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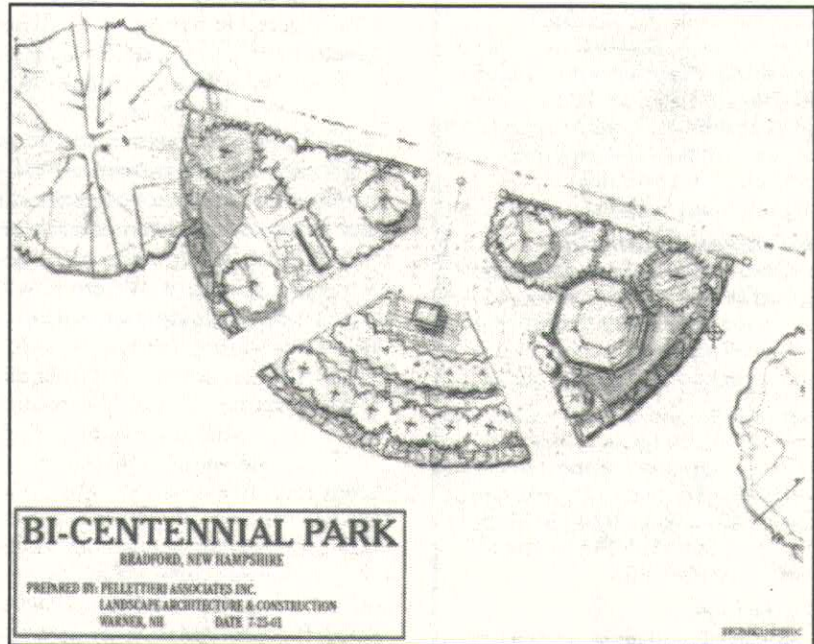
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Bradford selectmen graduate with distinction

On October 20, the entire Board of Selectman, Chris Frey, Dick Vitale, and Bruce Edwards, received graduation certificates stating that they satisfactorily completed a "One Year Course of Study in Local Government Leadership with the New Hampshire Selectperson Institute." This program was offered by the Howes Center for Community Engagement of New England Institute, a division of the Antioch New England Graduate School. The program's objectives are to provide training in public service areas such as water supply, solid waste, highways, planning, budgeting, financial management, land use, public safety, communicating with the media, and information management. The program consisted of seminars which combined presentations, panel discussions, and large and small group working sessions. Each seminar required two to four hours of selected readings which were mailed to the participants in preparation for the class work. The program was attended on Saturdays. It was specifically noted at the graduation ceremony that of the 35 towns that had selectmen participate, Bradford was the only one that had the entire Board of Selectman attend and complete the course.

—Dick Vitale

Bicentennial Park to get new look



The Village Improvement Program, in conjunction with Pellettieri Associates Inc. of Warner, has finally settled on this rendering for the Bicentennial Park located at the corner of Main Street and Route 103. George Pellettieri has worked with us at no cost. The park had to be destroyed when the Main Street drainage problem was solved by digging through and under. We have salvaged some of the plants and relocated them at the Bradford Area Community Center. New plants will come in the spring along with a wall to surround the Park as depicted. Now you can understand why stakes have been placed in the area. The Bradford Women's Club is furnishing the funds for the restoration. The Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee has spearheaded the project. It has been a long and ugly summer and your patience has been appreciated.

—Village Improvement Program Committee

Public Hearing on Route 103 Project

The Department of Transportation will hold an informational meeting to solicit input and discuss the proposed work on Route 103 from Colburn Farm Road in Newbury to the Bradford/Warner town line. It is scheduled for 7:00pm at the Town Hall in Bradford on Wednesday, November 7. Now is the time to let your concerns be aired.

—Ann Eldridge

After the summer folks depart, the autumn people start showing up around town!



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Selectmen's Update

As the events of the world unfold, we in Bradford are, like everyone else in America, trying to understand, prepare and lead a normal life. Our disaster plan has come out of the drawer and is being upgraded and expanded. Hopefully, it will never have to be implemented.

Paving has been completed on Fairgrounds and East Washington Rd. Sealing has been done and the highway crew is preparing the roads for winter.

Part time resignations in the Police Department have occurred, so some shifts will not be covered until replacements are found. The 1995 Crown Victoria and other surplus vehicles have been auctioned off in Concord. Proceeds from these sales should reduce this year's tax rate. Budget season is upon us. If you have a budget request see that Cheryl gets it in writing. We will not submit anything to the Budget Committee or Town Meeting without a written request.

A large number of taxpayers met with our assessing contractors, Avitar. Hopefully, misunderstandings have been worked out. If not, you have 90 days after receiving your tax bill to request abatement. Taxes are still due.

There will be a warrant article at next year's Town Meeting to decide whether the barn on the Bradford Green should be saved or torn down. Please visit the site this fall and make your decision before the snows.

All three Selectmen completed a course of study in local government leadership at Antioch University. We are now looking for followers.

At the Transfer Station, we are beefing up enforcement at the construction and demolition bin—bring a check or be turned away; Ken doesn't take cash. Scofflaws will get summonses. A recent container audit of our garbage in Penacook revealed paint cans. If you were the offender, please stop. We don't want to be fined or thrown out of the cop. Your actions affect your neighbors.

Enjoy the warm temperatures of our Indian summer and remember spring is but a scant four, five or six months away.

—Chris Frey

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School District space crunch

The Kearsarge Regional School Board Facilities Committee has completed a multi-year analysis of needs at the high school and middle school. Both of these facilities are seriously overcrowded now and will become more so based on conservative population growth projections for our area. The Board is considering a warrant article to pursue development of a second story for the high school.

We are also considering the next step to address the middle school situation. I have provided the Brown Memorial Library with copies of the Facilities Committee report that details four options under consideration. These are (1) build two new middle schools—North/South or East/West, (2) renovate the existing middle school and build a new school, (3) build one new, centrally-located middle school, and (4) renovate and expand the existing middle school.

The facilities issue will be discussed at the next KRES Bradford PTO meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00pm. Please attend this meeting to share your perspective.

Thank you to all who supported the Bradford-Newbury Elementary School PTO "Train of Hope" bake sale. The fundraiser was held on Saturday, October 6 at the Caboose in Newbury Harbor. The event broke all past records by raising over \$6,000 with all proceeds donated to the American Red Cross September 11th relief efforts. I am proud to be associated with the team, led by Holly von Svoboda that so admirably represented our school and our towns.

—Mark Fairbank, Bradford representative to the Kearsarge Regional School Board

BNKP Up and Running

The first month of school at BNKP has been exciting! One of the BNKP parents, Heather Brady, and co-teacher Lisa Lewis have come on board as the teachers for the 2001-2002 school year. They have jumped right in to pick up where Sue Kingsbury left off and our program is running as successfully as ever! We have been very busy making up for lost time, making color trees to learn our colors and painting pictures with beautiful fall scenes. We have visited the library each week—you may have seen us walking with our procession on a rope. We have played with a parachute and collected leaves on a nature walk. Susan Cancio-Bello has returned to us this year to sing songs, play the guitar, and let us try out her bongo drums! BNKP is still looking for a teacher's aide on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:45am to 12:15pm. Please give Sarah a call if you are interested at 938-2624.

—Sarah Harvey

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector

September 22. John Hardy and Avril Nash were married in Weare.

October 12. Jenna Rose was born to Amy & John Cook in Concord.

Moped, boat and off road trail bike registrations are now available during regular business hours. Hunting and fishing licenses can be obtained as well.

The tax bills should be going out about mid-month. If you do not receive one or if you have a problem, please contact the Selectmen's Office or the Tax Office.

Earn while you learn. Immediate opening for deputy town clerk/tax collector. Varied duties. computer skills a plus. Please send resume to P.O. Box 607, Bradford, NH 03221.

The office will be closed on Monday, November 12 and Friday, November 23.

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—Sue Pehrson

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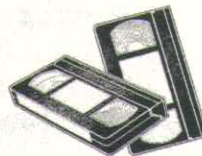
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Letters

To the editor:

Thanks to Andy Anderson and his crew for the superb job they've done on the northern half of the East Washington Road. We watched and wondered over the months of preparation, hoping that all the dust and mud and disruption would be worth it. The results are remarkable. Andy's skill is evident in many ways—especially in the improved drainage and removal of boulders that had poked up through the old pavement. He also managed to accomplish all these improvements without damaging the stone walls bordering the road.

Our only request of those who travel the road is that you slow down. The smooth new surface has encouraged some to zoom past our home at 50 plus mph! As the sign in front of Joe Battles' place on Center Road reminds us, "This is not a %\$*&% freeway!"

Rick and Libby Cowan

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Fish and Game Club News

The Annual Turkey Party will be held on Saturday November 17 at 7:00pm. John Mock will host our annual fund-raiser at The Lumber Barn. Please come and join us. You may go home with turkeys, holiday food baskets and much more. The odds are great that you can win.

The Regular Firearms Deer Season begins Wednesday, November 14th and runs until December 9. Remember it is bucks only in our area this year. With the abundance of food this year, hunters may have to go a bit further in the woods after the opening shots. Which is half the fun, for me anyway!

Middle East issues focus of Warner programs

MainStreet Bookends, the United Church of Warner, Pillsbury Free Library, and the Maria Foundation for Justice and Peace are joining together in a community effort to present educational programming on the cultures and conflicts in the Middle East. The Pillsbury Free Library and MainStreet BookEnds are located on Main Street in Warner.

Friday, November 2: *Promises*—A film about seven Israeli and Palestinian Children in Jerusalem, 7:00pm at MainStreet BookEnds

Wednesday, November 7: *Promoting Peace: What Ordinary People Can Do* presented by Arnie Alpert, NH Coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee, 7:00pm at Pillsbury Free Library.

Friday, November 23: Author Robert Elinor will discuss his book *Buddha and Christ: Images of Wholeness*, 7:00pm at MainStreet BookEnds.

For more information about these programs or to make suggestions for future programs please contact MainStreet BookEnds at 456-2700 or the Pillsbury Free Library at 456-2289.

America Recycles Day at the Conservation Center

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) will give guided solar tours at the Conservation Center in Concord on Saturday, November 10 from noon to 4:00pm. The site's property manager, Paul Leveille, will conduct the tours at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00pm. They are free and open to the general public in honor of America Recycles Day. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is co-sponsor of this SPNHF event.

The new French Wing features a wide range of recycled materials in its construction such as floor deck made from recycled soda bottles and sawdust, lobby tile from recycled glass, drywall from recycled dry wall, and cellulose insulation from recycled newsprint. The building exhibits several technologies that recycle natural resources within the building, like a greywater system, a wood chip heating system and heat recovery ventilation. This award-winning structure also employs many energy-conserving features such as super insulation, moderate use of glass and low heat gain equipment and lighting. For more information call Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail signup@spnhf.org.



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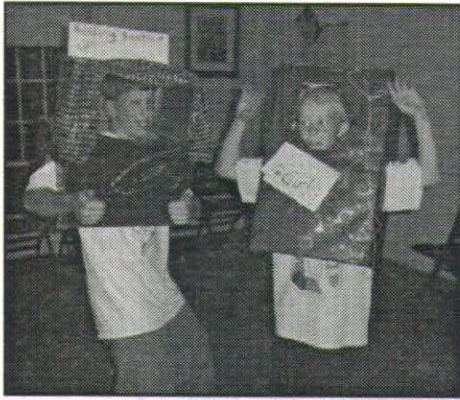
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Parks and Recreation News



Chris Corey and Tommy McNeil strut their stuff in their prize-winning costumes at the Halloween Kids' Dance.

Chaperones got into the act too. Jenne LeBlanc, friend Rhonda and Kim Lucas strike a pose.



Our Kids' Halloween Dance with DJ Brad Cote was a great success. Fun was had by all. Tommy McNeil and Chris Corey were winners for having the best costumes. Thanks to the McNeil family for all their help and to all our wonderful chaperons. Some of their costumes were fantastic. Parks & Recreation really feels good about these dances. So many of the parents and most of all, the kids, go out of their way to tell us how happy they are to have a place to get together and dance and have fun with their friends right here in Bradford. Anyone interested in chaperoning please call me at 938-2570. There will be another kids' dance featuring DJ Brad Cote on Friday, November 2 from 7:00-9:30pm at Town Hall. Admission is \$4.

Our Second Annual Carved Pumpkin Contest is being held on October 31, so pictures will not make this month's paper. Look for winners next month.

Line dancing with Grace Nelson will resume in January.

—Jane Lucas

BWC Holiday Fair

The Bradford Women's Club will hold its annual Holiday Crafts and Antiques Fair November 23, 24 and 25 at Saint Peter's Masonic Lodge, West Main Street. Artisans from near and far will be present along with the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses Association who will take your vital signs free of charge. Come and buy beautiful handmade products such as jams, jellies and wonderful candies all made locally by your neighbors. You are bound to discover something you just have to have. The money earned is returned to the community in a number of ways. Hours are 9:00am-4:00pm Friday and Saturday; 11:00am-2:00pm on Sunday.

There will be no BWC meeting in the month of November. We will be concentrating on the holiday craft fair. Volunteers are needed to help out and craft consignments are welcome. Call Barbara at 938-2691. Happy Holidays.

—Barbara Vannata

Country Squares "Pie Night"

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Class Level dance at the Bradford Town Hall on November 17 from 7:00 until 10:30pm. This is the annual "Pie Night" for which Dan Bachelder will call and Bernie Porter will cue. Admission is \$5 per person. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

—Shirley Trombley

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Add:

- 1 quart of chicken stock

Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes.

Strain the liquid into a clean pot, put the vegetables into a food processor and puree until smooth. Add the puree back to the liquid, bring back to simmer and serve.

Garnish each serving with fresh, ground black pepper and a dollop of fresh whipped cream.

Enjoy!

Got your wood up??



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forsberg, Center Road, have a goodly dry supply for winter in the 1930's. No "designer firewood" for them. It was noted he paid \$4 per cord on the stump.

—selected from Bradford Historical Society materials by Milly Kittredge

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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Women's Christian Guild: On Friday, November 2 at 1:30pm, the Women's Christian Guild, together with Church Women United, will honor World Community Day with a Service of prayers for the world. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Rene Kaufman whose topic is: "Women Relating to Today's World." The service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bradford.

Special November Worship Service: On November 4, All Saints/Communion Sunday, we will be honoring the names of loved ones who have died during the past year.

Women's Study Group: Our Thursday morning study group will start a new study on Thursday, November 8 from 10:00-11:00am. We will look at the Serendipity Series entitled: "Philippians: Joy Under Stress."

International Progressive Dinner: Our annual dinner will be held Saturday, November 10 beginning at 5:30pm. As always, we will travel to different homes to enjoy appetizers, salad, a main course, and

dessert. This year we will be enjoying different international dishes.

Celebration Sunday: On November 11 we will lift up our Stewardship campaign. The theme this year is "Dessert First." We will dedicate our faith promises and enjoy a dessert buffet during coffee hour.

Special Church Meeting: A brief meeting will be held immediately following the worship service on November 11 to vote on the Deacons' recommendation to extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to new members.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The ladies will hold their November meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00pm. After a business meeting, the program will be "The Gratitude Reflex: the Story of the Pilgrims." We are asked to bring an item to share that we are thankful for. We will also be making Christian symbol gift tags to hang on the Christmas tree for the Toys for Tots project.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Food baskets will be gathered and distributed to food pantry recipients and other families on Saturday, November 17 between 11:00am and 1:00pm. The following food items would be greatly appreciated: cans of green beans, peas, tomatoes, tuna fish, soup, turkey gravy, turkey stuffing, boxed macaroni and cheese, and large bottles or cans of juice.

Youth Group: There will be two gatherings in November for youth in grades 5-

8. The first will be to meet at the Food Pantry on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00-10:30am to help fill the Thanksgiving Baskets and to make Thanksgiving cards for the baskets. The second meeting will be Wednesday, November 21 from 6:30-8:00pm. We will meet at the Church and travel to a few homes to sing Thanksgiving Carols. We will then return to the Church for some hot cider, cookies, and sharing of things we are thankful for.

Thanksgiving Sunday: We will celebrate with a Service of Baptism on Sunday, November 18.

Thanksgiving Offering: We are taking a special thanksgiving offering this year to help defray the cost of a new furnace for the Fiske House. The building has needed one for some time now. The new furnace would not only heat the existing rooms, but also the renovated rooms and give heat to the food pantry, which has little or no heat.

American Baptist Women's Christmas Fair: The fair will be held on Saturday, November 24 from 9:00am-2:00pm. There will be a white elephant table, crafts, home baked goods, a corn chowder luncheon, and a Christmas Tree Wall Hanging raffle.

Hanging of the Greens: On Sunday, November 25 immediately following the worship service we will decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas. People are invited to donate wreathes in memory of loved ones.



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Real Estate Hints:

Reflections on a Job

by Laura Hallahan

They say that every once in while you need to get away to gain perspective. I had that opportunity when Ann and I went to the New Hampshire Association of Realtors Fall Convention up at the Samoset Resort in Maine at the end of September. It was my first convention and I really enjoyed it. Ann came to see me follow in her footsteps and receive the 2001 Realtor of the Year (ROTY) award for the Sunapee Region. The banquet was done with great attention to detail and it was a fun evening. There are fourteen boards in the state and I had a chance to meet the other ROTYs and to learn about their region. Each of us provided some background material which was used in a video presentation. We were given flowers and introduced to the rest of the convention attendees with loud applause and warm acknowledgement. It made all of us feel wonderful.

Just the week before the convention I was feeling a bit down about my profession. I was struggling with a variety of issues with buyers, sellers, and other realtors. I know that the real estate profession is not always held in high regard—and sometimes rightfully so—yet it seems that people feel more justified in being unkind.

But in that one weekend I was able to rediscover the reason why I decided to join my mother back in 1999—to have the opportunity to help people make their home ownership dreams a reality. I was reminded that there are many good, hardworking, honest people working in real estate in New Hampshire. Not one of the fourteen ROTYs made any mention of money as a motivating factor. All were fond of being with their families, helping others and all worked long hours to get the deal done. And the competition between companies that you hear about? There was nothing but praise and a desire to work together for the common good.

While I know that you can't please all of the people all of the time—no matter what you do for a living—meeting so many of my colleagues from around the state revitalized me and made me even more proud to be a realtor.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of representing Ruth Schneider in the sale of Birch Lane Lodges on Lake Todd. Ruth has moved to Claremont and I wish her the best. I also welcome the McCaldon and Clifford families to the area.

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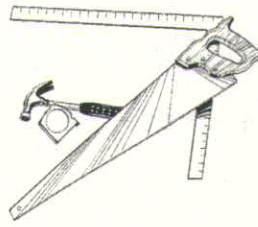
Free home repairs offered through South Sutton church group

As many as 100 families will benefit from the work of a projected 400 adult and teenage volunteers at the Kearsarge Region Group Workcamp, coming to New London the week of July 14-20, 2002. The Workcamp, sponsored by Trinity Bible Church of South Sutton and Casey Family Services of Concord, will provide free home repairs to the elderly, handicapped and low-income families of the greater New London, NH area.

The Group Workcamps Foundation is a non-profit, interdenominational Christian volunteer home-repair organization headquartered in Loveland, Colorado. In the summer of 2002, an anticipated 18,000 young people and adults will participate in 50 Group Workcamps in communities across the US and Canada.

Repairs offered through the Workcamp include limited roofing, porch and wheelchair ramp construction, interior and exterior painting and weatherization. Volunteer support, building materials, and the use of tools are needed. Residents who are interested in applying to receive free assistance should contact (603) 927-6345.

—Tammy Bond



Nominees for 2001 Governors Awards in the Arts Announced

Marilyn J. Ziffrin of Bradford is one of the nominees for the 2001 Governors' Awards in the Arts selected by The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Awards will be presented by Governor Jeanne Shaheen on November 9 at 7:00pm at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Other nominees for the awards are: Genevieve Achiele of Portsmouth, Marcia Congdon of Milford, Donald Graves of Jackson, New Hampshire Dance Institute of Keene, Francoise Elise of Manchester, Laurie Ludvigsen of Merrimack, the City of Manchester, The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission for the Arts in Portsmouth, the Town of Littleton, the Town of Wolfeboro, Galen Beale of Canterbury, Dudley Laufman of Canterbury, Fred Dolan of Center Barnstead, William Barth Osmundsen of New Durham, Rawn Spearman of Nashua and Deborah Stuart of Wentworth.

The awards will be given for outstanding contributions to the arts in new Hampshire in the following categories: Arts Education, Distinguished Arts Leadership, Community Spirit, New Hampshire Folk Heritage, and the Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure Award. Special awards will be given for Individual Arts Patron and Cultural Access Leadership as well. New Hampshire artists and craftsmen are creating unique awards for each category.

Governors' Awards in the Arts were established in 1981. They are the state's most prestigious awards in the arts. Former recipients include: Donald Hall, former New Hampshire Poet Laureate; Tomie DePaola, writer and illustrator; the town of Newport; the Alton School Board; Bob McQuillen, folk musician; and former state senator Elaine Krasker.

This year the New Hampshire Writers' Project Lifetime Achievement Award will also be presented at the event. The evening gala, which includes performances by New Hampshire artists, is being co-produced by the State Arts Council and VSA arts of New Hampshire. For ticket information call 225-1111 or go to ccanh.com.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will meet Friday, November 9, 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, on Gould Road in New London. Speaker Fred Sladen, who spent many years in wildlife management in the Caribbean area will present a slide program entitled "Birds of the Caribbean."

The annual silent auction to raise money for local programming will also take place at this meeting and attendees are encouraged to donate nature-related items. This meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Sladen at 526-4321.

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter is sponsoring a birding trip to Great Bay for Saturday, November 10 at 8:00am. Participants should meet leader Fred Sladen at the Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89. Please bring lunch, water, binoculars, and a scope if you have one. Birding will take place at vehicle stops so very little walking will be involved. This is a good opportunity to see large numbers of migrating water birds as well as some lingering songbirds. For details call Sladen at 526-4321.

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Lake Massasecum Milfoil Update

Milfoil, that intrepid weed that wants to take over New Hampshire's lakes, has made its way into the waters of Lake Sunapee. It has now been reported at George's Mills, where much boating activity takes place. Milfoil is known to travel from lake to lake on boats and boat trailers which has most likely been the primary way it has spread throughout the state.

Massasecum has suffered from this malady for the past five years. Aided by support from the several state agencies with jurisdiction over our lakes, boating and fishing has been restricted from the cove at the north end of the lake in an attempt to confine the growth to this infected area. The containment and control efforts have been led by the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association with financial assistance from both the NH Department of Environmental Services and the town.

Harvesting of the milfoil this summer reduced the biomass substantially, but the nature of this weed is such that it will require continued control into the future. The "Mil-Foiler", a creation of Dick Keller, cuts to a depth of nine feet, reaching the bottom of a substantial area of the cove. The retained weed is then removed to a safe area away from the lake where it will become fertilizer when dried.

Diver Brian Carter, who has surveyed the area over the past few summers, reported that where the depth is less than

nine feet, the bottom, at the close of the harvesting season, was basically free of milfoil; where it is greater, the milfoil had been given a nine-foot haircut. How much re-grows by next summer will determine the extent of work for the coming years.

Many volunteers from amongst those owning property on the lake are involved in maintaining the floating net that encloses the cove and also in policing the balance of the shoreline to report and remove any isolated patches of the weed. This year more than 50 volunteers logged over 350 hours devoted to protecting Lake Massasecum—a resource vital to the economic health of the Town of Bradford.

The boat ramp, where boats from around the state are launched and removed, remains unmonitored, however. This task requires a continuous presence that goes beyond any reasonable volunteer effort. The problem has been brought to the attention of the Selectmen at various times with little response. A fee for use of the ramp was proposed and adopted and stickers for this purpose were produced with the idea of the fee supporting a person or persons to monitor the boats with the goal of preventing transfer of the milfoil either into or out of the lake. Without this vital control, the lake will remain vulnerable to new infestations.

—Marcia Keller

Bob Legan Warner, NH

Holiday Bazaar at the South Newbury Union Church

Join us for a Holiday Bazaar at the Friendship House in South Newbury on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping. You will find all new great items, something for everyone! Don't miss the bake table, relishes, jams, jellies, coffee and doughnuts. Join us for lunch and visit with friends. For more information, call 938-5396.

—Gail Bostic

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Legislative Report

*By Representative
Beth Rodd*



While we are all trying to regain our sensibilities after the tragedy of September 11 and feel scarred forever by the gruesome images imprinted on our hearts and souls, while we collectively mourn the loss of our own loved ones and the strangers whose lives were so unimaginably and cruelly cut short, we have also found new strength in our unity as a people and a country. We ask why others would hate our country and our people. Many of us are recently addicted to CNN and reading books and articles about Afghanistan and other Middle Eastern cultures, so alien to our own. We are trying to comprehend that which is unimaginable. We think emotionally and protectively of retaliation and revenge even as we seek balance and the gift of wisdom in crafting a long-term response to the horrific new reality of terrorism in our homeland. We unite behind our leaders as they seek diplomatic and other solutions to the complexities of a world that feels suddenly very dangerous, fragile, and small. For all the ethnic, geographical, religious, and cultural differences between the east and the west, we are still one world. Our sense of security is shattered by the events of the past two months. Our future as a civilization depends on our ability to assess our needs and differences globally and find the common thread of humanity we share. We are a tough people, pioneers and adventurers by origin, adaptable to adversity and resourceful in creating solutions in time of challenge. We do so even though our collective heart is breaking. People are more attentive to their neighbors now. Indeed, strangers clasp hands to console and heal. Daily irritants seem petty in the scope of the new world. Disagreements, even among legislators, where the norm is lively contention, seem superficial. We are all looking forward to a return to normal life as we knew it before September 11 if, indeed, that is even possible.

Because of the great interest expressed by several members of our town regarding the proposed Rt. 103 project, the Department of Transportation has accepted my

invitation to present a public information evening. This is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, at 7:00pm at the Bradford Town Hall. Several people have questioned the need for the project, citing examples of area roads more in need of repair. Others have environmental concerns, while several are concerned about how this and other projects will affect the quality of life and rural character of our towns. Please come to this meeting and present your point of view. The meeting is a direct response to constituents' concerns.

It's election-thinking time again. Senator Beverly Hollingworth, former Senate President, is a Democratic gubernatorial candidate and she will join us at a pizza party at the Bradford Community Center on Friday, November 9 at 6:30pm. We will try to make candidates as available as possible so that you can meet them, hear their views, share your interests and views on state government, and hear what they have to say. An informed electorate makes the best choice in the voting booth. Please join us in the first of what will be many visits from this and other candidates for public office.

The legislative year is kicking into gear with December 12 chosen as "veto" day. The full house will meet to discuss bills vetoed by the governor during the first session and votes will be taken to concur or disagree and pass vetoed bills. A 2/3 vote, rather than a simple majority, is required to override a governor's veto. Stay tuned as some interesting or frivolous or important bills come before the legislature in the new session beginning January 2, 2002.

Please contact me with issues you feel are in need of legislative action or with any concerns you have that may be resolved with the help of your representative. If you would like to see law making in action or have a special area of interest, let me know and I'll see to it that you have the chance to attend a committee hearing to speak your mind. As always, hearing from my constituents is helpful to me in representing your interests so contact me anytime at 938-2692 or e-mail c_rodd@conknet.com.

Bradford Area Community Center November Calendar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Brownies, Community Room, 3:00-4:30pm

BACC Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

Wreath Making Demonstration by Marlene's Florist Shoppe, Community Room, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

CAP Fuel Assistance, Conference Room, 9:00-12:00am (please call 456-2207 for appointment)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Wreath Making Demonstration by Marlene's Florist Shoppe, Community Room, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Bradford Community Corporation, Senior Room, 7:30am

Senior Council, **Slide Show Travelogue** by Dean Bensley "Odyssey of a Sailor," Senior Room, 1:00pm, public welcome

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Personal Touch Blood Pressure and Foot Care, Medical Room, 12:30-2:00pm

Brownies, Community Room, 3:00-4:30pm

BACC Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Paint a Picture, Community Room, 10:00am-3:00pm, call Jane Lucas 938-2570 to register

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CAP Fuel Assistance, Conference Room, 9:00-12:00am (please call 456-2207 for appointment)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Massage Clinic with Janice Clark, Health Services Room or Senior Room, 10:30am

Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Brownies, Community Room, 3:00-4:30pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Medical Lecture, topic to be announced. Fifth in a series co-sponsored by the BACC and New London Hospital. 10:00am, Senior Room.

Library Lantern



It has been great to have a crowd at Children's Story Time on Wednesdays at 10:30. Thank you to Rod Jones, Lyn Betz and Sue Morse for engaging the children by reading fun and interesting stories.

Thanks to a grant won by Nancy Ladd, Librarian at Pillsbury Free Library in Warner, we have a shelf full of GED (General Educational Development) test preparation materials. Did you know that more than 800,000 adults take the GED Tests each year? Those who obtain scores high enough to earn a GED diploma outperform at least one-third of today's high school seniors.

The State Division of Health and Human Services has information on public health that is now available at the library. Topics include radon, West Nile virus, well water testing, lead poisoning, long-term care placement, indoor air quality and smoking. Topics will be updated as information is passed on by the DHHS.

We have a heap of new books at the library. Here's a glimpse of some new titles:

Never Change by Elizabeth Berg

Fields of Light, a son remembers his heroic father by Joseph Hurka

Death in Paradise by Robert B. Parker

Marie Antoinette by Antonia Fraser

Isle of Dogs by Patricia Cornwell

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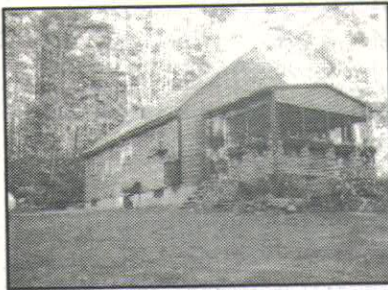
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October Selectmen's Minutes

October 1. Selectmen met with Sarah Harvey, Wayne Seaholm, and Bob Stewart regarding a letter to the Fire Chief regarding magnetic closures on interior doors at the Community Center. Selectmen will sign a letter agreeing to bring the matter to town meeting in March, to place closures on the doors. Pending a vote of town meeting, the closures will be installed within the next 12 months.

Don Johnsen met with selectmen regarding the completion of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the DES report on the Bradford Green. The BEOC has identified an option it wishes to pursue and will now be in a position to apply for a revised groundwater permit. The selectmen will have to renew this permit before yearend and additional sampling will be required. Joyce Bledsoe of DES will forward the necessary application for a covenant not to sue. Chris Frey questioned the possibility of having the sampling done locally. The CIP will require a public hearing and then be forwarded to the planning board for acceptance.

James Anderson met with selectmen to question the plan to complete East Washington Road. He was unhappy with the number of years the road had remained unfinished and the gradual deterioration of the area around his home. He questioned the assessing of East Washington Road as a paved vs. gravel road. Chris Frey suggested he discuss this matter with the assessors during the upcoming revaluation meetings.

Selectmen voted in a 2-1 vote to continue the summer schedule for meetings—every other week. Should it become necessary to meet more frequently, the selectmen will post special meetings. November meetings will be on Monday the 12th and 26th.

Chris Frey reported on his conversation with a Steele Road resident. The fill used to build up Steele Road during this spring's flooding needs to be removed and stockpiled. The roadway is too narrow to plow properly and is causing flooding of the basements of other homes.

October 15. Amy Blitzer and Abby Hayes met with selectmen to discuss enforcing the speed limit on Center Road. The road has no shoulders and many children, dogs and horses walk along the sides. During the commuting hours people pay little attention to the speed limit. The road has two bad curves and they believe it needs different speed limits and signage. Selectman Frey stated he would like to work on enforcement for a while before trying to change the speed postings. The selectmen will contact the police chief and ask him to also evaluate the speed and signage and report back to them.

Intent to cut wood for Jane Symmes, on Cressy Road signed by selectmen.

Selectmen signed an appointment for Laura Hallahan to the Revolving Loan Committee.

Selectmen updated the public on the activity on Steele Road. A new culvert has been installed and the cellar drain in question has been uncovered.

Meeting continued to Wednesday October 17, for a non-public session per RSA 91A3II to prepare a 3 month personnel review and a public session to work on budget preparation.

October 22. Tom Brennan, Superintendent of Schools, met with selectmen to inform them of school space needs and the board's plans for meeting those needs in the future. A bond issue will be voted on at March town meeting to place a second floor on the high school and monies will be requested to pursue the space needs of the district's middle school.

Jim Powell, representing the Rescue Squad, met with selectmen regarding repairs on the ambulance. The squad estimated repairs to the ambulance will approach \$2500.00 and Mr. Powell asked the town to contribute. Selectmen stated they will review the budget and suggested an estimate be brought to the town for the repairs. The board also discussed the need to increase the annual capital reserve amounts to cover the increased costs of an ambulance over time.

Public hearing was called to order at 6:07pm to gather public input on the request of Jennifer Sayre to build on a class six road. James Raymond questioned the recommendations of the planning board to place the access on one end over the other. Planning Board Chairman Bob Foor addressed his questions, responding to an attached proposal of the attorney for Ms. Sayre, Mr. Semple.

Selectmen reviewed the revaluation process. Tax rates will be set after the changes have been made following the hearings. The public will still have 90 days following the due date of the tax bills to appeals the values. If you are interested in an appeal please wait until you have received your tax bill. The appeal forms have not yet been received from the Department of Revenue.

—excerpted from the public minutes
prepared by Cheryl Behr

Outside

by Ann Eldridge

It would be hard to tell with certainty what varieties of apple trees Joan has. Unannounced, I brought samples to Gould Hill catching orchardist Rick Leadbeater on his way out the door. Undaunted by their lumpy, riddled appearance he rolled each one briefly in experienced fingers and then sampled their flavors. "Melrose" he thought perhaps for the heavily striped almost pink one, "and maybe an older strain of Golden Russet" for the solid yellow.

Members of the family of roses, apples were originally found in temperate sections of Europe and Asia. The frequently cited ancient Romans had mastered the arts of grafting and knew that by attaching a stem of a favored tree to a rootstock of another they could greatly control the size and shape of the resulting tree. By 1600 in Europe there were more than 500 varieties of apples sporting distinct names and advocates. Cider apples, baking apples, drying apples, dessert apples, fruit leather apples.

Today virtually all of our apple trees are clones of carefully selected cultivars grafted to particular rootstocks. Think about it. A farmer in Dundela, Ontario, Canada named John McIntosh intentionally crossbred a "Fameuse" and a "Detroit Red." Years later, in 1870, as the seedlings matured and began to produce he realized that one tree's performance was outstanding. Graftings taken from this solitary tree then went on to become what still is the best-selling apple in the Northeast. All vegetatively reproduced in a direct line from the same tree which, though badly scorched when the McIntosh house burnt in 1898, didn't fall over from exhaustion until 1910. A stone memorial deservedly marks the spot. Other famous trees have cyclone fences and insurance policies.

Growing apple trees in the U.S. was chancy before the middle 1800s when quality saplings became more available. Before then seeds were planted, years went by, and if you were very lucky you had a tree that was worth bragging about. Most apples were used for cider which, at that time, was the most popular beverage by far. (What we call 'cider' our forebears

would have called apple juice.) Then too, in order to claim rights to a homestead a prospective owner had to prove cultivation of an apple orchard. This all puts the story of Johnny Applesed in a somewhat different light.

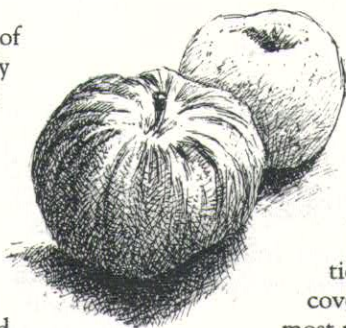
By 1900 a thousand varieties of apple trees were available in the U.S. with most of that richness located in the Northeast. Each region championed their local favorite

with the fervor of sports fans. By mid-century for many reasons families gave up planting their own trees. As market consumers they became enchanted by red, shiny, and spotless apples, and orchardists obliged. Following good business practices growers set out to discover which varieties were the most productive, held up best in transit, and which were the easiest to

apply the dozen or so chemicals it is thought are necessary to achieve this 'perfection'. Consumers, growers, and agricultural agents together decided to focus on a mere seven varieties. Hundreds of apple cultivars and their attendant eccentricities of form, color, and flavor became rapidly extinct as old trees were ripped out for the new.

Interest in the apple and its possibilities has been rekindled lately. Though spurred in part by trend-seekers looking for yet another trend there is also an honest backlash, a resistance as in Europe and elsewhere to the uniformity handed to us by the agricultural machine we have created. Concern over the deterioration of the soil and the danger of synthetic chemicals also drives this change. Growers now are haunting the old remaining orchards with their pocketknives, arranging pollinations and hoping for that rare chance of coming up with another good cultivar.

In the meantime, visit your local orchards and sample something new. Buy some trees of your own and plant for the future. But please engrave somewhere the names of your trees. Forty or fifty years from now someone else just might want to know. Much of the information here came from the book *Apples* by Roger Yepsen and from Rick Leadbeater of Gould Hill Orchard in Contoocook, a low-spray orchard using Integrated Pest Management techniques.



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November Calendar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

BACC Governance Board, BACC,
5:30pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town
Hall, 10:00am, call 938-5386 for more
information

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm, call 938-5386
for information

Bradford Fish and Game Club,
Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm
Public Information Meeting with the De-
partment of Transportation to discuss
the Route 103 project, Town Hall,
7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

BEOC Meeting, BACC Senior Room,
7:00pm
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Meet Bev Hollingworth, Candidate for
Governor while you enjoy a pizza party
at the BACC, 6:30pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC, 7:30am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

BWC Director's Meeting, BACC Senior
Room, 9:30am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BACC Governance Board, BACC,
5:30pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Fish & Game Club Turkey Party, Lumber
Barn, 7:00pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Conservation Commission, Town Hall,
7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-
2787 for details

Road Committee Meeting, Town Hall,
7:00pm

Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BWC Annual Holiday Crafts Fair, St.
Peter's Lodge, Main Street, 9:00am-
4:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BWC Annual Holiday Crafts Fair, St.
Peter's Lodge, Main Street, 9:00am-
4:00pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

BWC Annual Holiday Crafts Fair, St.
Peter's Lodge, Main Street, 11:00am-
2:00pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

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