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KRES at Bradford Welcomes New Principal

Jim Spadaro likes car magazines and mystery novels. He goes to all the latest movies with his 17-year-old son and is married to an elementary teacher. He loves to snowboard, white water kayak and mountain bike. He also really likes kids, school boards, teachers and is the new principal at KRES at Bradford.

Spadaro, 52, from Weare, has a twinkle in his eye when he talks about his 24 years in teaching. "Loved it!" he says enthusiastically. As a former Reading and Special Education teacher, Spadaro has run the gamut. He has taught at a reform school for ages 7-12 in Ohio, a middle school in Vermont, a Special Education School in Amherst, and Weare Middle School.

The last six years, Spadaro has been an administrator at the Weare Elementary and Middle School with six hundred students at each school. He was Assistant Principal for two years and Principal the last four years. Thirty years in education and he's still smiling.

"I still see myself as a teacher. I just have a large classroom," Spadaro said in a recent interview in his office at the Bradford School. "I knew I wanted to be a teacher early on in life. Never thought I would be an administrator. Then one day, I realized I wanted to help more kids than were in my class."

Spadaro believes that strong leadership at a school is key. His management style promotes the idea that all parties have equal value. "We are all educational leaders in this building." At his new post, Spadaro plans to help the Bradford School grow in a positive direction. He's innovative and a life-long learner. Spadaro plans to help teachers focus on best practices in instruction. And as a veteran teacher, Bradford will be in good hands.

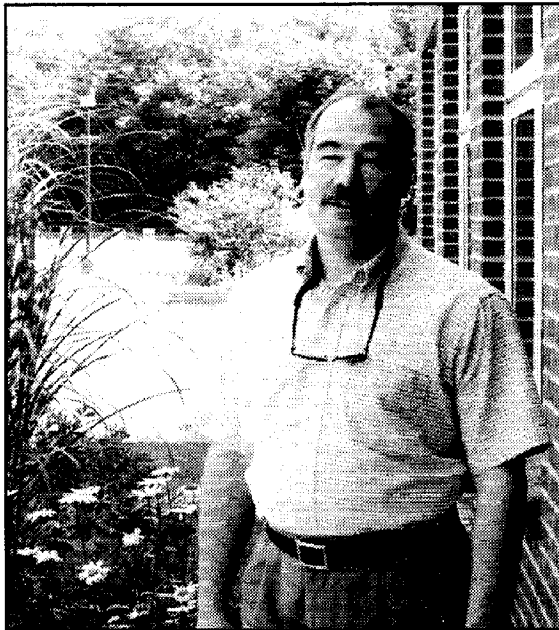


Photo: Mary Keegan-Dayton

Spadaro sees schools as a service organization and adds, "We work for parents." He likes to have coffee hours for parents once a month and e-mails weekly newsletters home. Jim does his best to keep in touch. Community outreach is important to him also. He has met the Bradford Police and the Di-

rector at the Bradford Community Center.

Last question for the interview: Best traits? "Well, I'm a pretty positive person—and I'm great with kids."

Schools open on September 7. And on that day, along with all the teachers and school staff ready for a new year, there will be one man out in front, sunglasses tethered around his neck, smiling broadly. His name is Jim Spadaro.

Welcome to Bradford, Mr. Spadaro.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

Douglas Adams

English humorist & science fiction novelist (1952 - 2001)

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Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports

Major League Soccer (MLS) Camp, sponsored by the BNSYS, held at Warren Brook Park in Bradford the week of August 9th. A total of 45 kids participated in a very successful week of camp. This photo is of the morning "Young Players" group (kids entering grades 1-3 in the fall).

Jennifer Dow



Front Row, Left to right: Eric Betz, Nicholas Brady, Sadie Loeber, Sammi Dow, Braxton Smith, Kaytie Torro, Geneva Hefferman, Kaitlin Gregg
Second Row, Left to right: Shayne Cashin, Alex von Svoboda, Sawyer Meegan, Jolie Loeber, Kate McCandless, Jakob Ulrich, Jordan Dunne, Ben Newbern, Jeffrey Stewart
Back row: Coach Tom Harris of Liverpool, England and Coach Ashley Wood of London, England

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

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Selectmen's Meetings in July

August 3: Roll Call: Bruce Edwards, Chairman; Peter Fenton, Selectman; David Pickman, Selectman. Town Personnel, Cheryl Behr, Administrative Assistant Minutes of July 20 accepted with corrections including the name of the Transfer Station attendants, Ken Anderson and Lois Kilnap, and that the Transfer Manager and Road Agent will consult on the gates.

Appearances:

Chief Valiquet introduced new part time police officer, Warren Foote. Mr. Foote is a twenty three year veteran of the Concord police force and has been an officer of the court. He was welcomed by the Selectmen.

Ann Eldridge for the Conservation Committee gave an update on the purchase and sale of the property on East Washington Road for the Selectmen to sign. There are additional corrections, and she will return when they are resolved.

Paul Perkins informed the Selectmen about the condition of the road on East Shore Drive on the end near the town turn around. The Road Agent is aware of the problem and will work on it soon.

Bob Foor discussed Planning Board issues, mainly the need for more space. Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk, said there could be no more space taken from the meeting room because of election requirements. She also noted the Town Hall appears to be the only place to hold town elections, since the Community Center doesn't have the re-

quired space, and the school feels it's an endangerment to the pupils to have so many people going in and out all day. There will be an ongoing attempt to solve the space problem.

He also asked about an oversize temporary realtor sign requested and the selectmen agreed with him that a standard real estate sign was the correct procedure..

Mr. Foor said the Planning Board will delegate the authority of simple day to day driveway permits to the Road Agent and Board of Selectmen to speed the process.

Ms. Pehrson added there are more state requirements and suggestions for the election site, many dealing with handicapped access. George Morse is working with town officials to alleviate the problems.

Accounts payable manifest signed.

Contract and Easements from SEA for Jones Road bridge and Cheney Hill reviewed and signed.

Selectmen went into non public session per RSA91-A311 at 5:38.

August 17. Appearances: Andrew Sarto and Counsel Barbara Hantz, David Eckman Engineer of Eckman Engineering and Counsel Tony Delyani, SEA consultant Manfred Hoertdoerfer, Fire Chief Marc Goldberg and Bob Foor, Planning Board Chair, Town Counsel Tim Bates.

An extended discussion of the access to the Sarto subdivision of three lots, and the

Selectmen, continued on p.12

Bradford Board of Selectmen

- Bruce Edwards, Chairman
- Peter Fenton
- Dave Pickman
- Cheryl Behr, Administrative Assistant

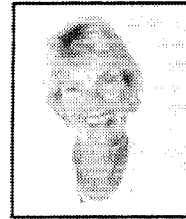
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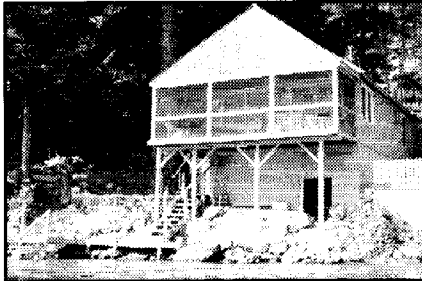
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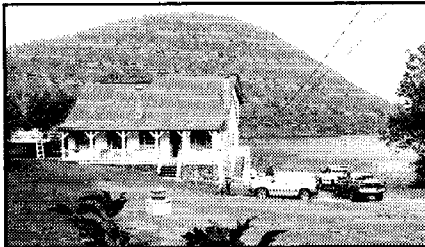
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Laura Nelson, Kearsarge's new Assistant Superintendent, has worked in the New Hampshire educational community for the past eighteen years. Prior to joining the district, she served as a Mathematics teacher, Assistant Principal, and Middle School Principal in Hooksett.

Laura graduated from Pikeville College in Pikeville, KY, with BS degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science. In addition, she received her M.Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision from

the University of New Hampshire. She is a 2004 graduate of Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, NH, where she earned her JD along with an Advanced Studies degree in Education Law.

Laura resides in Concord with her husband Scot and their son Wesley. The Kearsarge District extends an invitation to the public to meet Laura Nelson on August 25, 7:00 pm, at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will kick off its fall season with a luncheon at the Country Spirit in Henniker, on Thursday, September 9th at 11:30. Car pooling would be a good idea.

Clare Bensley

BACC Senior Council Plans Annual Picnic

The Senior Council of the Bradford Area Community Center cordially invites all area seniors to attend its annual picnic on Saturday September 11, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the home of Dick and Jean Kennedy on Lake Massasecum. Each family should bring their choice of a dish to share. Call the Kennedys at 938-2940 for directions.

4th Annual Bradford/ Newbury/ Sutton Youth Sports Golf Tournament.

Please join us on Thursday October 7th at the Newport Golf Club for this fun outing. This tournament will be a scramble format with awards for men's and women's longest drive and closest to the pin. There will also be a \$ hole on one of the par threes. Registration begins at 9 am followed by a 10 am putting contest. Tee off at 11 am. Box lunches and refreshments will be provided with a post tournament awards presentation with appetizers. Great raffle items and prizes including a BNSYS logo garment for all participants! Sponsorships are available. Tournament cost is \$100 per player/ \$400 per team. All proceeds benefit BNSYS youth programs. For a registration package or more information contact Joe Torro at 938-5938. Thank you.

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Jason Lalla, son of Jim & Betty Lalla, Bradford, was selected by the Olympic Committee to carry the Olympic torch June 16, 2004 in the Olympic torch relay in Los Angeles, CA. Jason was slated as the 105th member of the L.A. torch relay team to run the torch. He received the Olympic torch within view of the L.A. Olympic Coliseum and carried it 400 meters. The torch traveled to St. Louis, Atlanta and New York City as it continued on through six continents & 27 Nations.

Jason, an above knee amputee skier, is a member of the US Disabled Ski team. In 1998 he won a gold medal in the Super G at the Paralympic Games in Nagano, Japan. Two years later (2000) he captured another gold in Giant Slalom at the World Championships (World Cup) in Switzerland. At



the 2002 Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City, he won a silver in Giant Slalom and a bronze in Downhill. Jason placed 4th overall in the world in Super G in 2001 and was chosen as the US Olympic Committee Athlete of the Month for March and Male Disabled Alpine Skier of the Year by the United States Ski Association.

The Paralympic Games are the second largest sporting event in the world, conceding top honors only to the Olympics. The multi-sport competition showcases the talents and abilities of the world's most elite athletes with physical disabilities.

Jason has appeared in four Warren Miller extreme ski films. He is currently attending Cal State University School of Prosthetics and resides in Bellflower, CA with his wife Heather and son, Jackson (8 mos.) Jason was a 1989 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School. Jason's motto: "If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space."

Betty Lalla

BACC July Raffle Winners

The BACC would like to thank every one who participated in the July Raffle. The winners were:

- \$200 - Matt Murdough;
- \$50 - Ann Hallahan, Ted Young, Christine Waite, Kathy Sweet and Nancy Isaacson;
- \$25 - John Sjogren, Rick Pherson, John Bruss, Chuck Dehney, Pat Magistro, David Bowie, M. Demone, Pat Magistro, Diane Whalley, Robert West Sr, Sharon Nadeau, Laura Sevens, Jim Duane, Laura Hallahan, Pat Magistro, Bud Nelson, Ken Coyle, Kevin Daniel, Fritz Pratt, Irving Blado, Jim Lalla, Irving Blado, John Pfeifle, Al Leonas, and Lory Bennett.

A special thank you to Kevin Daniel and Lory Bennett who donated their winnings back to the BACC.

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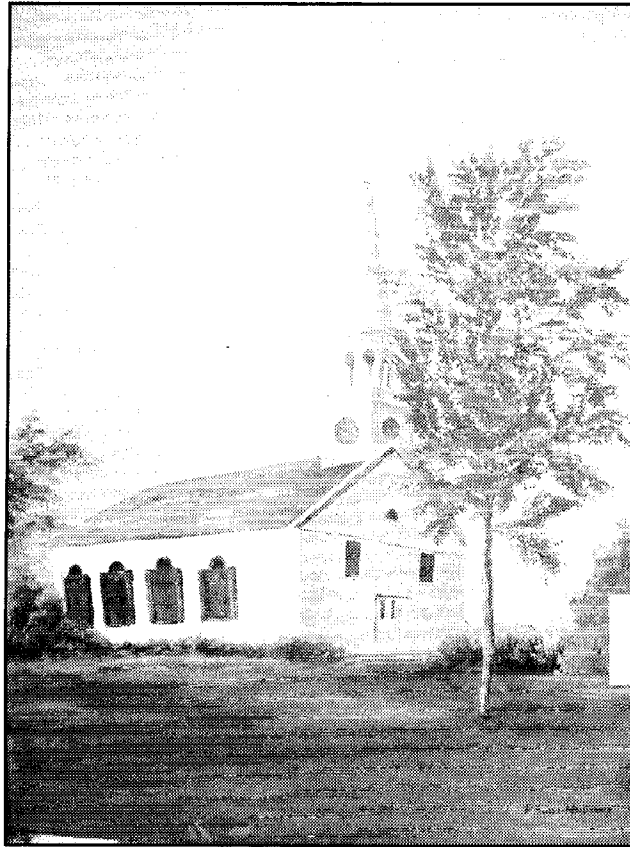
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Murals by Patricia Sweet-MacDonald



Patricia Sweet-MacDonald continues to "Paint the Town". She has recently completed a three part Wall Mural in the Newly remodeled room in The Fiske House at The First Baptist Church of Bradford. Each depicts three different time periods in which the Church changed. One painting is the original Church in 1860, the second painting reflects the structural changes made to the Church in 1916, and the third is how the Church appears today. The Murals were not only painted to enhance the new building, but to give viewers a glimpse of the past.

Some of Patricia's other local murals may be seen at Murphy's Grille, Rosewood Barn & Gallery, Newbury Public Library, and Wingdoodle in Warner.

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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.

How to Live with Black Bears

The Bradford Conservation Commission and the Brown Memorial Library present an evening with black bear researcher Ben Kilham. Mr. Kilham has been featured in National Geographic television specials for his innovative and groundbreaking study of the intelligence and complicated lives of the black bear. His book *Among the Bears* is in the library's collection.

Illustrating with slides, he will explain his method of raising abandoned cubs and his adventures following them through their



lives. He will also describe his interactions with wilder bears and how to share the country with them.

SAVE THE DATE: September 16 at 7pm at the Bradford Baptist Church on Main Street.

Planning Board notes for September

At the August 10th meeting, the Planning Board dealt with the following items:

Voluntary Merger - Two lots on Oakdale Road owned by Harold and Sandra Wright were combined into one. Bob Stewart Jr. presented the plan showing the proposed merger. One lot contains two dwellings, however the second lot is vacant, so merger of the lots does not violate the Zoning Ordinance. The merger was approved unanimously.

Minor Subdivision - A revised plan for a two-lot subdivision on Deer Valley Road for property owned by Meg Fearnely was presented by Surveyor Dennis McKenney, who reviewed the concerns expressed last month by the Planning Board. Based on his surveys of the adjoining property, McKenney documented that the tax map is in error and there are no additional abutters who should have been notified. Notes on the plan address the other issues: bounds that were set, utility easements, and the Flood Plain map references.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the subdivision with the condition that a plan showing the required 5' contours for the smaller lot be submitted within 45 days.

Preliminary Consultations - A change of use proposed for the former Thistle and Shamrock Inn on Main Street was discussed by Bob Stewart Jr. on behalf of Steve Manley, owner of Kearsarge Properties, who recently purchased the property. A total of 8 dwelling units is proposed with a combination of non-assisted senior living and professional housing. A fire and safety evaluation is underway to determine issues

and solutions to carrying out the project. When the formal site plan is submitted, the proposal will be sent to the appropriate agencies for review.

A preliminary survey for a two-lot subdivision of the Leonard Wheeler property on Jones Road was presented by Kathy and Rick Messer. Board members suggested some corrections and noted that the application will be sent for review once the formal plan has been prepared.

Major Subdivision - Vice-Chair Edythe Craig conducted the meeting concerning a 10-lot cluster subdivision on Forest Street when Bob Foor, who is an abutter to the property, stepped down. The Board then constituted a bare minimum of four members to continue with the discussion.

A one-half hour time period was allowed for a presentation. Jennifer McCourt, P. E., speaking for the applicant CNDJ Development, reviewed comments that had been prepared by Circuit Rider Lucy St. John. McCourt asked for a list of items required by the Subdivision Regulations that had not been submitted. A packet of information concerning this project was provided for the Board and the public at the this meeting. The majority of the Board felt that they had not had sufficient time to read the material and could not make an informed decision at this meeting.

Vice-Chair Craig continued the application until the September 14th meeting of the Board. Abutters were informed that the public hearing will be held only after the Board has determined that the application submitted is complete in accordance with the regulations.

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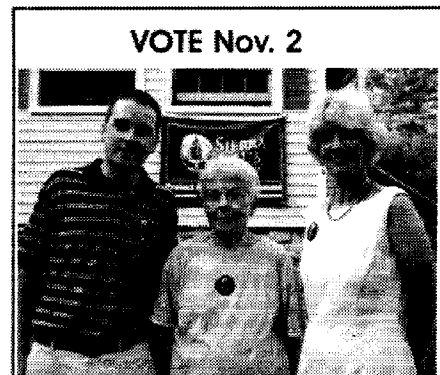
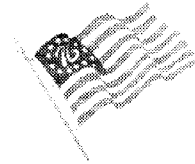
Sunapee Lake Grange will hold their Annual Fair on August 28th at the Grange Hall on Village Road in South Newbury Village.

The White Elephant tables, bakery and exhibits will open at 9:30 am. There will be hot dogs and soda available from 10:30 until 3:00 pm by the Youth Committee with Scott and Michael Lacross in charge.

At 5:30 pm Frances Ward and her committee will put on a ham and bean supper with homemade rolls, brown bread and pies. The cost of the supper is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 6-12 years of age; younger free.

After supper there will be a drawing on a hand made quilt, food basket, and other items, followed by the anticipated Penny Sale.

Edythe Craig



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Real Estate Hints:
Architectural Styles, Part One
by Laura Hallaban

I thought it would be helpful and fun to devote a series of columns to the many different styles of homes we find in our wonderful Sunapee Region. Often, customers and clients will specify that they prefer one style to another. A Ranch, for example, offers one floor living, which often appeals to an older clientele. A Colonial, on the other hand, may appeal more to a large family.

Let's start with the premise that every house, no matter how plain, has a style. Identifying that style can be a challenge, but it comes in part from ornamental details like columns and moldings and in part from structural features, such as the placement of the windows and the pitch of the roof. Most houses will not fit neatly into any one category as, for example, an older home may have gone through many renovations that cross over from one style to another. I remember the antique Colonial I sold in Sutton that now had a typical Colonial roof, but started out as a Saltbox Colonial years earlier. Newer homes, too, often combine ideas from a variety of styles.

Here are a few key characteristics to help identify standout features:

Overall Shape – Generally speaking, what is the overall shape of the house? A Colonial is rectangular and symmetrical, while a Victorian is complicated and asymmetrical. A single story house or 1 ½ story house can be a Cape Cod, Ranch, Craftsman, or Cottage style.

Roof – Does the roof have any of these features? A Ranch has an unusually low pitch, while a Dutch Colonial has a gambrel roof. Both Colonial and Victorian styles can have a hipped roof, and a Colonial can also have a saltbox roof. Victorian and Tudor styles have an unusually steep pitch.

Siding Materials – Is the house sided with any of these materials? A Spanish style home has stucco, whereas a Victorian has patterned wood or cedar shingles.

Windows – Does the house have any of these window types? A Georgian style home has multi-paned windows, a Gothic Revival has oriel windows and a Dutch Colonial often has casement windows.

Other – Look at shutters, columns, dentil moldings, floral ornaments, turned spindles, square porch supports and little or no ornamentation to further determine the style of house. A typical Greek Revival house will have columns and a typical Cape Cod house will have shutters.

In determining the architectural profile of a house, the logical starting point is its age. Certain styles were popular in one era or another and with antique homes, a search of the town archives may turn up a photo or history of the house in its early days so you can speculate on the changes that have been made over the years. Just remember one thing: no matter the outside, always look inside. Like people, houses should not be judged by the outside appearance. There may be a wonderful surprise waiting inside!

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Legislative Report

Rep. Beth Rodd

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With Labor Day upon us, the days growing shorter, vacations over and children back to school, we begin to focus more intently on the local and national elections on November 2. There is no surer sign of Autumn than the brightly colored orgy of political signs lining our highways and byways, mine among them. As an experienced House Member now running for the Senate, I can report that there are several issues which will dominate the debate leading up to state elections this year and which, depending on our political will and resolution, will have both immediate and long term effects on the quality of our lives.

Health Insurance is a major issue, both nationally and locally. SB 110, sponsored by Sen. Bob Flanders, and enacted by our legislature last year, has been a disaster for the people and small businesses of New Hampshire. It reduces the definition of "small business" from 100 employees to 50, allows insurers to discriminate (cherry-pick) against older or sick employees by charging higher rates (some have increased by over 70% in one year!) and asks intrusive personal information of each family member. It is a boon to the insurance industry but rather than attracting competition to the state, it has made the cost of health insurance so prohibitive that many small companies are dropping coverage altogether. When you hear how SB 110 is bringing more affordable coverage to New Hampshire businesses, don't believe it. The first order of business is to repeal this bill and replace it with a plan that will address the real issue. We now have over 125,000 uninsured people in our state, 22,000 of them children. SB 110 is adding to the bank of uninsured.

School funding remains an unresolved issue with local towns struggling to meet rising costs as less state aid results in an increase in property taxes. Sure, the property tax rate has decreased but then, new assessments have dramatically increased the value of your property so you will continue to see hefty hikes in property taxes. Cuts to Health and Human Services by the Benson Administration in an effort to rein in costs will also show up on your county property tax. Nursing homes and prisons have mandated needs and cutting budgets only moves the cost from your right pocket to your left pocket. With a \$300 million dollar deficit looming in the next biennium, we'll need to work together towards a more productive method of balancing the budget than cost shifting.

Preservation of the environment requires attention for ourselves and future generations. The activity of the Bio-energy plant in Hopkinton, poised to begin spewing harmful toxins into the air and water, has been ignored by our Legislature by putting the issue into "study". The owners of the plant may continue to plan their opening with only court challenges delaying the process. The legislature dropped the ball on this one. Likewise, the issue of public assess vs. private development is being played out in the Mt. Sunapee controversy. Should public lands be sold to private businesses for personal financial gain? Some believe such a move will benefit the tax base while many of us believe it is a dangerous precedent to set. Other issues in other towns, the removal of groundwater for sale, sludge disposal, toxic dumps, LChip funding to preserve historical and cultural treasures, all these issues and our response to them require thoughtful, balanced study and action.

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ability of the Fire Department to safely enter the area was held. The Siartos said they understood only the small forestry truck could enter, there could be only minimal protection, and so stated in the deeds, but they later heard there would be no fire protection whatsoever.

Mr. Eckman presented his engineering analysis of the private bridge, the repairs and improvements made, and ratings done indicating a capacity to carry town fire trucks across the bridge. Chief Goldberg was concerned the bridge would not be inspected after heavy rains or any other natural occurrences and would be unsafe. Mr. Hoertdoerfer as a second opinion said he did a visual inspection but had no figures for some of the incidental statistics presented. A decision was reached whereby the Siartos will pay for a bridge inspection to be filed by a professional firm every two years, (in May 2006), at homeowners expense, and will have a checklist to file at the Town Hall from a visual inspection every ninety days.

There were three approaches discussed; the entrance from Fairgrounds Rd., the entrance to the bridge, and passing issues. The consensus here seemed to be to have an independent professional engineering firm come in to make suggestions for realignment

of the roadway or other reconfiguration of the turn radius. The minutes of the Planning Board meeting will be professionally transcribed. The Planning Board had expected all agreements between Town departments had been met.

Mr. Herbert Goodwin met to discuss easement issues on Jones Road in preparation of the work on the bridge replacement.

Jim Bibbo requested permission to install a latched gate on a class VI road by his home to keep livestock in. The Selectmen said the part he wants to gate is on a class V section of the road. They will get Town Counsel's advice.

Gary Wall informed the Selectmen he is on a courtesy call to tell them he will fill in his roadside ditch on High Street, since the Town has done nothing about the water flow for several years. He is still willing to work with the Town on the problem.

Road Agent Steve Lucier updated the Selectmen about delivery of the new pickup and that money for paving another section of East Washington road is available.

Selectmen approved the entering of an agreement for fuel for the Town.

Selectmen will discuss submitting a person for state volunteer award.

There will be a meeting of Selectmen next Tuesday, August 24.

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Obituaries

ELIZABETH CHANNON SMITH

Elizabeth (Liz) Channon Smith, 16, beloved daughter of Jacqueline Channon and the late Dr. Frederick R. Smith III, died Aug. 11 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

She was born March 17, 1988, in Denver, Colo., granddaughter of Jack and Maureen Channon of Auckland, New Zealand, and Frederick R. Smith, Jr. and Patricia Smith of Kennett Square, Penn.

She had numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. In 1990, the family moved to Lebanon, where her father completed his residency program in anesthesia at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She attended Mt. Lebanon Elementary School, Bradford Elementary School, Sunapee Elementary and Jr. High School, and Lebanon High School. When she graduated from elementary school, Liz received the President's Award for Academic Excellence in recognition of outstanding academic achievement. She had completed her sophomore year at Lebanon High School where she was an honor student.

Liz was a past member of Hogan Sea Lions Swim Team and received a number of awards in swim meets. She also enjoyed soccer, skiing, and horseback riding. She was a free spirit who loved life. Her smile could light up a room. Liz was an incredibly confident girl who was not afraid to speak her mind. Although her life was cut short, she was known for living every day to the fullest.

She was surrounded by wonderful friends wherever she went. Her contagious energy was shared with the world. She will be especially missed by her family, and by her friends, known as the "C.C.'s" and "The Rat Pack," a group of girls whom she forever touched with her love for life and her kind heart. Liz will be remembered and forever cherished. Her free-spirited nature will live on forever.

There is a memorial wall that has been dedicated to Liz's memory at the main entrance of Lebanon High School.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Elizabeth Channon Smith Memorial Fund c/o Mascoma Savings Bank, Customer Service, PO Box 435, Lebanon, NH 03766-0435.

LINDA T. JESANIS

Linda T. Jesanis, 58, died July 31 at Concord Hospital.

She was born in New Haven, Conn., the daughter of Stanley and Addie (Andrews) Tingley.

She lived in southern Connecticut and in Burr Ridge, Ill., for 15 years and spent summers in Bradford for almost 40 years.

She graduated from Hamden (Conn.) High School in 1963, earned a bachelor's degree from Quinnipiac University in 1981 and a master's degree in education from National Louis University in 1990.

She was a member of the New Haven (Conn.) Congregational Church.

Jesanis was an active member of the Red Hat Society and the Citrus Hills Women's Club.

She enjoyed tap dancing, mah jong, auto racing and boating.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Robert Jesanis of Bradford and Hernando, Fla.; a son, Steven Jesanis of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; two daughters, Susan Cassone of Burlington, Conn., and Pamela Starusta of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; her mother of Dallas; a brother, Alton Tingley of Clearwater, Fla.; a sister, Phyllis Holton of Richardson, Texas; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father died previously.

Burial was held August 7 at Pond Cemetery in Bradford.



Greetings From The Bradford Women's Club

Can you believe that the summer is almost over! I hope everyone had an enjoyable one and got to see all their friends and family.

Our first meeting of the new season looks like it will be an exciting program. This year for our Annual Tea the BWC will be holding a Purple Derby Day.

Horse races and food will highlight this event. We have added a twist to the betting so that money is not necessary! Don't forget to rummage through all your stuff and find something Purple to wear! Doesn't matter what it is, a scarf, a broach, as long as it has purple on it.

Craft meetings have been getting a wonderful turnout and everyone is working very hard to complete all our projects. Join us if you can.

The BWC meets very Tuesday at the Mountain Lake Inn @ 11:00 am, except the last Tuesday of the month which is always at 7:00 pm. If joining us for a daytime meeting, please pack a bag lunch!

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Bradford Area Community Center September Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Yoga, 9:30-10:45 am

TBI Meeting, 4:00-5:30 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Senior Center: Bradford Quilting Bees, 10:00 am.

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

Kearsarge Area Preschool Meeting, 6:30 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30-9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Yoga, 9:30-10:45 am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

BACC Governance Board, 5:30-7:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Computer Tutoring, 10:00 am

Senior Center: Dave Poisson from Mr. Fixit, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Senior Center: Grandparent's Day Celebration Luncheon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Senior Center: "Journey with Me" Writing Workshop Registration, 2:00 pm

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30-9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Yoga, 9:30-10:45 am

Senior Center: Trip to Horseshoe Pond Place for the Wild, Wild West Variety Show. Carpool departure 10:45 AM from the Senior Center. Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, Sept 8. Call 938-2104.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Blood Pressure & Foot Clinic, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Senior Center: We celebrate September birthdays today!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Computer Tutoring, 10:00 am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Senior Center: Bradford Quilting Bees, 10:00 am.

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

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

Kearsarge Area Preschool Meeting, 6:30 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30-9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Yoga, 9:30-10:45 am

Thursday, September 23

Senior Center: Apple Harvest Celebration, 10:00 am. Guest speaker Eric Gould

from Gould Hill Orchards will present us the history of apple cider in New England.

BACC Governance Board, 5:30-7:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Computer Tutoring, 10:00 am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

Bridge Group, 1:00-4:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

Yoga, 6:00-7:15 pm

Round Dance Instruction, 7:30-9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Yoga, 9:30-10:45 am

Senior Center "Continental Breakfast Café every Friday from 9:00-11:00 am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Senior Center: Armchair Travel with Everett Downing, 12:30 pm. Everett will give a slide presentation on his visit to India.

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Thursday, September 2: Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potato, Peas, Bread & Butter, and Cookie for dessert.

Monday September 6: Labor Day Holiday. Senior Center is closed.

Tuesday September 7: Macaroni & Cheese, Apple Juice, Broccoli, Roll, and Yogurt for dessert.

Thursday, September 9: Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut, Brown Bread, and Pears for dessert.

Friday, September 10: Grandparent's Day Celebration Luncheon. Roast Pork Loin, Applesauce, Stuffing, Red Bliss Potatoes, Zucchini & Summer Squash and Gingerbread for dessert.

Monday, September 13: Italian Sausage with Spaghetti, Ziti, Winter Blend Veggie, Italian Bread, and Tapioca Pudding for dessert.

Tuesday, September 14: Soup de Jour, Hamburger with Roll, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Potato Salad, Pickles/Chips, and Nutty Bar for dessert.

Thursday, September 16: Meatloaf and Gravy, Whipped Potato, Butternut Squash. We celebrate September birthdays today! Birthday cake and ice cream will be served.

Monday, September 20: Meatballs and Stroganoff Sauce over Rice, Scandinavian Blend Veggies, and Fruit Cup for dessert.

Tuesday, September 21: Ham Salad, Macaroni Salad, Pickled Beets, Roll, and Yogurt dessert.

Thursday, September 23: Stuffed Cabbage, Whipped Potato, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, and Cookie for dessert.

Monday, September 27: Soup du Jour, BBQ Riblets, Carrots, Chips/Pickle and Fruit for dessert.

Tuesday, September 28: Salisbury Steak, Orange Juice, Wild Rice, Mixed Veggies, and Cookie for dessert.

Thursday, September 30: Pot Roast and Gravy, Whipped Potato, Peas, Rolls & Butter, and Lemon Chiffon for dessert.

Then...

by Milly Kittredge


The Bradford/Newbury Fair, Fairgrounds Road, was held from 1875 to 1903, and 1920 to 1927. This was a two-day agricultural fair with horse racing, exhibits, balloon ascensions, parade, boxing, and many other activities. Town officials kept a sharp eye out for gambling and rowdiness.

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First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Women's Christian Guild: Any woman in the community who is interested in ecumenical community service is welcome to come to the Guild Meetings. The ladies will meet on Friday, September 3 at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch and a planning meeting.

American Baptist Women's Ministries: The September gathering will be Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm. There will be an Installation of Officers and the next year's program will be presented.

Special Worship Service: On Sunday, September 12, we will begin our worship service in the church at 10:00 am and end it at the home of John and Ruth Ann Harris with a Baptism in Lake Todd.

Mom's Bible Study: On Wednesday, September 15 from 9:00-10:00 am, moms will meet for Bible Study and sharing. Child-care is available. Moms of all ages are welcome to come.

Food Pantry: Our distribution date for September is Wednesday September 18 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Praise & Worship Service: A service of up-beat praise music and prayers will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm. This service will be held the third Wednesday of every month.

Car Hop: Our last Car Hop for the season will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 5:30-7:30 pm. You can eat in your car or eat under one of the canopies. The menu includes hotdogs, hamburgers, French fries and all kinds of ice cream treats. 50s music is played in the background and people are welcome to dance to the music.

Rally Day: Sunday school begins on Sunday September 19 at 10:00 am. The children stay for the beginning of the service until the Children's Story. They will then be going to class. The theme this year is "Jerusalem Marketplace." There will be a brunch right after church sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

Youth Group: (Grades 5-8) On Wednesday, September 22 from 6:30-8:00 we will meet at the church. The theme is "Fruit Punch." The theme is based on the fruits of the spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. We will play games and do some fun exercises to look at some of these fruits and how youth can have them in their lives.

On Wednesday, September 29 youth will also meet at the church from 6:30-8:00 pm. We will have some guests who will be contestants on the game show "What's My Line." We will be exploring different careers choices.

Thursday Morning Study Group: This group will meet on Thursday, September 23 from 10:00-11:00 am and every Thursday morning to study the book "Fruits of the Spirit."

Progressive Dinner: Our church will enjoy a Progressive Dinner on Sunday, September 26 starting at 5:00 pm. We will travel to different homes for appetizers, soup, salad, the main course, and then dessert.

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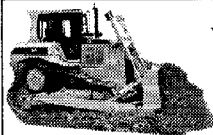
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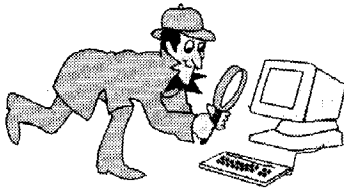
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The US Government is a fantastic source of information that you and I as taxpayers have paid for. But since our government does not pay Google or other search engines to get prominent listings, US Government sites do not usually pop up in the top listings. Significant advantages of US Government sites are no spam, no popups, no spyware or viruses, no harvesting of e-mail addresses, all of which can occur on commercial sites.

The US Government has tried to make it easy to find information by aggregating sites in what are called portal sites. All of these portal sites are of the form **www.XXX.gov** where XXX is a search word. Want information about the many health related sites? Type in **www.health.gov**. Many sites will work with just **health.gov**. Information for seniors or kids? The central word, the domain name, is "seniors" or "kids." Some words like "science" and "regulations" are easy to anticipate. Some words are only slightly more complicated, like "govbenefits," and "disabilityinfo" or "loc," the Library of Congress, which is by far the largest library in the world. Most government agencies have their own websites, so the Federal Trade Commission is "ftc." The portal site designed to attract the first search of all first searches is **www.firstgov.gov**. This site, however, is such a metaportal, that it takes a while to drill down to the information you want.

I use a very useful directory site at Yahoo! for US Government sites: **dir.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Web_Directories/**. Note that in each of the spaces there is an underline. If you want to limit your Google search to US Government sites, go to **google.com/unclesam**. And a useful directory of US Government sites is found at



Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

The library is holding another book sale on Saturday, September 4 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Our stalwart volunteer has organized the books even better than last time and there are many newly donated books in the sale. Do come by.

The library and Bradford Conservation Commission have teamed up to offer a free program presented by Ben Kilham, author of *Among the Bears*. The program will be on Thursday, September 16 at 7:00pm at the First Baptist Church on Main Street. Mr. Kilham presents a fascinating look at our local black bears.

I would like to thank many people for their help with our Fried Chicken Dinner in July. Thanks to St. Peter's Lodge for providing a wonderful space for the dinner, to the Fentons at the Appleseed Restaurant for the fabulous chicken and to Beth Eldridge and Woody Pringle for the great music. Thank you also to Amy Jackson for helping with the baking. I especially want to thank the staff, trustees and alternates who worked so hard chopping, mixing, transporting food, and cleaning tables so cheerfully. We had a lot of fun and expect to do it again next year.



Join us for our next book to movie discussion on Friday, September 17 at 7:00pm. Stop by the library for details.

Here are some of the new books added to your library in August:

For adults

The Geese of Beaver Bog by Bernd Heinrich

Dark Justice by Jack Higgins

Day of the Dead by J.A. Jance

Shadows on the Ivy by Lea Wait

The Ornithologist's Guide to Life by Ann Hood

The 9/11 Commission Report

And for children:

Evangeline Mudd by David Elliott

If I Were a Lion by Sarah Weeks

Weaving the Rainbow by George Ella Lyon

So B. It by Sarah Weeks.

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searchgov.com.

Reminder: The computer class that Bev Leo and I teach at the Bradford Community Center will resume at 10 am on Friday September 10. This is a class for beginners and intermediates. Each person brings his/her expertise or questions and we share ideas and comments. Topics we have covered in the past have ranged from: getting an e-mail address, selling on eBay, eliminating

spyware, avoiding scams and hoaxes, making Christmas card mailing labels from a spreadsheet list of addresses, to searching the Internet. We will do some work with genealogical searching when I have learned more myself. There are no dumb questions. Our central tenet of teaching is to teach you to be more confident and to find answers yourself. The only dumb question is the one that isn't asked.

Bill Hatt

AREA EVENTS

Main Street Bookends, 16 East Main Street, Warner

Sept. 3, 7pm The Swunk Brothers join us tonight for another great night of Jazz, Swing & Blues. They are a guitar and vocal duet from the Concord area playing jazz and swing, including a mix of blues, funk and country. Kenny Weiland and Steve Ullman are "The Swunk Brothers". Check out their website www.swunk.com. \$5, 7pm.

Sept 10, 7pm Rebecca Courser is back with us again tonight! The past president of the Warner Historical Society continues her series of talks about Warner's rich history. You do not want to miss Rebecca's talk...so arrive early to guarantee a choice seat. 7pm. Donations, Please.

Sept. 17, 7pm The acoustic band, High Range, will be performing tonight at 7pm. New England music fans have long appreciated High Range's fine musicians and superb original compositions. Featuring Rob Kneeland's mandolin, Tod Jone's guitar and banjo, Ellen Carlson's fiddle, Steve Roy's upright bass, and excellent vocals from all, High Range moves from straight-up bluegrass to tunes that swing. Check out their website www.highrangeband.com. \$10, 7pm.

Sept. 24, 7pm It's a night of Acappella!! The fantastic vocal group CHANSON will be with us singing in Acappella. Get ready to sit back and be inspired. \$5, 7pm



11th Annual Open Sheep Dog Trials At Highland Games September 24, 2004.

The dog most commonly used to herd sheep is the Border Collie, bred for this job centuries ago by farmers living in the Scottish border hills, just north of Hadrian's Wall. The dogs are known for their intelligence, physical strength, agility, and stamina. They will toil tirelessly to gather large flocks spread over great distances and will go to any end to recover an animal lost from the flock. During World War I, British soldiers depended on the Border Collie to deliver medicine and supplies through trenches and across the battlefields.

At the Trials, each dog is required to run four sheep through five obstacles on the course. Each sheep is worth 5 points and a perfect run earns 100 points. Following an elimination round, the top 10 qualifiers compete to establish the order of victory. The winner of the event receives the Campbell Cup, a silver perpetual trophy donated by the Clan Campbell Society.

Established in 1975, the New Hampshire Highland Games is recognized as one of the finest Scottish cultural festivals in the world. In addition to competitions, Celtic and Gaelic culture will be celebrated with virtuoso music and dance performances, traditional food and drink, heavy athletics, a golf tournament, and the kilted mile race. An advance purchase 3-day pass is just \$30, a savings of \$17. Daily admission is \$12 on Friday; \$20 on Saturday; and \$15 on Sunday. The entry fee includes all daytime performances, music and heritage workshops, competitions, parades, and athletic events. Evening performances, recitals, and special programs are separate, ticketed events. Tickets for the Games and all events may be purchased by phone at 603-225-1111 or 800-358-7268, and online at www.nhscot.org. Schedules and a complete list of performers and activities are available online.





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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

About twenty years ago I briefly saw a musk turtle somewhere on a sunny bank of the Contoocook River. This June I finally found another. It might have been the attitude as much as the shape that gave the immediate impression that these were not the ubiquitous painted turtles.

Painted turtles are the sun-baskers we come across most often. These lie about, often stretching their necks and legs in graceful ballet poses to catch the sun to best advantage. They watch our

Turtles evolved about 100 million years ahead of us, and they are unique for many reasons. Their most obvious feature is that the ribs are fused to a shell and the leg bones fit inside the body cavity. This unique design was engineered before there were dinosaurs and there has been no need to change. The musk and the snapper, compared to the familiar painted turtle, have very small plastrons, or lower shells. This affords them greater mobility, but also greater vulnerability for their chewable appendages. Both

musk and snapper would rather evade and avoid but if cornered, their only real defense is a showy offense.

Musk turtles achieve a maximum length of only about 5 ½ inches and have a slight hinge in the forward end of the plastron, which further increases their range of motion. With this better than average agility, they often exhibit a talent for tree climbing, peacefully basking with drooping head and legs sometimes as much as six feet above the surface. If disturbed, they will hurl themselves with no concern for form into the water. If you should be so fortunate as to have a turtle fall on your head or drop into your canoe, it likely would be this one.

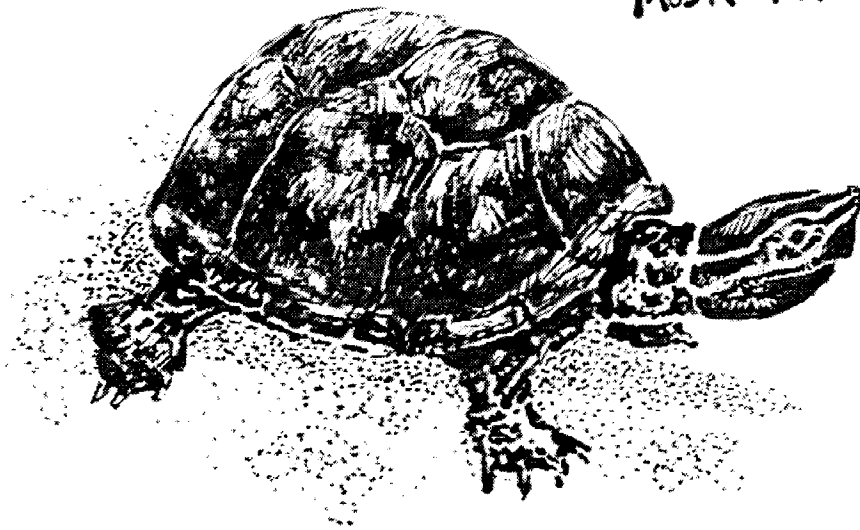
All turtles need exposure to sunlight and for a number of reasons. A good shot of sun can discourage parasites, such as the leeches that commonly plague them. It also appears that UV light is required to synthesize

vitamin D and otherwise maintain the health of the shell. Perhaps more importantly, turtles must regulate their temperature by cleverly utilizing the various environmental tools at hand. In spring and summer, a higher metabolic rate is required for digestion, growth, and reproduction. Turtles can heat themselves some degrees warmer than the surrounding air by absorbing heat from the sun or from the surface they rest on. On the other end of the temperature scale, a musk turtle can turn about in the fall and survive five months submerged with a water temperature of 38 degrees without direct access to the air. If you thought that cold-blooded animals are primitive or less than clever, think again.

Some turtles are bothered by the growth of algae on their shells, and basking may help to control this problem. Musk turtles however can sport forests of green of various plant species and this no doubt aids in their disguise. Omnivorous, they creep about at dusk along the pond or river bottom seeking aquatic veggies, insects, small clams and snails. They will also munch carrion if available.

They may or may not eat sardines. After four night time attempts to lure turtles into view on Lake Massasecum, I fear it may be another twenty years before I find another musk turtle.

MUSK TURTLE



approach with wary, suspicious eyes. The shy musk turtles occasionally bask in full view, but their glance conveys hysteria and is followed by an instant launch to the safety of the water.

After my initial encounter, I read that these high-domed, pointy-nosed turtles with the beautiful yellow face stripes are called musk turtles, stinkpots, stinking jims, and *Sternotherus odoratus* because of a foul odor they emit when disturbed.

This was all I remembered when, canoeing, we came across musk turtle number two basking on the shore of the big island of Lake Massasecum. Catching our eye she skidded instantly into the shallow water but then chose to lie motionless at the surface in what she apparently hoped was a good imitation of a half submerged rock. Identifiable as a female by her short digging claws, she began paddling furiously when I picked her up and held her to my nose. No odor. I passed her to Bill. Only pond odor. The odor that we fortunately or unfortunately did not chance to experience, comes from an oily secretion emanating from pairs of glands under the border of the carapace, or top shell. We admired her for a moment before returning her to her lake. Later on we read that, fortunately for our noses, we had found a large and frantic female and not a smaller but more bellicose male that may have been inspired to bite.

September Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, BACC, 7:00 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00 am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Senior Council Picnic, The Kennedy's, 1:00-3:00 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00 pm
Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Bradford Women's Club, BACC, 9:30 am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Parks & Recreation Meeting, BACC, 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

"Black Bear" program, First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Movie, BML, 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SPETEMBER 22

Bradford Historical Soc., Meeting, TBA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

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

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open most Saturdays from 1:30-3:00 pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

Transfer Station Hours

Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday
10:00 am-5:00 pm

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Classifieds

FOR SALE: Charmglow gas grill. Dual temperature controls. Ignitor knob. LP tank (may contain some LP). Wheels and handle for moving. Charm Rok briquettes. Owner's guide. \$30. Call 938-2820.

FOR SALE: Four studded snow tires. 175/70R14 Wintermaster Plus tubeless steel belted radials driven only 10,000 miles. \$100. Call 938-2820.

FOR SALE: 14 ft kayak \$200. Slant top oak mission desk \$125. Empire sofa, nice wooden frame \$130. Thumb back chairs with cane back seats, \$40 each 938-2537

CHAMBERMAID NEEDED. Rosewood Country Inn needs experienced housekeeper to join mid-week morning staff for foliage season only: September through end of October. No weekends. Great Christmas money! Dependability and high energy a must! References. 938-5253

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WANTED: old hay rack-for display only. Call 938-2975.



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To list events for the October Calendar, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692 or e-mail bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com before September 20.

Due to printing deadlines, the editors must receive display ads by the 20th of the month. Articles and notices received after the 20th will be included only if space allows.

Bradford Bridge October Deadlines

Display ads	September 20
Classified ads	September 23
Articles	September 20