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## Vote on November 2

Voting for local and national offices will take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. The polling place for Bradford is the Bradford Elementary School, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Principal Spadero requests the following:

Please help us by:

- 1) Voting,
- 2) Parking in the back, and
- 3) Entering through the back entrance of the building.

This setup allows us to provide the space for voting without compromising safety and our educational programs.

Voting is one of the privileges, and responsibilities, of living in a democracy and a free society. Susan B. Anthony, a second cousin of my mother, Maurine Anthony Spiller, spent her entire life advocating for the right of women to vote. Unfortunately, Susan B. Anthony died before women got

the vote in 1920. But her lifelong effort has resulted in our being able to voice our preferences at the polls. There is no excuse for any woman, or any man for that matter, who is a citizen of the United States, to ignore this responsibility..

SO GET OUT THERE AND CAST YOUR BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 2!

Bev Leo



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Good education is the essential foundation of a strong democracy.

Barbara Bush

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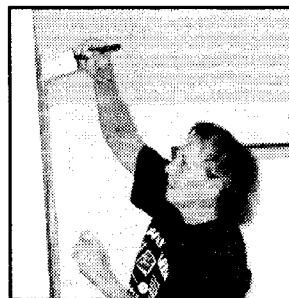
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## Flu Clinic To Be Held On October 28

The Lake Sunapee Area Visiting Nurse Association will be holding a flu clinic at the Bradford Area Community Center on Thursday October 28 from 10:00 am until noon. Please bring your Medicare or Medicaid card if you have one, otherwise the cost for the flu vaccination will be \$20.

More BACC events on page 12.

Flu shots are recommended for children and older adults, as well as chronically ill and immuno-suppressed individuals and their family members.



Inside: BACC benefits from volunteer labor. Story and more photos, page 12.



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**Submissions**

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**Kearsarge Graduate Completes 1st Armor Training**

Pvt. Ryan J. Russell, a 2004 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, son of Jeff and Karen Russell of Old Warner Road, Bradford, graduated from United States Army Armor School, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, 1st Armor Training Brigade, Fort Knox, Kentucky on July 23rd.

Along with his Basic Combat Training, Ryan trained to be an armored crewman on the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank.

Ryan is currently stationed as an armored crewman assigned to 1st Adjutant General Replacement Regiment, South Korea.

*Karen Russell*



**Women's Christian Guild Scholarship**

The Bradford Women's Christian Guild is pleased to announce the scholarship award for 2004 to Christine Bresnahan of Bradford, N.H. Christine is a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and has been accepted into the culinary arts program at Southern New Hampshire University where she hopes to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree.

Christine has participated in the KRHS

varsity softball and summer softball league and worked part time while attending high school. She has done extensive volunteer fund raising activities, volunteered for the American Red Cross Blood Drives, and two years for the Fourth of July road races.

Christine is a worthy scholarship recipient. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

**Missing!! Lost!! Stolen?? Borrowed??**

Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports had two sets of field bleachers taken on the week end of July 10th. Please contact our equipment director, Chris Way, at 938-6113 with any information regarding their whereabouts. Thank you. BNSYS Board of Directors

*Tina Desfosses*

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The AARP Driver Safety course is approved in every state, and graduates may be eligible for discounts on their auto insurance.

To register for the course, call the instructor, Bob Vernon, at 526-6216 or write to him at 217 Pingree Rd., New London, NH 03257. Please include your telephone number when you write or call. For more information, call Bob at the above number. Space is limited so call early.

—Robert C. Vernon

## Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream/Plus square dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, October 16 from 8:00-10:30 pm. Ed Renauld will call and Corinne Renauld will cue. Admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. For more information you may call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

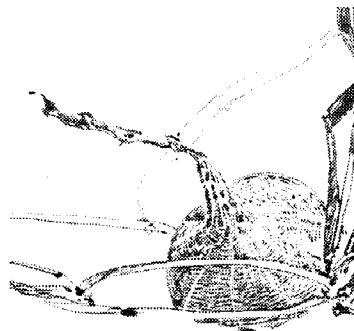
—Bob & Shirley Trombley

## Bradford Fun Day Planned For October 3

The Kearsarge Area Preschool and the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department are planning a fall fun day at the Brown Shattuck Field on Main Street in Bradford on Sunday October 3. The festivities will start at noon with bluegrass music by the Tyler Road Band. The Food Shack will be open with sausage grinders, hamburgers, hotdogs and more! There will be a hay maze, children's games and crafts, face painting, badminton, archery and horseshoes. In addition, there will be live animals, hay rides and portable saw mill demonstrations. Bring your lawn chairs and spend the afternoon! For information call Jarna at 938-6228.

## Bradford Senior Council

The Bradford Senior Council group invites all area seniors to its regular meeting on Saturday, October 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. The program includes demonstrations of health enhancement techniques such as Reiki. Discussion and refreshments follow.



## VOTE Nov. 2



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Barbara Connor French, House District 5  
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Beth Rodd, Senate District 7

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## Kent Island Bird Sanctuary Slide Show

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter has scheduled David Webster to present his slide program on the Kent Island Bird Sanctuary located in the Bay of Fundy, on Friday, October 8, at 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London.

Webster has volunteered for many years at this remote island sanctuary and scientific research station, owned by Bowdoin College, which is engaged in the study of local bird colonies.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more informatino call Bob Vernon at 526-6216.

*Phyllis H. Curtiss*

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## Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford: The Principal's Corner

The opening of the school year went very smoothly, especially if you compare it to last year. Our opening day enrollment was 210, 15 more students than we ended with last year.

Our facility is in great shape. We painted our lobby and intermediate wing and hung the beautiful felt weavings created by our students last year. The lobby bathrooms were completely made over also. Our goal was to brighten up the area and create a more welcoming feeling.

Our playground will be closed for a few days to do some safety work. We love to see our playground being used so much by community members after school and on weekends. Bear with us as we improve and upgrade the area through repairs, new mulch, raking and weeding.

We have added a few new staff members, in fact, eight. I'm proud that I work at a school in a district that recruits top-notch staff and creates an environment where they want to remain.

What was that noise you heard? Friday, September 17, KRES at Bradford held its first whole school pep rally. Both staff and students asked what is the purpose of a pep rally. My short answer is to build school spirit, pride, and remind us that we are a family. Of course, to have fun isn't a bad reason either.

Parent feedback has caused us to take a serious look at our roles as healthy lifestyle models. Nutrition is our main focus at this point. Both the cafeteria team and teachers are looking at ways to help support parent efforts. I think I read somewhere, "You are what you eat."

I must admit that I was very proud that our little school was able to be the host for voting on September 14. It gave us an opportunity to work out the bugs for the upcoming November election. Please help us by: 1) Voting, 2) Parking in the back, and 3) Entering through the back entrance of the building. This setup allows us to provide the space for voting without compromising safety and our educational programs. I am encouraging our staff to use this opportunity to discuss the concept of community and voting with our students and use the day as a learning experience for our children. We are planning a mock election of our own during this voting season. A big thank you to the community members who were very committed and helpful in making "voting at your school" a smooth operation.

KRES at Bradford is a community school. It's yours to use and enjoy. We thank you from the deepest part of our hearts for your support and for sending us 210 awesome students who remind us everyday what life is all about.

*J. Spadaro*

## Hazardous Waste Pickup

Hazardous Waste pickup for Bradford will take place at the Henniker Hiway Department on October 23, from 9 to 1.

The list of hazardous household waste that will and will not be accepted is available in a wall packet at the Bradford Transfer Station Bulletin Board.

## BRADFORD BOG

The Bradford Conservation Commission will be working on much needed repairs to the boardwalk that winds through the unusual stand of white Atlantic cedar and out to the quaking bog beyond. Though some boards were replaced last year, maintaining a boardwalk in a wet area is a continual problem.

We will be carrying new boards out and retrieving old lumber. Much of the timber over the years has been donated, as well as most of the labor on the

boardwalk and the observation platform. If you would like to spend a few hours in the autumnal outdoors, please come at 10 am to the Bradford Bog on Sunday, October 17. The Bog is located on the East Washington Road approximately four miles past its intersection with West Road and almost to the Washington town line. Rain date will be October 24.

*Ann Eldridge*

## Fall LINEC Courses

Learning Institute at New England College (LINEC) is a member of Elderhostel Institute Network. It offers non-credit peer-taught courses, with volunteer teachers, for the sheer pleasure of learning and is open to both retired and younger adults.

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Do you have a special interest or hobby you would like to teach? LINEC needs teachers, and suggestions for courses. Call local contact Bill Hatt, 938-2996.



## SENATE CANDIDATE BETH RODD SEEKS TO REPEAL SB110

District 7 Senate candidate Beth Rodd reaffirmed her intent to repeal SB110, the state law allowing the insurance industry to increase small business health insurance premiums based on the age, health status and geographic location of employers and their employees.

While speaking to voters in Hillsboro and Antrim recently, Rodd addressed the negative impacts of the health insurance law co-sponsored by District 7 incumbent Senator Bob Flanders.

When an insurance company rates their premiums based on age, health conditions and geographic location, it removes the risk for the insurance company and places the burden directly on the small businesses. Health insurance premium quotes for small businesses are jumping 50, 60 and in some cases 100% above last year's prices. Take a look around at the employees of the small businesses that you patronize - the employees are our neighbors and friends. They vary in age, and their health status is their personal information. SB110 divides the workers into us vs. them: if you are young and healthy, you are fine. If you are older or experiencing an adverse health condition, you are the cause for the rate hike that everyone in that small business pays.

Rodd criticized Senator Flanders for creating the law, stating "Sen. Flanders claims the law is intended to bring competition into the state. It is as if he is throwing open the doors to the candy store and inviting everyone to compete for the candy. More insurance companies may come into the state, but unless an employer dismisses all but the young and healthy employees, everyone will have to pay through the nose."

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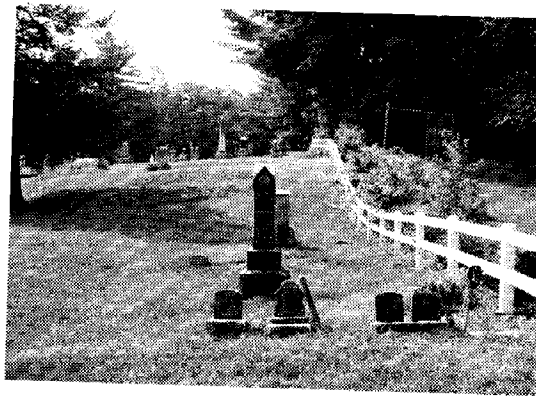
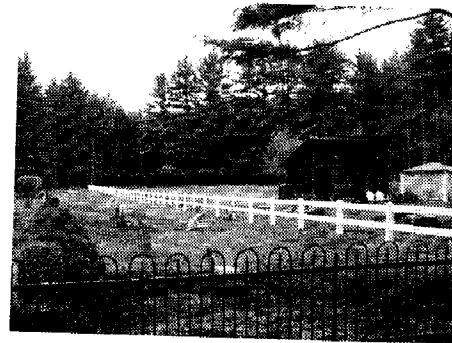
**The Cemetery Commission**

Last fall, several of the boundary trees at Sunny Plain Cemetery lost large limbs, nearly hitting the neighboring house. Upon inspection, we found that the whole row was in bad condition, and had to be removed. This was done with the help of the town during the late fall.

This spring, we contracted to have a replacement fence put up, and, since a large section of the fence at Pleasant Hill Cemetery was also in disrepair, both jobs were done at the same time.

The remaining section of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery will be taken care of next year.

Tom Riley

**Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports**

**BNSYS Annual Golf Tournament** has been changed to Friday October 8th. Due to a schedule conflict with the NH High School Championships played at Newport on the 7th of October we have moved our tournament to Friday October 8th. Registration is at 9 am with tee off at 10 am. For information on this event contact Joe Torro at 938-5938.

**BNSYS Soccer** Well over 100 area youth are participating in our Fall Soccer Program this year. From K through 6th grade our young athletes are honing their skills under the direction of our excellent volunteer coaches. Come on down to Warren Brook Park any evening Monday through Thursday and Saturdays from 9 am on to catch the action!

**BNSYS Bleachers Still Missing** Unfortunately our beloved bleachers have not found their way back home yet. Anyone with information as to their whereabouts please and let us know.

**Thanks from BNSYS** Through the generosity of some great folks in town we are able to continue to run a first class program for our area children. People like George and Wendy Naughton, Chris Mock, Steve Pitman, Rick Messer, Toot Pickman, Rick Alibrandi and others are always stepping up and helping with either their labor or services for our organization. As an example, after buying bleachers for us a few years ago George Naughton found out they were taken and refused to take any money for providing dumpster service for us at Warren Brook Park. Chris Mock spent a complete Saturday fertilizing and liming all of our fields with his tractor and he doesn't even have children in our program. For those whose children enjoy our fine fields and the programs we are able to offer please take the time to thank these folks for all they do.

Joe Torro

**BLACK BEARS AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Review**

Over one hundred people came out to hear black bear researcher Ben Kilham on the 16th of September. This free program was jointly sponsored by the Brown Memorial Library and the Bradford Conservation Commission. Many thanks also to the First Baptist Church for providing the space.

Spontaneous oohing and ahing erupted as endearing images of bear cubs appeared on the screen, but all who attended came away with the knowledge that bears are far more complicated and intelligent than most of us suspected. Ben Kilham detailed his discoveries of a specialized gland in the mouths of bears. This explained his observation of the bear habit of holding a plant briefly in the mouth and then releasing it. Bears, he found, are able to chemically analyze the specific properties of each plant they come across, and to remember them. Much of their dietary knowledge comes through long association and training with their mothers and interaction with other bears.

Mr. Kilham was also able to discover why in spring bears gravitate toward

the fresh scat of deer and moose. Most of a bear's food is rough plant material, yet they have simple stomachs similar to ours. The digestive bacteria found in the intestinal tracts of other herbivores is required by the awakening bears. The number of ant hills and hornet nests located and consumed per hour in the summer was equally amazing.

The program further described the cooperative social interactions of bears and how humans, by manipulating the environment in large and small ways, can alter that of the bears and other wildlife. Oak and beech, a staple food for many species, is being cut at a rate much faster that it is replacing itself. Roads and development are fragmenting and isolating populations, causing harmful inbreeding and disease. Our habits of luring birds into view with artificial feeding and the careless storage of food products overly habituates the highly intelligent bear. Increasing interaction is bad for us and deadly for the wildlife around us.

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## Soo-Nipi Audubon

Upcoming events:

**Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 am** Hawk Watch field trip

**Friday, September 17, 7:30 pm** Slide show, Texas birds

**Saturday, September 25** Sparrows and other fall migrants field trip

Peter Newbern will lead a half-day Hawk Watch field trip for the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter to Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol, on Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 am to observe birds of prey on their southern migration. Participants, experienced or not, should meet Peter at Cricenti's Market, Route 104 in Bristol, for the drive to the mountain parking lot. The viewing area is a short, uphill walk from there. For details contact Peter at 763-4308.

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a slide program by the VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) sponsored Teen Birding Team, showing water, shore and song birds observed on a recent trip to Texas, on Friday, September 17, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road in New London. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please call Ruth White at 763-4893.

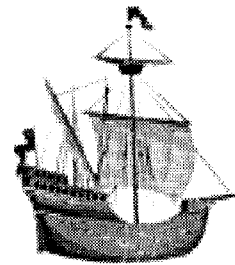
A half-day field trip sponsored jointly by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter and the Mascoma Audubon Chapter to Bedell Bridge State Park, in Haverhill, being led by Art Mudge, to look for sparrows and other fall migrants, will take place on Saturday, September 25. Participants should meet at Dartmouth Printing parking lot across from CRREL, Route 10, Hanover, at 7:00 am, or at the Bedell Bridge parking lot at 8:00 am. For details contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

## Special Meeting Planned


On Monday, October 18 at 7:30 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center, the Union Congregational Society will hold a very special meeting. Anyone who is familiar with the 1838 Meeting House in Bradford Center knows the sorry state of the ceiling and walls in the building. For many years, any paint applied has quickly peeled off. The remnants of stencils have been noted and efforts have been made to restore them.

Artist Leonard Spencer of Cabot, Vermont, recently studied the project and agreed to undertake the task of restoring the stencils and repairing the ceiling. Several members of the Congregational Society have visited the Post Mills Church in Thetford, Vermont, where Mr. Spencer completed a similar restoration project.

Please come to the Community Center on October 18 and hear more about this exciting development in the ongoing efforts to protect an important piece of Bradford history. Contact George Cilley, at 938-2253 for more information.



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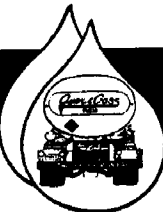

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## Planning Board Notes for October

Secretary Bob Foor announced that Marge Cilley has agreed to serve as Secretary for the Board.

**Subdivisions.** Discussion continued regarding the Chestnut Hollow Subdivision on Forest Street. After reviewing the comments provided by Circuit Rider Lucy St. John and responses from Jennifer McCourt, engineer for the project, the Board voted to accept the application as complete. It was noted that some of the abutters could not be present because of the conflict with election activities, but those present were given an opportunity to offer comments. Susan Janicki, whose property is directly across the street from the proposed entrance to the subdivision, expressed concern for disturbance from traffic exiting onto Forest Street. Dick MacCleod described the drainage from the property that runs across his land to Lake Massasecum.

The hearing was continued until October 12 with a site walk scheduled for 5:00 pm on that date prior to the Planning Board's regular meeting. The applicant will provide revised plans and mark the roadway and driveways.

**Applications.** Revisions to the Leonard Wheeler subdivision were requested, based on the CNHRPC review. Abutters will be notified when the material has been submitted.

An application for Old England Estates, a 42-lot subdivision on Breezy Hill Road, was received. However, the fees were not submitted so no action can be taken at this time.

Gary Kalajian submitted a letter regarding a metal working business on Forest Street. He will be asked to attend a meeting of the Board to describe what is proposed before any action can be taken.

**Solitude Ridge.** Several items were discussed relating to the conditions set for approval of this subdivision. The applicant received a letter from the Department of Environmental Services in June requesting clarification of several items. Mike Carter advised that these are being addressed. Legal documents in connection with the subdivision have been submitted to Town Counsel for review. Provan & Lorber, town engineer, provided information on how the proposed road will be verified.

**Zoning Amendments.** Lucy St. John has suggested several housekeeping amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that might be considered. The Planning Board will also seek suggestions from the Board of Adjustment.

—Marcia Keller

## Lake Todd Village District

Lake Todd property buyers have often been surprised to discover after purchasing their property on the lake that they were co-owners of the dam that creates the lake. And some were frustrated at their inability to obtain insurance for the potential liability of ownership. On August 21 the Selectmen of Bradford and Newbury jointly created a village district that will control the water of Lake Todd. In the ensuing 'town meeting' of voters whose properties abut the lake, they voted to create the basic village district unit, which will be eligible to join the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA). Owners who transfer their part ownership of the dam to the village district will then be covered by the district's insurance.

Once formed, the Lake Todd Village District will operate under the terms of RSA 52, acting as a legal municipality but only for the two purposes for which it was formed: to purchase insurance and to maintain the dam. In all other respects the residents of the district will still be residents of their respective towns.

The first annual meeting of the Lake Todd Village District will meet on Saturday, October 9 at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road at 9:00 am. In addition to electing permanent officers, the meeting will vote on articles that will establish the operating budget of the village district. A transfer of funds from the Lake Todd Association to the new Village district will meet expenses for the first year. In the future, expenses will be covered by taxation on those properties in the district.

Ruth-Ann M. Harris

## Poetry Writing Workshop for All Ages

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring "Harvesting Dreams & Memories," a free poetry-writing workshop suitable for people of all ages on Wednesday, October 6, 3:15-5:30 pm, at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. Award-winning New Hampshire poet Kathleen Hennessy of Goffstown will help participants find poetic inspiration through discussion and experimentation with various methods of developing poems based on fond remembrances or haunting dreams.

Kathi Hennessy's poems have received numerous awards including, Honorable Mention in the Writer's Digest Annual Writers Competition (1994), and Honorable

Mention in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Verse Contest, Anthology of New England Writers (2004). Her poems have been published in the journals: *The Granite Review*, *Vermont Ink*, *Compass Rose*, *Footsteps*, *Light Quarterly*, and in several anthologies.

The free poetry workshop is inter-generational. Published, unpublished poets and children who want to write poetry are welcome. Refreshments will be served at 3:15 pm. The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library is located at 78 West Main Street, Bradford. For more information, call 938-5948.

—Audrey V. Sylvester



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## Real Estate Hints:

Architectural Styles, Part Two - The Colonial

by Laura Hallaban

This style of house, more than any other, seems to express the American ideal of a home. Inspired by the houses of early settlers, a true Colonial is a home from one of America's original 13 colonies or outlying territories. A Colonial is uncomplicated, economical and refined. We often think of this type of house as being stately and symmetrical with an orderly arrangement of windows around a central front door. Colonial styles evolved from several different cultural traditions, as detailed below:

**Garrison Colonial** – these houses imitate the houses of medieval England. Many have steep gabled roofs, small diamond paned windows and a second story overhang across the front façade. Garrisons are usually sided in unpainted clapboard or wood shingles.

**New England Colonial** – this is the quintessential Colonial, two stories high with gables on the side and a center entry door. The siding is not painted and a large chimney runs through the center. The Southern Colonial is similar, but sided in brick with chimneys at the side.

**Saltbox Colonial** – named after the shape of colonial-era salt containers, this style represented the easiest way for colonists to expand their homes by adding a one-story lean-to at the rear that resulted in a long, sloping roofline that protects the home from the wind.

**Dutch Colonial** – these homes were built by 18<sup>th</sup> century Dutch settlers in New York and New Jersey and were often built of brick or stone with roofs that reflected their Flemish culture. The eaves can be flared and often the roofs are slightly rounded into barn-like gambrel shapes.

**Georgian Colonial** – these homes are highly symmetrical with multi-pane windows evenly balanced on each side of a central front door. Colonists were building this style, often with brick and clapboard exteriors, during the reign of King George in England.

**Federal Colonial** – This is a more ornamented style than the Georgian, with palladian windows, oval rooms and decorative garlands.

**French Colonial** – this style is found mostly in Louisiana and parts of Mississippi and is stucco-sided with two-story porches and narrow wooden pillars.

**Spanish Colonial** – these homes draw on Hispanic and Moorish building traditions, using adobe or stucco siding and red clay tiles for the roof and are often found in the Southwestern United States, Florida and California.

**Colonial Revival and Neo-Colonial** – these “new” Colonials include mingling Victorian ideas with colonial building practices or combining classical simplicity with modern materials. Neo-Colonials have vinyl siding and decorative flourishes, such as pillars or faux shutters. The floor plans are also adapted to accommodate today's lifestyles.

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**Robert "Bob" Flanders**, Republican from Antrim, Senate District 7

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**Bradford Area Community Center News**

**Fire Extinguisher Training**

October 3 through October 9 is National Fire Prevention Week and the Bradford Area Community Center is offering a hands-on fire extinguisher class. Jim Allen of State-wide Fire Extinguisher will present a short classroom instruction and everyone will have an opportunity to use a fire extinguisher. This free class is open to the public and will be on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm. To preregister, please call 938-6228


**Flu Clinic To Be Held On October 28**

The Lake Sunapee Area Visiting Nurse Association will be holding a flu clinic at the Bradford Area Community Center on Thursday October 28 from 10:00 am until noon. Please bring you Medicare or Medicaid card if you have one, otherwise the cost for the flu vaccination will be \$20.

**United Way's Day Of Caring Volunteers**

September 15 was the United Way's annual Day of Caring. The Bradford Area Community Center had ten volunteers painting rooms, outside trim and replacing bricks in the sidewalk with donor bricks. The volunteers came from Grappone Inc., Berube Truck Accessories and Community Bridges.





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## Obituaries

### HENRY S. JANICKI

Henry (Hank) Janicki, 81, of Forest Street died Friday, September 10 at Presidential Oaks in Concord in his sleep after a long life and a short illness.

He was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of Michael and Josephine (Ruskoska) Janicki. Hank served in the US Airforce as an airplane mechanic during WWII. He was a steelworker for J&L Steel in Pittsburgh for almost 15 years and retired from Reece Corporation, Waltham, MA. before moving to Quincy, MA. He lived in New Hampshire since 1988 where he relocated to live near family.



He was a gentle sweet man who will be remembered for his love of cats, chocolate, and peanut butter, and his fascination and enjoyment of the NH Lottery. His favorite numbers were 126, 000, and 550.

Survivors include his daughter, Susan Janicki of Bradford, NH; two brothers, Edward Janicki of Spring Hill, FL and Raymond (Brother Nevin) Janicki, a San Franciscan monk in Santa Barbara, CA; and an ex-wife, Joan Janicki of Watertown, MA. He is predeceased by his mother, father, daughter, Josephine Janicki, Brother Stanley Janicki, Sister Helen Domek, and niece Maria Domek.

In lieu of flowers, simply play the pick three number of your choice. Memorial donations may be made to defray the cost of cremation to Henry S. Janicki Memorial Fund, PO Box 445, Bradford, NH 03221; or the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association, PO Box 1797, Concord, NH 03302.

Chadwick Funeral Service of New London is in charge of arrangements. There will be no memorial or graveside service.

### MICHAEL S. LYONS

NEWBURY - Michael S. Lyons, 35, died September 5th at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

He was born in North Hampton, the son of John and Frances (Kelly) Lyons.

He had lived in the Bradford-Newbury area since 1973.

Lyons worked as a certified public accountant.

He served as vice president and chief financial officer of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

He was a member of NHICPA.

He was a member of St. Theresa Church in Henniker.

Survivors include his wife of 11 years, Kathleen Lyons of Newbury; his parents, of Newbury; a brother, John Lyons of Merrimack, and a sister, Kathleen Labonville of Dunbarton.

A memorial Mass was held September 9 at St. Theresa Church in Henniker, the Rev. Mark Dollard officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, PO Box 318, Bradford 03221; or to a charity of one's choice.



## Letters

To editor:

Sue and Marty Bunis, you have (once again!) done a fabulous job at Brown Memorial Library. The perennial flower display you've created along the library stairs blooms beautifully from spring through autumn and creates a happy, colorful welcome to the library. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the community. Long may both of you bloom in Bradford!

*Susan Farber, Bradford*

To the editor:

On behalf of the Bradford students and Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee we thank Nancy Hibbard, Lu Signorino, Marcia Strout and Audrey Sylvester for your generous contribution to the scholarship fund from Moon Mountain Arts. We are very grateful to you for bringing the many arts events to the Bradford area. Moon Mountain Arts presentations were sincerely appreciated and enjoyed by all of us who attended them.

*Dawn Rich*

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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# Bradford Area Community Center October Calendar

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 9:00 am – 11:00 am “Continental Breakfast Café” for seniors.

Computer Class, 10:00–noon

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 10:00 am Craft Club

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Senior Center: 2:00 pm “Journey with Me” Writing Workshop

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00–7:30 pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Senior Center: 10:00 am Bradford Quilting Bees.

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Fuel Assistance Applications, 9:00–noon.

Call 456-2207 for appointment

Brownies, 3:00–5:00 pm

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:15 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30–9:00 pm

Fuel Assistance Applications, 9:00–noon.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Yoga Class, 9:30–11:00 am

Fire Extinguisher Training, 6:30 pm

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Senior Center: 10:00 am “Cooking for One is Fun” Cooking demonstration by Marilyn Sullivan from the UNH Cooperative Extension Service.

12:00 Noon Senior Community Dining

Senior Center: 12:30 pm Foot Massage with Betty Perron.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 9:00 am – 11:00 am “Continental Breakfast Café” served.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Dave Poisson from Mr. Fixit will be available to discuss services or answer any questions you may have.

Call 938-2104 to set up your meeting.

Computer Class, 10:00–noon

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Senior Council, 1:00–3:00 pm

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 10:00 am Craft Club

12:00 pm Senior Community Dining

2:00 pm “Journey with Me” Writing Workshop

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Senior Center: Trip on the Wilton Scenic Railroad. Depart 9:30 am from Bradford Area Senior Center parking lot. This trip is full. Anyone interested will be put onto a waiting list. Call 938-2104 for more information. No lunch will be served at the Senior Center today.

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:15 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30–9:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Yoga Class, 9:30–11:00 am

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Senior Center: We celebrate October birthdays today! Birthday cake and ice cream will be served. If you have an October birthday, lunch is FREE and you receive a birthday gift. Make a reservation by October 7th in order to receive your free gift! Join us for fun and fellowship.

Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board Meeting, 5:30–7:00 pm

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm “Continental Breakfast Café”

Computer Class, 10:00–noon

Scrapbooking Class, 7:00–9:00 pm. To register, call Seana at 938-2412

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 10:00 am – 12 Noon FREE Hearing Test with Cheryl from Sound Advice. Tests are by appointment only. Call 938-2104 to make your appointment.

Senior Center: 10:00 am Craft Club

12 Noon Senior Community Luncheon

Senior Center: 2:00 pm “Journey with Me” Writing Workshop

Hearing Screening, 10:00–noon. Call Sandi at 938-2104 for appointment

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00–7:30 pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Senior Center: 10:00 am Bradford Quilting Bees. Carole Whitney from Apple Tree Fabric & Quilts in Hillsboro will speak on new color combinations and patterns.

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Senior Center: 2:00 pm Journey with Me Writing Workshop

Fuel Assistance Applications, 9:00–noon. Call 456-2207 for appointment

Brownies, 3:00–5:00 pm

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:15 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30–9:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Yoga Class, 9:30–11:00 am

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Blood Pressure and Foot Clinic with Personal Touch Home Health Care. This FREE clinic is sponsored by the Bradford Community Center and is open to everyone in the community.

Senior Center: 11:00 am Franklin Senior Center joins us for our Pumpkin Festival. Activities include a pumpkin recipe swap, Bradford Area Seniors cook up their favorite pumpkin recipes, 50/50 Raffle, and door prizes. Welcome Franklin Seniors!

12 Noon Senior Community Luncheon

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 9:00 am – 11:00 am “Continental Breakfast Café”.

Computer Class, 10:00–noon

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

Senior Center: 10:00 am Craft Club

12 Noon Senior Community Dining menu

Senior Center: 2:00 pm “Journey with Me” Writing Workshop

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Senior Center: Foliage Trip to Historic Pickety Place in Mason, NH for lunch and a stop at Uncle Sam’s house. Carpool departure is 9:00 am from the Bradford Senior Center parking lot. No lunch served at the Senior Center today.

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:15 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30–9:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Yoga Class, 9:30-11:00 am

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28**

12 Noon Senior Community Dining menu serves Veal Parmesan, Spaghetti Sauce & Cheese, Broccoli, and Jello Cake for dessert.

Senior Center: It's our Halloween Party! 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes and ghostly Bingo games to win prizes. Come in costume and have some fun!

Flu Clinic with Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, BACC, 10:00-noon

Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00 pm

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Senior Center: 8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

9:00 am - 11:00 am "Continental Breakfast Café". Fresh fruit and pastry, cereal, juice and coffee. It's quick and delicious.

Computer Class, 10:00-noon

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by Milly Kittredge



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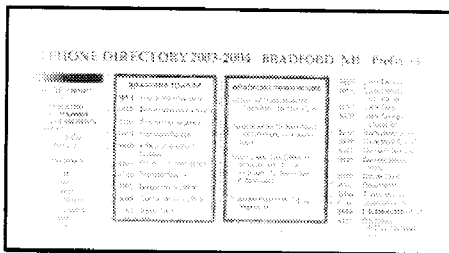
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## BACC Program Information

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.



## Bradford Phone List

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### Senior Lunch: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

Lunch is served at 12 noon. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. You might be surprised who you'll meet!

Advance reservations are appreciated.

Continental Breakfast Cafe Fridays 9:00 - 11:00 am, all are welcome.



Monday, October 4: Teriyaki Chicken, Brown Rice, Oriental Veggie, Pineapple Tidbits, and Fortune Cookie

Tuesday, October 5: 12 Stuffed Peppers, Whipped Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Wheat Bread, and Pudding for dessert.

Thursday, October 7: Chicken Fricassee on a Biscuit, Green Beans, and Sliced Pears.

Monday, October 11: Broiled Chicken, Cranberry Sauce, Boiled Potato, Corn Muffin, Squash, and Pudding for dessert.

Tuesday, October 12: No lunch will be served at the Senior Center today.

Thursday, October 14: Rigatoni Casserole with Sauce & Cheese, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Italian Bread, and Yogurt. We celebrate October birthdays today! Birthday cake and ice cream will be served.

Monday, October 18: Cabbage, Mashed Potato, Mixed Veggie, French bread and Cookie for dessert.

Tuesday, October 19: V-8 Juice, Chicken Marsala on Egg Noodles, Broccoli, and Pineapple Upside Down Cake for dessert.

Thursday, October 21: BBQ Riblets, Corn Niblets, Whipped Potato, and Tropical Fruit Cup.

Monday, October 25: Chicken Chow Mien, Rice, Oriental Blend Veggie, Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges for dessert.

Tuesday, October 26: No lunch served at the Senior Center today.

Thursday, October 28: Veal Parmesan, Spaghetti Sauce & Cheese, Broccoli, and Jello Cake for dessert.





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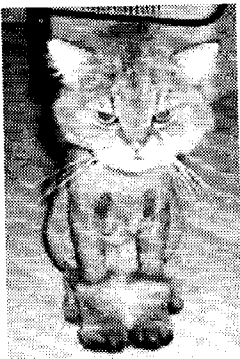
**Museum of Hoaxes**  
[www.museumofhoaxes.com](http://www.museumofhoaxes.com)

Alex Boese has created a fascinating website, the Museum of Hoaxes, where one is challenged to distinguish fact from fiction. I confess to having spent (wasted?) several hours there.

The most interesting features are in the right hand column under galleries. Some hoaxes are arranged chronologically from those before 1700 to the present. Was there a female Pope Joan? Did Mary Toft actually give birth to rabbit babies?

There are the top 100 April Fools Day pranks including the Left Handed Whopper at Burger King in 1998.

Included are 4 levels of Hoax Photos where one is challenged to determine if a photo is real or faked. Fortunately the answers are included. One that I particularly like is that of the cat with the "lion cut."



All of Boese's columns going back to 2002 are archived. And there are 46 different categories

of subjects. It's amazing how many improbable situations are apparently true. So enjoy!

Bill Hatt



# First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

**Women's Christian Guild:** Ladies of the Guild will meet on Friday, October 1 at 11:30 am for a potluck luncheon and a "requested" hymn sing. On Wednesday, October 6, they will meet at the church at 8:45 am and travel to the Merrimack County Nursing Home to bring cookies to the residents.

**Youth Group:** (grades 5-8) On Tuesday, October 12, youth will meet at the Fiske House (white house next to the church) from 6:30-8:00 pm. The theme for the evening will be "Team Work" (based on Ephesians 4:16). We will play games, do projects and even make the evening snack in teams. On Wednesday, October 27, youth will meet at the Fiske House from 6:30-8:00 pm. The theme will be "What are you Afraid of?" (based on Deuteronomy 1:21). There will be lots of games, discussion and snacks.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries:** ABWM will hold its October meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm. There will be an Installation of Officers and a discussion and planning of the Christmas fair.

**Church Barbeque with Country Music:** On Saturday, October 16 at 5:00 pm everyone is invited to a church barbeque in the parking lot with some country music. Anyone who knows how to square dance is welcome to lead us in some dancing. There will be a free-will offering taken.

**Praise & Worship Service:** On Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm, our music director, Peter Bridges will lead us in an evening of praise music, prayer and worship.

**Food Pantry:** The October distribution date is Wednesday, October 20 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church at 938-5313.

**Men's Fellowship:** Our men will meet at the home of Fred and Lynne Hubley on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 pm for an evening of pool, refreshments and fellowship.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, October 24 immediately following the worship service. A light lunch will be served during the meeting.

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## South Newbury Union Church

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South Newbury Union Church will host a roast beef dinner featuring home made desserts. Please join us on Saturday, October 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the Friendship House, on the corner of Village and Sutton Roads, South Newbury. Adults, \$9.00; children 6 to 11, \$5, and under 5 free.

Take out will be available and there will be great raffle items as well. The Friendship House is handicapped accessible. Come one and all to visit with old freinds and meet new ones.

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## Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

October is a hopping month at Brown Memorial Library. On Wednesday, October 6, there will be a Poetry Workshop from 3:15 until 5:30 pm (see the article on page 9). We will have our next book-to-movie discussion on Friday, October 8 at 7:00 pm. Come into the library for more information and copies of the book *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving. The next Book Sale will be held on Saturday, October 9 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is the last book sale until next May. And for children ages eight and older, there will be a book-to-movie discussion on Friday, October 22 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Pick up a copy of the book *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl at the library.

These new books were added to your

library in September.

For adults:

*Assassin* by Ted Bell

*Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* by Susanna Clarke

*Taint in the Blood* by Dana Stabenow

*Waiting for Teddy Williams* by Howard Frank Moshier

*No Man's River* by Farley Mowat

*The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith

And for children:

*Widget and the Puppy* by Lyn Rossiter McFarland

*Dragon Rider* by Cornelia Funke

*Jungle Drums* by Graeme Base

*Tales from Shakespeare* by Tina Packer

*The Golden Hour* by Maiya Williams

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Wednesday, 10:00 am–7:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm

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## October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month

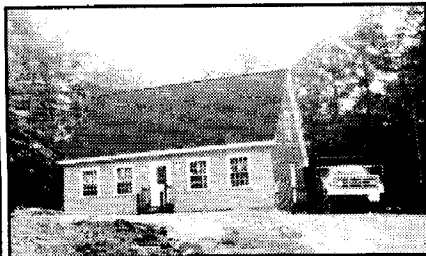
The Northern New England Down Syndrome Congress along with the National Down Syndrome Society is hosting the second annual Buddy Walk in Concord on the State House Plaza from 11:15 am-3:00 pm. on Saturday, October 2. The Buddy Walk is an advocacy walk to promote acceptance and inclusion of all individuals with Down syndrome.

Each year, the Buddy Walk touches thousands of lives. When it began in 1995, there were walks in 17 cities. This year, we are on track to more than 200 walks with walks as far away as Singapore, South Africa, Puerto Rico and Peru. In 2004, more than 150,000 people are expected to participate.

All funds raised through the Buddy Walk support local and national programs that benefit people with Down syndrome and their families.

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).

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#### Oct. 8, 9, 10, Warner Fall Foliage Festival

Oct. 9 Noon - 2 pm Meet the authors: Marie Harris, former NH Poet Laureate; Denise Ortakales, *Legend of the Old man in the Mountain*; Rick Agran, *Pumpkin Shivaree*; Robert J. Duffy, *Ordinary Lies*; Glenn K. Currie, *Daydreams*; Dianalee Velie, *Glass House*; John Lunn, *The Mariner's Curse*; Marcel Duclos, *Common Threads*.

1-2:30 pm, Fountain Square Ramblers  
Oct 10, Noon - 2 pm, Click Horning Trio.

Oct. 14, 8 pm, Author Archer Mayor, *Surrogate Thief*

Oct. 15, 7 pm, Bow Junction in Concert: Folk, Celtic, & Bluegrass. \$5 at Door.

Oct. 22 7:30 pm, Barn Dance w/ Legendary callers, Dudley & Jackie Laufman. \$5. at Door

Oct. 23 1 pm, Author Gregory Maguire, *Leaping Beauty, Wicked, Mirror Mirror, Lost*

Oct. 29 7: pm, Click Horning Trio, \$10 at Door

Oct 30, 2 pm, Colorado Storyteller Tony Norris, *Ghost Tales & Songs from the Southwest & Appalachia*

### The Fells, Route 103A, Newbury

Oct. 28, 2 to 4:30 p.m. "How Wildlife Prepare for Winter" Join naturalist and educator Dave Anderson for an exploration of the ways that wildlife prepare for winter. Learn the four different kinds of survival strategies, and the ways that birds and animals cope with the onset of cold and snow. We'll have a one-hour indoor lecture, then take a walk in the woods of the Hay Refuge or Hay Reservation to investigate the winter food crop or "mast," and look for signs of how our local wildlife prepares for the coming cold season. Fee: \$5; free to members of The Fells or the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Information at 763-4789.

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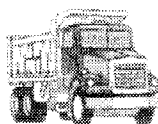
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# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

It was crabgrass that by late August had the onions tangled up like fish in a net. The onions, with a head start, had done well in the summer rain and were content to retire beneath the now flowering stems of grass and dream their own hopeful dreams of flowering next spring. It was exceedingly difficult to find and extricate them.

The crabgrass, reminiscent of some oafish adolescent, had slunk in late. It planted its elbows firmly on the table, and by the end of summer shot its narrow, seedy fingers into the air, waving for my attention. This weed apparently got its most common common name from some seaside dweller's musing on the resemblance in its leggy, crawling growth. Other familiar names include finger grass, Polish millet, crowfoot grass and pigeon grass. The scientific name is quite apt – *Digitaria sanguinalis*, which translates to sanguine finger grass. Its enthusiastic digits spread rapidly from a central axis.

Like more than a quarter of the hundreds of species of grasses underfoot, crabgrass is not native to this country. The first of the foreign weeds arrived as dirt used for ballast on ships. The soil was dumped on the Eastern seaboard and the holds were refilled for the return trip with things deemed a good bit more valuable. Alien plants also followed on board domestic animals, with their fodder, or were brought intentionally. By 1640 grass seed was being sold in the colonies. Their animals couldn't have survived on the native grasses.

The connection between domestic animals and domesticated weeds expressed itself in a curious way on a continent notable for its lack of domesticatable ungulates. A number of local grasses and field plants, not having evolved in a pastoral setting, were quite rapidly destroyed and replaced by the European species. They just weren't capable of surviving the close and constant grazing by the cow, horse, ox, sheep and lawn mower. Deer, moose and woodland caribou had nibbled briefly and moved on.

The crabgrass I just pulled up to attempt its portrait follows the general description of its family members. The stems are round and hollow except for the nodes or joints where the narrow, parallel veined leaves emerge from the sheaths. Crabgrass is one of the hot weather, late-flowering grasses. Seed that falls this autumn will ignore the spring rains and germinate only after warmer drier weather sets in – which is after I stop regular weeding of the aforementioned onions.

As with the multitudes of other graminoids, the flowers of crabgrass will not gain it mention in a Peterson wildflower guide, but grasses are interesting because, as relative newcomers to the planet, they have bypassed the intricate but sometimes inefficient interactions of insect and animal symbiosis and have perfected wind pollination. Living mostly in wide open spaces, they can do this.

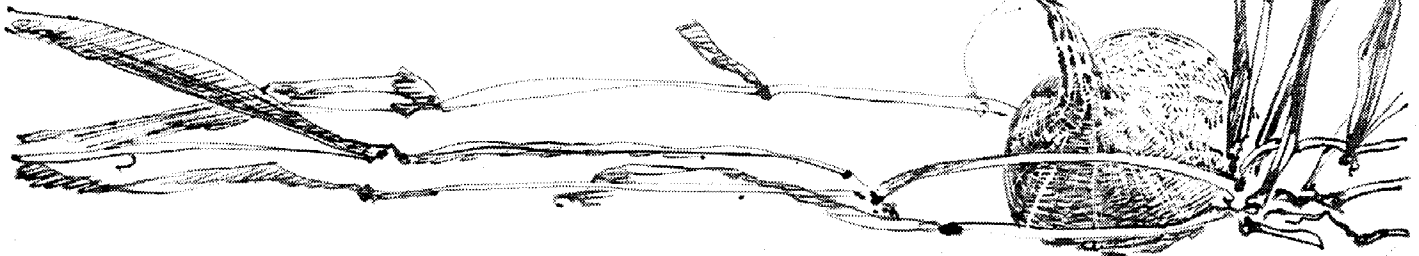
Of the fifteen major crops that keep us from starving, ten are grasses: wheat, corn, rice, rye, oats, barley, millet, sorghum, and bamboo. Hamburger is essentially reformulated grass, as is sugar from sugar cane.

The tenacity and success of the grasses now covering one third of the land mass of this planet is largely due to the position of the growth cells located low to the ground. Like an iceberg or a mushroom, 90% of the structure of most grasses is below the surface in the roots. Grassland under pressure of grazing, fire, or drought has a distinct advantage over most other plants which carry on cell division at their uppermost vulnerable tips and have less below-ground reserves in their roots.

The crabgrass before me has been demonstrating the grass propensity for vegetative sideways growth. This grass drops its many stems or stolons to the earth anywhere it possibly can and sets roots from these nodes. Much like my strawberry plants, which are likewise now beyond my control.

The colonial arrival and the institution of agricultural and pastoral uses of the land caused an amplification of the evolutionary processes. Plants have devised all manner of methods for spreading themselves – but none so effective as boat, plane, car, and seed catalogue. Disturb a patch of ground and chances are, some of the long-lived seeds in waiting are the foreign crabgrass. Gardener/writer Sara Stein refers to the clearing of ground as “penetrating tombs that held the living dead. The seeds that come to life when their grave is turned resurrect the history of the land as well as their own lineage.”

And this is how the Old World crabgrass came to live with the Mediterranean born onion on what was once a mixed deciduous woodland turned to pasture.



# October Calendar

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Fall Fun Day, Brown Shattuck Field, noon

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm  
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall,  
7:00 pm  
Kearsarge Area Preschool Meeting, BACC,  
6:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Poetry Workshop, BML, 3:15-5:30 pm

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee,  
BACC, 7:00 pm  
Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 6:00 pm

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Book-to-Movie Discussion "The Legend of  
Sleepy Hollow," BML, 7:00 pm

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Library Book Sale, BML, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 7:00-  
9:00 pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Union Congregational Society of Bradford  
Center, Special Board Meeting with  
public invited, 7:00-9:00 pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm  
Conservation Commission, BACC, 7:30 pm  
Kearsarge Area Preschool Meeting, BACC,  
6:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 6:30 pm

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Children's Book-to-Movie Discussion  
"James and the Giant Peach," BML,  
7:00-9:00 pm

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Bradford Historical Society Annual Meet-  
ing, Old Post Office, 7:30 pm

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Flu Clinic with Lake Sunapee Region Vis-  
iting Nurse Association, BACC, 10:00-  
noon

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

**Bradford Historical Society**, Old Post  
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### **Bradford Bridge November Deadlines**

Display ads	October 20
Classified ads	October 23
Articles	October 20

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