food over the fence. The Browns came to the rescue. Alan, after being soundly kicked in the ribs, changed his approach. He adopted a wait-until-it-tires-itself-out-strategy. A happy ending followed. The pony was adopted.

The Browns started their small stable of horses when a close friend moved to England. They adopted an Arabian named Assad, which Abigail learned to ride. Soon, mom and dad bought horses. Today, the family enjoys the day-to-day antics of their horse family. Abigail's horse, *Gallant Folly* is a trickster who pulls tricks, Laurie claims, with a straight face. His specialties are plucking hats off heads, wallets out of pockets, hair ribbons off human pony tails, and stuffing grain down the back of his keepers' necks.

Alan reads a horse's history in its reactions: a beaten horse will cower when a quick hand motion is made around its head. *Black Koa* is on the mend. Even though she resists being haltered, she allows it. In her second trip to the pasture in October, she was a joy to behold, beginning a suspended trot (characteristic of Arabian breeding where all four hooves are off the ground simultaneously) as she headed into the pasture to join "the boys" and the mare. Ah! Freedom to be retired! Freedom to be a horse!

(For more information on the NH Equine Humane Association, to sponsor a horse, or participate in NHEHA horse show events, write: Heather DeHart, NHEHA, P. O. Box 482, New Boston, NH 03070.) To check out Laurie Brown's Success Stories, the web address is: http://www.conknet.com/~abrown/success_stories.htm

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

We have had a very peculiar fall with a cool-but-not-cold, dry September bringing less than one inch of rain, and then October finally giving us a first killing frost, an 8 day stretch of murky cold and nearly four inches of rain, and the leaves finally turning but rather dull compared to the average year. Of course for those of us burning oil, we have been compensated with a welcome drop in fuel oil prices.

The rains of mid October were welcome for those of us who like to see our lawn repair work bear fruit. The soil became moist so the reestablishment of our perennial gardens can come about. It is also welcome for those wishing to plant ornamental trees.

Fall is the time to shop the garden stores for trees for landscaping to replace some of the trees ravaged by the January ice storm. Many of the shops still have the trees which can be bought at closeout prices by knowing tree planters. Fall with its moist soil, easy digging and cooler weather is a very suitable time to plant.

Selection of tree species this time of year may not be as great as in spring but there are good buys of ornamentals to be found. Probably one of the most sought after trees is sugar maple. The choice here is sugar maple with its fall color; it is native, the state tree of New Hampshire and suited to most sites. The only place it should not be planted is where salt splash from road salt will get to its roots or by run-off from roads. It is easy to recognize even without leaves since its winter buds, sugar brown, are sharp-pointed. The native red maple is a second choice and has red round buds. It is less desirable since it is damaged more by storms. Maples to be avoided are Silver maple and Norway

maple; both are weed trees and easily damaged by storms.

White Ash, another native tree, with excellent fall foliage, yellow turning purple, is a good choice where soil is "fresh" and reasonably fertile. A tall straight tree, it has distinctive gray bark. An ash often found in garden shops is the Green ash, similar in its requirements to white ash with somewhat less purple foliage.

Often overlooked are the oaks, which are native and grow exceedingly well here. There are a couple of outstanding species, the red oak, *Quercus Borealis* and white oak, *Quercus Alba*. The former grows straight and tall, has a vigorous taproot and requires a deeply dug hole with good soil and moisture. It is vigorous after establishment. Foliage is golden to red-brown and hangs on the tree well into winter. The white oak has purplish red colored foliage with rounded leaf lobes, and will grow vigorously after establishment.

For those who decry the loss of elms, an elm cousin, the Hackberry or Sugarberry is a native tree, though scarce in the area. It is usually found in the fresh soils of streambeds or riverbanks. It is a very tall, straight tree whose berries are used by birds and animals. This is not easy to find, but is available from the St. Lawrence Nursery, Potsdam, NY.

All five of the trees mentioned are reasonably free of insects and disease, grow vigorously once established, and may be set out during late October or early November. All trees should be staked with three stakes and the stems held in place by cloth strips to reduce the wind whipping, usual for this time of year.

It is well to plant in fertile soil but not to add fertilizers until the end of the first growing season; rather, mulch the tree well with chips or bark to reduce the loss of moisture in the ground.


Many of our large trees around houses are losing vigor due to age. It is now time to plant new ones before the loss becomes too evident.

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In November, 1878, the state constitution was amended to hold state elections every two years, rather than yearly. This included members of congress.

The election in 1898 was won by Frank W. Rollins, who was concerned with the exodus of citizens out of state and the erosion of forests. He established Old Home Week to draw them back and began the steps to preserve the state's forests from the slash and burn and sawdust filled rivers. Rollins State Park on Keursarge was named for him.



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November Calendar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Bradford Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386 for information, 9:00am
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Election Day, KRES at Bradford, polls open 8:00am-7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
KRSB School Board/Municipal Budget Committee Joint Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

PTC meeting, Don West presents "Safe Homes—Safe Schools," KRES at Bradford, 7:00pm
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, sponsored by Parks and Recreation, \$2 adults/\$1 students, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Library Trustees Meeting, BML, 10:00 am
BNYS Annual Meeting, KRES at Bradford, 7:00-9:00pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00am (meeting subject to change)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Senior Rally, Hallahan Real Estate, 1:00-3:00pm
Moon Midnight Madness, tickets \$5, Town Hall stage, 7:30pm.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

3rd and 4th grade Boys and Girls Pot Luck Soccer Dessert Social, KRES at Bradford, 6:15-8:00pm. Bring soccer uniforms, any outstanding baseball uniforms and one of your favorite desserts.
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, sponsored by Parks and Recreation, \$2 adults/\$1 students, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for information

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5th and 6th Grade Boys and Girls Pot Luck Soccer Dessert Social, KRES at Bradford, 6:15-8:00pm. Bring soccer uniforms, any outstanding baseball uniforms and one of your favorite desserts.
PTC presents Val Blachley, "Workshop for Parents on Reality Therapy," KRES at Bradford Art Room, 7:30-9:00pm
KRSB School Board Meeting, Sutton Elementary School, 7:00pm
BEOC, Town Hall, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00am (meeting subject to change)
Drop off used sporting equipment/clothing for BNYS used equipment sale, KRES at Bradford, 6:00-8:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BNYS used equipment/clothing sale, KRES at Bradford, 9:30am-2:30pm, sales by donation or consignment

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

BWC Membership Meeting featuring Peggy Leighton from The Gathering Place, Church Vestry, 1:00pm
KRSB School Board/Municipal Joint Budget Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Bradford Community Corporation Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00am (meeting subject to change)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BWC Holiday Crafts and Antique Fair, Hallahan's Real Estate, 9:00am-4:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

BWC Holiday Crafts and Antique Fair, Hallahan's Real Estate, 9:00am-4:00pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

BWC Holiday Crafts and Antique Fair, Hallahan's Real Estate, 9:00am-2:00pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00pm

To list events for the December issue, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722.



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FOR SALE. 1987 Honda Accord Hatchback, for parts. \$300 or best offer. 938-5539.

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