

THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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State seeks input on Route 103 project

The Conservation Commission, along with other town offices, was informed in mid-July about another highway project that would impact Bradford. This project, labeled #12893, begins at the traffic circle at the Sunapee State Park and ends 10.5 miles later at Breezy Hill Road. It involves road widening, repaving and drainage improvements. Seven bridges will be impacted. It is possible that ledges will be cut back to the same angle now seen on Route 114. The State is conducting an environmental study and is looking for input. Potential impacts included in this study could be social, economic, or cultural. We are asked to comment on any proposed community or regional plans that might have bearing and any natural or archeological resources in the vicinity. Water quality issues and potential hazardous materials in the vicinity would be examined. The closing question is "Will the proposed project have a significant effect on the surrounding area?" No start date or finish date was specified in this notice.

Certainly there will be short-term inconveniences, but the long term picture is of greater importance. What effect might magnifying this road have on the center of the town of Bradford? What effect would the presumed increased traffic have on the Newbury marina and the intersection of 103A? How does this project interact with the proposed expansion of trails and condominiums at Mount Sunapee? What are the pros and cons of the economic impact on the real-estate market of this area? How attached are we to the chicken farmer and her long-time admirer? Would a modified highway through town change your sense of the community as you pursue weekend chores in town?

Any constructive suggestions or comments may be made directly to J. P. Demers, Environmental Manager, Bureau of Environment, Room 109, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302, tel. 271-4048,

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New Kids on the Block at KRES Bradford!



When Kearsarge District schools open on September 4, kindergarteners will be attending the elementary schools for the first time as a result of a vote in favor of public kindergarten last March. Bradford and Newbury kindergarteners were invited to try out their new playground and meet their teachers on Wednesday, August 29. Teachers Melody Brown and Julie MacAllister were working hard to have the newly built classrooms furnished and stocked in time for opening day. Though enrollment is low, with eight and nine children in the two morning groups and five in the afternoon group, school officials anticipate that a few more will join this year and that classes will fill in future years.



Melody Brown, a 22-year veteran in the KRSD, shows a new friend how to fold a cardboard building block.



Julie MacAllister, new to KRES at Bradford, greets kindergartener Miranda Harvey and her family.

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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 September 20.

Selectmen's Update

Great news! The Route 114 resurfacing project is almost complete. The other good or bad news is another resurfacing project is planned for Route 103 from the Warner town line to the Sunapee traffic circle. I've learned a few things during the Rte. 114 project and will share them with you. By the time Department of Transportation has its "Public Hearing", most cost items in the project are cast in stone. The public input can only move pebbles in the project but not the boulders. The Board of Selectmen told the State last year that we forbade them from using Bradford's town roads as detours during the Rte. 114 construction. They and Pike Industries complied with our wishes, but what was the end result? I spent about 20 days watching traffic on Rte. 114 this summer and noticed the locals and as the project dragged on more than half the people found ways to avoid the stoppages by using town roads. I'm sure at some point you did too, which brings us to my point.

The money for this resurfacing is Federal with no state match. The Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings in September: Monday, September 10 at 5:00pm and Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00pm to ask residents if they want us to detour all traffic to town roads during the Rte. 103 project. There is some amount of ledge that needs to be removed between Old Sutton Road and Gillingham Drive and possible bridge work over Lake Todd. For a month or two inconvenience, some of which we'll have anyway, we could allow the State to use Old Warner Road, Main and High Streets for detours when necessary. The benefit to the town would be having these roads resurfaced and possibly some drainage work. Remember how quickly the paving went from Henniker to Barns of Bradford. We're talking approximately \$200,000 worth of work on our infrastructure that needs to be done in the near future without \$1 of property tax money being spent. A good idea to pursue, you tell us.

We now have a firm date for the paving of Fairgrounds and East Washington Roads. The paving should commence September 24 and will last approximately two days. This will be the only public notice of the paving.

—Chris Frey

LMIA News

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association held its annual Pot Luck Dinner on August 11 at the Lake Massasecum Casino. It was well attended and everyone had a good time. We especially want to thank Jody Connor and Amy Smagula from the Department of Environmental Services for giving a briefing and update on the milfoil situation. An appreciation plaque was given to Jody and Amy for all the work they have done for us. Reminder: flare time on the lake will be Sunday, September 2 at 8:00pm. I hope everyone will participate.

—Barbara French

Hedgehog Hill Walk

On Sunday, September 30, beginning at 2:00pm, the Sutton Historical Society will offer a delightful autumn walk on Hedgehog Hill, South Sutton. The walk will start at Jane and Fred Pratt's house at 117 Blaisdell Hill Road and will be led by John Biewener. The walk should last 30-45 minutes. The walk will be on easy terrain (dress appropriately) and will feature Devil's Den, said to house foxes, and a spectacular view from Hedgehog Cliff. There will be a libation and a yard sale at the walk's end. Call Jane Pratt at 938-5448 if you plan to attend and to get directions. The rain date is October 7.

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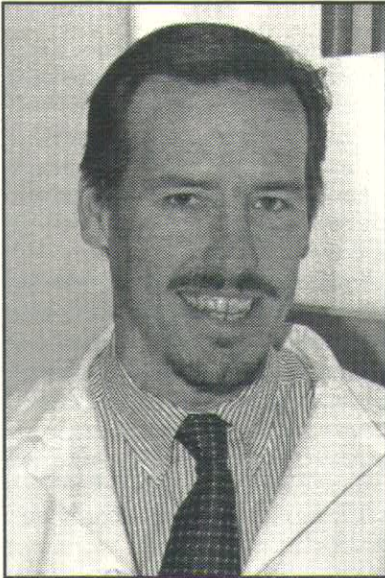
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Noordsij lecture at BACC



The Bradford Area Community Center is pleased to present the third in a series of medical lectures in cooperation with New London Hospital. Our next presentation, by Dr. Peter Noordsij, "Treatment of the Arthritic Hip and Knee" will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 10:00am to Noon in the Senior Room of the Bradford Area Community Center. Admission is free for this event. Those attending who would like to donate to the Center feel free to do so. The donation monies will be used for future programs. Peter Noordsij, MD, orthopedic and sports medicine specialist is affiliated with Concord Orthopedics, a multi-specialty practice in Concord, which also provides part-time services at New London Hospital. Dr. Noordsij received his medical degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1988. He completed his residency in general and orthopedic surgery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and a fellowship in arthroscopy at the University of Wisconsin. Dr.

Noordsij's expertise includes arthroscopy of the knee/shoulder and cartilage repair, and regeneration, rotator cuff dysfunction and joint replacement and fracture care. Previously, these functions could only be performed outside of the community but now services are available in New London Hospital.

The Community Center is pleased to provide the latest information on medical services available in our immediate community. The public is invited to attend this free offering at our recently renovated Community Center. For more information call 938-6228.

—Phyllis Wilcox

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The Union Congregational Society will hold their annual benefit Pig Roast on Sunday, September 2 at 5:30 on the lawn at Old Bradford Center. The E. Warren Smith Fund is sponsoring a musical performance by Doug Clegg.

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Letters

Thanks from BACC

On behalf of the Governance Board we thank you for your generous support in our recent mailing. The annual dues will keep our Center busy with intergenerational activities and services. Please visit us on Main Street. Friends like you have brought the sunshine of life into our historic building. Thank you.

Dawn Rich

Memorial service for Barbara Hall

On Wednesday, October 3, a memorial service will be held for my sister, Barbara "BJ" Hall, who died on April 3, 2001. This informal, lay-led service for friends and relatives will be held at Foxchase in South Sutton from 2:00-4:00pm. We will gather to say a few words, to sing some songs, and most of all to share our memories of Barbara and her impact on our lives. If you knew Barbara but are unable to attend, you are invited to share memories with us by letter. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to me, Lois Hall Saunders at (203) 239-1451 or to Dee Currier at Foxchase 938-5111.

Lois Hall Saunders

Rowe's Repairs closing

Marshall Rowe of Rowe's Repairs (Rowe Jewelers) will be closing his shop doors on Sept. 7, 2001, after 52 years of serving Henniker and surrounding communities in the repair of clocks, watches and jewelry. Many thanks to all our customers for your support and patronage over the years.

Jodi Baker

Bradford Area Community Center Needs Volunteers

Do you have a few hours to spare? The Bradford Area Community Center needs you. Feel proud; become a volunteer! There are many "odd jobs" that must be done in connection with the Senior Meals Program and entertainment produced by CAP at the BACC (i.e., greeting, setting tables, serving meals, cleaning up, etc.) Someone is also needed to help package the dishes for "Meals on Wheels" that go out Monday through Friday. Rhonda Rood of Warner (CAP Site Manager) is in charge of these important services to the senior community. She is pleasant, vivacious and easy to work with.

There are often other general events at the Center that require two to three hours both regularly and occasionally. (For in-

stance, setting up tables, placing chairs as needed and providing simple refreshments when we have lectures and programs.) If you have a talent or hobby that you would like to teach to any age group, don't be shy. Tell us what day and time are best for you, we'll try to accommodate.

The Youth Group needs adults who are willing to assist the leaders and to be chaperones. If "Kid's Activities" are your cup of tea, please contact Dawn Rich, Youth Council representative on the BACC Governance Board.

Please get in touch with Rhonda Rood (938-2104), Dawn Rich (938-2466) or Phyllis Whall, our volunteer coordinator (938-6228).

Fuel Assistance Program

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Octopi Your Mind...READ! Summer Reading Program Huge Success

The Summer Reading Program sponsored jointly by The Friends of the Library and The Brown Memorial Library was a huge success! Approximately 30 area children attended the six-week program entitled "Octopi Your Mind...READ" each week. The children were given logs to record their reading from week to week and we are very pleased to report that 125 books were read (that's over 10,693 pages!!).

During the six-week program, kids had the opportunity to listen to local author Deborah Bruss read her new book, make sea creature decorations for the library, learn about and make nautical flags, make treasure boxes and go on a treasure hunt, paint seashells, build walnut boats, and participate in the "Ocho's Ocean Adventure" performance by well-known musician and puppeteer, Diane Kordas. The program ended on August 18 with an outside party that included games, food, and

the presentation of reading certificates. Two gift certificates to MainStreet BookEnds in Warner were awarded to children who read the most within their age category. Trevor Moore, 6, of Newbury and David Jenkins, 11, of Bradford were the recipients of the certificates.

We would like to thank Jan Riley for keeping track of the reading logs each week, Bowie's Market for donating free ice cream coupons, Sandy Wadlington for hanging the sea creature decorations, MainStreet BookEnds for donating the gift certificates, the librarians at Brown Memorial Library, and most importantly all the Parents for encouraging their children to read this summer.

For anyone who made a sea creature decoration, they have been taken down and are at the library if you would like to pick it up.

BWC Update

The Executive Board of the Bradford Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, September 11 at 9:30am at the Bradford Area Community Center. Also, on Tuesday, September 11, a craft workshop for all BWC members will be held at the Mountain Lake Inn at 10:30am. An evening craft workshop will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 18.

The first general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30pm at the Baptist Church vestry. (Note that this is a change!) The program will be "Rescue 911." All are invited to attend.

—Barbara Vannata

Barbecue to Benefit BACC

Come one, come all on Saturday, September 22 at 1:00pm to the Bradford Center Meeting House Common on Rowe Mountain Road for a delicious roast beef barbecue with all the fixings by Chef Mike Carter. This is a fund raising event to benefit the Bradford Area Community Center. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the afternoon on the Common. Entertainment will be provided. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children under 12 are free. Tickets are available at Bowie's Market or at the door. For further information call Sue Vitale at 938-2852.

Bradford Country Squares

Two free, fun nights will be hosted by the Bradford Country Squares on Thursday evenings, September 13 and 20 from 7:00-9:00pm at the Trinity Gospel Church on Route 114 in South Sutton. Refreshments will be served. These Open House evenings are a no-cost introduction to the fun world of square dance. For more information call Ken Hazen at 456-3644 or Betty Collins at 526-4634.

The regular Mainstream/Plus September dance will be held on September 15 from 8:00-10:30pm at the Bradford Town Hall. The theme is "Harvest Moon." Don Bachelder will call and Jo Yakimoski will cue the rounds. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are always welcome.

—Shirley Trombley

A Reminder ... from the Planning Board

Any new business in the Town of Bradford, whether in a new location or where a previous business was conducted, must file a current site plan with the Planning Board. The type of site plan depends on the nature of the business being conducted. Contact Chair Bob Foor, 938-2136, or come to a Planning Board meeting to discuss the process. The Board meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall.

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juice of 1 lemon
a cinnamon stick

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Community Workshop

The Community Workshop is about to swing back into action beginning with a luncheon at the Anchorage Restaurant in Sunapee Harbor. Members attending should plan to meet at the restaurant a little before 12:00 on Thursday, September 13. Following the luncheon we'll plan to check out some of the attractions in Sunapee Harbor and look for signs of fall.

—Clare Bensley

Parks & Recreation News

John Harris was the lucky winner of our first 50/50 drawing. We hope to run it again soon.

Our very popular Line Dancing with Grace Nelson will begin on Monday, September 10, 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

The next "Paint a Picture in a Day" workshop will be Saturday, September 15, 10:00am at BACC. Call 938-2570 to register.

KIDS, watch for posters with date for KIDS DANCE with Brad Cote to be held in September.

We would like to do another Archery Session. If you are interested please call Larry at 938-2954.

—Jane Lucas

Author, Author?

The New England Academy of Theatre will be accepting submissions for the 2002 edition of the Short & Neat One-Act Play Writing Competition from now through November 30, 2001. Winning submissions will receive a production at NEAT's Short & Neat One-Act Festival in June 2002.

The competition is open to New England residents only. Plays may be up to 20 minutes in length (longer plays will be returned) and should be submitted in standard play format. Submit entries to NEAT Administrative Offices, 3013 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518, Attn: Short & NEAT Y2K. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if play is to be returned.

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Library Lantern



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Come in and see the latest art exhibit. Landscapes by Martha VonRedlich now grace our exhibit space.

Here are some of the new books you'll find at the library:

- Hemlock Bay* by Catherine Coulter
- The Woman Next Door* by Barbara Delinsky
- John Adams* by David McCullough
- Guns, Germs and Steel: the fates of human societies* by Jared Diamond
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- Ghost Soldiers: the forgotten epic story of WWII's most dramatic mission* by Hampton Sides

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King Hill Reservation Walk

The Sutton Historical Society will conduct a walk at King Hill Reservation at 9:00am on Saturday, September 8. The two-mile walk will begin and end at the Hominy Pot Road entry and will last approximately 2½ hours. Much of the walk will be on relatively level ground except one short section where the Hominy Pot Trail climbs to join the Felch and Nichols Road Trails.

There will be periodic stops along the way to discuss King Hill's past, present, and future. Walkers will learn about the rugged lives of the early settlers, the early years of the King Hill Ski Area, the gift of the reservation to the Town of Sutton, and the plans the Sutton Conservation Commission has for the property. The walk will visit two old cellar holes, utilize an abandoned town road, pass through and near some beautiful stone walls, and cross several of the former King Hill ski trails. Wildlife is abundant at King Hill Reservation and walkers are encouraged to bring binoculars and field guides and to dress for hiking.

The rain date is September 9. Please contact Don Davis at 927-4825 by September 7 if you plan to attend.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

Lori Terwilliger, coordinator of the NH Citizens for Arctic Wilderness, will provide a slide program entitled "The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" on Friday, September 14 at 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. Her slides will depict the flora and fauna of this region. The story of the Gwich'in Athabaskan people, whose culture depends on the health of the Porcupine caribou herd, will also be told. The program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For additional information contact Clare Bensley at 938-4382.

A "Hawk Watch" field trip to observe migrating hawks and other raptors is scheduled for Saturday, September 15 at Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol. Trip leader is Peter Newbern. These birds of prey are searching for thermals rising from the Pemigewasset Valley as a means of reaching their intended flight path. Joining other migrants, they form "kettles" high in the sky while flying to their wintering destinations.

Participants should meet Newbern at Cricenti's Market parking lot on Route 104 in Bristol at 9:00am for the drive up the mountain where there is ample parking a short walk from the top. Please bring a lunch and binoculars. For more information contact Peter Newbern at 763-4308.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss



Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Church Directory: Olan Mills will be at the Church on Thursday, September 6 from 3:00pm-9:30pm and Wednesday, September 12, from 3:00pm-9:30pm to take pictures of members for a new Church Directory.

Canada/US AIDS Vaccine Ride: On Friday, September 7 from 10:00am-4:30pm, you will see 2,500 bicyclists (not all at the same time) in the Church parking lot. We are one of the rest stops along a 5-day, 420-mile journey from Montreal, Canada to Portland, Maine. The bicyclists will stop at the Church for a rest, refuel with snacks and water, receive mechanical support if needed and interact with our community. If you are in the area, stop by and cheer these dedicated bicyclists on.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: On Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00pm, the women will meet for a program entitled "What's my Vocation?" We will have a panel of four women who have unique vocations and the "audience" will have a chance to ask 20 questions to figure out what they do. A discussion will follow on the connection between vocation and calling.

Women's Christian Guild: The ladies will meet in the Church parking lot on Wednesday, September 12 at 8:45am to travel to the Merrimack County Nursing Home for the September birthday party for the residents. Members are asked to bring homemade cookies to share.

Youth Group: The Youth Group will be for children in grades 5-8 this year. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 12 from 6:30-8:00pm for a program entitled "Peer Pressures in School—How Would Jesus Handle Them?" We will enjoy "Make Your Own Sundaes" for a snack.

Rally Day: Sunday school begins Sunday, September 16. The adult class will meet at 9:00am with Jan Pickman at the Fiske House to study the Book of Acts. Sunday school for children will take place during the Worship service at 10:00am immediately following "Time with God's Children." Children ages 4-10 will enjoy a program entitled "Godly Play" which involves a storyteller telling a biblical story Sunday and participating in the worship service the third Sunday of the month.


Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open Wednesday, September 19 from 6:00-7pm. People can receive food at other times by calling the Church office at 938-5313.

Study Group: Study group will meet on Thursday mornings beginning September 27 from 10:00-11:00am in the pastor's study. We will be using the Serendipity series "Discovering God's Will: Gifts and Calling." This will be a 6-week study.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: This study will begin Thursday, September 27 from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church vestry. They will be studying the Book of Revelation.

Heifer Harvest Festival: Folks in our Church, as well as our Youth Group, will travel to Overlook Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts for the Heifer Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 29 at 8:00am. Heifer is a mission project we have supported for years and we will have a chance to see how it operates first-hand. We will receive a tour of the farm which includes seeing over 20 species of animals. There will be a hayride through a pumpkin patch, a hay maze, hands-on exhibits, and an International Gift Shop. We will enjoy a lunch of Harvest corn chowder and pesto pizza.

Christian Concert: Everyone in the community is invited to come to the Church on Sunday, September 30 at 3:30pm to hear "Two Sopranos and a Tenor in Concert." Debbie Blaisdell, a member of our Church and the Interim Pastor at the Baptist Church in Candia, will be one of the Sopranos. Nancy Tuteurjian-Berger is the other Soprano and Mark Leidner is the Tenor. Sandy Kendall will accompany them on the piano. The concert tells the story of Christ through music. A free-will offering will be taken.



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Real Estate Hints:

Real Estate Investing

by *Laura Hallahan*

With recent concerns about the stock market and mutual funds, many people are considering real estate as an investment. Those internet employees who traded in their stock and paid cash for homes have something to show for it, whereas the stock itself is not worth the paper it is printed on now. Realtors have the advantage of knowing the market and seeing what is out there on a daily basis, so many invest when they find that special property. Here are some tips from realtors across the country:

*Don't be cheap when it comes to renovations. Pay for good talent and you will reap the rewards in the long run.

*Buy in the best location you can afford. If the area turns around, you may be able to make more money in a lesser location, but you also take the hit if the area deteriorates.

*Buy small and stay small. Stick with small units and don't go overboard on upgrades. If you are buying a place

to rent out, don't do so much that it won't be affordable for tenants.

*Look at a building for what it can be, not what it is. You may be able to find a bargain no else realizes.

*Don't get hung up by the cap rate. Focus on the money coming in and the money going out, along with the depreciation.

*If you run your own business, consider buying a building to house your office. You can generate income by renting out extra space and benefit from the property's long-term appreciation.

*Gather together a list of repair people you can count on. If you rent the property and a tenant moves out, you need to get the property market-ready so you don't lose out on income. Keep any investment property in good repair so you can sell quickly if you need to get out.

*Don't buy the unique property. Choose houses that will appeal to the average family so you will always be able to sell.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on September 11, 2001, to solicit public comments in connection with Planning Board recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding a Building Permit application for a house to be constructed off Johnson Hill Road. These recommendations are required because the access to the property is via a Class VI road.

The Bradford Revolving Loan Fund

*Next Meeting
September 18*

7:00pm at the Candlelite Inn

The Bradford Revolving Loan Fund is looking for a Committee Member to serve a one-year term. Meetings are held quarterly. If interested, call Diane Gadoury at 938-2482.

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email: jdemers@dot.state.nh.us There will also be a public hearing though the date has not been set. Suggestions may also be relayed through the Bradford Conservation Commission, Town Hall, Main St. or through members: Ann Eldridge, Brooks McCandlish, Amy Blitzer, Perry Teele, or Meg Fearnley.

—Bradford Conservation Commission

Sutton Historical Society Open House

The Sutton Historical Society Open House, from 10:00am to 4:00pm on September 15, will include tours of the Blue House, South Sutton Meeting House, Sutton Old School House, and the Old Store Museum, all located just off Rte. 114 in the Village of South Sutton.

The Old School House was built in 1863 and was in use until 1954. It is furnished as a typical one-room school. It housed children in all eight grades and had one teacher. Old books, pictures, memorabilia, and furnishings are on display.

The Blue House, the first town building erected for use as a store, contains the Sutton Historical Society archives, records, and memorabilia.

The South Sutton Meeting House was the town's first meeting house.

The Old Store Museum was the village store from the early 1800s until 1931. Since 1960, it has been a museum and now houses more than 4,000 items including farming implements, tools, household items, clothing, and pictures.

Four other area towns will offer special exhibits and tours during this cooperative Open House to be held on September 15. These towns are Andover, Bradford, Warner, and Wilnot.

Bradford Area Community Center September Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- Computer Class, Senior Room, 9:00am–noon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Book Discussion of *Up Island*, Senior Room, 12:45pm
- Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- Senior Council Picnic at the Kennedy's, Chittenden Road, 1:00pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- Free Hearing Check, Medical Room, 10:30am–1:30pm
- Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:00–4:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Volunteers Meeting, Community Room, 10:00am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Fashion Show, Senior Room, 11:00am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Massage Clinic, Medical Room, 10:30am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Computer Class, Senior Room, 9:00am–noon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Singing with Lou Rule, Senior Room, 11:00am
- Personal Touch Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinic, Medical Room, 12:30–2:00pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Roast Beef Fundraiser, Bradford Center Meeting House Grounds, 1:00pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Computer Class, Senior Room, 9:00am–noon

Ongoing Activities:

Sundays, Senior Gathering in the Senior Room, 1:00–4:00pm,

Mondays and Thursdays, Senior Luncheon, Noon

Thursdays, Line Dancing in the Community Room, 11:00am–noon

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District Seven News

by Senator Bob Flanders

This summer and fall I will participate in several legislative study committees examining issues that may be brought forward for legislative action beginning in January 2002. I would like to list and describe briefly the issues I am studying and invite you to contact me if you have a particular insight, experience or opinion that you feel I should know in considering further steps.

1. Consumer protection in NH: assess the scope of need for consumer protection resources and enforcement personnel.
2. Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles: evaluate policies regarding both state-owned and private lands used by all-terrain vehicles and trail bikes, safety history and statistics, enforcement and procedures.
3. Real estate professionals: evaluate licensing requirements under the real estate practice act.
4. The shortage of health care personnel and support staff. Consider measures to attract and retain professionals in the health care field.
5. Confidential information: study methods of ensuring the privacy of confidential information in state agencies, including the encryption of such information.
6. NH's 10-year transportation plan: assess priorities and funding of highway and roadway projects.
7. The feasibility of re-establishing rail links between Lawrence, MA and Manchester, NH and between Concord and Lebanon, NH; assess accessibility of anticipated stops along the corridor and monitor the progress of any actions taken to re-establish rail service.
8. Opening the NH State House to the public on weekends; evaluate cost, security issues, utilization.

Each of these study committees is required to submit a final report by November 1 of this year, recommending what steps, if any, the committee believes should be taken by the legislature in the upcoming season.

In addition to these study committees, I have been named to the new Equalization Standards Board, whose duty it is to review the procedures of property assessment and valuation and to establish procedures for improving the ratio studies for the forthcoming property tax year. This board was created to improve the state's ability to assess property taxes in a fair and proportional manner throughout the state. To this board I bring many years experience in town government, including my years as Antrim's Moderator and Selectman.

Meeting schedules can be found on the legislature's web site at www.gencourt.state.nh.us. I welcome your input on these topics and any other issues that are important to you. Please feel free to contact me in Concord at 271-2111, or by e-mail at flandersrb@aol.com.

Tribute to Les and Marilyn Gordon

This tribute is from the Congressional Record, dated Friday, June 29, 2001, entered by Senator Bob Smith of New Hampshire.

"Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Les and Marilyn Gordon, owners of the Candelite Inn in Bradford, New Hampshire, on being named as Inn of the Year by the *Complete Guide to Bed & Breakfast Inns and Guesthouses in the United States, Canada and Worldwide*.

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Throughout the year the Candelite Inn hosts special weeks for their guests to enjoy including Currier & Ives Maple Sugar Weekend in March; Old Glory Heritage Tours in July, August and September; Foliage Midweek Getaways in September and October; and Murder Mystery Parties throughout the year.

I commend Les and Marilyn for the economic contributions they have made to the hospitality and tourism industries in our state. The citizens of Bradford and New Hampshire have benefited from their dedication to quality and service at the Candelite Inn. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the United States Senate."

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**Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News**

by Lance Rickenberg

The 2001 Hunter Safety Education Class begins September 4 (7:00pm) at the Clubhouse on Gillingham Drive. Class will run through the month of September on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00pm to 9:00pm, and one Sunday morning. Class is open to 12-year-olds and up. Anyone who has not taken the class before or does not have a previous firearms hunting license must take the class in order to get a hunting license. Class covers topics such as firearm safety, hunter responsibility and ethics, conservation and preservation, and outdoor survival skills. Even if you do not hunt, it is a worthwhile educational experience. Sign up at Dickie's Outdoor Sports (938-5393) or show up for the first night. There are mandatory attendance requirements so plan to arrange your schedule accordingly.

Monday nights at the Clubhouse has been the place for "All You Can Eat Spaghetti Suppers." Our volunteers have been doing a wonderful job and the food has been excellent. Salads, bread, soda, spaghetti, and homemade sauce have been the standard meals. The cost is a \$5 donation which makes it the best deal in town. I have been eating there regularly and it has been great. We even have tablecloths and centerpieces on the tables and that is something I never expected to see there. I hope you will make plans to join us for these fundraisers, please feel free to bring a guitar or other instrument. Dinner is served from 5:00pm to 9:00pm until further notice.

The September meeting has been rescheduled. The regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Bradford Fish and Game Club for September has been rescheduled to **Monday September 10**. This is due to scheduling conflicts with the Hunter Safety Class. This will also be a dinner

meeting (an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Supper).

Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License update. If you expect a lifetime of hunting, fishing, and enjoying New Hampshire's great outdoors, you can save a lot of money in the next few months. On January 1, 2002, the cost of a New Hampshire lifetime hunting, fishing or combination license will increase 30 percent. The cost of annual licenses also goes up. For prices and details, check NH Fish and Game's website www.wildlife.state.nh.us, or call 271-3422. Lifetime licenses do not include licenses for muzzleloader, archery, special deer archery, pheasant, wild turkey, clam, oyster, waterfowl stamp, or Atlantic salmon permit. Lifetime licenses can only be purchased by mail and at NH Fish and Game's Concord headquarters.

Applications for the Special Deer Permit Drawing are now available on the NH Fish & Game Department's web site at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>. The special deer permit entitles a hunter to take one antlerless deer in Wildlife Management Unit M during archery, muzzleloader or firearm season. You must possess a current valid hunting or archery license to apply. Applications are also available at license agents and all NH Fish and Game Department offices. Applications must be complete, legible, and accompanied by a \$10 application fee. There is no additional permit fee if you are drawn in the lottery on October 3, 2001. Applications must be received at NH Fish & Game Headquarters in Concord by the close of business on September 21, 2001 or be postmarked by midnight on September 14, 2001. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure that your application is received and processed before the deadline.

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Selectmen's Minutes

AUGUST 13. Arnold Anderson, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to discuss several items. The first item was regarding the motor breakdown of one of the town trucks. Anderson went to state surplus for possible parts or replacement trucks. The town has replaced springs and the transmission in the current vehicle and the Selectmen and Road Agent discussed whether to keep this truck and repair it or attempt to find a replacement truck. Chris Frey questioned the Road Agent on what vehicles would be taken to the fall state auction as a source of funds to replace or repair the current vehicle. No decision was made. The road agent will attend the August 27 meeting to report after he completes his investigation into options.

Fairgrounds Road was discussed and the need to hire outside trucks to bring in gravel to complete the project. Selectmen authorized hiring a 22-yd. dump truck to complete the hauling. The road cannot be paved until this work is done.

Selectmen also discussed the drainage problems on Steele Road, the installation of a new fan on the one-ton truck to extend the life of the transmission, the ordering of the sander voted at town meeting, and the road mowing work done last month. No decisions have been made on these issues and the Road Agent will return with additional information to the next meeting.

Chief of Police James Kirby met with Selectmen to introduce the new part-time

officer Charles Goodale. Selectmen signed the appointment and welcomed Mr. Goodale to the police force. Dick Vitale has worked with Mr. Goodale in other emergency service situations and remarked that Mr. Goodale was a good choice for the position. Chief Kirby updated the Selectmen on the progress outfitting the new cruiser and indicated the work will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Gloria Andrews, representing SEA Construction; James Piscopo of Piscopo Construction; and Kevin Hayes, the engineer for Piscopo Construction, met with Selectmen to discuss the charging of liquidated damages for work on the highway garage. Personnel changes have left the crew without a certified operator. Discussion with the Road Agent reinforced this decision.

Selectmen instructed Cheryl to reply positively to the salt contract with Granite State Minerals.

Selectmen signed the fuel-pricing contract with Ayer and Goss.

Selectmen signed the timber tax warrant.

Selectmen discussed issues at the dump including installation of a fence at the Construction Material container. Ken Anderson will be consulted on this issue and the matter will be discussed at another meeting.

—excerpted from the public minutes prepared by Cheryl Behr

Paul

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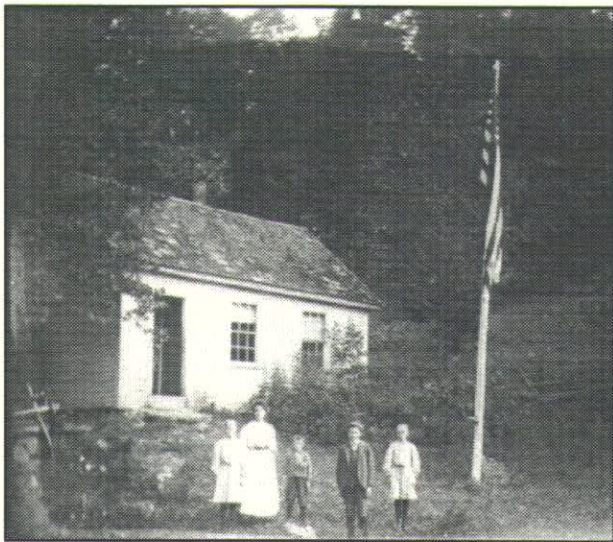
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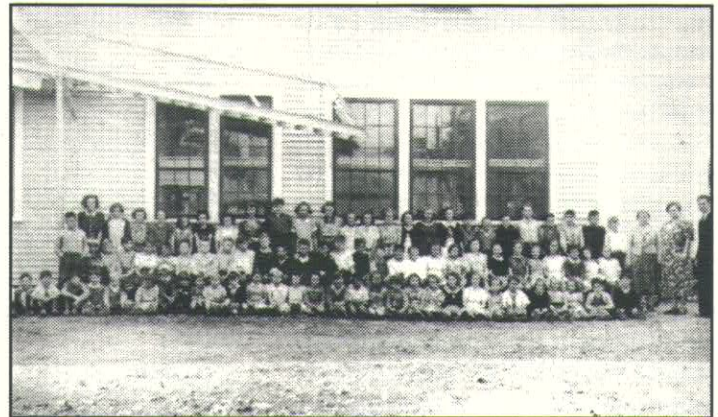
Then...

by Milly Kittredge



1907. Theresa Stevens, teacher, with Herbert, Alma, and Pearl Stevens and Guy Gregg at the Craig/Andrews/Stevens School (depending on which family had the most pupils). The school was closed in 1920s

In the mid 1800s, there were twelve schools located throughout the town. The schools and the semesters changed as the pupil population or the tax money increased or decreased. They all had in common the wood stove, the privvy, and the water bucket. There was always an American flag flying. At least four of the old schools are still in existence.



1937. Village School, Grammar and Primary at the Town Hall just before moving to the new Central School.



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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

End of summer. The garden is slightly out of hand. The garden is slightly out of the garden. Every year, out of curiosity or sloth or sometimes admiration for a particularly dramatic example of industriousness, I occasionally let some plant that otherwise should have been eaten have its way and set seed. Lettuce and spinach reappear in spring with no effort on my part, sometimes settling in the lawn. Dill, parsley, chamomile, sunflowers, and borage haven't been intentionally planted in years. Calendula and violas have made it up to the barn. Volunteer tomatoes can stay if they are not in the way. Seed amaranth grown three years ago mixed with the local pigweed and is sporadically producing some showy crosses. I was a bit taken aback, however, to notice a quantity of feral parsnips had made it to the field across the road. Perhaps some enterprising rodent carried seeds across. I hope these accidental farmers will harvest their own roots instead of mine this year. Biennial parsnips, originally from eastern Mediterranean, are easily eradicated by removing the seed heads.

Which brings me finally to my subject, the plant familiarly called the purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*. Last January the "purple plague" gained US Fish and Wildlife ranking as #1 Public Enemy on Federal Lands. This indicates a similar ranking on private and state lands, as the plant does not recognize territorial distinctions. It cares only for some consistent moisture, a bit of sun, and any sort of dirt at all.

Purple loosestrife was first noted on this continent in the early 1800s, having gained passage from Europe to New England as regurgitated ship ballast, hitchhikers on the wool of imported sheep and

in seed packets clutched by human immigrants. Indulging in anthropomorphism, one could say the plant was wildly enthused about its new country as would be any colonist arriving in a temperate and otherwise benevolent landscape free of effective local resistance and all enemies, diseases, and debts left behind. Instead of settling in moderately, co-mingling with the natives and making themselves useful, purple loosestrife starves out the residents and takes over the government. By drastically reducing the normal biodiversity of a wetland and reducing some wetlands to near monocultures, it replaces important food and cover plants for a variety of songbirds, waterfowl, and other animals. Their dense growth impedes access to open water for boaters and other creatures. Damp pastures and hayfields are made nearly useless within a few years. The only applause comes mainly from the honeybee, itself an expatriate from Europe, and from uninformed human commuters who admire the creeping purple haze blanketing the marshes and roadsides ditches.

Until recent, desperate and somewhat successful introductions, loosestrife has had no opposing pathogens or predatory insects. From its landing on the east coast it has now spread by muddy wheel, irrigation ditch, boat and the overly enthused gardeners to all but a handful of southern US states, plus Canada, Asia, eastern Africa and Australia.

This is a plant that displays even in its deportment an unconcern for convention. Its lower leaves spread opposite each other or in whorls of three or four but then switch to alternate spacing further up. Usually they have six petals though there

is variation and three equally common forms of flower structure exist. The seeds are oblong capsules containing about 90 seeds in each. There are, on average, 1,000 capsules per stem. There are, on average 30 stems per adult plant. This puts the total number of seeds per plant at close to three million.

That's three million seeds at a germination rate of 92%, mind you. Wind or water or the mud on the feet of ducks, humans, and others spreads the lightweight seeds. And if that weren't excessive enough, they can also reproduce from broken stems and roots. You begin to see why at least two dozen states have banned its importation or distribution though some large horticulturists are still busily promoting it as a lovely accent plant.

Rockingham has been the most affected county in NH to date. Manual removal of early arrivals and small colonies can be effective if care is taken to cause as little soil disturbance as possible because this makes a nice introduction for all those waiting seeds. You might see someone downtown soon annoying the pretty purple flowers at the Bradford Green on Main Street.




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September Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Benefit Pig Roast, tickets available at Dodge's or Bowie's, Old Bradford Center, 5:30pm
Flare Night on Lake Massasecum, 8:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

First day of School
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm, call 938-5386 for information
Hunter Safety Course, Fish & Game Clubhouse, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Library Trustee Meeting, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

BACC Governance Board Meeting, BACC, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Community Improvement Program, BACC Senior Room, 7:00am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00am, 938-5386 for information
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

BWC Executive Board Meeting, BACC, 9:30am
BWC Crafts Workshop (following Executive Meeting), Mountain Lake Inn, 10:30am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Parks and Recreation, BACC, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Community Improvement Program, BACC Senior Room, 7:00am
Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

BWC Crafts Workshop, Mountain Lake Inn, 7:30pm
Conservation Commission, BACC, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Community Improvement Program, BACC Senior Room, 7:00am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm
BWC General Meeting, Baptist Church Vestry, 7:30pm (please note schedule change)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm
BACC Governance Board, BACC, 5:30pm

Thistle Spinners, Every Monday, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 1:00-3:00pm
Parks & Recreation Line Dancing with Grace Nelson, Mondays starting September 10, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Historical Society, Open every Saturday, Old Post Office, 1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call 938-5386 for more information

To list events for the October Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722 or e-mail bradfordbridge@conknet.com before September 20.

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