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Seven Inches of Rain Swamps Bradford Lake Todd Damn Area and Lake Massasecum Evacuated

Heavy rains soaked Bradford during the weekend of October 7-9, necessitating the evacuation of residents near the Lake Todd dam and causing road closures and widespread flooding.

Three families were evacuated when a gate that helps to control water flow around the dam failed to operate properly, causing water levels to rise rapidly.

On Saturday night, after a full day of heavy rain, water levels in the lake were about two feet below normal due to scheduled repairs to the dam. Bill Weiler, who lives on Lake Todd and is a member of the dam committee, said water levels rose steadily overnight. "By around 6:50 the next morning [Sunday], it was two to three feet above normal," he said.



Photo by Susan A. Janicki

Sunday afternoon, just after residents were told to evacuate, the Casino on Lake Massasecum is swamped, the beach, road and parking lot totally covered

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Bradford Fun Day has Winners!

Bradford Parks and Recreation and the Kearsarge Area Preschool sponsored the Bradford Fun Day on Saturday, September 24th. The day started off with a pet show won by Jeremiah Menard and his puppy "Buddy" for the category of Best in Show. The apple pie baking contest was won by Jane M. Lucas, following close in second place was Jane Lucas (Jane M's mom), and third place went to Erica Gross. The pie judging was done by Jess Ayars, Gary Perkins, and Paul Gross. The pie eating contests were won by: Joseph Baldasaro, 4-5 year old division; Sammy Emery, 8-9 year old division; John Crawford, 14-16 year



old division; and Andrew Pinard, adult division. In addition, there were games, crafts, hay rides, live animals, and lots of food. The Bradford Rescue Squad was present with the new ambulance for everyone to see! The Rampage Trio played music throughout the afternoon and the Steve Thomas Magic Show ended the day.

We would like to thank the following sponsors and supporters who made this all happen: Lake Sunapee

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Bradford Women's Club Annual Crafts Fair Just Around the Corner

We would like to thank our two guest speakers from our general meeting in October—Laura Hallahan of ERA The Masiello Group Hallahan Real Estate and Bob Foor chairman of the Bradford Planning Board. Ms. Hallahan addressed the current real estate market and Mr. Foor spoke about Bradford's Master Plan. Not only were the topics very informative but also our hospitality committee, Jackye & Tina Pehrson, served delicious desserts. Thanks to all!

The Annual Craft Fair is now just weeks away and we are still very understaffed. Phone calls to get some of our bakers signed up for the bake sale at the Fair will be made shortly. It is such an important and fun event for the Women's Club that it is imperative that we have the people power to run it. If you are interested in either working setup the weekend of Nov. 19th or 20th, or working the Fair, Nov. 25th, 26th or the 27th, please call me at 938-5566.

Fair hours are Friday & Saturday 9 to 4 and Sunday 10 to 2 at St. Peter's Lodge.

- Erica Gross, President

Lettvin Piano Scholarship Recipient

Elizabeth Claire Merrill was the recipient of the first Lettvin Piano Scholarship. The \$500 Lettvin Scholarship was presented on Saturday, October 8th to Elizabeth by Joan Lettvin.

Elizabeth played Mozart's "Rondo al Turka" and "When I Close My Eyes" by Papoulis at the Lettvin yearly scholarship award which was planned and conceived by Joan Lettvin, Marilyn Zifrin and Phyllis Wilcox.

Ms. Merrill is twelve years old, a seventh grade student at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School, and has been studying piano since the age of three. She lives in New London.

Our young pianist practices at least one hour each day and is currently studying with piano teacher Donna Sparks in New London. She plays the piano for the Respite Program at her church, performs at nursing homes in the area and accompanies the Kearsarge Middle School chorus.

Our winner said, "I love playing the piano and I learn a lot when I play." She plans to use the award money to buy music and perhaps to go to summer music camp at Plymouth State College next summer. "I enjoy performing," she said. Ms. Merrill also studies organ and flute and sings in the chorus at the middle school.

She is certain that taking music lessons helps with her school work and particularly with the study of mathematics. Her mother said, "Even on family vacations Elizabeth will find a piano and work on her music."

While Elizabeth was the only applicant for the scholarship award the committee was pleased to award it to a deserving student. The try out and final performances were deemed unnecessary with only one applicant but the committee plans to revise the qualifications for next year to reach a larger piano playing audience.

—by Phyllis Wilcox, Lettvin Piano Scholarship Committee

Bradford Historical Society

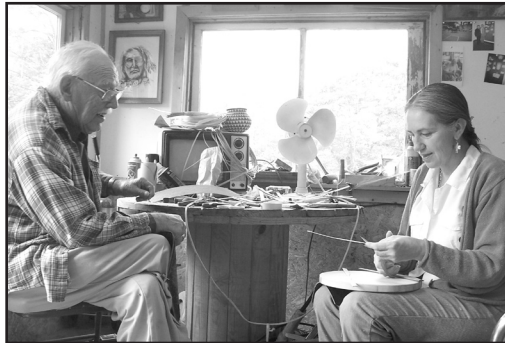
The annual meeting of the Bradford Historical Society was held on October 12 at the Bradford Area Community Center. A well attended event, Dr. Donald Linebaugh, director of the Historic preservation Program at the University of Maryland, discussed plans for a museum-type exhibit at the Carr Store in 2007.

The BHS will be open at the Old Post Office building some Saturdays and by chance or appointment. Call 938-5386. Our 2006 calendar featuring pictures of Bradford is in progress. Watch for the publication date.

—Milly Kittredge

Sherry Gould Receives Arts Council Grant

Sherry Gould of Warner, co-author of the genealogy, *Early Families of Bradford, New Hampshire*, recently received a New Hampshire State Council on the Arts' "Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant." The grant supports the continuation of the state's living traditions by providing an opportunity for an experienced apprentice to work with a master traditional artist.



Gould will work with traditional ash basket-maker and Master Artist, Newt Washburn of Bethlehem, NH. The two basket-makers will focus on the preparation of pounded ash and the making of utilitarian baskets in the Abenaki/ Sweetser tradition. Gould also will help Washburn modify his equipment so that he can make baskets from a seated position. "Newt is 90 this year and I am very thankful to have the chance to work with him," said Gould who has a Bradford address and telephone but actually lives on the section of Rte. 114 that is in Warner. Her mother was born and raised in Bradford and her ancestor, David Ingalls arrived here around 1790. "I have always felt ties to Bradford but, I vote and pay taxes in Warner," she said.

In 1987, Newt Washburn (at age 74) was the first New Hampshire folk artist to be honored with a National Heritage Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Washburn is the fourth-generation Sweetser to make baskets and is the great grandson of basket-maker Gilman Sweetser (born in 1820). Washburn made his first basket at age 8. For many years, the family

sold rugged farm baskets for practical use—egg, bushel, laundry, bike & pack baskets, even fishing creels. In 1933, Washburn's family stopped making baskets. Washburn was an auto body mechanic for many years as he raised his family in Bethlehem. He finally had to give up the business when paint fumes interfered with his health. It was at that point he returned to basket making.

Congratulations, Sherry Gould. You have a rare opportunity to become part of another piece of New Hampshire history, genealogically speaking, in line with the early families of traditional basket-making.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

Bradford Bog Boardwalk Repaired


The historic site of the Bradford Springs Hotel was given its annual haircut, thanks to Don Jackson. A replacement map of this once bustling tourist and farming community is still needed, perhaps in a more lasting, painted form.

On October 2nd, a dedicated troupe of volunteers converged to repair the Bradford Bog boardwalk. Special thanks to Nathan Leathers for his assistance. I will return your hat. Maintaining a wooden walkway in




swamp conditions is an annual event. The weather was perfect and the trail leading out to the observation platform was trimmed. A delicate 'smooth green snake' was observed crossing the boardwalk. These are not often seen and usually inhabit pastureland.

The Hotel site and the Atlantic cedar swamp and quaking bog are located on the east side of the East Washington Road, almost to the town line. Visit!



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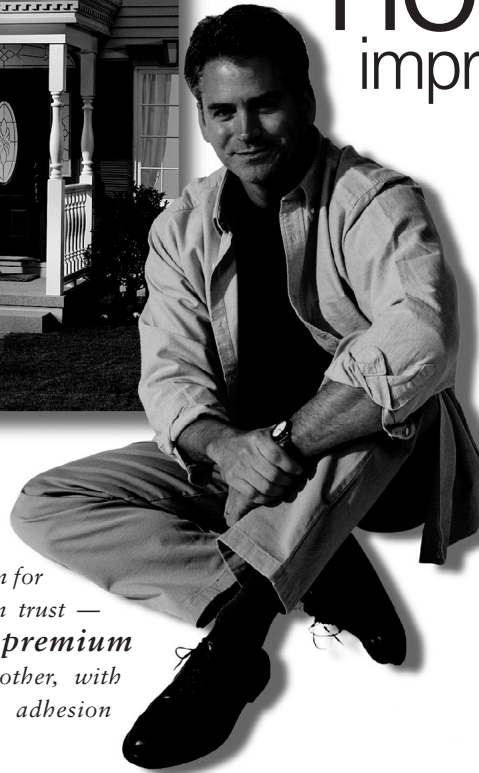
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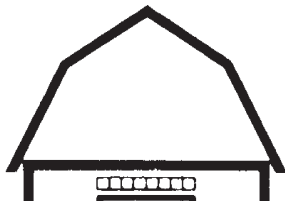
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Flood

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An emergency action plan for the dam was activated as a result. “We weren’t sure what we were going to have to do,” said Weiler, “We needed a few more people around.”

By mid-morning, the water was threatening the Harris property. “There was water across the Harris’ lawn,” Weiler said, “and if it rose another two or three inches the topsoil would start to erode.” Hay bales and a tarp were placed to slow the water’s advance.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg informed Sunday morning churchgoers at the First Baptist Church about the situation at the dam, and Tricia Goldberg called Jarna Perkins, the director of the Bradford Area Community Center (BACC) to let her know there could be evacuees seeking shelter.

Residents began responding to the crisis immediately. Churchgoers brought food to the BACC. “An hour after the evacuation started, Dick MacLeod [the Red Cross representative for Bradford] called to offer blankets, cots, food—whatever we needed they would bring,” said Perkins. “Other people offered beds and a horse trailer to remove animals. Everybody pulled together.”

Two residents evacuated to the BACC to wait out the flooding because they could not get their vehicles out of washed-out driveways. Other evacuated residents went to homes of friends or family members.

As the water rose and crested, the Bradford Highway Department’s crew of five had their hands full. “We dealt with roads that were impassible, then heavily-traveled roadways,” said Steve Lucier, Bradford’s road agent. According to Lucier, this “triage” approach helps his department decide what to do first.

Washouts and closures occurred on East Washington Road, Deer Valley Road and Cheney Hill Road. Floodwaters also forced the closure of Fairgrounds Road, West Road, Blaisdell Lake Road, Center Road and all roads around Lake Massasacum, as well as Route 114 near the Bradford Junction restaurant.

On Monday, Lucier’s crew placed rock along a section of the west bank of Hoit Brook that had washed away in the raging waters. The Highway Department was assisted by heavy equipment from Pickman Excavating and Valley Excavating. “We wouldn’t have been able to do the repairs without their help,” Lucier said.

—Mike Quinn



September 16th: Behind the Harris home a view of the damn with normal water flow.



September 23rd: The water is level down and damn repairs begin. The Harris’ deck is high and dry.



October 9th: At 10:30 a.m. rushing water covers the Harris deck.

Fun Day

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—Jarna Perkins

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

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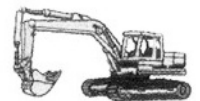
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Town "Needs Assessment" Progress Report

Town buildings do not meet Federal and State safety and health requirements and deficiencies in three Departments, Highway, Police and town offices have been identified. The Planning Board, in their Capital Improvement Plan, recognized the need in the late 1990's and projected the town would need to take action by 2007. The Town meeting of 1997 established a capital reserve for town facilities and in 2002 established specific Highway Garage and Police Facility reserves. At the 2005 town meeting, the Board of Selectmen requested the town authorize the withdrawal of funds to move the project forward.

The selectmen contacted the Local Government Center to prepare risk assessment reports of the Town Buildings to help us determine the feasibility of staying in our current locations. Among the Concerns were:

1. Highway – Septic tank is inside the building, no fire or burglar alarm systems.
2. Police – no separation of holding facilities for juveniles, inadequate

protection for employees in booking area, no garage space.

3. Town Offices: out of date wiring, alarm problems, no protection for workers from the public, Second floor cannot be used without major safety renovations
4. An extensive list of other problems and safety issues for all buildings. All offices need storage and alarm systems.

Options discussed were one general purpose complex, two department buildings or three separate buildings. An engineering study is being conducted on the Town hall to give us an idea of cost to renovate and meet our needs. We have investigated and visited surrounding towns with similar requirements.

Currently, there is dialogue to purchase the Valley Transportation building on Rte 114. The building would be large enough to house the Town Offices, Police Station and Highway garage as well as all the smaller groups such as Planning, Zoning, Conservation and others. This building would be available late fall of 2006. If the town approved the

purchase in March, working drawings would be developed and executed for the Police Department. We are having an engineering study done on that building to get an idea of the costs to renovate to fit our needs. Notice will be posted when the committee meets again.

The Board of Selectmen has reviewed the list of town owned properties and will approach the Town Meeting for permission to hold a tax sale on some of the parcels next spring. This would place the land back on the tax rolls, remove the town's liability for the unused land and hopefully defer the cost of a new project.

—Cheryl Behrs

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The Needs Assessment Committee has been actively evaluating the responses of the town departments to prioritize the handling of the town facility needs. Trips to area town halls, police stations and highway garages have been

taken, and the committee has reviewed the Marshall property, Jones Road, the Transfer station property and the possibility of acquiring an existing building. An engineering survey of the Town hall has been requested to determine possibilities of expansion or other uses for the building. The town has received its final values for inventory of taxable properties and Chris Frey is working with this information to establish the borrowing limits and the tax rate impacts of various levels of financing projects.

Budget items are taking the forefront of the Board's efforts at this time. The Budget Committee has begun its meetings and the department heads have been given their budget worksheets. We hope to increase our attendance this year in the budget process by publishing a calendar for the season, with appointments for each department established in advanced. This may allow people to plan ahead for the departments they wish to review.

Center Road Drainage has been completed for the season. The town will continue to do repairs to the entire length of Center Road for the next few years, eventually repaving the entire length.

Our reassessment has been completed. The Town will soon receive final numbers and we will proceed with the setting of our tax rate. The tax bills will be mailed in the latter part of October or the beginning of November this year,

a little later than usual because of the delay with the revaluation.

The Board of Selectmen has had the office scanning old minutes on to CDROM. We hope this will make the records easier to review, save space and safeguard them for the future. Michelle Marson has started with the 1989 Selectmen's minutes and has completed through the 1992 minutes. We are trying to place one year on a CDROM. We are having some minor difficulties with the OCR software, but with time we should have the project completed.

The Board is also exploring the possibility of installing a video recording system for meetings in the main meeting room. Recent allegations of poor record keeping have prompted the investigation into this method of preserving minutes. While the cost is moderate, the improved quality of the recording may pay for itself over time in the settling of disputes and claims for the Selectmen, Planning, Zoning Boards and Budget Committee. We are investigating a system that may also be used for the video recording of Town meeting.

As shortcomings in our procedures are identified, the Board makes every effort to correct or improve them. We cannot go back and remove errors of the past, but with your help identifying problems, we will improve our current procedures where ever possible.

—Cheryl Behr, Town Administrator



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Planning Board Notes

In late September, the Board held a rainy site walk on the property of Dina Bock, Route 114, where a proposed 3-lot subdivision includes land in both Bradford and Warner. Walkers, in addition to Bradford Planning Board members, included the owner, surveyors Doug Sweet and Brenda Digilio, Ann Eldridge, Bradford Conservation Commission, John Dabuliewicz, Warner Conservation Commission, and abutters Bill Hatt, Susan McKeivitt, Mary Hodgman, Evelyn Flinkstrom, and Sherry and Bill Gould.

The discussion that followed focused on how best to ensure that any additional run-off would be contained on the site. The Planning Board voted that further hydrologic studies would not be required, but to schedule a joint meeting with the Warner Planning Board as the boards proceed. This will be held at the Warner Town Hall on Monday, November 7th at 7pm. At the October meeting, the Planning Board approved conditions that would be attached to any further vote on the proposal.

In October, the Board approved the 2-lot subdivision for John Kelly on Sunset Hill Road with conditions that must be met within 45 days.

A Boundary Adjustment was approved for Maple View Development to transfer .81 Acre to Kenneth Anderson.

An updated review prepared by CNHRPC of the 25 lot, "over 55" cluster development proposed by Maple View Development on Old Warner Road was presented for discussion. The Zoning Board of Adjustment previously approved a variance to allow cluster development in the Residential Business District at the north side of the property. The revised layout shows lots in the R-B District to the south as well. It was suggested that this should be clarified with the ZBA. The developer will determine whether to redraw the lot boundaries or return to the ZBA. Several of the lots in the revised layout exceed the frontage to depth ratio of 3 to 1 required by the Subdivision Regulations. After considerable discussion, the Board voted 4 -3 to maintain the ratio rather than allow a modification as requested by the applicant. Chair Foor then suggested that the developer put all requested changes in writing to allow review by the town's engineer and the Board at the same time. Developer Mark Brunnell expressed his concern that the Board is not cooperating with his efforts to provide a subdivision that

will benefit the Town. The hearing was continued to November 8th.

Also continued to that date was Olde England Estates on Breezy Hill Road and preliminary discussions for the Obermiller property on High Street and a 2-lot subdivision on Deer Valley Road.

At the October Work Session, Colleen Lynch, CNHRPC, updated the Board on the Master Plan Chapters that have been completed and reviewed the Draft "Future Land Use" Chapter, which will determine how Bradford develops. At this point in preparation of the Master Plan, input from Town residents is vital to ensure that the Plan reflects local interests and concerns. To this end, a Community Pot Luck supper will be held on Saturday, November 12th, 6pm at the Kearsarge Elementary School in Bradford. Bring a dish to share – salad, casserole, or dessert, listen to a brief presentation, and share your ideas for Bradford's future.

—Marcia Keller, Planning Board

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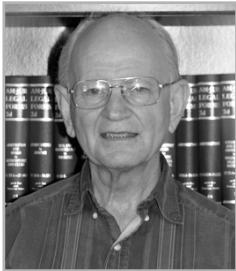
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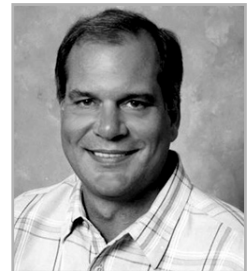


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by *Laura Hallaban*



If there was ever a time to take control of your energy expenditures, now is the time as we move into winter. Here are some tips that could save you money.

- Make some calls. Call your power company and have them conduct an audit to find ways to cut costs. Call your utility company and see if they give rebates if you install energy-saving equipment/appliances.
- Purchase wisely. Buy major appliances that have the "Energy Star" sticker. Buy the new energy-efficient light bulbs – they may cost more to start, but they'll end up saving you in the long run.
- Set it and forget it. Turn down your thermostat two degrees and save 24 kilowatt hours a month. Be patient - turning it up and down dramatically wastes energy. Get a programmable thermostat that you can adjust for times when you are away from home or sleeping.
- Pay attention to plumbing. Lower your hot water thermostat 10 degrees, but no lower than 120 degrees. You'll save 25 kilowatt hours a month. Fix leaky faucets and install water-saving showerheads.
- Wash carefully. Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. Switch to a front-loading washing machine as it uses 50 percent less energy and

one third less water. This also translates into big savings in dryer time.

- Roofs, attics and more. Replace a roof with one that offers more energy savings – light-colored roofs do the best job of reflecting the sun. Add additional insulation to your attic, bringing it up to R-21 or higher. Fix drafty doors, seal leaks and caulk cracks and small holes around windows and exterior walls.
- Other ideas. Replace furnace filters every 3 months. Defrost your freezer before frost builds beyond an inch. Turn off your computer when not in use and plug home electronics into a power strip that you can turn off. Check for open fireplace dampers. Believe it or not, landscaping can even help with energy costs as the right mix of trees and shrubs can block winter winds.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 24 High Street, Antique Cape w/frontage on Lake Todd, 2.07 acres for \$271,400
- 506 County Road, Solar house on 65 acres for \$275,000
- 507 County Road, 14.4 acres for \$89,000

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Hikes Rescheduled Due to Rain

The 12th Annual Fall Walkabout sponsored by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition continues early November with "rain date" hikes. October rains resulted in washes of 4 SRK Greenway hikes. These have been rescheduled.

Please contact the Walkabout hike leader for information about time and location of individual hikes. Good physical condition and walking experience useful for lowland hikes. Good physical condition required for mountain hikes.

For information about the SRK Greenway, visit our website at www.srk.com. Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. The Greenway Coalition is a ten-town all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond.

Thursday, November 3: Wadleigh State Park (Kezar Lake) to Kearsarge Valley Road, North Sutton. A moderate lowlands road and trail walk of 4.0 miles. Leader: John Heiden PH: 526-7518

Saturday, November 5: Chalk Pond, Newbury, to Wadleigh St. Park, North Sutton. A moderate walk of 5.4 miles, mostly on Class 6 roads. Leader: Alice Perry: PH: 927-6347.

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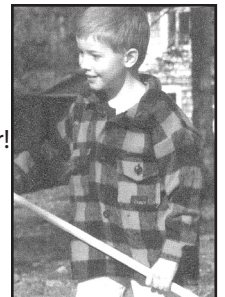
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BRADFORD BRIDGE CALENDAR LOCATION MAP

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 BML-Brown Memorial Library
 KRES-Bradford Elementary School
 S. Ctr. -Senior Center
 TH-Bradford Town Hall

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

For Kearsarge Area Pre-school information, contact Fred Hubley at 938-5521.

For general info, call the Administration Office at 938-6228.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>TOYS FOR TOTS</p> <p>The United States Marine Corp Reserves kicked off the Toys for Tots campaign in October. The Bradford Area Community Center will be collecting toys starting 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.</p>	<p>9 am-12 , Fuel Assistance, BACC 10 am, Bradford Quilting Bees, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 3-5 pm, Brownies, BACC 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 5-7 pm Junior Girl Scouts, BACC 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 6:30 pm, KAP, BACC 7 pm, ZBA, TH</p>	<p>8:45 a.m. Bra 10-11:30 am, at 456 1-4 pm, B</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 9:45 am, Ceramics w/Doris, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga with Fran, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 1:30 pm, Writing Workshop, S. Ctr. 7 pm, Library Trustees, BML</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am, Bradford Women's Club Board Meeting, BACC 10 am, Stitches & Stories knitting group, S. Ctr. 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 6 pm, KAP, BACC 7 pm, Planning Board, TH</p>	<p>8:45 am, Bra 10-11:30 an</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga with Fran, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 1:30 pm, Creative Writing, S. Ctr. 3-5 pm, Junior Girl Scouts, BACC 7 pm, Rural Heritage Connection, BACC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 am-12noon, Apply for Fuel Assistance, BACC 10 am, FREE Hearing tests, S. Ctr. 10 am, Merrimack County Committee on Aging, S. Ctr. 3-5 pm, Brownies, BACC 5 pm, Selectman's Meeting, TH 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Budget Committee, TH 7:30 pm, Conservation Committee, TH</p>	<p>8:45 am, Bra 10-11:30 an 6:30 pm, Park</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga with Fran, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 6:30-9 pm, Financial Workshop for Women, call 938-6228 or 763-3121 for info, BACC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Planning Board, TH</p>	<p>8:45 am, Bra 10-11:30 an</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10 am- 2 pm, Bradford Women's Club Antique & Crafts Fair, St. Peter's Lodge</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Yoga with Fran, S. Ctr. 1-4 pm, Bridge Group, BACC 1:30 pm, Creative Writing, S. Ctr. 3-5 pm, Junior Girl Scouts, BACC</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3-5 pm, Brownies, BACC 6-7:30 pm, Yoga Class, BACC 7 pm, Budget Committee, TH</p>	<p>8:45 am, Bra 10-11:30 an 12:30 pm, C discuss M 938-2104, V</p>

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<p>2</p> <p>Bradford Striders, S. Ctr. Yoga Class, call Fran 603-3099, BACC Bridge Group, BACC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 am–Noon Foot Massage with Betty Perron, S. Ctr. 6 pm, Cemetery Commission, Call 938-5539</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 11 am, "Indian, Corn & Thanks- giving," S. Ctr.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Bradford Striders, S. Ctr. Yoga Class, BACC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:30 pm, Rhonda Paul talks about insurance & Medicare Part D plan. Register at 938-2104, S. Ctr. 5–6:30 pm, Bradford Area Community Center, Governance Board, BACC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>The Senior Center is closed.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6 pm, Planning Board Potluck, KRES 11am–1pm, Writing Group, BACC 1–3 pm, Senior Council, BACC</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Bradford Striders, S. Ctr. Yoga Class, BACC Arts & Recreation, BACC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11 am–12:30 pm, Blood Pressure & Foot clinic, Free, BACC 6:30–9 pm, Financial Workshop for Women, call 938-6228 or 763-3121 for info, BACC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am–12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 10–11:30 am, "Continental Breakfast Café", S. Ctr. 7 pm, Library Movie Night, BML</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1 pm, KAP, Pottery, BACC 6:30–8 pm, "Songs of Yesteryear" w/Lenny Crowley, Free, BACC</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Bradford Striders, S. Ctr. Yoga Class, BACC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>BACC is closed for Thanksgiving</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am– 4 pm, Bradford Women's Club Antique & Crafts Fair, St. Peter's Lodge</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11 am– 1 pm, Writing Group, BACC 9 am– 4 pm, Bradford Women's Club Antique & Crafts Fair, St. Peter's Lodge</p>
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There will be all new items—ornaments, decorations, greenery, candles, candle sticks, gifts, wrapping paper, ribbons, stickers, note paper, jewelry, crafts, gloves, mittens, knitted articles, kids corner, stuffed animals, toys, suncatchers, puzzles, honey and syrup.

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The Friendship House is handicap accessible...for more information call 938-5369

—Gail Bostic

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Class Level Dance on Saturday, November 19th, from 8-10:30 p.m. at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford.

The caller will be Don Bachelder and the cuer will be Vera Prudhomme. Admission is \$5 per person.

It is hoped that those attending will respond to our "Toys for Tots" theme by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to brighten the Christmas of some poor unfortunate child. All such donations will be delivered to the US Marines for benefit of their "Toys for Tots" program.

For more information, you may call Norma Burns at 603-927-4454. Spectators are free and always welcome.

—Bob Trombley



First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

FORTY DAYS OF PURPOSE GROUPS: On Tuesday, November 1 and 8 at 6:45 p.m., there is a group meeting at the home of Michael & Luci Koban. On Wednesday, November 2 and 9 at 9:30 a.m., there is a group at the home of Chuck & Vicki Schubert. On Thursday, November 3 and 10 at 6:45 p.m., there is a group at the Fisk House, led by Julie Friedline and on Sunday November 6 and 13 at 8:45 a.m., there is a group in the Fisk House, led by Sheila Denoncourt.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD: The ladies will meet at the church on Friday, November 4 at 11:15 a.m. and travel to Our Lady of Fatima church in New London to celebrate World Community Day with Church Women United. There is a luncheon at noon, followed by a meeting.

SENIOR PROGRAM: On Wednesday, November 9 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Paul Klose will lead a program called "New Ways of Growing Old" using his guitar, telling stories and reading scripture. Anyone is welcome to come.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: On Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m., ABWM will meet to prepare for the Gingerbread Bizarre. Refreshments served.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: On Saturday, November 19 at 10 a.m., the Food Pantry will distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families. Because the pantry was flooded on October 9, we did lose quite a bit of food. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the Bradford Community Food Pantry and mail it to P.O. Box 57, or you can drop off nonperishable food items at the Fisk House.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: Our church will host a Thanksgiving Eve service with the United Church of Warner on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 p.m.

GINGERBREAD BIZARRE: On Friday, November 25 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 26 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., the American Baptist Women's Ministries will be at the church selling baked goods, Christmas crafts and treasures and much, much more at their annual Gingerbread Bizarre. A corn chowder luncheon will be available on Saturday.

CLOCK TOWER AND BELL RINGING CEREMONY: On Sunday, November 27, immediately following the Worship Service, we will dedicate the Clock Tower and hold our Bell Ringing Ceremony for people who donated to have the tower restored. We are so grateful to everyone who supported this important fundraiser.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The men will meet at the home of Fred & Lynne Hubley on Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. for an evening of pool, refreshments and



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Letters

Letter to the Editor,

I have been following the story about Insurance and the Selectmen of Bradford from a distance, and after reading last months editorials I have a few questions.

A Select board is made up of elected officials who are there to represent the people of Bradford. If they are called "employees" are they not part time employees? Is the Town of Bradford their only income? If the Selectmen have full time jobs as I know Mr. Pickman does, wouldn't it seem funny to receive health insurance from a town the size of Bradford, especially in the manner they received it? Are not the selectmen there to look after the best interest of the Town?

Our family have been taxpayers in this town since 1927. So we do have a concern how our tax money is spent. I just wonder whose interest the Selectmen are looking out for—ours or theirs?

I hope at the next election the people of Bradford will get a clearer view of where and how monies are spent.

In regard to Mr. Vitale's editorial (*Bradford Bridge*, October 2005), there have been many people in the Town, past and present, that have done hours of public service for the community; should they get health benefits also?

—Brad Calhoun, Selectman
Topsham, VT Thank You

The events of the past week have been historic and catastrophic for southwestern NH but fortunately due to some luck and hard work Lake Todd has been spared serious damage. Repairs on the dam had been scheduled for mid September, which required a draw down of the water some 28 inches, while the concrete work was largely completed by Daniels Construction October 3. So when the rains did arrive the dam was able to survive largely untouched.

We are indebted to the town of Bradford who arrived in force on Sunday morning October 9 to buttress critical areas of the shoreline. And again with a forecast of

potentially devastating rains later in the week they rose to the task on Thursday evening by sandbagging the perimeter on both sides of the dam. I am referring to Emergency Management Coordinator Bruce Edwards, the fire department, rescue squad, and volunteers from all walks, (and with apologies to anyone I missed) who came out in a raw and dark evening to cheerfully and efficiently accomplish the mission. In many respects this is the essence of small town living, with neighbor helping neighbor side by side, willingly, and with a smile.

I believe I speak for all residents of the Lake when I say "thank you for all your efforts on our behalf".

*Most Sincerely,
John Warren
Lake Todd Village District*

Letter to the Editor,

The year has gone by so quickly and here we are heading into the holiday season. Isn't it fun to watch the kids carve pumpkins? In my area (the Monadnock area) foster parents put on a pumpkin carving event for their kids, both biological and foster. DCYF staff join in bringing their kids and helping foster kids with their carving. The event happens in the lobby of our local DCYF office. Foster parents come early and spread a huge plastic from wall to wall. It is a heck of a mess, but the kids love it. I saw so many happy faces and gooey shirts on those kids! The pumpkins are taken to the big Pumpkin Festival for counting. So you see, foster parenting, while a lot of work, is also a lot of fun. Come join the fun! Become a foster parent. Call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

—Jan Feuer, Intake Specialist
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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

Please join popular speaker and Audubon trip leader, Bob Quinn, on his return to the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, Friday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. He will present a slide program, "California: Birds and Scenery from North to South."

California has the most diverse wildlife of any state in the country and this show will sample that bounty from the dramatic northern coastline and its Redwood trees, across the rugged mountains, out to sea off Monterey Bay, to the San Diego coastline and on to the surprising, bird-thronged, oasis of the Salton Sea. With spectacular scenery, tens of thousands of sea birds, the largest living organisms on earth, volcanoes, and huge flocks of wintering water birds, California is a wildlife paradise.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please call Fred Sladen at 526-4321.

On Sunday, November 13, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a birding trip to Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge and the New Hampshire coast to see water and shore birds. Birding will take place at vehicle stops so little walking is involved. Please meet leader Robin Gray at Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89, at 8 a.m. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars and a scope if you have one.

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—Myra La Pierre

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Food for Thought: Random Thoughts

by Mike Quinn

A few thoughts while watching the lawn get blanketed with leaves...again:

Thought 1: If you're a fan of the National Football League, you'll probably be holding your breath with about 12 million other people the first time the New England Patriots' Tedi Bruschi takes a helmet-to-helmet hit. For you non-fans, Bruschi suffered a mild stroke eight months ago due to a non-football-related heart defect and has decided to return to playing professional football. A cadre of doctors (and I'm certain an even larger cadre of attorneys for the Patriots' ownership) have cleared him to play. Bruschi, in his early thirties with two young sons, insisted in a press conference last month that he made his decision with full consideration of his health, family and future. Let's hope so.

Thought 2: Is there anything better than a nice, cold glass of fresh-pressed apple cider? Do you remember when the words "Pasteurized" and "UV Treated For Your Protection" were nowhere to be found on cider labels? The experts tell me (and this really freaked me out last Fall when I first heard about it) that there is a risk of E. Coli contamination from cider pressed

from improperly-washed windfall apples. I am all for UV treatment of apple cider if it diminishes the risk of a life-threatening bacterial infection, but I put this in the same "things I've done for years and NOW they tell me" category as the dire warnings about not cooking your turkey with the stuffing inside.

Thought 3: I've been writing this column since February and have received one comment from a reader: a gentleman who agreed with my perspective on the pervasive "everyone's a winner" philosophy in youth sports. Being a "glass-half-full" kind of guy, I'm regarding the silence as the greatest indicator of widespread reader assent in the history of journalism and thus am rewarding myself with a break. My December column will be written by a very promising guest author whose perspectives I'm certain you'll enjoy.

Mike Quinn is a writer living in Bradford. If you have comments or column ideas, please e-mail him at michaeljquinn@tds.net or call 938-5676.

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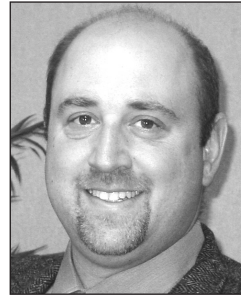
The School Board has been quite busy of late with both the budget and the middle school proposal taking up a cougar's share of the time. After several meetings and discussions with administrators, the School Board budget has now been sent to the Municipal Budget Committee so that they can begin their work. Even with careful planning and scrutiny, there is only a small part of the budget that can be impacted by the elected officials, due to the fact that so much of the budget is established by contracts approved by the voters.

Consider, on a \$24 million budget, only 7% to 8% is money not already encumbered due to contracts with employees and vendors. Further complicating this year's and next year's budget is the increasing cost of fuel—both for buses and

energy, and the increasing cost of mandated special education placements.

As a result, the budget the School Board agreed to is up just over 8% and we feel it is fiscally responsible while not detracting from the mission of the KRSD.

Progress is being made on the middle school. A wetlands study on the current site in New London should be complete by the time you read this and the HL Turner Group has been awarded a contract to come up with a preliminary design for a new school. A population subcommittee studying the size of the middle school agrees that 700 is the number for which



we should be building. John O'Conner, School Board Rep from Wilmot, will be visiting each town with a PowerPoint

presentation showing the modeling used to get to this figure. It's informative and entertaining!

The middle school proposal has fallen short twice before. I urge you to support this new school. It is needed, and the longer we wait the more expensive it becomes.

Let's make the investment in our community and our kids.

—Jon Steiner, KRSD Board Member

Snow Days... Who Makes the Decision?

Superintendent Brennan makes the decision regarding snow days. His decision is very difficult to make. In our school district, the decision process begins with a call from the weather service by 4 a.m. the day of the storm to our Mr. Brennan. Once it has been determined that inclement weather is imminent, the following local resources are contacted to determine the impact of the impending weather: local police and dispatch, state police, local media outlets, transportation, road agents and other superintendents in the region. Based upon the input from these sources, Mr. Brennan makes a decision.

The Kearsarge Regional School District is comprised of seven towns and covers a geographic area of 270 square miles with a wide range of elevations

and road surfaces, paved and unpaved. This results in a variety of conditions throughout the district. Consequently, Bradford may not be experiencing the same weather or road conditions as in other towns that caused the decision to cancel or delay school.

Mr. Brennan realizes that his decision has an impact on each family in a different way and may cause some inconvenience. However, the most overriding influence in his decision making process is the safety and welfare of the students and staff of our district. In the near future, you will receive a letter, via your child, outlining the NO SCHOOL NO-TICE procedures. Please review it and keep for future reference.

—KRSD School Board
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Lake Massasecum Improvement Association News

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association 2006 Calendars will go on sale the week of the 4th of November. The full color calendar is part of a fund raising project to assist the association and the town in ridding Lake Massasecum of its milfoil infestation. The photographs that depict scenes of the lake were selected from those submitted as part of a photograph contest held in June.

The calendars can be ordered on line at www.lakemassasecum.org or purchased at the following merchants: The Lumber Barn, Merrimack Farm & Country Store, and Cobble Pond Farm Convenience Store.

The total proceeds, from the sale of these calendars, goes to the support of the Milfoil Mitigation and Prevention Program. For additional information please call (603) 938-2488.

—David P. Currier

Local Model Rocket Club Holds First Club Launch

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) held its first ever model rocket launch on a farm in Warner, NH on September 24th. The approximately 20 attendees were a healthy mix of adults and children. Most of them had never attended a rocket launch before. Even the moon rose over the horizon to take in the excitement.

The rockets flew fast and often. The children would prepare the rockets, set them on the launch pad, watch the launch then run full at full speed to recover the rocket as it floated down on a parachute.

The adult attendees certainly weren't going to be upstaged by the enthusiastic children. The biggest rocket of the day

was launched by Mr. Eric Swanson of Warner. The 7 foot "Dude" rocket commanded the attention of all as it roared skyward in all its silver-chrome glory.

KARS will hold another launch on October 15—directions and information can be found on the KARS web site.

The KARS web site is: www.KARSNH.org or you may call Mike Bellino at 938-5129.

—Mike Bellino



Senior Council News

The Senior Council of Bradford Area Community Center will hold their business meeting Saturday November 12th as a luncheon meeting at Sampanía in Hillsboro.

We will meet at the Center at 11:30 AM to car pool to Hillsboro.

Bring your ideas for the upcoming year, of programs and interesting activities you would like. Bingo, trips, speakers, or any other activity you're interested in.

This program is not connected with the Community Action Senior Center, but a group of seniors that get together monthly to discuss concerns that affect all seniors, look for solutions, do community projects, or just have fun and share activities of mutual interest. There is no membership required. Watch for information in the Bradford Bridge, Intertown Record, Concord Monitor and other local newspapers.

Come join us. You will be welcome. For more information call 938-2640.

—Edythe Craig

Obituary

HELEN (TITCOMB) MALLARD

Helen (Titcomb) Mallard, 96, died Wednesday, September 28th at Pine Rock Manor in Warner.

The daughter of Otis E. and Alma (Rushton) Titcomb, she was born in Lawrence, MA on November 4, 1908.

Mrs. Mallard was a graduate of Methuen High School, MA and Keene Normal School in NH and earned her Masters of Education at Boston University. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the NH Educators Association. She worked as a reading teacher and consultant in various locations in NH. She was a student teacher in Warner and, for years, sported the license plate "AEIOU." She enjoyed tending her flower gardens and traveling.

Mrs. Mallard moved to Bradford in 1986 and was a trustee of the Brown Memorial Library.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Frances Higgins and her husband, Bernard G. Mallard. Survivors include daughter, Joan Reynolds of Bradford; two sons, Don Higgins of Sutton and William Higgins of Chester; five grandchildren—Melissa, Joseph, Heather, Susan and Jeffrey; a great-grandson, Harrison; brother Otis E. Titcomb of Pelham; and two step-daughters, Berneen Bratt of Durham, NH and Guilene Mallard of Freehold, NJ.

Graveside services were held at Pond Cemetery in Bradford. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, PO Box 381 and the Brown Memorial Library, PO Box 437, both in Bradford, NH 03221.

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

October 1, 2005 Raymond Goodale and Anna Fazzina were married in Bradford.

October 1, 2005 Bruce Edwards and Lynne Burdette were married in Bradford.

October 1, 2005 David Labelle and Heather Beaton were married in Bradford.

October 8, 2005 Christopher Michael Ruel was born to Jonathan & Elizabeth in Concord

We have instituted a new service for all of our residents. One month early, you will receive a listing of your automobile registrations that will be up for renewal. You simply need to write out two checks—one for the State of NH and one for the Town of Bradford. A small \$1.00 fee is included in this cost to cover postage and handling. Please mail your form and checks back to the office. The registrations will be processed and sent back to you by return mail.

Tax Collector

Second half tax bills went out in October. If you have a question or you did not receive your bill, please contact this office or the Selectmen's Office. These bills will be due December 5, 2005. Interest will start accruing at 12% after that date.

The office will be closed on November 11 and November 25 for the holidays. Ann and I would like to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

—Sue Pebrson, Bradford Town Clerk and Tax Collector

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 noon. Call 938-2288 or fax us at 938-2094.

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From the Police Department...

Recently a local resident has brought to our attention a credit card scam. Credit card frauds and identity thefts are spreading fast and furious world wide. Now with the internet these frauds are even more difficult to detect and solve.

The most recent scam is something like this. You receive a call from someone indicating they are with security at your credit card company. They will ask you if you are the same "YOUR NAME" on credit card "YOUR NUMBER". This gives them credibility and verifies your identity. They will tell you they are calling you because there has been some unusual activity on your card. For example, did you purchase a \$400 radio in California? Shocked, you advise the caller that you did not make this purchase, they then advise that they did not think so and that they will credit your account.

They will ask if you are in possession of the card or is it missing. You look and indicate that you have the card. The next thing they tell you is they need to insure that you in fact are in possession

of the card. You are asked to take the card out and read the last three digits of the seven digit code on the back of the card. You will be advised to call the number on the back of your credit card if you have any questions or if the account has not been properly credited by your next statement.

What has happened is that this person now has the three digit security number used to insure that telephone purchases or internet transactions are being made by the person in possession of the card. The three digit number is used like a signature.

If you receive any unsolicited calls about your bank account or credit card accounts ask the caller for a name and call back number. Then call the financial institution at the number located on your credit card or on your bank statements. They will be able to either verify that they are the calling party or advise you that the call is a fraud.

From the men and women at the Bradford Police Department we wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



Bradford Road Agent Steve Lucier accepts award from Kathy DeRoche, assistant director of the UNH Technology Transfer Center for completing the requirements for Senior Road Scholar, a program for education and training for municipal highway practitioners.

When Do You Need a Building Permit?

Many questions have been raised regarding when a building permit is required. Here are some answers from our Building Inspector:

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED WHEN...

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building department to get the required permit.

In the case of an emergency repair, The permit should be submitted the following business day to the building department.

Application for a permit or notice to the building department is not required for ordinary repairs to structures, replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles. Such repairs will not include the cutting away of any wall or partition, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load bearing support, or the removal or change of any kind of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements.

Ordinary repairs will not include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electrical wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety.

A permit will NOT be 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.
- Fences not over six feet high.
- Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to1.
- Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground accessory to a one or two family dwelling.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall.

MECHANICAL:

- Portable heating appliance.
- Portable ventilation appliances.
- Portable cooling unit.
- Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- Portable evaporative cooler.

- Self contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.

PLUMBING:

- The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe and replace the same with new material, such work will be considered as new work and a permit will be obtained and the appropriate inspections made.

The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures, will not require a permit.

There is now someone in the Selectmen's Office to answer any questions you might have for the Building Department Monday thru Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The phone number is 938-5900.

Building in Bradford: August & September

For the month of August we had permits for one new house, one new garage, two additions, one repair, and one deck.

September we have two new houses, two decks, one shed, one new foundation, and one foundation repair.

—Trudy Willett

Financial Management Workshop for Women Offered

Tanya Hathaway, LUTCS, an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company will be offering a free workshop for women at the Bradford Area Community Center on November 17th and November 21st from 6:30 to 9 pm. This interactive workshop "Taking Control of Financial Management Workshop for Women" will include topics on Cash Management, Risk Management, Tax Planning, Investment Planning, Retirement Planning, Estate Planning and other concerns. This free workshop includes a financial workbook and dinner! Please contact Tanya Hathaway at 763-3121 to register or for more information.

Lenny Crowley to Perform "Songs of Yesteryear"

The Bradford Area Community Center will present an "Evening of Lazing with Lenny" on Saturday, November 19th from 6:30 to 8 pm. Please join us for an array of homemade desserts and enjoy the songs of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Englebert Humperdinck, and others, sung by Lenny Crowley. Lenny has performed in Little Broadway, night clubs and various bands. Lenny is semi retired from his music career and resides in Sutton. Admission is free. Please contact the BACC at 938-6228 for more information.

Bradford Fish & Game

The Bradford Fish & Game Turkey Raffle and dinner will be held on Saturday, November 19th at 7 p.m. at the Lumber Barn on Rte. 114.

A chance to win turkey, food baskets, gift certificates for local merchants and lots of fun is yours. All you have to do is show up!

—Trudy Willett

Saxophone Concert November 6th

Darlene Nevins will present a saxophone concert with piano accompaniment on Sunday, November 6th, 2:30 p.m. at Mainstreet Bookends, Warner. Concert includes Student Recital. Admission is free.

—Darlene Nevins

2005-2006 Kearsarge Regional School District Budget Process

The Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) is currently holding meetings in accordance with the Kearsarge Regional School District Budget Process. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Kearsarge Regional High School.

On September 29th the KRSD School Board approved the 2006-2007 proposed budget. The School Board presented its proposed budget to the Municipal Budget Committee on October 4th.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on December 6, 2005. The First Deliberative Session (Annual Meeting) will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2006, at the Kearsarge Regional High School at 9 a.m. Election Day will be held on March 7, 2006.

A complete calendar and approved minutes of past meetings are available online at www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us. In addition, the updated website hosts information relative to each of our schools and district news.

—KRSD School Board
Communications Subcommittee

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports First Place in Merrimack Valley Soccer League Tournaments

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) hosted two Merrimack Valley Soccer League (MVSL) tournaments on Saturday, October 22nd here at the BNSYS soccer fields at Warren Brook Park in Bradford.

First was the 5th and 6th Grade Girls "A Division" Tournament which ran from 9 a.m. until noon. Teams from Andover, two from BNSYS, Henniker and Hillsboro played each other in a five round "Bow Round Robin" tournament. Each round of play lasted 25 minutes with a five minute break in between to swap fields.

Final results found the Hillsboro team in first place, followed by Henniker in second, and the BNSYS Team #1 in third. BNSYS Team #2 and Andover took fourth and fifth places.

Next was the 5th and 6th Grade Boys "C

Division" Tournament which ran from 12:15 until 3 p.m. Teams included BNSYS, Henniker, Shaker Road School, and two teams from Weare. The BNSYS boys team took First Place, followed by Shaker Road School in second place and the Henniker team in third. Weare Team #2 took fourth place and Weare Team #1 took fifth.



An exciting end to the MVSL soccer season that started in late August, ev-

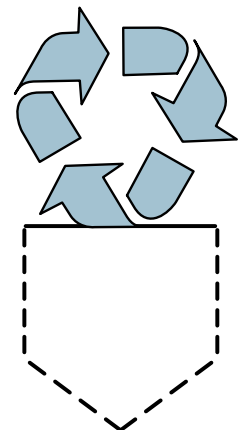
everyone had a fabulous time. The 5th and 6th grade teams have been playing two games weekly, one weeknight and one Saturday afternoon game since Labor Day.

—Jen Dow, BNSYS Soccer Director

from the Transfer Station...

Kenny's Rycycling Factoids

- Energy saved from recycling ONE aluminum can will run your television for 3 hours.
- Recycling one ton of paper is the equivalent of conserving 17 trees.
- The aluminum cans thrown away in three months could rebuild the entire fleet of United States commercial airplanes.
- It takes five recycled 2-liter plastic bottles to make one square foot of carpet.
- Close to 40% of trash (or four out of 10 bags of garbage) in the United States are paper products.
- It takes 8 recycled cereal boxes to make ONE Milton Bradley game board.



Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

There's been a persistence of precipitation this fall, and I am thinking of puffballs and bird's nest fungus. Autumn weather in New England is always a catalyst for mushrooms and water may be the most important ingredient.

Fungi are neither plant nor animal, but are ancient beings that have made up their own rules. This causes abrupt name changes whenever an underfunded mycologist discovers some new chemical con-tortion or connection. Any habitat with even a drivel of moisture has been colonized by some fungal form and there seems no reproductive method that they haven't tried. There hardly exists a matrix unchallenged by their astonishing array of enzymes, and many plants over the millennia have contracted symbiotic alliances, some, like many orchids, can't live without them. Interarboreal fungal warfare results in interesting patterns for furniture makers. Perhaps the only commonality agreed upon by all species of fungi is water.

Water awakens the microscopic, thready hyphae, which is really the main body of a fungus. This single-celled tangle perforates what we persist in believing is solid ground. In industrious self-employment, they transform larger things into smaller things. These larger things are as varied as granite, trees, leaves, feathers, insects, shower curtains, and the contents of my refrigerator. The foam in brooks is most often a by-product of aquatic fungus, and I don't want to think about my personal internal relationship with this class of life form.

Dampness finalizes a fungus's plan to organize and send forth the familiar mushroom. It is a particle of evaporated water in an intentionally self-cooled mushroom cap that catapults a spore on its journey out of the gill or pore to be blown off to a suitably damp new beginning or a desiccated and sorry death. The design is so precise that with all our apparatus we could not duplicate it. Even the shape of a mushroom cap

is adapted to cause appropriate wind currents to move the spore along its way.

I am thinking in tonight's rain about more unusual forms though. The bird's nest fungi are easy to overlook. Very small but quite common, they look like groups of quarter inch cups – left over dinnerware from some Lilliputian gathering. Each contains a few lentil-shaped 'eggs'. These capsules contain the spores and they are waiting for rain. A well-placed raindrop can propel one of these carriers a surprising distance – up to several yards - which is the point. Offspring must be sent off to fresh food supplies. Some species of these miniscule nests eject their 'eggs' with a sticky thread trailing. This causes them to adhere to any surface they strike. With luck, one of these peridioles will be accidentally consumed by some herbivore and left behind somewhere, complete with a take-out lunch.

Rain is crucial too for the continuation of many kinds of puffballs. Unlike the commonly depicted children's book mushroom, puffballs have neither gills nor pores to send aloft their spores. Instead, their reproductive dust matures within the protective sphere, a system that prevents premature drying. Expecting rain, a pre-ordained pore enlarges and opens on the upper surface. A few good smacks of a downpour and puffs of spore erupt into a stiff, damp breeze – perfect for starting more puffball mycelium to continue

the process of decay beneath a lawn.

The deluges of this past month have caused puffballs galore on a baseball field I know. They glow in the moonlight like little Halloween ghouls arisen mysteriously from barren turf. Some are large enough for late-season myopic outfielders to prematurely explode them. Enough will have escaped intact, awaiting this rain.





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Photo by Dick Keller

At the first meeting of Bradford's Historic District Commissioners, Chairman Carey Rodd, Secretary George Cilley, and Perry Teele look on as Dick Whall signs in. Selectman Peter Fenton, not pictured here, is also a commissioner.

Local Inns Featured in Upcoming B&B Tour

The Country Inns of the Dartmouth-Sunapee Region of New Hampshire, a non-profit organization of 21 inns and B&Bs in the west-central area of our state, invite you to a FREE event, "Open Inns B&B Tour 2005," one day only, rain or shine, Sunday, November 13 from 1 'till 5 p.m.

This is a free event, offered annually since 1999, has been well-attended by the greater New England community.

Four local inns will open their doors and offer tours with craft demonstrations and light refreshments. Featured inns this season are the Candlelite Inn and Mountain Lake Inns in Bradford, Colby Hill Inn in Henniker, Dragonflies B&B in North Sutton.

Meet local craft people displaying their works of art. Light refreshments will be served. Several of the artists are the innkeepers. Seasonal floral decor, stained glass, jewelry, twisted paper angels and more artwork by local artists will be featured.

Visit all four inns and be eligible for a chance to win free lodging. Pick up a brochure at any one of our participating inns which features a map, a list of featured craftsmen and a raffle form for a chance to win complimentary lodging. For more maps and information please click "Association Events" on our website at nhcountryinns.com.

For more information call Lindy Heim at 877-864-1496 at Take It For Granite Farm B&B.

—Lindy Heim

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Bradford Bridge

December 2005 Deadlines

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

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

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