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Planning Board's Master Plan Pot Luck a Well-Attended Success

More than 60 eager Bradford residents gathered at the Elementary School on November 12th to share a variety of delicious foods and then to participate in a lively discussion of their town's future. Planning Board Chair Bob Foor opened the evening with a brief overview of the master plan the Board has been working on for the past year. Separate groups then reviewed the draft Goals and Objectives from the individual chapters of the plan – Population and Economic Development, Transportation, Housing, Natural Features, Community Facilities, Historic and Cultural Features and Future Land Use. Many thoughtful suggestions were made: encourage specific businesses to move to town – especially a grocery store or pharmacy – and then support them, provide a diversity of housing, consider water and/or sewer for densely developed areas, encourage preservation of agricultural land, protect aquifers, build a “new” village center, provide better after school activities for



Photo by Susan A. Janicki

Planning Chair, Bob Foor, gives an overview of the Master Plan process to over 60 residents who showed up to share their hopes and desires for the Bradford of our future.

youth, more sidewalks and bicycle trails, replace the traffic light at Routes 103 & 114 with a “round-about”, establish a separate “lake zone” to provide for protection and development on Lake Massasecum. These will all be considered as the Board completes and approves the Master Plan.

At that time, the Board will once again look for assistance from the community as it drafts changes to the Zoning Ordinance that will put the “plan” into practice. The Board is seeking additional ways to provide information to town residents to ensure that the Bradford of the future meets both the needs and the wishes of those who live here. “We can plan another potluck supper,” said Board member Phil LaMoreaux. “The participation was very helpful and the food was great.” Other suggestions can be forwarded to Circuit Rider Colleen Lynch clynch@cnhrpc.org or shared with any member of the Planning Board.

—Marcia Keller, Planning Board

100 Residents Show Up for Insurance Committee Public Meeting

About 100 people attended a public meeting convened by the Bradford Insurance Committee on October 26th at the Bradford Elementary School.

The meeting was called to review the

findings of the Insurance Committee and to discuss the topic, “Insurance Benefits to Elected Officials.” The Insurance Committee was officially established at

NH Attorney General Replies to Town Insurance Committee

Senior Assistant Attorney General Sorville (Bud) Fitch responded to the Insurance Committee's request for investigation into the Bradford Selectmen's insurance issues. Mr. Fitch responded that as no criminal misconduct was alleged by the committee and no election violations were alleged that the matter was outside the scope of the Attorney Generals' office and the AG's office had no basis for investigations.

While the matter of the missing Budget Committee minutes appears to be an issue of compliance with the Right to Know law, the matter must be pursued in Superior Court. Anyone wishing a copy of the letter is encouraged to contact the Selectmen's Office.

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**From the Editor:
Bradford Residents Pay Attention**

Our town of Bradford is like no other in most ways except one—we are changing. That’s right, like every other town and city in New Hampshire, we are growing; considering new housing and commercial developments, school budgets, planning and zoning regulation changes, and all around “growing pains.” Paying attention is the best way to stay informed and getting active is the best way to protect whatever interests you may have for our future.

This month’s paper is chock full of

reports and updates of progress and projects, most implemented by volunteers. Your input is welcomed and needed in every facet of our Town.

I challenge ALL of you to participate. Run for office, get on a committee, write an article for the *Bridge*. Come to the various public meetings and hearings—meet your neighbors, share your views.

At the very least, it gives you the right to grumble.

—Susie Janicki, editor

Insurance Public Meeting

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the 2004 Town Meeting. Committee members include: Perry Teele; Tandy Hartford; Bruce Bowie (not present on panel); Selectmen’s representative, David Pickman (not present on panel); Joe Conway, (former Selectman); and Garry Wall, who was designated Chairman.

Attendees were offered copies of several documents as they entered the meeting: a “Letter to Selectmen (dated Aug. 16, 2005) that included the initial “Summary Report and Recommendations issued by the committee (a transcript of that document was printed in the September issue of the *Bradford Bridge* with the Selectmen’s response in the October issue); an accounting, “Health Insurance Cost Breakdown for Elected Officials,” listing costs to date and potential total yearly monetary exposure; an “Excerpt from 2002 Town Meeting,” discussion on a Warrant Article—Operating budget Item; the “Insurance Committee Sur-

vey,” regarding town selectmen and employee health benefit coverage from a listing of 35 surrounding towns; and a document titled, “Town of Bradford Insurance Committee Summary of Salient Facts” outlining the Committee’s research from the public records that concludes that a valid formal policy vote was not made regarding eligibility and participation in the NH Municipal Association Health Insurance Trust’s program.

Wall asked attendees to keep the meeting focused on the information presented in the documents and the work of the committee to date, rather than engage in debate about the appropriateness of the current policy relative to insurance coverage for selectmen.

Copies of the handouts are available at the Selectmen’s office. Call 938-5900 for more information.

—Michael Quinn



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Beverly Leo, a Spirit Still With Us

Beverly Leo passed away on Tuesday, November 8th at 1:52 AM. Bev was an extraordinary person. She loved life, people, and animals. She was able to laugh and make visitors to her sickbed feel comfortable almost to the very end of her days.

Her actual address was in Warner but her living on the line that separates Bradford and Warner made her a huge part of Bradford. She taught free computer classes at the Bradford Area Community Center, she co-edited the Bradford Bridge, she put the concert program together for the Lettvin concerts and served on the Lettvin Committee. She had her own company "Chaos Design" and worked on campaign material for Barbara French, Beth Rodd and other candidates for political office. She was director of the Concord ASPCA and was totally dedicated to the safety and health of animals. Every time that I look at an animal whether it be a horse, dog, cat or any animal domestic or wild, I think of Bev.

Bill Hatt, Bev's husband, told a story about a spider at her memorial service on Sunday, November 20th. According to Bill, she had a spider and its web living in her car and when Bill tried to close the car window on the spider which would lead to its destruction, she severely told him to leave her friend the spider alive and intact.

When Bev was asked how she was able to keep her spirits up having had lymphangiomyomatosis since 1993, she answered, "Things that happen aren't good or bad-- they're happenstance. Given that, you move on."

Bev planned her last months with her husband Bill and friend Beth Rodd. She

wanted a celebration of her life, one of which took place on October 27th at Pleasant View Center in Concord. I was at this event and it was evident that Bev thoroughly enjoyed the party "Celebrate the Art and Life of Beverly Leo." About 35 family members and friends came to this gathering. They were people who knew her from her work with the ASPCA, her work as an artist, a writer, a political activist and a neighbor.



Bev in May, 2003.

Beverly was a patient at Pleasant View since July. While there, she surrounded herself with everything she enjoyed during her lifetime--her laptop computer, her crochet work, her music and the chocolates that she loved to munch on. She wore the red Tibetan coat and hat that she worked on during the last months of her illness to the party. Friends matted and hung her drawings and paintings. There were pictures of yaks or cats or figures from Tibetan myths. She greeted everyone with a smile and animated conversation in spite of her difficulty with breathing.

Bev had arranged to have her last months and ultimate death profiled in the *Concord Monitor*. There were ten or so articles, and many pictures of her courageous fight to live as best as she could—with dignity and a positive attitude. Her wish was to demystify the end of life and to provide a chronicle of the disease that only affects women and currently has no cure.



Bev in 2002, with backpack of portable oxygen, on her feisty young horse Cricket.

Bev loved that party. When I left Pleasant View, I didn't know that her death and the subsequent memorial service would take place only weeks away.

Her memorial service was as she planned it. Roughly fifty relatives and friends gathered at Carey and Beth Rodd's home to share memories, brunch and drinks that Bev favored. Family and friends shared stories and laughed and wept as they told anecdotes of her remarkable life.

Bev's husband, Bill Hatt, read from a much folded and hardly decipherable page of her last words which seem to sum up her short life in several short sentences:

"A short time to be here, and a long time to be gone.

I've gone to an undisclosed location- wait for me Mr. Cheney.

There's something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a man."

The last thing that Bev wrote which was barely legible, "I am me; Me I am; And Me I shall remain." —*Bev Leo, 2005.*

Beth Rodd sent an e-mail to some of Bev's friends after she spent the last hours with Bev at Hospice House in Concord. It reads, "Bev died at 2 a.m. with her sons holding her and telling her how much they loved her. Her death was peaceful and beautiful and exactly as she had planned it. To have shared in her life and the extraordinary love of her last moments has been an honor and a joy."

—*Phyllis Wilcox*

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—Joe Torro, President & Baseball Director BNSYS

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Bradford Tree 1 of 13 Largest in NE

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A nonprofit organization, called American Forests, started the National Register of Big Trees in the 1940s, and it is updated every two years. Our tree is one of only 13 Champion Trees in the northeast. Matt Largess, of Jamestown, Rhode Island, is quoted in the Boston Globe on November 17 as saying, "If you find the biggest of its kind, it's like the Red Sox winning the World Series." While the Red Sox didn't win the World Series this year, we seem to be compensating with the biggest pitch pine. If you see what you think might be a prize specimen, the person to call is John Bachman, at 603-673-6725, whose email is john@anatek.mv.com.

—Ruth-Ann M. Harris

Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society Old Post Office building will be open by chance or appointment during the cold months. For your gift giving, we also have the two books on the Carrs and Carr's Store by Dr. Linebaugh available.

Two Hundred Plus, the Bradford History book is available for gift giving, as well as both the hard and soft cover genealogies of *Early Families of Bradford*. During your holiday and winter housecleaning, please think of the Historical Society if you find articles about the town or pictures you would share. Call 938-5386.

The 2006 Bradford Historical Society calendars are scheduled to be ready for sale in early December. Sandy Wadlington and Ruth-Ann Harris, with the assistance of Milly Kittredge have worked hard to get it ready. We don't have Bowie's to distribute our calendars any more, but we are working on distribution through local businesses. Contact Ruth-Ann Harris: harrisrd@bc.edu or 603-938-5386.

—Milly Kittredge

The Bradford Women's Club

The Annual Craft Fair is over and we couldn't have done it without Jean Gaito. Kudos to Jean for all her years of hard work. Thank you to BWC's members for the hard work and baking during this year's fair. You are so fantastic!

There are no general meetings in December but our Executive board meeting is scheduled for the 13th at 9:30 a.m. at the BACC.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our January 17th Chinese Buffet & Bingo day. More details to follow next month.

Have the merriest of holiday seasons, health and happiness for the New Year!

—Erica Gross, President

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During the past year we have seen some serious weather conditions. September's rains and flooding have reminded us of the need to watch out for our neighbors.

We are in the process of establishing an emergency contact list. We need your help to identify senior, disabled, or other citizens whose circumstances are such that they could use a friendly contact now and again.

Citizens' names and emergency contact information will be added to this list and during times of serious weather we will be contacting these people to ensure their well being.

If you or someone you know needs to be on this contact list, call the Police Department business line 938-2522.

From all of us at the Bradford Police Department we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

—Jim Valiquet, Chief of Police

Toys for Tots

The United States Marine Corp Reserve will kick off their Toys for Tots campaign on October 22nd. The Bradford Area Community Center will again be collecting toys starting on November 1st. All toys should be new and unwrapped. All donations made at the BACC will be distributed within the local area. For more information, please contact Bob Selig at 938-2677.



Photo by Susan A. Janicki

Halloween in Bradford just wouldn't be the same without the annual toilet papering of the tree at the corner of East Main & Rte. 114.

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

VITAL STATISTICS

October 22, 2005 Shawn Wright & Rebecca Bailey were married in Newbury

November 4, 2005 Paul N. Gove died in New London

November 11, 2005 Frances Winch died in Concord

Please remember that we can process your boat registrations at this office and keep the fees for the town. Simply send your mail-in registration with an additional \$1.50 processing fee here instead of to the state. You can also call the office for the correct amounts.

Interest will begin accruing on the 2nd half property tax bills at 12% as of December 10, 2005.

The Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office is open Mondays from noon to 7 p.m., Tuesdays, 7 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30-5 p.m., and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 938-2288 or fax us at 938-2094.

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2005 and Monday, January 2, 2006 for the holidays. Ann and I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

—Sue Pebrson, Bradford Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Building in Bradford: October & November

For the month of October: one new garage and a home renovation.

In November, two new houses, an addition, a roof extension for a car port.

Applications were taken out for one new house, two new garages, one with a living space on the second floor. These have yet to be approved.

CORRECTION

The following is an incorrect statement that was in last month's *Bridge*:

"A permit is not required for the following: One story detached structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet. A permit is required to show that it has been constructed at the appropriate set back."

In fact, ANY new structure requires a building permit. Sorry for any inconvenience.

—Trudy Willett

Selectmen's Activity Report – October-November 05

The aftermath of the October flood is still with us. We have now received information for individuals who suffered flood damage and the office is attempting to provide affected people with the correct contacts.

The Town lost one of the West Meadow Road bridges and has been in contact with both FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Act) representatives and the NH State Department of Transportation (DOT) to apply for funds to replace the bridge. Road Agent Steve Lucier has attended a meeting in Concord to determine the scope of the available assistance. State DOT has indicated there is help in conjunction with FEMA available under the State Managed Bridge program to ensure early replacement of this bridge.

The Board of Selectmen is also investigating the dredging of the Warner River. This project was initially proposed in 1987 by Dick Keller and Dick Perron and dismissed by the Army Corps of Engineers as not having an adequate cost benefit ratio for federal involvement. However, with the severity of the recent flooding the matter deserves new investigation. The Town will be contacting State and Federal Representatives on the matter.

The Selectmen met with Department of Revenue Auditor Sandra Rourke on November 2, to set the 2005 tax rate. The revaluation of the town this year caused confusion for some as to the final rate, but the answers were provided and the town rate was set at \$14.23 per thousand dollars of assessment. The change in assessments makes the comparison to last year a little different but the overall percentage increase is 2.2% and is broken out as follows:

Town decreased... (2.4%)
County increased ... 1.9%
Local School incr ... 4.4%
State School decr ..(4.5%)

Anyone wishing to request the town to review their assessment, should complete an abatement form (available at the Selectmen's Office) and return it to the office by March 1, 2006. The Attorney General has responded

to the Insurance Committee's request for investigation, explaining their job is to investigate alleged criminal violations or alleged election fraud. The Attorney General's office has stated it sees no allegation of either and will not be investigating the Board of Selectmen.

There are issues the town will need to deal with regarding the maintenance of records. The destruction of the Budget committee minutes is a violation of the right to know law and the recourse for that matter is with the Superior Court. The town has since invested in a video recording system which will allow 40 hours of meetings on a tape and all committees will be encouraged to use it. While we will still need to transcribe the minutes, the video files will be kept permanently. It is to our benefit to have an informed public. It is in no one's interest to have angry allegations years after a public vote.

The Board of Selectmen has voted to participate in the insurance program at the same rate as town employees and effective December 2005 will pay 15% of the cost of the benefit.

The Needs Assessment Committee has continued to meet and various engineering studies are nearing completion. These will allow the committee to provide the town with additional information on the Valley Transportation property versus the costs of renovating the town hall. The meetings with an architect and engineers are helping to narrow down the size, space requirements and type of code upgrades that will be required to meet the

town's needs in future years. An improved facility will provide the townspeople convenient access to records, meeting spaces and public services offered by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector with adequate parking and accessibility.

Budget preparation is underway. Many different items will appear on this year's warrant and we will try to keep you informed as they are presented to the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. One major item is the increase in oil prices. Both the Highway and the Police department are facing the doubling of that line item. The Cemetery Commission is exploring the possibility of placing a storage shed at Sunny Plains for the riding lawn mower and other equipment.

We'd like to thank the Bradford Area Community Center for allowing us to use their laminating machine to protect the town tax maps. Not only will this keep them in one piece while they are out for public use, but will also protect them for the future storage. Tax maps are kept permanently and tend to be damaged over time. This will reinforce the sheets and provide for long term comparisons of changes in Bradford.

On a lighter note, the Selectmen's office is still battling with mice. Just when we think they're gone, they startle us again. So far the Police Department holds the record of two apprehensions, Michelle, none, and the Road Agent's sure fire mouse trap – none.

—Cheryl Behr, Town Administrator

AG's Letter

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At the informational meeting of the Insurance Committee, Joe Conway indicated the committee was in dialog with the AG's office. No selectman, as a member of the committee, was informed of the committee's meeting and Mr. Fitch was contacted by the Town Administrator, Cheryl Behr. He indicated that he had met with the two men but had not recognized them as part of a formal government committee but rather as two

private citizens. As such he had restated the role of the AG's office in criminal matters and suggested the matter be handled through the normal democratic process. Mr. Fitch was requested to inform the selectmen's office of future meetings so all members of the insurance committee would have the opportunity to attend.

—Cheryl Behr

Planning Board Notes

Bock Subdivision on Route 114 – At a joint meeting with the Warner Planning Board, it was determined that the frontage for one of the new lots to be created belongs to the Town of Warner, having been turned over to the Town when Route 114 was relocated. Until this situation can be resolved, the application was amended to create 2, rather than 3 lots and was then approved by both planning boards with the condition that the large lot may be further subdivided one more time.

Mapleview Development - A revised plan was presented for the proposed “over 55” cluster on Old Warner Road that shows 24 rather than 25 lots to accommodate the frontage to depth ratio required by the Regulations and to avoid placing cluster lots in the Residential Business District to the south side of the lot. This also adds 6+ acres to the open space that will be retained.

Chris Frey, speaking for the Fire Department, raised the question of separation between buildings if flexibility is allowed for the setback requirements. The Board voted to allow a minimum of 15' for all internal boundaries of the lots, but required that the minimum code between dwelling units for fire safety be met. Modification of the turning radius

for the new road to be constructed will be reviewed by Provan & Lorber who will also be asked if a traffic study is needed because of the Elementary School location on the same road. The applicant submitted a written request to extend the deadline for Board action until January 12, 2006 and the hearing was continued until December 13th.

DP Times Two - A site plan for a proposed fitness center on Route 103 was presented by Tom French representing the owners, Dawn and Daniel Pettiglio. A special exception has been approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment to allow the commercial use in the Residential Rural District. The CNHRPC review advised that the application is not complete in its present form. French showed a sketch showing a possible design for the proposed two story, 12,800 sq. ft. building with 40 parking spaces. The consensus of the Board was that the building should fit into the New England architecture and provide landscaping to enhance it. The applicant requested copies of reviews from Town departments and will address these at the continuation of the meeting scheduled for December 13th.

Emerson Place - RCS Designs, representing Laurendeau Enterprises, pre-

sented an application for a minor subdivision on Rowe Mountain Road. It was noted that because a minor subdivision had been approved for the parent lot in 2003, this application must be for a major subdivision meeting all the requirements of the regulations. The Board voted to waive the frontage to depth ratio requirements for this lot due to the unusual shape of the lot. The application will be resubmitted as a major subdivision and address the comments from the CNHRPC review and was continued until December 13th.

Tardif - A Voluntary Merger was presented for Map 21, Lots 31 & 32 on Oakdale Road. No action from the Board is required.

Solitude Ridge – Communication was received from Provan & Lorber that the road construction for South Ridge Road has been completed.

The Planning Board thanks all who came to the Potluck Supper and Master Plan discussion. The food was delicious, the discussions lively, and the suggestions very helpful. Please continue to be involved, to participate in the ongoing preparation of the Master Plan, to help with the implementation as it takes place, and to care about the town we live in.

—Marcia Keller, Planning Board

Budget Committee Sets Dates

The Bradford Budget Committee has begun to develop the budget that will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting on March 15, 2006. At its meeting on October 11th, the following upcoming meeting dates were set:

- November 15, 2005
- November 29, 2005
- December 6, 2005
- December 20, 2005
- January 10, 2006
- January 24, 2006
- February 7, 2006
- February 14, 2006 —Public Hearing on the Budget


Specific dates have not yet been set to meet with individual departments. These will be posted in January after some of the budgets have been reviewed.

Items discussed at the October meeting included a request for a new tractor at the land fill area, upgrades required by the insurance company for the Town Hall, and possible recommendation from the Needs Assessment Committee to purchase Valley Transportation property for town use.

Committee members were requested to put any questions regarding the local officials' insurance issue in writing so they can be forwarded to Town Counsel for a written response,

The Committee agreed to engage Marge Cilley to prepare minutes of each Budget Committee meeting. These will be available for review at the Town Hall.


(excerpted from the Approved Minutes)




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Library Lantern
by Meg Fearnley

The library will be closed on Saturday, December 24 so come in early to stock up on holiday reading. Don't forget, we have adult and children's audio books to play on those long car trips!

The library will show a children's movie on Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. (based on *The Coot Club* by Arthur Ransome).

We just received an e-mail (elf-mail) from the North Pole telling us that Santa is planning to visit the library on Saturday, December 3. Come at 4:00 p.m. to hear some holiday stories before visiting with Santa.

Our next adult book-to-movie discussion of *Persuasion* by Jane Austen will take place on Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Pick up a copy and join us in this fun book discussion series.

We would like to thank the kind person who put our garden to bed for the winter. We have your gloves!

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

FOR ADULTS:

- 1491* by Charles C. Mann
- On Beauty* by Zadie Smith
- Blue Smoke* by Nora Roberts
- Generation RX* by Greg Critser
- The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
- Toxic Bachelors* by Danielle Steel

FOR CHILDREN:

- Inkspell* by Cornelia Funke
- The Penultimate Peril* by Lemony Snicket
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KRSD News

The site for the new middle school became a spirited discussion at our November 3rd Board meeting. In response to concerns voiced last spring by a group from the New London area, the Board decided to further investigate the site of the current middle school to see if there was any opportunity to rehabilitate and expand the current building rather than build new in Sutton. An RFP was issued and the work was recently completed. The Turner Group of Concord performed their evaluation and produced a report that basically said most of the current middle school is in such bad shape it should be demolished. Further, a special inspection of the roof beams was recommended and as of this writing we are awaiting the results. (If a safety concern materialized in the interim, I'm sure you would have read it elsewhere by now.)



While the Turner Group felt that the current building had outlived its usefulness, they did offer another plan, which would allow for the building of a new middle school on the current New London site, around the old school. I had not thought this possible so I listened to how it could be accomplished. The proposal called for all grades to be stacked in one section three stories high, with administration in an area away from the classrooms. Furthermore, the full compliment of playing fields could not be on site. There would be no parking anywhere nearby during construction, wetlands would have to be filled, the building would be taller than height restrictions in New London, the SAU

Office would be knocked down for a parking lot and the abatement for noise during construction could not be addressed. In the end, it appeared to me and to others that, although technically feasible, building a new school on the current site was riddled with safety and educational compromises and offered no advantage to keeping with the plan for the centrally located Sutton site. This is the site the School Board voted to continue to move forward with for some very good reasons.

Again, I urge you to support this school as it is needed and every year we wait, more kids suffer in an unhealthy building.

Bussing has been another issue in the District. The Vice President of Operations for the bus company flew in from Ohio to meet with Supt. Brennan about our concerns. A new regional director with 34 years experience has been brought in specifically to fix the issues which are affecting our bus system as well as other districts in the area that are experiencing the same issues. Further, a route expert will be looking at how our system operates. The administration is cautiously optimistic that the bus company will turn things around but is in contact with them on a daily basis.

Lastly, the food service director reports that the organic yogurt and pretzel lunches are running neck and neck with the pbj lunches in popularity at Bradford. The hot entrée runs a close third followed by the whole wheat pizza.

—Jon Steiner, KRSD Board Member

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“Letters for Santa”

The mailbox for “Letters for Santa” will be placed in the lobby at the Bradford Post Office starting Saturday, December 10th.

Also Santa will be in the Post Office lobby on Saturday, December 17th from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact this office at 938-2125.

—Bill Horsfall, Postmaster

South Newbury Union Church has a New Pastor

The South Newbury Union Church voted to call Harold “Hal” D’Amico of Manchester to serve as its new pastor.



Mr. D’Amico will minister to members, their families and any person who seeks out the church or a pastor in their times of illness, grief, difficulty and struggle or joy and celebration. he will preach on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and teach Bible studies and offer seminars throughout the year.

Preferring to be known as “Hal,” the new pastor lives with his wife and son and is a second year student at Andover Newton Theological School in Newton, MA. He was born in Brooklyn, NY and raised on Long Island in the same Jewish tradition as his mother. Hal said, “As I became more drawn to understanding the life of Jesus and a Christ who loves and forgives, I discovered the warm welcome, respect for tradition in an environment that encourages asking hard questions about what matters in life, and how we can live a faith-based life in a diverse and open environment.”

Hal can be reached at 938-5369.

—submitted by Gail Bostic



First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP: This group will study Joyce Meyer’s book entitled “The Battlefield of the Mind” on the following Thursday mornings from 11 a.m. - 12 noon; December 1, 8 and 15.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Adults are welcome to come to the Fisk House every Sunday morning in December (except Christmas morning) from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and study the book of Daniel.

ADVENT CRAFT DAY: Children of all ages are invited to come to the church on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and make all kinds of Christmas crafts, i.e. decorating cookies, making swags, and more... Children take home everything they make. Cookies and cocoa will be served.

HAM & BEAN SUPPER: The House Committee will hold their annual Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. immediately following the lighting of the Tree at the Library. The cost of the dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. The menu will be: ham, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, beverage and homemade desserts.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN’S MINISTRIES: ABWM will meet on Saturday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m. for a pot luck luncheon and an Inspirational gift swap.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: The food pantry will distribute their Christmas food baskets on Saturday, December 17 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Saturday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. Meet at the church to go Christmas caroling and then we’ll go to the home of Marge and George Cilley for hot cider and refreshments.

CANDLELITE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: The service is at 7 p.m. on December 24.

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE: We will be worshipping on Christmas morning at 10 a.m.

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

We want to thank the many volunteers who made enormous efforts to minimize damage from the recent floods last month. Thanks particularly to Bruce Edwards and the Civil Defense crew, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and many individual volunteers who did so much to preserve our property at the dam while we were away. Thanks also to the road agent and his crew who were also effective.

Almost all the problems arose while we were away. The damage to our Mill house was not as extensive as feared, and we now have a sandbagged shoreline and rows of hay bales to protect us from spring floods. Thanks also to the many individuals who went out of their way to ask about our wellbeing. It again reminds us of how privileged we are to live in such a supportive community.

As Bradford continues work on its Master Plan – and incidentally where were all the elected town officials last Saturday night? – it is important to find ways to address the issue of the Lake Todd and Lake Massasecum watersheds which cross town boundaries. We have to find ways to preserve quality and reduce the drought-flood cycle that will be worsened as hillsides are cleared for development.

—*John R. Harris & Ruth-Ann M. Harris*
The Brick Mill on Main Street

Letter to the Editor,

I attended the Insurance Committee meeting last month. There were times

I thought I was at mystery play tryout with all the “alleged and aha’s.”

I don’t like a committee that seems to be suggesting deception and even criminal misdoings instead of showing what can happen if you don’t investigate what is being brought up to the town and if you have an opinion on it get out and vote. So instead of setting people against each other and pointing fingers why don’t we just have a committee to bring it up at Town Meeting again?

Because of my remarks I think people might feel that I was for the insurance policy now in practice. Just to set the record straight I don’t know how I would vote if it’s brought up on a revote.

If you don’t take the time to check out what is going to be voted on and get out and vote that makes you an uninformed non voter. That is your fault.

—*Jane Lucas*

Letter to the Editor,

We have lost several good friends these last few weeks. Two of them were very different people who had an impact of Bradford.

Paul Gove was a way-back native gifted with humor and intelligence who served the town as police chief and was town moderator for almost twenty years. He was a builder, and all around source of information.

Frances Winch was involved in many club works, an excellent seamstress and quilt maker, a cook and gardner who gave meaning to the title of Southern Belle.

Both Paul and Frances lived long, interesting and giving lives. I hope Bradford sees many more types as different, but as generous and good as these two. We will miss them.

—*Milly Kittredge*

Letter to the Editor,

Gratitude is a virtue we should exercise more often. In comparison to so many others we are blessed. At this time of year, we are reminded to count those blessings. We are a fortunate people, don’t you agree? Well, most of us are fortunate - but not all of us.

Some families find themselves in the unhappy position of needing to have their children placed in foster care. Sometimes this separation of parents from their children is short, sometimes longer and sometimes it is permanent.

While foster care is usually temporary, it can lead to adoption if the family is unable to provide a safe home for the child. Share your blessings with a child in need. Become a foster parent. Call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

—*Jan Feuer, Intake Specialist*
NH Foster & Adoptive Parent Assoc.

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Senior Council

The Senior Council (Saturday Seniors) of Bradford Area Community Center invites all area seniors to its Christmas Party on December 10th at 1 pm.

The program includes a pot-luck luncheon, exchange of wrapped gifts (\$5 or less value) and a sing-a-long. Each couple or individual brings a dish to share. A warm welcome awaits you. If you have questions please call 938-2640.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter invites the general public to its program entitled: "Birds of NH/New England" on Friday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tracy Memorial Library, Main Street, New London.

Speaker, Garth McElroy, a full-time professional bird photographer from New Hampshire, has a love for bird photography that developed from his two childhood passions of nature and photography. He is fascinated with their beauty, diversity, behavior, and ecology, and he strives to capture all of this in his images. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Saturday, December 17 the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will again participate in the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. This data gives scientists long-term insight into the health of our bird populations and the environment. For the 15th year we are asking for volunteers. If you have an interest in birding, please consider joining one of several teams canvassing the area known as the Lake Sunapee Count Circle which includes the towns of New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, and Sutton.

Volunteers may participate by observing their feeder birds and taking a numerical count of the species seen. At day's end participants meet over supper at Bird Count Coordinator, Gary Stansfield's home in Goshen at 5 p.m. to compile results of birds observed in fields, roadsides, waterways, and feeders.

For details or to volunteer please call Gary at 863-8727.

—Submitted by Myra La Pierre



Food for Thought: Lessons from the Field

by Maureen Quinn

I recently finished my second season playing varsity soccer. The two seasons were as different as they could be. Last season, my team went to the Class S finals. Walking onto the field under the lights with our fans screaming was one of the most incredible things I will ever experience.

Though we lost, we walked away happy and confident knowing that we were state runners-up. We had eight seniors on the team, and they were our best players. When they graduated, we knew that the next season was going to be much harder.

This season was a test physically and mentally. We didn't win every game, and it was very challenging to summon up the enthusiasm we felt the year before. It was frustrating for us and our coach, John Geary. Kids at school and even parents of girls on the team doubted that we would win any games. But we never gave up, and that was one of the most rewarding things any of us could ask for during a 5-11 season.

Playing soccer has taught me that a team should stick together and

support each other. One person is rarely at fault for the team's errors. As Coach would say after the other team scored, "There are ten other girls out there that had a chance to get the ball." His talks, and game experience, taught us that winning was not the only important thing. Working our hardest and having passion for the game was, no matter what anyone thought about us.

Even though having another successful winning season would have been awesome, I wouldn't trade the lessons I've learned this season for anything. No matter what next season may bring, I can't wait.

This month's guest columnist, Maureen Quinn, is a sophomore, a member of Thomas Coverdale's Honors English 10 class, and a full-back on of the girls' varsity soccer team at Sunapee Middle High School. She's also the daughter of Food For Thought columnist Mike Quinn.

If you have comments or column ideas, please e-mail him at michaeljquinn@tds.net or call 938-5676.

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Real Estate Hints: Regarding Mold

by *Laura Hallaban*



With the recent flooding we had here in town and the news of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina still fresh, I thought I would address the subject of mold this month. Buyers today are concerned about any house that has a wet basement or water accumulation in the yard. As well, some home inspectors now offer a mold test as part of the entire inspection process.

Molds, mushrooms, mildews, and yeasts are all classified as fungi, a kingdom of organisms distinct from plants and animals. It is estimated that there are between 50,000 and 250,000 species of fungi and more than 1,000 kinds of indoor molds have been found in U.S. homes. Some molds are capable of producing toxins.

Mold grows in damp, warm environments and needs moisture and nutrients to grow. Substantial growth is synonymous with the presence of water inside the building envelope. You may recognize mold by sight, with discolored walls and signs of water damage, or by smell, with a musty or earthy odor.

People are exposed to mold through skin contact, inhalation or ingestion. People with asthma, allergies or breathing conditions may be more sensitive to mold and people with immune suppression are more susceptible to mold infections. Exposure to mold can sensitize individuals who then may experience symptoms when re-exposure is made with the same species.

Here are some tips for a mold-free home:

- ✓ Check the exterior of your home regularly for accumulation of ground water.
- ✓ If you see or feel dampness in a wall, don't wait – open it up and see what's causing it.

- ✓ If your house sits above a foundation and there is a heavy rain, put electric fans under the house to dry the ground.
 - ✓ Fix leaky faucets, pipes and other leaks as soon as you find them.
 - ✓ Have your heating and air conditioning system serviced each year.
 - ✓ Clean and dry out wet or damp areas within 48 hours.
 - ✓ Keep indoor humidity below 60 percent by venting bathrooms and dryers to the outside, using air conditioners and dehumidifiers, using exhaust fans or opening windows when cooking, washing dishes or cleaning, and increasing ventilation.
 - ✓ If you have a leak that saturates carpet, ceiling tiles or upholstery, remove them within 48 hours.
 - ✓ Use paint that has an EPA-approved mold inhibitor.
 - ✓ Clean kitchens and bathrooms with mold-killing cleaners - some recommend bleach while others prefer household detergents.
 - ✓ Don't carpet bathrooms.
 - ✓ Don't put vinyl wallpaper on walls that are at risk of sustaining water damage.
 - ✓ If you decide to clean mold yourself, be sure to wear nonporous gloves, eye protection and an N95 mask available at your local hardware store.
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CIVICS 101 - Bradford

For new residents of Bradford – and perhaps for some who have been here for awhile – a short course in town government was suggested. Thus, this is the first of an occasional series discussing the boards and committees that help Bradford function and how these affect the lives of those of us who live here.

Contrary to the commonly held opinion, New Hampshire towns are not granted “home rule” by the State Constitution; municipal authority is based on grants of power from the Legislature. Of the several forms of local government allowed, Bradford, like many other small towns, operates under the “Town Meeting – Board of Selectmen” form. This is considered “pure democracy” where the voters, acting at the annual Town Meeting (2nd Tuesday in March in Bradford) serve as the legislative body. Voters elect the Board of Selectmen, Town Moderator, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurer, Supervisors of the Checklist, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Library Trustees, Budget Committee, Scholarship Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjust-

ment, and Cemetery Commission. Each of these groups functions under specific state statutes that spell out how they are elected and the respective duties.

The three member board of selectmen serves as the governing or executive body to manage the “prudential affairs” of the town. This is generally thought of as filling-in-the-details that carry out the actions approved by the voters. Sounds simple, but, of course, it really is far more complicated than that. In Bradford, Selectmen are also responsible for town roads, public welfare, emergency management, hazardous or dilapidated buildings, junkyard licensing, and public health regulations. As these issues have become more complex and time consuming, the Bradford Selectmen have appointed a road agent, health officer, building inspector/code enforcement officer, town forester, and welfare officer. An Administrative Assistant handles the day-to-day affairs of the town as directed by the selectmen. Other employees currently working at the selectmen’s office include an assessing clerk and a receptionist/assistant to the building inspector.

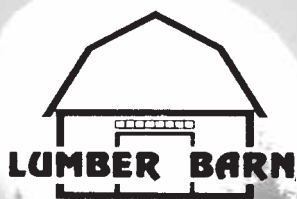
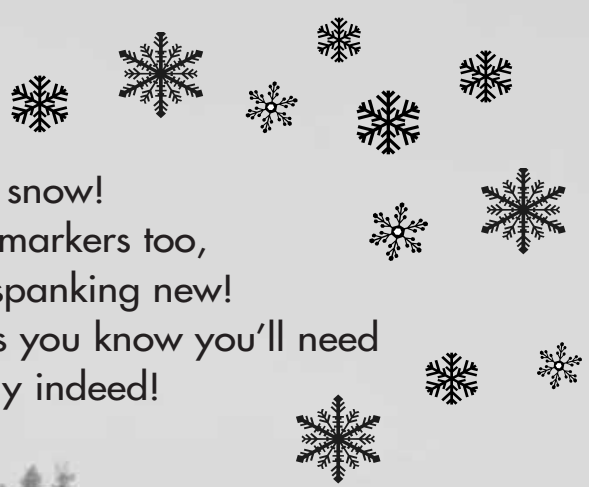
In addition, the selectmen appoint the members of the police department, deputy town clerk/tax collector, deputy treasurer, Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, Historic District Commissioners, revolving loan fund committee, deferred compensation plan committee, Fair Hearing Officer and transfer station manager.

The positions of town clerk and tax collector were combined in 1990 by a Town Meeting vote as allowed by state law. The clerk’s duties are to keep all town records, certify the actions of selectmen and other town officials, make official reports, collect fees and serve as an election official. Tax collector’s duties include collecting all taxes due and keeping a complete and accurate account of taxes due, collected and abated, and all property sold for non payment of taxes. All funds collected by the tax collector are remitted to the treasurer on a regular basis.

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Halloween Party



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- Matthew Pickman - 1st place
- Cooper Family - 2nd place
- William Benedict - 3rd place

The judging was done by our local police department, officers Ed, Steve and Shari.

There was a graveyard diner inside and a huge cat outside by gravestones. When children walked under the cat it screeched and lighting sounds & lights enhanced the spooky experience.

Seniors and Kids—a Good Mix

The Bradford Area Senior Center invited the Kearsage Area Preschool to their "Indians, Corn and Thanksgiving" program on Friday, Nov. 4th. This is the second of intergenerational children's literature series that the Bradford Senior Center is holding.

Ellie Plunkett and Claire Thomas from the Senior Center read books about Indians and Thanksgiving to four year olds. Afterwards, John Brooks, a volunteer from the Mt. Kearsage Indian Museum, brought artifacts to show the children about every day life of the Indians. They learned how corn first began, the tools Indians used, stories elders would tell their children, and how babies would be carried in a papoose. Homemade refreshments of cranberry bread, brownies and apple cider were served after the presentation.

The Bradford Area Senior Center is planning 3 - 4 of these literature programs a year for local children and their parents.

—Heather Turner



Kearsage Area Preschool Sponsors Entertainment and Arts For Little Hearts

Kearsage Area Preschool continues its monthly fine arts and entertainment program for children in the Kearsage area community aged preschool to third grade. All activities are at little or no cost for all those who attend.

On Saturday, December 3rd at 1 p.m. - Decorating Ginger Bread Houses, Bradford Area Community Center Senior Room.

On Saturday, January 21st at 1 p.m. - Kathy Lowe "Music for Kids," at Kearsage Regional Elementary School in Bradford. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Obituaries



FRANCES (MORGAN) WINCH

Frances (Morgan) Winch, 90, of Pleasant View in Concord, died Tuesday, November 8, 2005, with family and compassionate employees at Pleasant View present.

She was born in High Point, N.C., on Aug. 20, 1915, the daughter of Daniel and Minnie (Buerbaum) Morgan.

She was a graduate of Berea College in Berea, Ky. Mrs. Winch lived in the oldest existing house at 110 Carter Creek Road in Newfield, N.Y., for many years, moved to Bradford in 1976 and to Concord in 2003. She was on the Newfield Public Library Board, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library and a member of the Newfield and Bradford historical societies. Mrs. Winch was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford. She enjoyed quilting, drawing and painting, flower gardening and decorating her house during the seasons.

Members of her family surviving include her husband of 65 years, Fred E. Winch of Concord; three sons, Daniel Winch of Newfield, N.Y., Fred E. Winch III of Harare, Zimbabwe; and Seth R. Winch of Saugus, Mass.; a daughter, Elsa E. Winch of Lock Haven, Pa.; eight grandchildren, Thomas, Paul, Dina, Jill, Alexandra, Caraline, Ethan, and Leah; and two great-grandchildren, Christopher and Abby Lynn.

A funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church of Bradford with the Rev. Lynne Hubley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Brown Memorial Library, P.O. Box 437, Bradford 03221 or to the Newfield Public Library, Newfield, N.Y. 14867. For more information, please visit chadwickfuneralservice.com.



Frances Winch with, "Tall Pines," her part of the Bradford Historical Society Quilt which was made for Bradford's 1987 Bicentennial.

BEVERLY LEO

Beverly Leo, 61, died November 8 at Hospice House in Concord after a long battle with lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM), a rare genetic lung disease.

She was born in Corsicana, Texas. The daughter of an Air Force officer, she attended 17 schools. She attended UNH and majored in animal science with a concentration in horses. She spent 3 years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal where she taught science, agriculture, and English in a rural village.

Beverly spent 16 years as executive director of the Concord SPCA. She was also an unpaid legislative lobbyist for laws pertaining to animal welfare.

After Beverly was required by her lung

disease to retire from the SPCA, she developed a graphic design business, Chaos Design and was the composing editor of the *Bradford Bridge*.

Beverly and husband, Bill Hatt, enjoyed traveling and made many trips to the National Institutes of Health in Washington, DC for evaluation of her disease. There is an online travelogue at www.iamnow.net/whatt.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Bill Hatt, brother Lee of Effingham Falls, NH, sister Susan, CO; sons Alan and Benjamin Leo, aunt, Dorothy Bischoff, New London, NH.

For a list of memorial donations call Bill Hatt at 938-2996.

MARILYN BROWN

Marilyn Brown of Georges Mills, formerly of Westwood, Massachusetts died November 7, 2005

She was 82. Among other things, she loved music, books, and weaving.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Roland Brown of Georges Mills; a daughter in California; a son in Vermont; and a daughter, Sandy Wadlington, of Bradford, New Hampshire.

Donations in her memory can be made to your favorite public library.

PAUL N. GOVE

New London: Paul N. Gove, 93, of Pleasant Street, died November 4, 2005 at New London Hospital.

He was born on August 26, 1912 in Goshen, NH, the son of Archie O. and Harriet (Holt) Gove.

He graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner and later attended Wentworth Institute.

Mr. Gove lived in Bradford for 70 years. He was Bradford's town moderator for many years and had also been police chief. He worked for Perkins Store in Newbury, Henry Robbins in New London and Mount Sunapee State Park. He moved to New London in 1994.

He loved to build houses, other structures and furniture. He also loved eating out and cooking. As he got older, his greatest joy was his family.

Mr. Gove was a member of the First Baptist Church of New London.

He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Arline (Thurber) Gove, who died in 2000. Members of his family include daughter Linda G. Myers of Sutton; sons, Monty A. of Westboro, MA; William A. of Grafton, NH; and Richard W. of Fairton, OH; 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the New London Hospital, New London, NH 03257.

Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Almost December. The time of year for remembering friends and relatives who reside just outside the circle of our daily lives. This is also the time of year when we reacquaint with the boulders and ledges that went unnoticed for much of the year. Stonewalls are showing through the unleafed trees.

Our lumpy granite is not always easy to work with, though some of us just can't control our impulse to lay one stone on another. Past uses of the land can sometimes be unraveled by its granite clues. Anyone who has bared the soil for crops knows that the cycles of freeze and thaw cause rocks to breed and surface. Vegetated covers such as wild meadow and woodland hold stones in place in the subsoil largely because they do not freeze as deeply. Intentional heaps of small-size stone in rocky terrain are a good indication that the land was once opened for row crops or for mowing as both uses would make it worthwhile to throw or haul manageable size rock out of the way of plow or scythe. Grazing animals work their way around rocks.

What of the stone walls though? By some estimates there are about 100,000 miles of stone fencing in central New England alone. A mason can put up about 20 feet of good standing drywall in a day, depending of course on how close at hand the rocks are. It's much easier to zigzag a split rail fence if the purpose is to keep an animal in or out. Much easier still to blaze a tree line if your intent is only to mark your boundaries.

The riddle of why all the laborious stone walls begins with the aristocracy of Portugal. Several hundred years ago, the Portuguese bred a sheep they called the merino that was much prized for the quality and quantity of its wool. Seeing the advantage of a monopoly, they prevented the merino sheep from being sold outside the country. The year 1809 however saw the defeat of the Portuguese at the hands of the French emperor and conqueror Napoleon. This event may well have subjugated the Portuguese but it liberated the sheep for overseas travel. The enterprising William Jarvis, then U.S. consul to Portugal, promptly imported 4000 of the merino to his farm in Wethersfield Vermont in 1810.

Two years later the U.S. was engaged in the War of 1812. The event of this Atlantic crossing collided with the wartime em-

bargo of imported British woolens. This in turn sparked a fanaticism in the Northeast for sheep, wool, and textile mills. Jarvis' 4000 Vermont sheep became 1.7 million within 24 years with a similar multiplication of animals in New Hampshire.

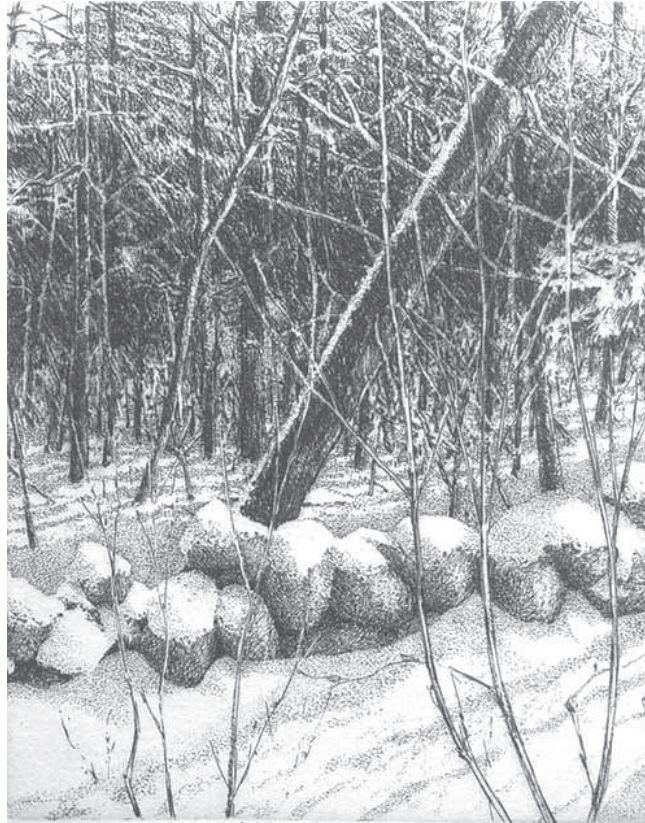
As the frenetic fleece race gained in fury, trees fell at an accelerated pace until in New England, more than 75% of the land was converted to pasturage and hay. Thus the appearance in the first half of the 1800's of the labor-intensive stonewall. There was not much wood left to spare for fencing given the equally pressing need for firewood. The ubiquitous rock was topped by brush or stumpage to obtain the four to five feet of height needed to incarcerate a flock of sheep. Barbed wire and metal fencing were not readily available until after 1870. Fence wardens were hired by the towns to walk the boundaries and mediate disputes. Fences by law had to be maintained and fines were frequently levied.

But the wool boom was not sustainable. Greed, ignorance, and shortsightedness combined to cause the overstocking of pastures. Inedible weeds swarmed in such as juniper, which had been quietly living in smaller populations towards the coast. The ground compacted under the millions of hooves and water ran off rapidly. Weather patterns changed and massive erosion silted the streams taking away vast amounts of topsoil.

Previously unseen flooding occurred in waterways choked to overflowing with silt and debris. Books were written lamenting human degradation of the environment. Bedrock was exposed and hilltops balded. Climb Haystack Mountain in the southwest part of Bradford for excellent views from rock ledges. Unusually high stonewalls remain coiled over the top, founded on bedrock.

The boom had busted by 1840. Nearly half the population of the sheep towns moved to the still fertile ground to the west and pines grew up in the untended pastures. The population of Bradford dropped to half its former peak of the mid-1800s witnessed by the remains of stone foundations. A peak we are just surpassing again today but with far fewer sheep.

—*This is a rewrite/reprint of an article that appeared in the December 2000 issue of the Bradford Bridge.*



BNYSYS Soccer Season Gone but Not Forgotten

One hundred and twenty six local kids participated in the BNSYS Fall Soccer Program this year. BNSYS fielded 10 teams for a season that ran from late August through October 22nd, with kids ranging in age from Kindergarten through the 6th grade participating.

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Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports Soccer Team Photos

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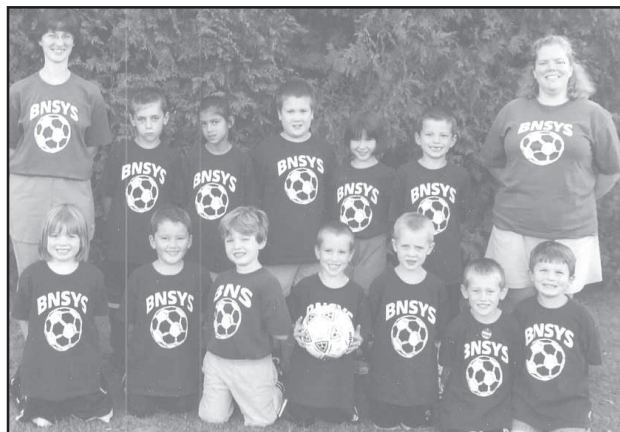
K-2 GREEN TEAM: Front row: Jordy Mellen, Mason Benedict, Eric Cooper, Elizabeth Maddox, Paige Blake, Sarah Long, Alanna O'Keefe
Back row: Logan Montminy, Josh Marzelli, Zachary Mattos, Cheyenne Eldridge, Morgan Flinkstrom, Taylor Mattos, Hannah Dukette
At back: Coach Chuck Eldridge, Coach Dan Benedict



K-2 RED TEAM:
Front row: Olivia Crainich, Bo Underhill, Tomasa Tucker, Tyler Valovic, Elliot Tucker
Back row: Brad Underhill, Nick Brady, Ian Bready, Carl Betz, Sammi Dow, Margarita Tucker
In Back: Coach Andrea Crainich, Coach Monica Valovic
Not pictured: Isabella Harvey, Tucker Valovic



K-2 BLUE TEAM:
Front row: Anna Stowell, Brianna Turco, Nathan Carbee, Michael Bullis, Ben Corbyn
Back row: Will Cornelio, Tyler Littlejohn, Ashley Thompson, Julia Hancock, Brett Palmer, Asst. Coach Nathan Thompson
At Back: Coach Richard Corbyn, Coach Martha Thompson



K-2 PURPLE TEAM: Front row: Anna Newman, Andrew Heiner, Gunnar Andersson, Andrew Shepard, Brendan MacDonald, Noah Hendricks, Logan Seabold
Back row: Coach Jean Meegan, Tyler Hendricks, Ella Howland, Jakob Ulrich, Erin Meegan, Devin Taves, Coach Debbie Andersson



3RD/4TH GRADE BOYS TEAM:
Front row: Joseph Cornelio, Andrew Van Hooydonk, Jackson Devers, Craig Hendricks, Joseph Porter, Dylan Budd, Matthew Pickman
Back row: Devon Herlitz, Adam Way, Sawyer Meegan, Shane Corley, Ben Newbern, Tristan Rowe, Richard Morris Jr.
At Back: Coach Jerry Grote, Coach Karen Way

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Our 5th and 6th grade boys team took **FIRST PLACE** in the “C Division” tournament held here in Bradford on October 22nd, and one of our 5th and 6th grade girls teams took **THIRD PLACE** in the “A Division” tournament also held at Warren Brook Park on the 22nd.

BNSYS would like to heartily thank all those who gave of their time, energy and expertise this season to make the program so successful:

Coaches for the Kindergarten – 2nd grade teams: Debbie Andersson, Jean Meegan, Andrea Crainich, Monica Valovic, Martha Thompson, Richard Corbyn, Dan Benedict and Chuck Eldridge.

Coaches for the 3rd and 4th grade teams: Eric Crainich, Mike Heffernan, Pete Blakeman, Tim Critch, Ed Andersson, Karen Way, and Jerry Grote.

Coaches for the 5th and 6th grade teams: Kurt McCandless, Scot Lucey, Andy Young, Mark Michie, Steve Bailey and Steve Manley.

Thank you to the numerous parents who helped with the snack shack, helped with field maintenance and clean-up, helped referee games all season long, and more. BNSYS is a non-profit organization that runs completely on volunteer labor, and we are fortunate to have such a great community of volunteers that gave of their time so our kids could enjoy and learn the sport.

THANKS TO ALL FOR A GREAT SEASON!

—Jennifer Dow, BNSYS Soccer Director



*3RD/4TH GRADE GIRLS TEAM #1: Front row: Lianna Blakeman, Melynda Seabolm, Nadia Crainich, Geneva Heffernan, Kelsey Dalton
Back row: Cassidy Galluzzo, Asana Gunes, Haley Brook, Libbey Brooks, Lia Grover, Kristina Andrewski. At Back: Coach Mike Heffernan, Coach Pete Blakeman, Coach Eric Crainich
Not pictured: Kaitlyn Titus, Bridget Carr*



*3RD/4TH GRADE GIRLS TEAM #2:
Front row: Shannon McIntyre, Brianna Critch, Kaytie Torro, Haley Andersson, Miranda Harvey; Back row: Alison MacDonald, Kate McCandless, Ashna Lal, Hannab Shepherd, Karissa Petit, Morgan Patten; At Back: Coach Ed Andersson, Coach Tim Critch*



*5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS TEAM:
Front row: Peter Martin, Nick Bailey, Ethan Way; Back row: Coach Steve Bailey, Kenney Manley, Peter Payson, Brendan Carr, Nick Iacopino, Coach Steve Manley; Not pictured: Antonio Kubicki, Wade O'Neil, Nate Dean*



*5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS TEAM #1:
Front row: Nikki Dow, Miriam Nelson, Mary-Margaret Pickman, Jessie Carter
Back row: Coach Scot Lucey, Jacinta Dyke, Laura McCandless, Jenna Carter, Raeanna Lucey, Alexis Critch, Taylor Lucey, Coach Kurt McCandless*



*5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS TEAM #2
Front row: Devin Lee, Kelsey Lee, Caitlyn McNeil, Gemma Bready
Back row: Sabrina Freese, Baysbay Bruss, Oshun Quinn, Sierra Michie, Satu Bruss, Paige Newman
Not pictured: Coach Andy Young, Coach Mark Michie, Shelby Hearne, Jordan Charbonneau, Jasmine Bourgeois*

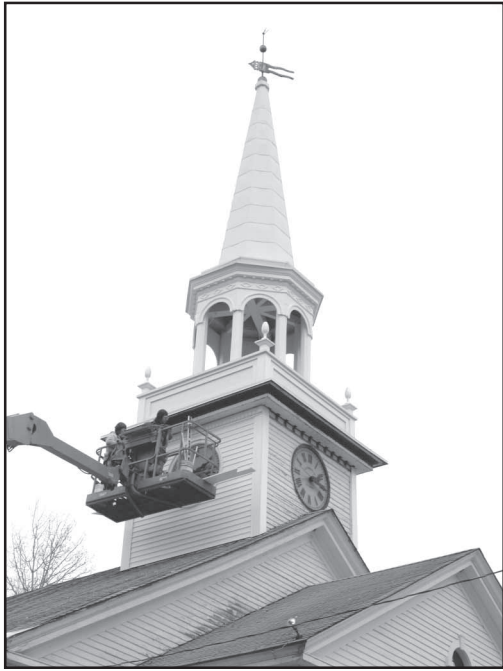


Photo by Fred Hubley

Repairmen up in a lift fixing the side of the clock tower as part of the First Baptist Church Clock Tower Restoration Project.

Classifieds

LOST: Black photo album from a Carnival Cruise, in the vicinity of West Main and High Streets. If found, please call 477-0991

FOR SALE: 91 Ford Explorer 4x4, Eddie Bauer. Runs. Needs tie rods and ball joints. Motor and 4x4 good. \$300 or BO 938-5281

FOR SALE: four burner electric stove, 26"d x20 1/2"w x37"h, \$40 call 938-5386

FREE! Good, full size (double) mattress and box spring. Rosewood Country Inn 938-5253 evenings

FREE: specialty moving boxes; moving cartons, dish boxes, mattress boxes, etc. call 938-2681.

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words or less: please contact Carey Rodd at 938-2692 or send an e-mail to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com.

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in most cases, only as authorized by the board of selectmen. Statements, vouchers and record books are submitted to the selectmen and the town auditors as requested and the treasurer, with selectmen's approval, invests excess funds as allowed by state law.

Future articles will deal with land use issues, master plan, capital improve-

ment program, roads and bridges, assessing, and other topics of interest. Suggestions can be sent to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com.

NOTE: SOURCE FOR THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION/DUTIES TAKEN FROM "THE TOWN OFFICIALS HANDBOOK", 1992 EDITION, PUBLISHED BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

—Marcia Keller

Bradford Bridge January 2006 Deadlines

Display ads, Classified ads, Regular Features and Articles are all due by December 15th.

**To list events for the
January Calendar—e-mail
bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com
by or before December 15th.**

**Anything received after the
deadline will be included only
if time and space allows.
If you are reporting on an event
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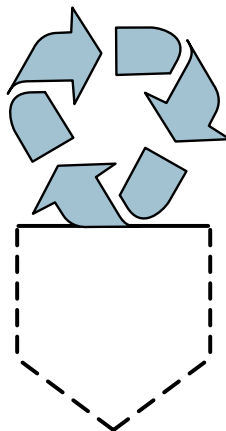
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Happy Holidays

from the Transfer Station...

Kenny's Recycling Factoids

- Recycling three steel cans saves enough energy to light a 60 watt bulb for 14 hours.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves the energy equivalent of one cup of gasoline.
- The average American uses 580 pounds of paper each year.
- Americans discard enough iron and steel to supply all the country's automakers.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves 380 gallons of oil.



—references: *Natural Resources & Recovery Association, Department of Environmental Services*