

# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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## Bradford School at Mount Sunapee

The KRES/Bradford school community has succeeded in making lemonade out of the (moldy) lemon handed to them at the beginning of the 2003 school year. When an infestation of mold made the Bradford school site uninhabitable, the entire school was invited by General



Manager, Jay Gamble, to set up shop at the Mt. Sunapee ski resort until school building repairs could be made. We visited the temporary school site to see how staff and students were coping with their digs.

We found the entire school community out on a grassy, green slope under clear blue skies, punctuated by a sprinkling of puffy white clouds. It was a perfect 71 degree autumn day and the students and staff appeared to be in a formation as they laughed wildly and waved happily towards the sky. District math coordinator, Dr. Betty Erickson, (known in the past for her method of teaching math principles by

dropping eggs from her plane), had arranged for a friend to take some aerial photos of everyone forming a big "Thank You" to the Mt. Sunapee resort staff. Their willingness to host our school community for the past three weeks received rave reviews from all; "fantastic, extraordinary," were adjectives used by several staffers. Principal Scott Bouranis commented that he "could not say enough about the patience and good will extended to the school by the Mt. Sunapee management and staff. Live Wire Daycare

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## Free Writing Workshop in Library

New Hampshire Poet Laureate, Marie Harris of Barrington, will lead a free writing workshop, "Our New Hampshire," on Thursday, October 2 from 3:30-5:30pm at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. Sponsored by The Friends, the workshop is for people of all ages who would like to write about their own personal New Hampshire in poetic, essay, or story format. Refreshments will be served at 3:15pm. The handicapped accessible library is located at 78 W. Main St., near the corner of Rte. 103 and W. Main. For more information, call 938-5948.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

## Poetry Contest for NH High School Students

The Poetry Society of New Hampshire sponsors an annual poetry contest for NH high school students. The top ten poems will receive a \$10 prize, be published in the PSNH quarterly, *The Poets Touchstone*, and be entered in the Manningham Contest sponsored by the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. There is a \$1 entry fee per poem, and strict guidelines must be met. For a copy of those guidelines, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 (business size) envelope to the Contest Coordinator, Patricia L Frisella, 282 Meaderboro Road, Farmington, NH 03835. The contest deadline will be a postmark deadline of December 31, 2003.

## Public Hearing Dates Set for State's Ten-Year Transportation Plan

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (the five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation) announce that Public Hearings will be held to review and receive input on the Department of Transportation's recommended update of the State's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2005-2014).

The purpose of these Public Hearings is to receive public comments on the projects

and materials included in the draft 2005-2014 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

Those not able to attend the meetings can submit written testimony within ten days of each of the Public Hearings. The nearest meeting to Bradford will be held October 20, 7:00pm in Concord at the NHDOT, Room 114 (1 Hazen Drive). The full announcement can be viewed at <http://www.state.nh.us/dot/media/nr2003/nr090803tenyear.pdf>.

### Bradford Bridge November Deadlines

Display ads	October 20
Classified ads	October 23
Articles	October 20



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### Advertising

The Bradford Bridge is a free community newspaper supported by advertisers. To place an ad, call Carol Troy at 938-6186 or send a FAX to 938-2995. Ad deadline is the 20th of the month.

### Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. The Bridge reserves the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Beth Rodd/Bev Leo at the address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by the 20th of the month.

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## Buddy Walk Marks Down Syndrome Awareness Month

The second annual Buddy Walk to promote acceptance and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome will be held from noon to 3:00pm on October 5, starting and ending at the State House Plaza in Concord. This event is sponsored by the Northern New England Down Syndrome Congress and the National Down Syndrome Society, and is one of more than 200 walks being held across the nation to mark October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

New Hampshire's walk will be led by Christopher Burke, star of the 1980's hit series "Life Goes On." Presidential hopefuls, congressmen and senators are also expected to join the one-mile walk. People with Down Syndrome will invite "buddies" to walk with them—friends, family, teachers, co-workers, and even local and national politicians—and collect pledges and donations for their one-mile effort. All funds raised through the Buddy Walk support local and national programs that benefit people with Down syndrome and their families.

Registration is \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a family of four. For information about contributing, call 738-6246 or e-mail [dennehys@comcast.net](mailto:dennehys@comcast.net).

Thousands are involved in the Buddy Walk each year. When it began in 1995, only 17 cities sponsored walks. This year, walks will occur as far away as Singapore, South Africa, Puerto Rico, and Peru with more than 150,000 people participating. Through education, research, and advocacy, the National Down Syndrome Society works to ensure that all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Down syndrome is a genetic condition caused by the presence of three, instead of the typical two, copies of Chromosome 21 and affects more than 350,000 people in the United States alone. People with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are active participants in the educational, occupational and recreational activities of the community. For questions about Down syndrome and referrals to local and national resources, call the NDSS Helpline at 800-221-4602 or visit [www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org).

### Bradford Area Community Center Senior Council

The next meeting of the Senior Council (also known as Saturday Seniors) will be on October 11. The group will gather at the Bradford Area Community Center at 12 noon and carpool to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Londonderry for lunch. All seniors in Newbury, Sutton, Warner and Bradford Area are welcome. Come on along! For information call Ona Ruchti, President, at 938-5330.

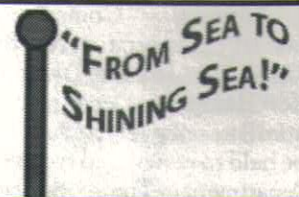
### Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream Plus Square Dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, October 18. Norm Poisson will call A1 from 7:00-8:00pm and Mainstream/Plus from 8:00-10:30pm. Marilyn Rivenburg will cue the rounds. Admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. For more information, please call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

—Bob & Shirley Trombley



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**Planning Board Notes, October 2003**

Conditions for final approval of the subdivision and site plan for **OE Trucking** on Breezy Hill Road have been met. A letter was read into the records from the Conservation Commission stating that work done to re-stabilize the river bank along the Warner River had been reviewed by the Commission and found to be satisfactory.

The modified Site Plan and Excavation Application was approved for **Valley Excavation** on Breezy Hill Road with the condition that vehicles must travel north on Breezy Hill Road to Route 103. The Excavation Permit must be renewed in two years. A bond was provided in the amount of \$3,000 to ensure reclamation of the site once the work is completed.

A three-lot subdivision on **Fairgrounds Road** was conditionally approved for Andrew and Sue-Ann Siarto. Deeds for the lots showing dedicated green space were submitted along with a street plat application for the existing private road that will serve the new lots. The conditions to be met include approval by the selectmen for a road name, final documentation from Eckman Engineering regarding emergency vehicle rating for the bridge, and approval by both the Police and Fire Departments for use of the access by emergency equipment.

Discussion of the Site Plan Application for a dog-breeding kennel on **Ring Hill Road** continued with a site visit by the Board and a continuation of the public hearing. Board members, abutters, and the public viewed the fencing that has been installed and assessed the noise level of the barking that occurred when the kennel area was approached. After looking at the PSNH right-of-way and reviewing the related deed, the Board determined that the issue should be resolved by PSNH and the

abutters. The public hearing was continued to October 14<sup>th</sup> to allow time for more input by the abutters and the animal control officer.

Reviews for the **Solitude Ridge** subdivision were received from both Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) for the overall application, and Provan and Lorber for the road portion of the project. Copies were handed out to board members and made available for the public in attendance. The applicant will work directly with the consultants to identify some items that can be addressed initially. The consultants will then meet with the Board at a public session to discuss the remaining issues. RCS Designs was informed that a street plat application is required for the right-of-way that will provide access to West Road. The public hearing was continued to October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chip Hasey of **East Washington Road** discussed a boundary line adjustment for his property in order to meet setback requirements for a new house. The regulations were reviewed and he was apprised of the steps that need to be taken.

Lucy St. John, Circuit Rider Planner from CNHRPC, met with the Board to lay out a proposal for updating the **1996 Master Plan**. The tentative schedule calls for a survey of town residents this fall followed by public meetings early in 2004 to review the results of the survey and establish goals for the future. A **Steep Slope** ordinance and a proposal for **Scenic Setbacks** on specified roads in Town that have been presented to the Board will be set aside pending the Master Plan update.

The Conservation Commission presented revisions to the **Wetlands Ordinance**; some required by changes in State regulations and some requested by the Planning Board. The revised ordinance will be presented to voters in March for approval.

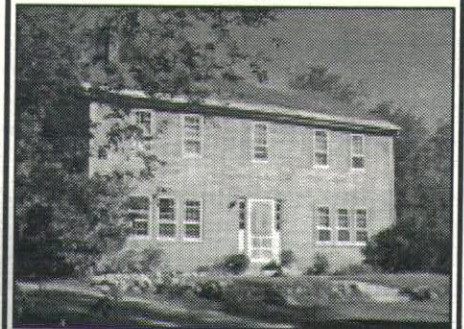
**Independence Day Committee**

Meeting was held Monday September 15, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Jarna Perkins, Heather Beaton, and Karen and Tanya Biron from Sutton joined the committee. Karen and Tanya feel that because Sutton attends and enjoys the Celebration, they are more than glad to help. Parade and Events were discussed enthusiastically. Raffles are being set up, we are looking into a Street Dance on Friday the night before, and much more is planned. If you have ideas you'd like to share or would like to volunteer time, call Marlene at 938-2530. Next meeting is Monday October 6, at the Town Hall, 7 pm. Feel free to join us or just stop by to see what's going on.

*Jane Lucas*



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# Letters

A second engineer was brought in and the news is much better for the Coxes. The roof can be fixed without being removed and a detailed plan is being developed. We have selected Saturday, October 18th as the day to do the work. Several people have volunteered and we thank them kindly. If you can make it, just stop by 49 Hogg Hill Road or call me for details. So far, only one monetary donation has come in and that was from a young couple who only just moved to town. Funds are needed to pay for the engineering studies and supplies. Thank you for caring!

*Ann Hallahan*

We just wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and support for our son Craig while he was overseas in Iraq. He came home safely on the 21st of August and was on leave until the 21st of September. He is now in Ft. Stewart, Georgia serving his country. He wanted to pass on to the residents of Bradford a heartfelt thanks for their support to him. Keep praying for the others overseas protecting our country.

*Tracy and Bob Foot*

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## From The Cemetery Commission

We received a note from Arlington, VA, a "thank you for clearing and cleaning the Burial Hill Cemetery." The Commission will request another article for Town Meeting to start repairs at the Baptist Church cemetery for 2004. Now is the time to clear your decorations away for the winter season.

## New Hampshire Coverts Project

The Coverts Project just completed its 2003 session at the Sargent Camp in Hancock, NH. A covert, pronounced "cover" and adding a "t", is a thicket that provides shelter for wildlife. Founded in 1995, each fall twenty-five volunteers chosen from a pool of applicants gather with professionals from UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Fish and Game, NH Division of Forests and Lands, the Ruffed Grouse Society, and the US Forest Service State and private forestry. They attend three and a half days of workshops on concepts and issues in forest and field ecology, habitat management, land conservation, and community conservation planning.

Over the past four years four residents of Bradford have completed this training. Meg Fearnley, Don Jackson, Ann Eldridge, and John Robie are available to provide a wide variety of reference materials and resource information to landowners seeking to manage their property with both income from timber or agriculture and wildlife in mind. Professional wildlife biologists and forestry consultants are available to help owners outline long-range management plans.

*—Ann Eldridge*

Your Editors would like to invite  
comments and suggestions for  
making this truly a neighborhood  
newspaper.

Would you like to see more  
minutes of meetings (we'll need  
stringers to cover the events),  
more pictures of events, more  
listings of area events? What is  
important to you?

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## September Selectmen's Meetings

**September 2.** The Revolving Loan Committee, represented by Deb Sias, George Morse and Harriet Douglas, met with selectmen to discuss changes in the loan policy. Neil Cannon, representing the Capital Regional Development Council, also attended to answer questions on the proposed policy changes. The first is to expand the primary lending area to Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties and expand the secondary lending area to include Sullivan, Belknap and Grafton Counties. Selectmen did not agree with extending the secondary areas to Belknap and Grafton Counties and Mr. Cannon agreed to make that change. The issue of money ownership was discussed. The town Revolving Loan Committee and the Selectmen control the content of the loan policy, which determines how the money may be lent. All monies are kept in separate funds earmarked as Bradford Revolving Loan funds. The matter of interest rates charged on loans was discussed. The rates are determined for each loan. The CRDC tries to work with companies applying for the loans by adjusting the terms of the note rather than cutting interest rates. The current limit on loans is \$50,000 per application. The selectmen voted to accept changes as follows: Edwards, yes; Fenton, no; Pickman, yes. Neil Cannon will have the changes made to the policy and return the corrected copies to the town.

An agreement was signed by the Selectmen, Bob Stewart, Sr., representing the BACC Governance Board, and Heather Cooper of the Kearsarge Area Preschool, concerning the Preschool's space in the Bradford Area Community Center. The remaining three officers of the Preschool will stop at the office to sign the agreement.

Roy Lamphere of TDS Telephone Company met with Selectmen to obtain an easement from the Town to install an equipment cabinet off Rte 114 adjacent to the Wilkins Property.

Dave Currier and Dick Keller, representing the Lake Massasecum Association, met with selectmen regarding the installation of a storage shed on town land at the end of Lake Massasecum. The men requested the use of leftover milfoil funds and boat launch funds to construct the shed. The boat launch money was earmarked in a warrant article and can only be used for the boat launch. Any excess money from the milfoil project can be used for the construction. Selectmen approved the use of the money for this purpose.

Selectmen voted to move to non-public session to discuss personnel issues per

RSA3II with the chief of police. Vote was: Edwards, yes; Fenton, yes; Pickman, yes. Time out 6:38pm. Returned to public session at 7:10pm. Results of the meeting: Chief will establish cost figures for additional full-time coverage and return to the Board for discussion.

Selectmen received Nelson Perron's resignation with regrets.

Letter to Planning Board regarding completion of work by Keith Stebbings.

Quote from George Naughton on removal of the garage on the Marshall property.

**September 16.** Selectmen approved the transfer of money from the election line to be used to complete the Highway Department road and bridge inventory for accounting (GASB compliance) purposes.

Cheryl will contact the Department of Environmental Services to correct the matter of certification for Ken Anderson, transfer station manager. She will also prepare copies of the storm water permit operations manual for Ken Anderson to review, correct, and update. A similar set of manuals will be prepared for the highway garage and given to the road agent for editing.

Bruce Edwards requested the status of the permit to install a culvert on Cheney Hill Road. Cheryl indicated the permit had not yet been filed by the Road Agent. Selectmen instructed the permit be filed from the selectmen's office. This is a new culvert and not a replacement.

Selectmen requested Cheryl check the propane gas bill received for the Tax Collector's Office for accuracy.

Cheryl requested the selectmen set time to meet and review the town's personnel policy and job descriptions. Selectmen were given Highway Dept. job descriptions for review and will meet again with a full Board of Selectmen to discuss.

Letter from Rick Curless was read into record regarding damage to property by the roadside mowing crews. Highway department has already repaired the damage.

Intent to cut signed for Jeannette Ganders at map 7 lot 27.

Selectmen signed two timber tax warrants.

The beams will be set on the Fairgrounds Road Bridge on Wednesday, September 24. Despite the heavy rains, the project is still on schedule.

Budget worksheets will be distributed on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, to all departments.

Joint Board of Selectmen meeting has been scheduled for October 16. Selectmen will attend.

Compliance with the DES transfer station review was discussed. The permit application requires a survey. The plan is underway to complete this requirement. The report indicated additional signage is needed. Ken Anderson is working on the deficiencies. DES is requiring supervision of the burn pile at all times the transfer station is open. Additionally, the back gate to the property cannot be open during the transfer station hours. The Highway Department uses that access but will need to lock the gate during the day on Wednesdays.

The Department of Revenue has not begun setting tax rates at this time. The school rates are being reviewed. Hopefully, the rate setting will begin soon.

—From the public minutes. Complete minutes available at the Selectmen's Office

### Bradford Board of Selectmen

Bruce Edwards, Chairman  
Peter Fenton  
Dave Pickman

Cheryl Behr, Administrative Assistant

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## Recital Features Marilyn J. Ziffrin Composition

A piano composition by nationally renowned composer Marilyn J. Ziffrin of South Sutton will be performed in a piano recital on Saturday, October 18, at 7:00pm in the Annichiarico Theater in Concord. The pianist, Jayne Kelly of Concord and Washington, NH, will also perform music by Schumann, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Bartok, Janacek, and Prokofiev. Lyricism and rhythmic elements characterize Ziffrin's composition, "Recurrences", written in 1998. This performance will fulfill Ms. Kelly's promise to the composer to share her enthusiasm for the composition by performing it three times during one year. Jayne Kelly teaches piano in Concord, Washington and Keene, NH. She has performed many times in recent years throughout southern New Hampshire where she has developed a loyal and enthusiastic following. Her recital on October 18, sponsored by the Concord Music Club, takes place in the Annichiarico Theater, 1 Thompson St., Concord. Tickets (\$5 - \$10) are available at the door. For more information, call 226-0686.

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## Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

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Come by the library on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00am–2:00pm for our last book sale of the season. Last chance to take home boxes of books for bargain prices before the snow flies!

Here's a list of some of the new books added to your library in September.

For adults:

*Brick Lane* by Monica Ali  
*The Wedding* by Nicholas Sparks  
*Shadows on the Coast of Maine* by Lea Wait  
*Four Spirits* by Sena Jeter Naslund  
*Lies (and the lying liars who tell them)* by Al Franken  
*Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder  
*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

For children:

*The Blizzard* by Betty Ren Wright  
*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Lucille Camps In* by Kathryn Lasky.



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## Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Rescue Squad

St. Peter's Masonic Lodge in Bradford (next to the fire station) will host a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Bradford Rescue Squad on Saturday, October 18 from 5:00–7:00pm at the lodge. The menu includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread, dessert, and a beverage. Donations

are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children from four years to 12. Children under four years are free. Proceeds will be donated to the Bradford Rescue Squad. All are invited to participate.

—Ed Geffkin

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**Vacation home checks:** If you're going away for any length of time and you would like the Department to check on your residence, contact us. We make sure we have an emergency contact person and phone number for the homeowner and for someone locally.

**Juvenile fingerprinting:** Provides a positive means of identification for missing children. The Department will provide the fingerprint card for this service. This is also a good way for our little people to have a positive interaction with the police officer.

**Danger and stranger awareness:** This informs children what to do about strangers. This program is informative yet entertaining.

**Business checks:** An on-going service to the community to check businesses during the non-business hours.

**Halloween safety program:** Police hand out safety information about trick-or-treating and distribute Halloween bags. We help judge the pumpkin contest and then pass out Tootsie Roll Pops to the children.

**Adult fingerprinting:** We will fingerprint adults who need verification for licensing requirements such as Securities & Exchange Commission licensing, insurance brokers license, bar exam identification, and state teacher certification and employment. There is no charge for this service.

**Accident reports:** A copy of your accident report is free for the resident. For an insurance claim we require that the insurance company contact us for a copy.

**Vehicle identification number verification:** We verify the VIN on your vehicle so you can get it registered. The forms can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office.

**Incident reports:** These reports may be obtained for a \$10 fee with specific restrictions on the release of incident reports as delineated in the Criminal History Records and Information Act, the Right to Know Act, and the rules relating to discovery in a criminal proceeding. The Bradford Police Department reserves the right to refuse the release of reports in conformance with the above statutes and redact sensitive or personal information from any report deemed appropriate for release.

—Chief Kirby

## Bradford Police Log

**T**he Bradford Police Department responded to the following calls for service from August 16 through September 15, 2003:

One assist to the Fire Department, two assists to the Bradford Rescue Squad, responded to three alarms, two cases of criminal mischief and one criminal mischief complaint, seven assists to other police departments, one attempted suicide, one report of criminal threatening, three arrests, one harassing phone call complaint, one traffic accident, two warrants/orders served,

five juveniles taken into protective custody, one violation of a protection order, two 911 hang up calls, three pistol permits issued, one VIN inspection, transported one person to Merrimack County Jail, checked one open door, one neighborhood dispute, one report taken on a wanted subject, two sets of fingerprints taken, assisted one citizen with an OHRV complaint, one animal bite, one animal nuisance complaint, one animal livestock complaint, two stray dogs, one report taken for a burglary, and one juvenile runaway.



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## Halloween Party at the Bradford Area Community Center

The BACC, Parks & Recreation, CAP Senior Programs and the Kearsarge Area Preschool will host a Halloween party on October 31 at 5:00pm at the Community Center. There will be costume judging, painted and carved pumpkin contests, games, refreshments at the Graveyard Diner, and a visit to the Spooky Room if you dare! Watch for posters for more information or call the Community Center at 938-6228.



## Sandy Wadlington Exhibit

Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden presents an exhibit "Recent Works" of oil paintings, pastels and colored woodblock prints by Bradford resident Sandy Wadlington. Sandy creates a wonderful sense of light in each of her art works. Her art is skillfully rendered, with visions of New England landscapes. Millbrook Gallery is located at 236 Hopkinton Road in Concord. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00pm, or by appointment. Call 226-2046 for more information.

—Pam Tarbell

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## Real Estate Hints:

### Time for a Change

by Laura Hallaban

By now many of you will have heard the exciting news about our real estate office. We are going to have a new name and a new partnership. Ann, Sonny and I are very excited and eager to begin effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be called Country Houses and our primary office is located on Main Street in New London where the firm has been a fixture serving New London and the entire Lake Sunapee Region since 1939. Ann C. Hallahan Real Estate has been open for business since 1988, right here next to the Bement Bridge under Ann's wonderful care and supervision. She is admired and well respected throughout the entire real estate community and the towns she has served so well. I joined the business in April of 1999 and can't believe how quickly four plus years can go by when you are super busy and the market is very hot. Sonny came on board shortly thereafter as well, having had the benefit of learning from his mother, too. In fact, Elinor Harris is the person who got Ann into the business back in 1983. Both of us would say that there is no better training anywhere than learning from two of the best in the business.

So, what does all this change really mean? Well, as we all know, there is much to be said about a person's name and reputation. Losing the Ann C. Hallahan Real Estate name was the toughest part of our decision. At the same time, Ann is staying on as Managing Broker, and after all, she IS Ann C. Hallahan Real Estate! And we benefit from the outstanding reputation Country Houses has developed in

the industry. Our office will stay the same and everyone is welcome to drop in and talk about real estate, town issues, or any other topic of interest. We will continue to focus on Bradford, Sutton, Newbury and Warner, but we also can extend our services to cover the entire I-89 corridor from Exit 9 to Exit 13. We will also continue to work with people who have modest homes or very little money to purchase a home as well as those who want to find a vacation property or estate.

We really now have the best of both worlds. We are a small office with local staff and a wealth of local expertise. At the same time, we have a marketing and advertising machine that is second to none, offering attractive property packets, brochures, glossy flyers, posters and ads in a variety of mediums at the touch of a button. We are here to serve you and—along with our eight new colleagues—look forward to serving you as Country Houses for many years to come. We will have an open house in the near future, so look for the notice! Finally, I want to take a moment to thank my Mother for everything she has done for me and been to me. She is giving me this opportunity to lessen the administrative workload so I can get out in the community and list and sell real estate. She did not have to do it, but she did. Now she too, can take on other projects and we'll keep you posted about those as well!

Next month I'll be back with an article of interest on the real estate industry.



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**KRES/Bradford, Cont. from page 1**

owner, Sue Rayno, even rented a tent, pitched on the KRES/Bradford school grounds, at her own expense, to accommodate an increased number of children requiring morning childcare because of the change of time in the schedule, from 8:45am to 9:45am. In addition, she did not charge additional fees for the altered schedule."

Betty Erickson commented, "We really pulled together as a community to address this situation." The challenges of functioning in temporary, makeshift classrooms (poles with curtains separated spaces), were embraced with creative good humor as the staff set about making use of the resources at hand to conduct classes. "We were able to tie in the natural environment with the New Hampshire curriculum," said reading recovery teacher Mary Keegan-Dayton. "We studied snakes, grasshoppers, hawks, and bees, identified trees and leaves, and provided students with area and trail maps which were used to reach hiking goals. With 42 students, eight chaperones, and some walkie-talkies, we forged trails and learned science, organizational, environmental and social skills, all without a sprained ankle or a tear. It was great!"

Although some children had never been on a hike before, several reported that the best part of the experience was learning to read and follow maps and identifying distant mountains and lakes. Sam Duprey, who divides her year between teaching at KRES/Bradford and working at Mt. Sunapee, used the ski rental equipment to introduce students to the metric system as they measured and outfitted themselves with ski gear. In another exercise, using objects at hand, students learned to calculate the number of skiers who could be carried on chair lifts in a single day based on the variables of speed and frequency of the lifts.

While students and staff seem ready to return to the classroom in Bradford, none will forget the great fun and the outward bound flavor of the first three weeks of this school year. With spectacular autumn skies, a mountain for a playground and the wonders of an unexpected adventure, staff, students, and parents pooled resources and worked with the welcoming Mt. Sunapee staff, reinforcing the power of community and adaptability. This experience has left some wondering if this wouldn't be a unique way of starting every school year...

Beth Rodd

**Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter**

Traveler and photographer Lucy Wendall-Thorpe returns to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter with a new slide program depicting her ecological travels in the Central American country of Belize, Friday, October 10, 7:30pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For additional information call Ruth White at 763-4893.

To observe the fall migration of snow geese, waterfowl, shorebirds, and passerines on their trip from the Canadian Arctic to the Mid-Atlantic States, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter has organized a field trip to the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison, Vermont, on Sunday, October 12. This area is an important feeding and resting stop for these migrants. Participants should meet leader Clare Bensley at New London Park and Ride, exit 12, I-89, at 6:00am. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars, and field guides. Contact Clare at 938-5482 for details.



—Phyllis Curtiss

**Supervisor of The Checklist  
Town of Bradford**

Residents of Bradford

Supervisors of the checklist will be in session on Friday, October 31, 2003 from 7:00-7:30pm at the Bradford Town Hall. This will be an opportunity to register and make corrections to the voters' checklist. Please bring proof of residency and age.

Supervisors Of The Checklist  
Ann Lucier  
Judy Marshall  
Maureen Papuga

**The Workshop**

The Workshop will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 9, at 11:00am at the Friendship House. Members are asked to come equipped with ideas for the coming year's programs; as usual, we are after pertinent speakers, interesting programs, service projects, and, of course, exciting new places to meet for our social and educational programs. We'll be working on a service project from 11:00am to noon, when we'll break for lunch; the annual meeting will begin at 12:30.



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# Bradford Area Community Center

## October Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Cake Decorating Class, 7:00–9:00pm. Cost: \$10. Call Donna Long at 938–6431 for information and registration.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Senior Center: After lunch Rita Mann & David Herlicka will give us a presentation on "Protecting Your Nest Egg."

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am.

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00am.

Senior Center: After lunch we will have a few laughs watching "The Honeymooners."

Senior Center: Writing Workshop, 2:30pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00–7:30pm.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Fuel Assistance, 9:00am–noon, call Barbara Chellis at 456–2207 for appointment.

Senior Center: Massage with Pamela Monaghan, 10:30am–12:00pm.

Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Flu Clinic, 9:00am–noon courtesy of Lake Sunapee Area Visiting Nurses Association.

Quilting Class, 7:00–9:00pm. Cost: \$10.

Call Donna Long at 938–6431 for information and registration.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

BACC Governance Board, 5:30–7:00pm.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Bradford Community Corporation, 7:00am

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am.

Senior Center: Dave Poisson from Mr. Fix It, 10:00am–12:00pm.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Senior Council, 1:00–3:00pm.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am.

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00am.

Senior Center: Writing Workshop, 2:30pm.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Senior Center: Foliage trip to Historic Salem, Mass. Depart 6:15am. We return about 7:30pm.

NO LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER TODAY

Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Stamping Class, 7:00–9:00pm. Cost: \$10.

Call Donna Long at 938–6431 for information and registration.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Blood Pressure & Foot Clinic, 11:00am–12:30pm. Courtesy of Personal Touch Home Health Care.

Senior Center: Harvest Day Celebration.

We are serving a hearty Beef Stew for lunch, bring your favorite pumpkin recipe to share, 50/50 raffle, door prizes! Our guest speaker will give a presentation on organic gardening.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Paint-a-Picture, 9:00am–3:00pm. Call Jane Lucas at 938–2570 for information and registration.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00am

Senior Center: Laura Corrow presentation from NH Alzheimer's Association, 12:30

Senior Center: Writing Workshop, 2:30pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00–7:30pm

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Senior Center: Merrimack County Area Committee on Aging meeting, after lunch

Fuel Assistance, 9:00am–noon, call Barbara Chellis at 456–2207 for appointment

Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Embroidery Class, 7:00–9:00pm. Cost: \$10.

Call Donna Long at 938–6431 for information and registration.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

BACC Governance Board, 5:30–7:00pm

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am.

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00am.

Senior Center: Writing Workshop, 2:30pm

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Brownies, 3:00–4:30pm.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Senior Center: Trip to see the *Stage Door Canteen Show—a Tribute to the 40's* at Horseshoe Pond Place in Concord. Price is \$3.00 per person and includes lunch. Be ready for great music and laughter! Sign up deadline Tues. Oct. 21. Meet at Bradford Senior Center to car pool.

Rug Braiding Class, 7:00–9:00pm. Cost: \$10. Call Donna Long at 938–6431 for information and registration.

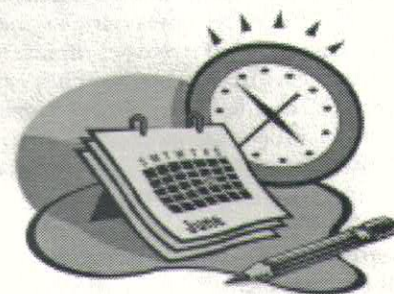
### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Senior Center: Halloween Pumpkin Party with our Preschool neighbors, 10:30am.

Each child brings a pumpkin we will help them decorate. Wear a fun mask for the occasion.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45am.



## BACC Program Information

For general information or to schedule an activity call Director Jarna Perkins at 938–6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups, organizations or activities at the BACC.

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels, CAP Transportation, or Senior Programs call Senior Center Program Director, Sandi Bandieri at 938–2104.

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information, contact Heather Cooper at 938–2668.





## BWC Update

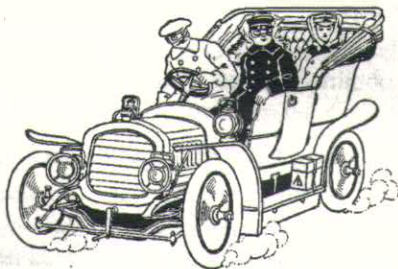
A good time was had by all at our annual tea trying to guess who our members were by their baby pictures. Thanks to Nancy Hibbard, Erica Gross, Jean Gaito, and Vicki Simonds for their great program.

October 4 will be our chocolate decadence bake sale at the Post Office. Members are asked to bring a chocolate baked good between 8:30 and 9:00am to the Post Office.

The next executive meeting will be 9:30am, October 14, downstairs at the Bradford Area Community Center. The next membership meeting will be October 21, 7:30pm at the Baptist Church. The program will be "Waiting for 911—What to Do," by Barbara and Chuck Johnsen.

The October craft workshops will all be at the Mountain Lake Inn, October 7, 10:00am, October 14, 11:00am, October 21, 10:00am and October 28, 7:00pm. Come for a fun time. Artistic ability is not necessary.

—Barbara Vannata



## BACC Ongoing Activities

Senior Center Craft Club, Mondays, 10:00am–noon

Bridge Group, Mondays, 1:30–4:00pm, Community Room

Senior Center Luncheon, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00pm, Community Room (except Aug. 12)

Yoga Class (Not Advanced), Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00am, Community Room (except Aug 13). Call Fran at 456–3099 to register.

Walk around the Block, Thursdays, 11:00am

Weight Watchers, Thursdays, 5:15–7:00pm, Community Room

Computer Tutoring, Fridays, 10:00am. Beginners: first and third Fridays, Advanced: second and fourth Fridays. For information call Bev Leo at 938–2996.

## Kearsarge Area Preschool

School is back in session for the three and four-year-old children attending the Kearsarge Area Preschool. This year we had a particularly large enrollment, so we are happy that teachers Lyn Betz and Sheri Swinerton have added a third class to the program.

The children were very excited to arrive at their school in early September to see the addition of the brand new playground.



Thanks to the efforts of many parents, Nations Rent, Ted Young from the Merrimack Farm & Country Store, Gary and Jarna Perkins, the Governance Board, and the Town of Bradford Selectmen, a play structure, sandbox, and fence were erected and a beautiful, safe play area was created for the children. The summer-long project began with a fundraiser computer raffle. Connecticut Valley Computer Service

donated the computer, and Newbury resident Lee Briegs won the raffle. Congratulations, Lee!

Upcoming fundraisers for the school include an eight-week program in which the following classes will be held at the Bradford Area Community Center and are open to the general public:

**Cake Decoration:** October 1, 7:00–9:00pm

**Quilting:** October 8, 7:00–9:00pm

**Stamping:** October 15, 7:00–9:00pm

**Country Stitchery:** October 22, 7:00–9:00pm

**Rug Braiding:** October 29, 7:00–9:00pm

**Scrapbooking:** November 5, 7:00–9:00pm

**Floral Arrangements:** November 12, 7:00–9:00pm

**Cross-Stitch:** November 19, 7:00–9:00pm.

Each class is \$10 with a special rate of \$50 for all eight classes.

Reservations should be made with Donna at 938–6431. Hope to see you there!

Our final fundraiser for this month is the annual Harvest Fest, Saturday, October 11 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Newbury Harbor Station. Come celebrate the foliage season with us and enjoy homemade soups, clam chowder, chili, beef stew, baked goods, caramel apples, pumpkins, mums, and a silent auction.

—Donna S. Long

## Parks and Recreation

This year our Halloween Party will be held at the Community Center starting at 5:00pm. The Community Center and Preschool are joining the festivities. P&R will have the Graveyard Dinner. So stop by for some spooky treats: hot chocolate, hot dogs, and meatballs will be served to keep the Trick or Treaters going. Have your carved or decorated pumpkins at the Center by 6:00pm for the judging.

Preschool will hold a Costume Contest and the Center will show off some of their haunted rooms. We're hoping the combined effort will make for an annual fun community time. Please join us. Anyone interested in helping call me at 938-2570 or the Community Center 938-2668

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## New Bradford Phone Lists Available

The Bradford Area Community Center (BACC) Governance Board has prepared a new Bradford 938 phone list. The list will be available for \$5.00 at: Bradford Area Community Center's office, Bowie's Market, and Dodge's Store.

Proceeds benefit the BACC's community activities. The revised format features emergency numbers and Bradford town office hours. Businesses are highlighted. Containing all the 938 prefix numbers, it is an asset for everyone in the community and particularly for newcomers.

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## First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

**Moms Bible Study:** Moms will meet in the pastor's study on the following dates: Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, and 29 from 9:00-10:00 am. On Wednesday, October 22 they will meet from 10:00-11:00 am. The group will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Childcare is provided.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study:** Our Thursday group will meet every Thursday from 7:00-8:00pm. The first meeting will be at Pastor Lynne and Fred's home at 53 South Brook Circle in Bradford. The group will be looking at different books of the Bible to answer some of the following questions: "Who is God? How does He Speak? Is He in control? Does He have a plan?" We hope to have all the studies in someone's home.

**Thursday Morning Study Group:** This group will meet every Thursday in October from 10:00-11:00am in the pastor's study. The book is Darlene Wilkinson's *The Prayer of Jabez for Women*.

**World Communion Sunday:** Our church will celebrate World Communion Sunday and take our World Mission offering on Sunday, October 5 at 10:00am. Different kinds of breads will be served for Communion, we will read the scripture lessons from the four corners of the sanctuary, and have some very special music.

**Church-Family Yard Sale:** Many families in our church will have a table at our "all church family yard sale" to be held Saturday, October 11 from 9:00am-2:00pm. The barn will be open during this time as well, with many items for sale, including some furniture.

**Bradford Community Food Pantry:** The distribution date for October is Wednesday, October 15 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting of our church will be held on Sunday, October 19 immediately following the worship service and a light luncheon.

**Youth Group:** Youth who are in grades 5-8 are welcome to come to our October youth meetings. The first meeting will be held at the church on Wednesday, October 22 from 6:30-8:00pm. We will be playing a game called "Clue," have a Stolen Pumpkin relay and do some charades acting out some interesting Bible stories. The snack will be nachos and cheese.

On Sunday, October 26 we will meet at the church at 2:00pm and travel to the Blue Moon Berry Farm in Warner and enjoy their Maize Quest. The cost is \$5.00. Youth must have a permission slip. We will return to the church at 4:00pm.

**Men's Fellowship:** The men are invited to the home of Pastor Lynne & Fred Hubley on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:30pm for an evening of pool, fellowship and refreshments.

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# Obituaries

## RUTH M. PAGE

Ruth M. Page, 90, of Concord, died September 19 at Presidential Oaks in Concord. She was born in Grafton, the daughter of Walter and Sadie (Perkins) Webster. She lived in Bradford for most of her life before moving to Concord in 2001. She was a member of St. Theresa Church in Henniker.

Page was a past president of the Bradford Woman's Club and the Bradford Historical Society.

Survivors include five sons, Thomas Page and Francis Page, both of Bradford, John Page of Concord, Anthony Page of Bow and Charles Page Jr. of Fredericksburg, Va.; three daughters, Mary Seymour and Jeanette Patten, both of Concord, and Annie Cash of Salem; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Charles Page Sr., died in 1993; and two brothers, Kimball Webster and Gale Webster, and a sister, Jennie Madsen, died previously.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 318, Bradford 03221.

## FRANCES WITHAM

Frances (Woodward) Witham, 85, of Fairgrounds Road, died August 30 at the Clough Center in New London. She was born in Plainfield, the daughter of Wallace and Carrie (Ellis) Woodward.

She and her husband owned and operated Sunny Plain Farm in Bradford for many years. She was a custodian at the Bradford, Newbury, and Sutton elementary schools for several years. She lived in Bradford for more than 60 years.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald Witham Sr. of Newport, Robert Witham of Contoocook and Alvin Witham of South Deerfield, Mass.; a daughter, Rita Grenier of Bradford; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Lester Witham, died in 1981, and her sister, Myrtie Jameson, also died previously.

## RICHARD L. SCRIBNER

WARNER - Richard L. Scribner, 70, died Thursday, Aug. 28, at his home. He was born in Concord, the son of Louis and Dorothea (Kimball) Scribner. He lived in Bradford and Newbury before moving to Warner six years ago.

Scribner owned a carpentry business for many years until his retirement. He attended Bradford Baptist Church. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a diehard Boston Red Sox fan.

Survivors include a daughter, Theresa O'Connor of Rollinsford; two brothers, Karl Scribner of Bradford and Kenneth Scribner of Concord; a sister, Ethel Kenniston of Concord; two grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

His wife, Shirley (Westerberg) Scribner, died in 1994.

Donations may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London 03257, or to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford 03221.

## Ted Lettvin Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life and music of Theodore Lettvin on Saturday, October 4 at 3:00pm in the Bradford Center Meeting House. A reception will follow. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. The telephone number is 938-5973. Joan Lettvin expresses her thanks to the Bradford Community for the support and love that they have expressed to her late husband Theodore Lettvin who has been a celebrated pianist worldwide with strong roots in Bradford. Come and celebrate with the Lettvin family and friends on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Add 6 cups of water or stock and simmer until vegetables are soft. Strain the vegetables, reserving the stock, and puree in a food processor until smooth. Return the puree to the stock, add 1 cup of milk, and gently reheat. Season with salt and fresh ground pepper. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and some fresh chopped dill.  
Enjoy!

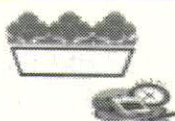
(If anyone has a question about, or problem with, any of my recipes, please feel free to call the Inn for assistance. JRH)



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**Sun., Oct. 5, 1:30pm** SHAPE NOTE SINGING.

**Oct. 10, 11, 12** Warner's Famous FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL, Authors, Artists and Music All Weekend.

**Fri., Oct. 17, 7:00pm** Val Blachly & Tim Mowry, American Acoustic Folk/Blues \$7, Kids Free.

**Sun., Oct. 19, 1:00pm** Mary Lyn Ray reads her classic PUMPKINS.

**Thur., Oct. 23, 7:00pm** Archer Mayor introduces 14th Joe Gunther Mystery, *Gatekeeper*.

**Fri., Oct. 24, 7:00pm** Derek Astles, Local singer/songwriter, \$5.

**Sun., Oct. 26, 10:00am - 4:00pm** *Keeping Memory Alive: Family Memoir*. Course on writing your family history/personal memoir with Norman Abelson and Roy Morrison. \$65. Advance Registration required, call Roy Morrison 456-3641.

**Annichiarico Theater, Concord, NH:**

**Sat., Oct. 18, 7:00pm** Marilyn J. Ziffrin piano recital

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**Sept. 5-Oct. 13**, Impressions from Nature, artists from Two Rivers Printmaking Studio show new work. At the Main House Gallery.

**Columbus Day, October 13**, is the last day the Hay Estate house will be open this season. Autumn tours run Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Columbus Day weekend. The gardens and hiking trails continue to be open during daylight hours year-round.

**Sat., Oct. 11, 6:00pm International Potluck Dinner** to benefit Children of War and the Henniker-San Ramon Sister City Project. Henniker Congregational Church Parish Hall, Maple Street, Henniker. For more information contact Barbara C. French at 428-3366.

## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY!!!!

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Great Grandchildren  
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## Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports

Soccer is in full swing in Bradford. This year we have approximately 115 first through sixth grade boys and girls in the program. There's always a game going on at Warren Brook Park, so stop down to catch the action!

On Thursday, October 16, BNSYS will host its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament at the Newport Golf Club. This is the major fundraiser for our organization. Tournament applications are available around town at local merchants, the bank, and post office. Sponsorship opportunities are available. We hope to see you there.

The soccer awards and dessert social will be held in early November at KRES/Bradford. Final confirmation of this date will be sent to all athletes within the next few weeks. Following the awards, BNSYS will hold its Annual Meeting with sign-ups for vacant board positions and other volunteer needs. Full details will follow in the November Bradford Bridge.

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# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

The question is: why would a small, red eft, accompanied by a mid-sized ant, attempt to ascend the tower on Mt. Cardigan? An eft, besides being a useful scrabble or crossword filler, is the sub-adult form of the red spotted newt.

The mist that day was as thick as rain. The view of the fog was magnificent. Had it been a day of bright and distant vistas, the dozens of efts would not have held their mountaintop outing. The skin of amphibians is water permeable and serves as much more than a decorative containment. Full of all sorts of glands, amphibious skin is often damp, and for many species, imperatively so. Skin secretions protect them from abrasion and the pathogens encountered in the very prone position they assume. More importantly, their skin serves as a respiratory membrane although most amphibians also have lungs. Readily absorbing and releasing gases and water, these skin secretions and coloration may help control body temperature, offer concealment, and, in the case of the red eft, warn would-be avian predators of strong poisons. Fish and other animals which do not detect color might once try a foul tasting newt. An otherwise humorless book on amphibians relates a report of snakes and toads swallowing newts and, a half hour later, thinking better of it and regurgitating the newt with no apparent harm to either party. Adult newts are apparently bad-tasting also, but far less toxic.

Therefore, do not use the eastern newt as a condiment. Careful handling will not bother a curious human but because of the absorbent properties of their skins, do not handle ANY amphibian if you may have a chemical residue on your hands such as bug spray or sunscreen.

Red spotted newts begin life as eggs laid singly and often carefully wrapped in submerged vegetation of deep vernal pools, ponds, ditches, and any other clean slow-moving water. They emerge as half inch gilled larvae sedately attired in olive and yellow. Resembling insects, they then begin their life-long habit of consuming any small creature they can fit in their tiny mouths. These include insects and their larvae (such as mosquitoes and

blackflies), tadpoles, spiders, mites, eggs of other salamanders, snails, and springtails.

Having absorbed their gills, the young emerge from their breeding pools in two to three months to breathe on land as the familiar red eft. They will roam in this stage, earless and virtually soundlessly, for two to seven years and then return to a water body and assume an adult role.

As adults, their coloring is almost always an olive green or brown with black edged red spots. The adults gracefully caress about like miniature otters or hang leisurely just below the surface. During the spring breeding season the males develop an exaggeratedly keeled tail, thick hind legs, and thorny protuberances on their feet.

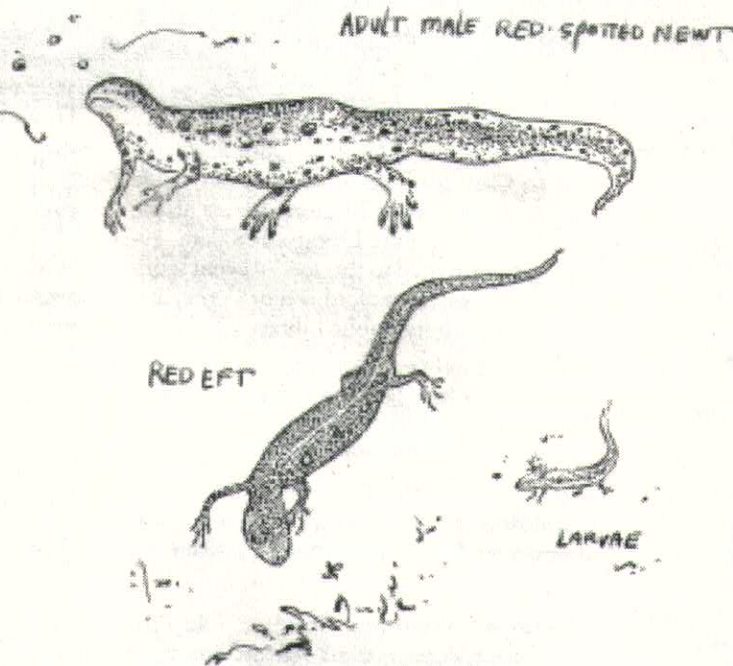
A male will approach a female and grasp her solidly around the neck with his hind feet, fanning his tail in what he hopes will be a seductive manner. If she is intrigued, she will follow him when he dismounts and will retrieve his conspicuous offering of sperm.

The males are so excitable at this stage that they will inappropriately attempt to grasp other males and even creatures of other species who are in the midst of their own vernal rituals. I once interceded on behalf of a male spring peeper who, continuing to attempt to sing, was being dragged to a drowning death by an amorously attached newt.

The aquatic adults will remain semiactive in water during the winter months. Terrestrial juvenile efts will hunker down on land below the frost line. Unlike spring peepers and wood frogs, they do not survive freezing.

Any study of amphibians includes endless exceptions and unknowns. They have been residing here millions of years longer than the warm fuzzy animals and have had time to vary any theme or rule we have belatedly come up with. Some red spotted newt populations, for instance, skip the juvenile phase altogether, and some remain as gilled aquatic juveniles all their lives. Closely related western newts lead simpler lives.

As to why an eft would climb a foggy mountain tower? I suppose his reason was as good as mine.





# October Calendar

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bradford Economic Opportunity Comm.,  
Community Center, 7:00pm  
The Friends Workshop, Marie Harris, writing  
workshop, Brown Memorial Library,  
3:30-5:30pm  
BWC Chocolate Decadence Bake Sale,  
Post Office, 9:00am  
Writing Workshop, BML, 3:30-5:30pm

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall,  
10:00am  
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm  
Independance Day Committee, Town Hall,  
7:00pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00pm  
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Kearsarge Area Preschool Board Meeting,  
BACC, 7:00pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Make A Plate, BML, 3:00-7:00pm

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Bradford Economics Opportunities Com-  
mittee, BACC, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Book Sale, BML, 9:00am-s:00pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Kearsarge Area Preschool Parents' Meeting,  
7:00pm  
Bradford Women's Club, Executive Meet-  
ing, BACC, 9:30am

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Make A Plate, BML, 3:00-7:00pm

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Make a Plate, BML, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Bradford Fish and Game Club Pig Roast at  
George and Marlene Freyler's from mid-  
afternoon on.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00pm  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,  
7:30pm  
Bradford Women's Club Membership  
Meeting, Baptist Church, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Parks and Recreation, Town Hall, 6:30pm  
Historical Society Annual Meeting, Old  
Post Office, 7:30pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
"History of the American Quilt and How  
to Care for Treasured Textiles" slide  
presentation by Marion Adams at the  
Newbury Public Library, 10:00am, ev-  
eryone invited to this special event spon-  
sored by the Bradford Senior Center and  
the Newbury Public Library



Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at  
Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post  
Office, open most Saturdays from  
1:30-3:00pm or by appointment, call  
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To list events for the November  
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before October 20.