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Appalachian Trail Culture Shock *By Chris Hague*

Chris Hague is a 19 year old 2007 graduate of Proctor Academy who took time off before starting college at St. Lawrence to pursue a personal goal of hiking the Appalachian Trail. As the New Year begins and resolutions are made, remember, like Chris, to create meaningful goals and follow your dreams. We pass this way but once. Happy New Year to all!

I watched a four-string ukulele as it made its way around a loose circle of scruffy hikers. We sat around a campfire in the backyard of the free hostel in Franconia Notch, New Hampshire. We told stories and laughed about incidents from the trail. Smoke from the fire blew into my face briefly as I watched the instrument settle at one end of the circle into Luke's hands. With

crowded fingers, Luke tuned the small instrument. He coaxed Mark into singing along as he switched back and forth from country to rock songs. Sometimes his songs trailed off into a free style where he proclaimed himself a good old country boy stuck in the north, hiking huge mountains all day. As the impromptu entertainer subtly pointed out, we are all bound by the same occupation, climbing mountains all day.

In late June my friend, Lucy, and I set out to thru-hike the Appalachian Trail, which is a 2,174-mile footpath that runs from Maine to Georgia. She hiked to Massachusetts, but unfortunately had to get off the trail



because of Lyme disease. I continued on and hiked to Pennsylvania before I got off too. In total, I

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10 QUESTIONS:

By Phyllis Wilcox

JOHN "ODDS" BODKIN

This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people in Bradford.

John Bodkin was born in New York City. He attended Hayfield High School in Alexandria, Virginia and Duke University where he majored in Psychology and Anthropology. He worked in Manhattan as a bartender, waiter for famous people like Andy Warhol, Jackie Onassis and others in the limelight. He worked as a legal proof reader, freelance curriculum designer, executive director for the Central Park Historical Society and re-touched art prints for a private collector.



Q. Your name is John Bodkin but you are better known as Odds Bodkin. How did you get this name?

Ods Bokikins is an old English epithet from Shakespearean days. With the advent of my career as a story teller I chose it as a stage name.

Q. Your unique profession would

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

When: Tuesday January 8, 2000 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Where: KRES – Bradford Elementary School*

Who: All Bradford Registered Voters**

Why: Participate in choosing a candidate for US President

***Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk until 7 PM January 7 if you are absent from town or physically unable to vote in person**

****You can register to vote at the polls**

See page 5 for Rules for the Polls

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From The Editors

2008 – here already! And the second New Hampshire First in the Nation Presidential Primary since the millennium when we were all so worried about our computers crashing. Now they just do it at the most inconvenient times for each of us. The small town of Bradford in the small State of New Hampshire will once again play a major role in helping to select candidates for the highest office in the land. Don't miss your chance on January 8. (See the front page for Primary detrails and the article on page 5 for voting procedures.)

There are other dates of civic importance in January as well. A bond hearing for the projects proposed by the Needs Assessment Steering Committee is tentatively set for January 17. On January 25 the filing period begins for anyone interested in serving on the many boards that keep Bradford running. Look at the Openings for Candidacy on page 4 and consider what you can give back to the town you have chosen as home. The duties and time commitments are varied, but the need is great. Come to a meeting or two and see what is involved. If land use issues are of interest, both the Planning and Zoning Boards have openings for alternates (non-elected positions) who listen, learn, participate in the discussions, and fill in for a voting member when called upon to do so. Match your interests to the position and sign up. It can be a challenge, but also rewarding experience.

That said, the Bridge Board and staff hopes that everyone has enjoyed the snow (four measurable snowstorms even before the first day of winter!), the holiday season, and that 2008 will meet all your expectations.

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

by Dawn Rich

Thirty-three construction companies registered to submit proposals for the Highway Garage, Police Station and access road at the site walk on November 29, 2007. Millie Kittredge, President of the Bradford Historical Society, opened the Historical building for the preliminary meeting with refreshments before the site walk. Printed information including Site Maps, Design and Performance Guidelines were given to the contractors. The site walk started at 10:00 am and ended at 11:00 am. Bids for the different projects were received on December 14th. The Needs Assessment Steering Committee opened these bids at their meeting on December 17th. Criteria for the bids were discussed. For the road access seven companies sent their proposals in. Three companies were interested in the Police Station. The highway Garage received three company proposals. Seven bids for the water well proposal were also received. The review committee, (Tom Riley,

Everett Kittredge, Eileen Kelly, Kevin McKenna, Phil LaMoreaux, Andrew Pinard, Jim Valiquet, Steve Lucier and George Morse) will select and schedule appointments on December 21, 2007. The final three interviews per project will be held by January 4th. A meeting with the Budget Committee is scheduled for January 8.

The next meeting of the Needs Assessment Steering Committee is scheduled for January 10 with a tentative date of January 17 for the Bond Hearing. Watch for posted notices of this important date.

There is no date, at this time, for the public presentation in February 2008. The Needs Assessment Steering Committee is preparing the final stages of the warrants to be decided on by the Bradford voters at the March 12th 2008 Town Meeting.

Minutes of all Needs Assessment Steering Committee and Subcommittee meetings are on file at the Town Hall

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Bradford Flooding Bill**

HB 1154, a bill establishing a commission to study flooding in the Town of Bradford for Lake Todd, Lake Massasecum and the area watershed has been sponsored by Representative Barbara French. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 3 at 1:00PM before the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee in room 305 of the Legislative Office Building. For more information, call Rep. French at 428-3366.

New Program at BACC

A Knitting Group is being formed at Bradford Area Community Center for beginners and experienced needle users. It will meet every other Monday beginning January 14th, 2008 at 10:30 AM. This free program is designed to encourage beginners and stimulate those who need a new challenge. Bring yarn, needles, patterns or come to get suggestions for purchasing the appropriate supplies. Share experiences of various projects that challenged you, or are currently giving you a problem. More information can be obtained by calling the Center at 938-6228.

Bradford Historical Society

The furnace at the Old Post Office is in working order again. Open most Saturdays from 1:30 to 3, if it isn't really, really cold or stormy. Anyone interested in sorting, filing, identifying, or otherwise helping catalog materials, call 938-5386.

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Planning Board for 3 years (2 openings)	
Planning Board for 1 year (1 opening)	
Zoning Board for 3 years (1 opening)	
Cemetery Commission for 3 years (1 opening)	

Anyone wishing to file for these positions may do so at the following times at the Town Clerk's Office:

- Friday, January 25, 2008 - 8 to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm
- Monday, January 28, 2008 - noon to 7 pm
- Tuesday, January 29, 2008 - 7-11:30 & 12:30 pm - 5 pm
- Friday, February 1, 2009 - 8 to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm

January Dates

- Wednesday, January 2:** 7 PM - Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Thursday, January 3:** 1 PM Hearing on HB 1154 - see left for details.
- Tuesday, January 8:** 8 AM - 7 PM - Primary Voting KRES
7 PM - Planning Board
7 PM - Budget Committee - NASC
- Saturday, January 12:** 9 AM - KRSD Annual Meeting KRHS
- Thursday, January 17:** 7 PM - NASC Bond Hearing (Tentative)

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4. Undeclared voters choose a "Party" whether Democrat or Republican. Your party will be changed from undeclared to the party that was chosen. Once your ballot has been cast, you may go to the Supervisors and sign a form to change your party affiliation back to undeclared.
5. Democrats or Republicans cannot make a Party change and vote. You may make a party change but you will not be able to vote. October 12, 2007 was the deadline to change your party before the Presidential Primary. This was advertised in the Argus Champion and posted at the Post Office, Lake Sunapee Bank and the Town Hall Bulletin board, seven days before the Supervisors' session on the 12th of October.
6. When you arrive at the polls and check in you will be asked to announce your name. The poll worker will verify this information: full name (no middle initials), address. Please be patient. If you vote every year it does seem redundant. The list must be accurate to avoid duplicate voters within the Town and State wide data base to prevent voter fraud.
7. The same information, name and address, must be stated to the Town Clerk when you check out to verify who has voted.
8. Ballots are handed to the moderator who places them in the ballot box.
9. Any questions regarding either the voting procedure or the ballot itself must be directed to the moderator.

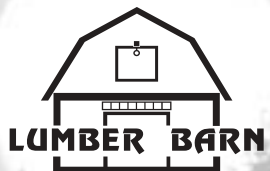
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not suggest that small town life would appeal to you but you have lived and worked in Bradford for many years. What is the appeal here for you?

The people, the lack of traffic, the available wilderness and the small town environment combine to make this an attractive place to live.

Q. How would you describe what you do? Is story telling a correct description?

I'm a bardic story teller (accompany myself musically). I'm also a children's author, recording artist, educator, and multi-instrumentalist. I play the Celtic harp, 6 and 12 string guitar, Indian Sitar, electric guitar, keyboard, African sanza and alto recorder. I'm known as a professional story teller.

Q. You appear to have the ability to re-invent yourself with new

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projects. What is your latest professional effort?

I'm working on a new form in museum media. It's hard to describe. It's not meant for public notice as yet. I've learned to play the "Kurzweil" which is a synthesizer. Sorry I can't say more at this time.

Q. You are best known for your story telling ability are there other facets to your persona that are important to you and require explanation?

I write books. I've written a 12,000 line epic poem - a novel in verse called "The Roman Canticles." I love to cross-country ski and walk in the woods with my wife Mil. She is my manager and business partner. This is one of the busiest times of the year for me with seasons that match the school year.

Q. You must have other lives in other cities where you perform. Is it difficult to return to the small town life between engagements elsewhere?

It's a great life to return to Bradford after life in large metropolises. Life in hotels hold no gleam for me.

Performing is hard work. Flying is no fun anymore. Meeting new people all the time is exhausting. It's been 25 years of this performing and traveling life. It is nice to come home and unwind.

Q. What kinds of preparation do you do prior to performance? Do you have set routines or does every venue require a different routine? Do you ever have stage fright? Where do you work and what is the average time span to get ready for performance?

I've been rehearsing for the past three weeks in my office attic space. I've been preparing "The Takeover Before Christmas," (A rock and roll story), "Paul Bunyan and the Stubborn Christmas Tree," and "The Winter Cherries." Stage fright for me is a constant state of pre-performance excitement. I try not to get tongue tied.

Q. Did you have mentors growing up? Were there one or more persons in your life who guided and inspired you?

My father was a wonderful story

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musician. Those were the dominant influences in my life. Others who inspired me were authors, Vladimir Nabakov, Homer, and composers like Maurice Ravel, Johann Sebastian Bach, Rachmaninoff and Leo Kottke (an amazing 12 string guitar player). **Q. Would you say that your career choice has been fulfilling? Many people go through life with a feeling of regret or "is that all there is?" Are there still things that you would like to explore?**

It's been extremely fulfilling. I'm lucky that I've found something that allows me to exercise all my muses simultaneously-dramatic, literary and musical (3 muses).

Q. What were some of the highlights in your story-telling life? Was there a breakthrough moment when you knew that it had all come together for you?

There have been many. At the 2000 National Story Telling Festival for an audience of 2000 people under a big circus tent in Jonesboro, Tennessee there was a thunderous standing ovation for "The Odyssey." When I performed at the White House for President Clinton twice. After I performed at Lincoln Center in Manhattan the New York Times

reviewed me as a consummate story teller. I always wear all black, never a costume and I try to create an imaginative spell for my audience which includes children from pre-kindergarten through university and of course adults. For me, when I see the children's eyes get a little glossy, their mouths open slightly and they become absolutely still, active listeners, they entertain themselves with their own creativity."

January Programs at MVSC

Mountain View Senior Center continues its NH Historical Series on January 17th at 12:30 PM with a presentation by NH Historical Society's Peter Wallner based on his book "Franklin Pierce- Martyr for the Union". Wallner is an authority on Pierce and will give some new insights on NH's only President.

The Senior Wellness Series program at 12:30 Pm on Jan. 24th is titled: "Immunizations, It's Never Too Late". Representatives from the Lake Sunapee VNA will discuss the latest knowledge available on immunizations - from shingles to travel needs - and who should get them. This is a program that all seniors won't want to miss!

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spent about three and a half months hiking everyday, living in the woods, and spending my time in places like Franconia Notch, New Hampshire. I spent three and a half months in a different world.

The AT has its own language, culture and legends. All of these unique features stem from hiking tens of miles everyday. Hiker vocabulary develops easily from people being in a closed community, and sharing information every day. It is a cultural norm for every hiker to get a nickname that highlights something about him or her. Probably the most widely known nickname, or "trailname", out there belongs to "The Traveler". He is a legend to the AT community. Some of his feats are so impressive that people flatly deny them, like hiking the AT twice in one year or hiking fifty miles in twenty-four hours with a full backpack.

It is great to explore new cultures and share fantastical stories about superhuman hikers. When I think about the AT, however, the people who I met there stand out in my mind the most. Like meeting Mark, a 23 year old who had served in Iraq. Also meeting a man who once had an MSR stove blow up in his face, blinding him and ruining his dream of hiking the AT. Now this man runs a free hostel in New Hampshire to be around the hikers who bring the trail to him.

Area Happenings

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's

January weekend hikes are in three towns:

Newbury - Jan. 12 (Sat) call Charlie Killam (493-2006)

Sutton - Jan. 19 (Sat) call Art Robbins (927-4377)

New London - Jan. 20 (Sun) call Dave Cook (526-4570)

Newbury - Jan. 26 (Sat) call Chuck Crickman (763-5845)

Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. The SRK Greenway Coalition, incorporated in 1993, is a ten-town all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond.

Soo-Nipi Chapter Program

Friday January 11, 7:30 PM at Tracy Library, New London, NH.

Program by Eric Masterson from New Hampshire Audubon about the island of Mallorca. Call Ruth White, 763-4893 for more information.

Sunday, January 13, Field Trip to the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at the Warner Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89 at 8:00 a.m. Call Leader Robin Gray, 927-4127

Governors Awards Announced

Composer and pianist Marilyn J. Ziffrin of Bradford/South Sutton is one of five recipients of a Governors Awards in the Arts as announced by Governor John Lynch and First Lady Susan Lynch in October. Ziffrin received "The Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure Award" in recognition of her lifetime achievement in music and for her considerable contributions to the community as a teacher, author, composer, performer and active community participant. Other recipients include: Harvey Tolman, Nelson; Pheobe Ann Neiswenter, Pembroke; Drika Overton, Portsmouth; and the Bloomfield Family, Bow.

Born in Moline, Illinois, Ziffrin attended and excelled in the Moline public schools. She was senior class valedictorian. Even then, she was a multi-talented musician—playing clarinet in school bands, orchestras and in her own popular band. After graduating with an MA from Columbia University, she did post-graduate work at the University of



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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Hambleton

Chicago where she played bassoon in the concert band and orchestra. She was a post-graduate student in musicology at the University of Chicago, when she seriously began composing music. Following a dream, she studied music composition privately with Alexander Tcherepnin. From 1967 to 1982, as Associate Professor, she taught at New England College (Henniker, NH).

Fifty years ago, Marilyn began winning prizes for her compositions. In 1956, she received her first prize (and the list goes on) and in 1996 won The Music Fix Prize for Trio for Clarinet, Bassoon and Piano. Ziffrin, an authority on the life and work of Carl Ruggles published, Carl Ruggles: Composer, Painter and Storyteller, the first full-length biography of this American artist. She has been honored as a MacDowell Colony Fellow (Peterborough, NH), where she was a Norlin Foundation Fellow in 1977. In 2002, internationally renowned virtuoso clarinetist, Richard Stoltzman, recorded Marilyn Ziffrin's, Clarinet Concerto, a multi-faceted composition that features clarinet, xylophone, orchestra, and woodwinds. She has performed benefit concerts for the NH Bicentennial and the Jimmy Fund. She currently serves on the Ted Lettvin Chamber Music Scholarship Committee.

In the company of two grand pianos, Ziffrin works quietly, unobtrusively with a pencil and paper. Who would guess that our quiet neighbor, Marilyn J. Ziffrin is a distinguished New Hampshire Living Treasure?



Our Breakfast with Santa was a fabulous success. We saw many familiar faces and met many new friends as well. Special thanks to all who helped make this such a heartwarming and successful event – particularly Santa! Watch for our Yankee Candle fundraising event in January!

We have had a great time with all the snow in December. The three-year-old group brought some of the first snow inside to play with in our water table. What fun!!

In January, our theme will be Winter. We will be talking about melting and freezing, ways to stay warm (for animals as well as people), tracks in the snow, and winter outdoor activities.

A favorite winter craft that is easy to do at home is making sock snowmen by stuffing a white tube sock, tying off sections and then adding details. The toe end of a colorful toddler sock makes a perfect hat, and scraps of felt or polar fleece make great scarves. Using fabric glue, tiny pom-poms and felt scraps can be added for facial features and buttons.

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Planning Board Notes

A minor subdivision was approved for a two lot subdivision of property owned by Cherie Whitten on West Road. An existing house is located on one lot, a barn on the other.

Site Plans:

Bradford Corners: a site plan was presented by Dave Pickman for the property on Route 114 where loam is being screened and sold in addition to the existing businesses previously conducted on the site – Post Office, Laundromat, Beauty Parlor, and Consignment Shop. Concern was expressed by an abutter for the noise and dust created by the screening process. The Board requested some additional information and asked for delineation of wetlands within 100’ of the property. The hearing was continued to January 8, 2008.

Dunkin Donuts: the continuation of the public hearing for the proposed franchise to be located adjacent to Pizza Chef began with the report that the Zoning Board of Adjustment granted a variance for an internally lighted sign on the building. The request to internally light the sign on the proposed traffic island was withdrawn by the applicant. Members of the public expressed concern about traffic flow around the island and for the 15’ sign to be placed on it. Other issues dealt with the hours of operation, truck traffic, trash volume, and parking on Main Street. The Board was in agreement

that, should parking or truck idling on Main Street, be identified as a problem, the issue would be revisited. The hearing was continued to January 8 to allow more information to be provided regarding lighting of the free standing sign, lighting on the building, and traffic flow both for customers and truck delivery.

NFI North: The Planning Board approved the application to construct a residential building on the site on Route 103, with conditions: ZBA approval of a variance to allow disturbance of the wetlands buffer, additional changes to the plan to alleviate increase in off-site drainage, removal of an animal pen from current location, return of portion of a buffer to natural vegetation, and receipt of all state approvals.

Masters Store: The Board approved the site plan modification presented by Debra Diamond to add a residential use to the existing commercial use of the property on East Main Street conditional on receipt of an approved State Septic Design.

Minutes of all Planning Board meetings are on file at the Town Hall

Selectmen’s Highlights

Tax Cards Online Selectmen held a public hearing on a proposal to make the property tax card information available on line. The assessing firm can provide the access for anyone to use for an annual fee of \$1,700 per year. Administrator Cheryl Behr said they receive, on average 200 requests per year from real estate and insurance companies. Town Clerk Sue Pehrson advised her office can get up to 20 calls per day for such information. Concern was expressed for the privacy aspects even though this is public information. Selectmen voted to table the idea until next year.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

ZBA meets Wednesday, January 2 Town Hall, 7:00 p.m. Note time and date change.

Public Hearings:

- NFI North, Rt 103, variance, wetland buffer temporary reduction
- Daniel Kraft, Hogg Hill Rd create a lot not meeting minimum road frontage

In December:

- Paul Gallagher, Breezy Hill Rd., special exceptions to replace and relocate an existing camp; Passed with conditions.
- Steve & Paulette Duffett, East Shore Dr., special exception to replace a garage and a camp on the same footprint. Passed with conditions.
- John Gioldassis, East Main St., variance for an interior lighted sign on building. Passed with conditions.



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Selectmen - continued

Letters to the Editor

School Bus Route A School Board member from Sutton discussed changing the existing pattern of busses along Old Warner Road. Since the school was built in 1986, school buses have entered and exited by way of Route 103. Police Chief Valiquet expressed concern for visibility and pedestrian traffic. Selectman Fenton advised that the Road Agent should have been notified. The plan is to commence the change in routing busses the first of the year. If the Selectmen have any concerns it is a safety issue, John Steiner and the District will be notified.

Budget Selectmen continued reviewing specific budget line items and conducting discussions with the department heads concerned.

Warrant Articles Selectmen approved several articles to be included on the warrant for the March Town Meeting: Fireworks Ordinance, changing day of Town Meeting, Video System Upgrade, Rescue and Fire Departments combined and the dollars reimbursement for equipment.

Minutes of all Selectmen's meeting are on file at the Town Hall. Check the Bulletin Board for dates of January meetings.

To the Bradford Bridge Staff:

On behalf of the Bradford students and Town Scholarship Committee we thank you for your generous donation to the Town of Bradford School Scholarship. Your support of this wonderful scholarship for our children is sincerely appreciated. May your holidays be extra special. Sincerely,

Dawn Rich

To the Board of Selectmen

On behalf of the Board of Director's and membership of the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, I would like to inform you that LMIA is opposed to an outright ban on the use of permissible fireworks in Bradford. Although we support the Fire and Police Departments' recommendation to promote an environment free from danger or excessive noise, we have come to believe that the use of Permissible Fireworks as outlined in RSA 160-C in Bradford has not been a significant public safety problem. In fact, the use has become a particular tradition among residents since they became legal.

We would like to recommend for your consideration an ordinance similar to that of the Town of Newbury that would allow the use by permit only. The State of New Hampshire annually reviews permissible fireworks and publishes a list of those authorized for purchase. By issuing permits the Town would then be able to add other requirements such as "no display shall take place after the hour of 10:00 PM" and prohibit anyone who violates the

ordinance from obtaining additional permits.

I am enclosing a copy of the Newbury permit for your review and hope that you will seriously consider this type of ordinance as opposed to a ban.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

LMIA, David P. Currier Vice President

To the Rescue Squad & Police Department:

We thank you so much for your quick response, professionalism and kindness on 11/24 when we had a need for your services. We wanted you to know how much it meant to us to have this service available in Bradford. No thanks can express how grateful we were to have help when you really need it, especially when the kind hand offered was so comforting, offering support we will never forget.

May the angels watch over you and guide you, keeping you safe on your journey of helping others.

Thank you.

Betty and Nelson Perron

The family of Isabel Sheehan would like to thank all of our friends for all of the love and support in her time of need, especially to the Bradford Rescue Squad who did a wonderful job getting her safely and comfortably to Concord Hospital.

Isabel unfortunately did suffer a mild stroke and it has left her with some difficulty speaking and walking. She is presently at Pleasant View in Concord and would LOVE having visitors. Her spirits are still pretty good...

Thanks again and please visit or drop a card when you can...

The Sheehan Family, Isabel Sheehan Jon and Ruth Marden Ann Powell Arthur Sheehan





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Deadline for February
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is January 15th. Please
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Obituaries

Floyd Bonner

Floyd "Butchie" William Bonner, Jr., age 53, of East Main Street, died suddenly on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007. He was born in Limestone, ME on Nov. 5, 1954 the son of Floyd Wm. Bonner, Sr. of Maine and June Dalton of Arizona. He leaves a large, extended family. He graduated from Weymouth, MA High School in 1972 and had enjoyed working as a heavy equipment and motorcycle mechanic for many years. Butchie and Robin have lived in Bradford for the past 15 years after losing their home in Epsom, NH to a fire.

Butchie will be remembered most for his all-embracing love for his family. He was a most compassionate, caring husband, father, and friend to many. He shared an exceptional sense of fun, humor and awareness. He was predeceased by a son, Alexander Brooks (15) in 1999. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Robin

Sanborn; two daughters, Elisabeth Camilla (age 26) and Courtney Heather (age 25); a son, Taylor Logan (age 16); and two grandchildren, Mercedes Alexis (age 8) and Mathias Alexander (age 16 months) all of Bradford, NH.

A candlelight service was held on Sunday, December 30th at the First Congregational Church, North Main Street, Concord at 3:00PM. Chadwick Funeral Service of New London, NH is assisting the family with arrangements. To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.



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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

The library is very grateful to Fritz Von Beren and Tom Wilkins for the fabulous job decorating the Christmas tree. Thanks also to the Bradford Women's Club for organizing the visit with Santa and providing wonderful photographs of the children with Santa. The photos are at the library circulation desk for pickup. We would also like to thank Santa for taking time out from his very busy schedule to cheerfully come to our library in Bradford.

Thanks to Garry Kalajian of Ararat Forge we now have a doorknocker for those times when the door locks itself!

The library will be open on Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

Our book-to-movie discussion on Friday, January 4 at 7pm is on *The Prizewinner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan. In February we will discuss *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Copies of the book will be available after January 4th at the circulation desk. This month's international movie on Friday, January 18 at 7pm is from Germany. Join us!

New books added to your library in December:

For adults:

Born Standing Up by Steve Martin

T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton

Good Dog, Stay by Anna Quindlen

The Chase by Clive Cussler

Legacy of Ashes by Tim Weiner

What is the What by Dave Eggers

For children

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

Starring Miss Darlene by Amy Schwartz

Surrender by Sonya Hartnett

BRADFORD PARKING RULES

A. When signs are erected by the Town of Bradford giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle in violation of such notice:

1. From the hours of 12:00 midnight to 6:00 AM from November 15 through April 15 of each year on any road in town;

2. In no parking areas or emergency no parking areas as designated by proper signs.

B. Specific areas of no parking:

1. Church Street-no parking on west side.

2. Forest Street-no parking on either side within one hundred (100) feet of Route 114.

3. French's Park access road-no parking either side.

4. French's Park-permit parking only.

5. Massasecum Avenue-no parking either side within one hundred (100) feet of Route 114.

6. Massasecum Lake Rd - no parking either side from the north entrance on Route 114 to Davis Rd.

7. Oakdale Rd.-no parking either side.

8. West Main St.-no parking on the north side from Church St. to Gillingham Dr.

9. Town Hall-Fire Lane in front as indicated by signs.

10. No parking within one hundred (100) feet of a posted bridge or elevated structure.

Any vehicle parked in violation of signs will be ticketed and/or towed and the owner of said vehicle shall be liable for the fines and other costs incurred.



Local resident Bill Glennie has long been fascinated by early morning frost on the old windows of his house. "Everyone has seen these delicate and intricate patterns. The images are so ephemeral, entirely dependent on time and temperature. Mother Nature is the artist; I'm only paying attention and recording what she creates." These breathtaking images will make you shiver. Join us from 3-5pm on Saturday, January 5th, for a reception and exhibit opening at the library.

SNOWMOBILE AND ATV ETIQUETTE

The landscape is pristine and the wind whips mini white tornadoes across the fields. It's a beautiful time to be out on the snowmobile and knowing there are over eighty five miles of trails in the Bradford, Newbury, and Sunapee area, makes me eager to get out there. We are fortunate to have so many choices in where to ride, but before we hit the trails, we should take a few moments to check out The Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club website at www.lakesunapeesnowmobileclub.com. This site is packed with information such as club events, trail conditions, and safe and respectful trail riding. For instance, under the "Safe Riders Checklist" they ask that "As a Safe Rider, you...

1. Know your riding area. Get a map, talk to locals." They also state to "Follow the Rules...

2. Ensure your snowmobile is properly registered and insured.
3. Keep right on the trails and use your hand signals.
4. Trespassing on private property is disrespectful. Ensure you ask permission and drive with respect while on private property.

Here are a couple of other issues to consider. Keeping to the trails is very important when crossing peoples' property. Remember that sound carries. **Respect the privacy of landowners. Please avoid driving too close to houses and if the trail passes near a home, ease up on the throttle and drive slowly.** The more respect we show for property, the more chances landowners will be willing to allow for more trails.

by Sasha Wolfe

Don't take riding across fields and lakes for granted. Just because the area looks to be open, we need to be aware of potential hazards. Wind can cause drifts and snow can hide dips and gullies. We are not the only ones to use the trails and fields as there are many hikers and cross country skiers who take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the winter. Let's stay alert, ride safely and respectfully, and pass this information on to our kids and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
Sasha Wolfe

Bradford Women's Club



Santa is not just for kids. Fred Hublely hams it up with Santa

The Bradford Women's Club had a wonderful Holiday Party for the second year. We had good group for just food and fun. The BWC/Brown Library sponsored the Visit With Santa with little gifts and free pictures (pick yours up at the library). Of course, the lighting of the tree was the final glory of the day. In keeping with the holiday season, at our annual fair, Ruth Marden won the beautiful Country Holiday cross stitch made and donated by Sue Vitale. Louise Gross won the basket filled with pie goodies and Mary Hopwood won the lovely pie quilt wall hanging. Our last meeting of the winter will be Jan. 15 and then we are off for the bad snow months of February and March. The wish for you from the BWC is a happy, healthy, New Year.

Cars

I love my school
But we need a rule
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is a warning
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By Nadia Crainich and
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KEARSARGE DISTRICT NEWS

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT JON STEINER

Welcome to 2008! Our Kearsarge Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, January 12th at the High School. This is a chance for voters to come and learn about the budget before the final vote in March. The Board and Municipal Budget Committee has worked hard to again balance the needs of students and taxpayers. Even though much of the budget is already pre-determined through the ballot (teacher's contract, bonds, etc) we have still been careful and have found some savings in areas such as insurance and bidding of contracts. Fuel continues to be expensive for both buses and heat as well as other increases we all see in our daily lives.

Speaking of increases, I know my local Bradford tax bill was up quite a bit and I know some people thought it was due to the new middle school. While the school portion did rise, it was actually the money we spent at town meeting that caused the \$1.50 increase on the town side. We need bridges and buildings and schools and roads...and when the bill comes we grumble and have to pay it, but these are services we use day in and day out.

Here's a switch, kids who are excited for the winter break to be over! I've talked to some middle schoolers who are very excited to move into their new building in March. I'm excited too! Best wishes for the new year and see you Saturday the 12th or at Town Meeting.

KRES AT BRADFORD MARY KEEGAN-DAYTON

The KRES at Bradford Shining Stars will perform *Seussical Jr.* at Colby Sawyer College, January 17 and 18 at 7pm. Shining Stars is an after-school drama club for fourth and fifth grade students. Fifty-five future actors from Bradford and Newbury will perform in this musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss.

Seussical toured on Broadway in New York six or seven years ago, according to Director, Katie Perkins. *Seussical Jr.* is a play written by Stephen Flannery, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. "It's part of the Broadway Junior Collection, said Heather Bridges, Shining Stars Musical Director. They take an original show and modify it for kids. This is the 7th annual Shining Stars production under the direction of Katie Perkins and Technical Director, Kris Lee.

The *Cat in the Hat* narrates the story of *Horton Hears a Who* and *Horton Hatches an Egg*. The two stories are interwoven and you'll meet characters like Gertude McFuzz, Maize, Yurtle the Turtle, the Grinch and Thing One and Two to

name a few, according to Bridges. Kat Company has lent costumes to Shining Stars for the production.

Fifty-five children, wow! Felicia Dauphin plays Gertrude McFuzz and likes the costumes. Shannon McIntyre plays the Sour Kangaroo and is one of the bad guys in the play according to Adam Devine. You may have seen Shannon perform in *Godspell* in town or in *The Ugly Ducking* in a Kindergarten production. Nadia Crainich narrates the story as the *Cat in the Hat* and likes the music, the costumes and the dancing.

Bring the family. Perkins and Bridges agree it's a show for all ages. This will be the first year Shining Stars has staged a production at Colby Sawyer. Funding from an Arts and Education Grant from Mount Sunapee Resort has helped the project.

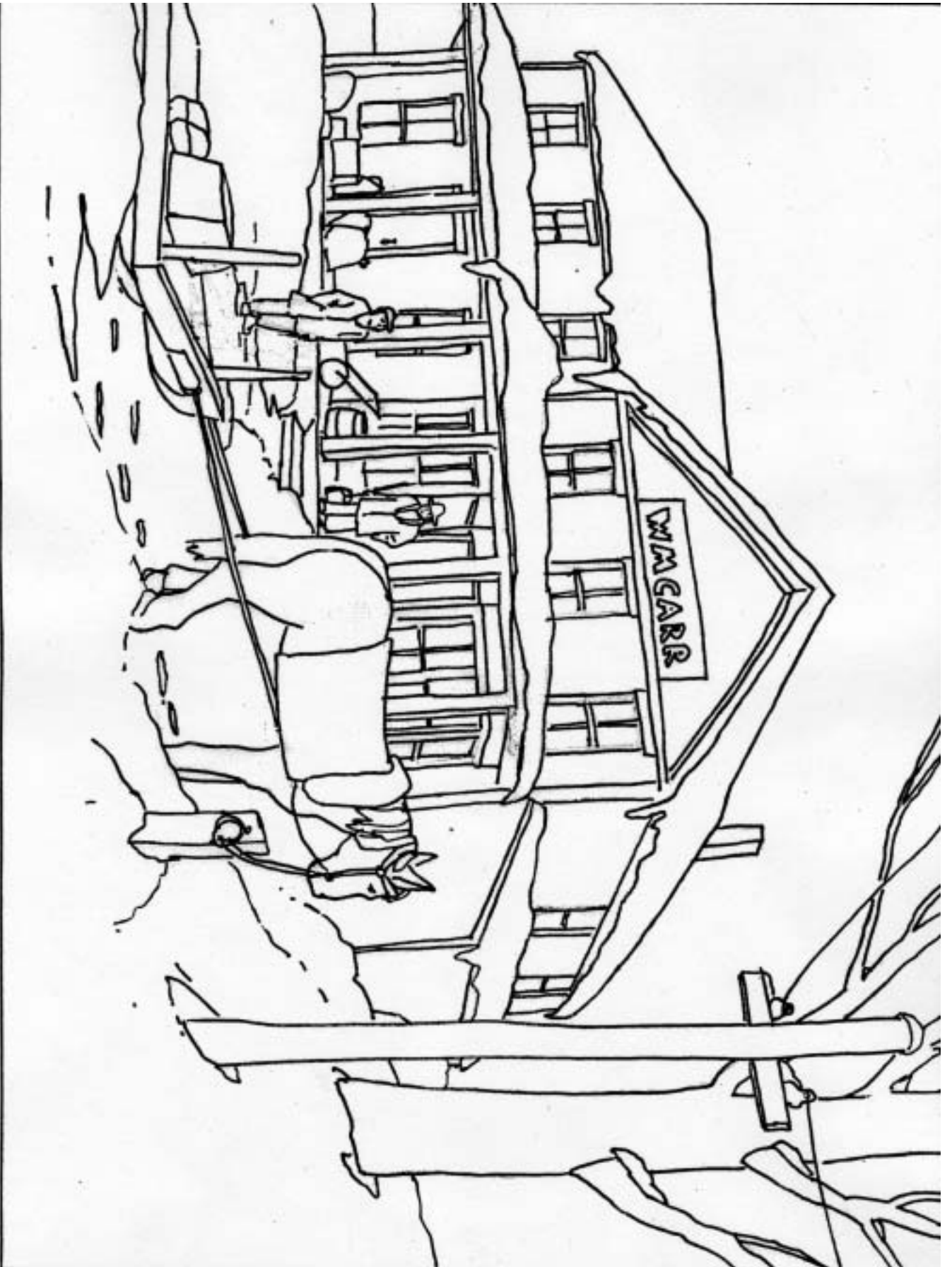
Park at the Hogan Center and walk to the Colby Sawyer Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public



Katie Perkins rehearses with cast members for "Seussical"

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Best Wishes for a happy and healthy new year.
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The Carr Store was one of the most important places in town. Located on West Main Street, it is now the office of Mike and Janet Bauer's construction company. People came to the store to buy food, clothing and hardware, and also sold Bradford-grown apples, knitted goods made by local housewives to the store which then shipped them anywhere the trains went—mostly to Boston but as far as Chicago. In winter the snow was not plowed off the streets, but was packed down and smoothed so that horse-drawn sleighs and sledges could get around. Here you see one of the snow sledges parked in front of the store while the team of horses takes a break.

The Coloring Page - Have some fun and learn Bradford's history at the same time.
Drawing by Sandy Wadlington, text by Roth-Ann Harris

Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Cold. First there is the cold. The dog alarm goes off more frequently at this end of the year. Footfalls, hoots, and snapping of branches are magnified in the winter air. Sound waves ricochet between the frozen topsoil and the relatively warmer air of the sky. Summer's vegetation no longer muffles noise. There are only the nervous, brown leaf wind chimes of oak and beech. In serious cold you can sometimes hear the rifle report of a tree. Not the rending tear and fall of ailing limb, but an unexplained explosive sound of a deciduous tree under stress. Leafless trees have winter problems. Chief among them is the heat of the sun. On a bright, windless day, tree bark can heat up and expand, warming the wood beneath. As the sun dips out of sight, the cooling bark contracts over the warmed and insulated wood beneath. This may or may not be the cause of the big bang, but it certainly is the cause of 'frost crack'. These vertical scars may attract pathogens later on. They also can hold water which, on freezing, may expand to make the mysterious noise. Dark-colored trees have developed ridges and furrows, plates or scales to address this problem, usually successfully. These bark appendages act like the metal fins on radiators, releasing heat to the air rather than to the wood beneath. Other northern trees like the beech, birch, and aspen have light-colored skins that reflect the sun's rays. The peeling of white and yellow birches helps to maintain a shiny face. Conifer sap does not freeze and its central pillar is shaded from the sun.

Ice. Then there is the booming of lakes and ponds as they freeze and thaw. Water, operating against the rules, expands as it freezes. A tiny amount of heat is actually given up in this process. Still water freezes first. The temperature drops low enough for the molecules to slow their restless momentum, enough that they fall into stable crystalline positions on weeds, rocks or any solid matter. Any object can serve as a nucleation site for ice crystal formation. One crystal starts the chain till a fine lattice spreads

across the still surface. This magical substance expands with cold, weighing less than the water that made it. Because it is less dense, it floats. If it didn't, pond ice would be pressing the slumbering frogs and turtles into the mud. Moving water is the last to freeze. The mixing of warmer stream or spring with cooler air keeps those molecules jumping, releasing a small amount of energy in the form of heat. Ice in some ways is stronger than granite and able to stop a speeding bullet. Because of the special properties of ice, Winston Churchill commissioned a study in WWII to build a fleet of ice aircraft carriers. His plan melted away but the thought of glowing iceboats makes a fine image.

Snow It is a memorable snowfall that allows us to see the undamaged star-shapes of snow crystals. Is each unique? The theory of absolute disparity in crystal shape was perhaps first promulgated in 1880 by the Vermonter Wilson Alwyn Bentley. His obsession began at the age of 15 with the gift of a microscope. It would shape the course of his life and contribute to his death by pneumonia 40 years later. (He walked home six miles in a snow storm.) Bentley, at age 18, took the first photomicrographs of snow crystals, 5000 of them. Indeed, no two were alike. The hexagon shape is the most economical configuration for water molecules forming a crystal, when they are free to grow in all directions in an obliging cloud. Snowflakes are aggregates of snow crystals that have collided and clumped under rougher conditions. *At about 18 degrees F., the snow underfoot squeals in an alarming fashion.* However low the thermometer drops, snow has excellent insulating properties. We should perhaps be spending our winters nearly oil independent in toasty snow houses and spend summers floating on the lake in boats made of ice.

[Of note: there is an exhibit of photographs of frost on windows at the library in January.]

Barn Dance Reunion

On October 20, 2007, more than 240 people gathered at the Webster Town Hall in Webster, NH for a Reunion Dance for those who attended the barn dances at Bradford Arena, Stark Mansion Hall and Fortune's Barn from 1939-1974. Some came in wheel chairs and with walkers and sat and enjoyed the music as they watched the "younger people (in their 60's) dance to the same square dances, waltz's, fox trots, and polkas that they had danced to 40 to 60 years ago. Some even brought their children and grandchildren as their families were curious about the dances that held such fond memories for their parents. One of the attendees, Robert Messer from Bradford, is the surviving member of the original Colby's Orchestra that started playing at Bradford Arena in 1946. Walter Heath from Hillsborough, who played the piano for many years while Woody took a break, was also in attendance.

Dorothy Wood, age 94, was the oldest person in attendance and had

danced at all three dance halls as well as at succeeding dances held in Hopkinton until about 10 years ago. Traveling the longest distance to attend the Reunion Dance were David & Paula Carnes from Wellston, Oklahoma. Several people traveled from Massachusetts and all parts of New Hampshire.


The music was furnished by Woody Roberts, age 87, on piano, who joined Colby's Orchestra in 1956; Stewart Fortune on bass guitar, Frank Fortune's nephew; John Boynton on drums and Bob Boynton, Jr. calling the squares (Mike Colby's grandsons); Jack O'Connor on banjo (the young man who made that recording of the dance 52 years ago), and Jim Pero, a friend of the Boynton family on fiddle and guitar.

When the band played *Till We Meet Again, Now is the Hour, and May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You*, which Woody sang, we all knew that the dance had ended.

Many lingered for a bit longer just to chat with old friends.

This dance came about as a result of website hosted by Walter Lenk which documents the dances held at the Bradford Arena, Stark Mansion Hall and Fortune's Barn. Janice Colby Boynton spent the better part of the last year gathering information for the website. Check it out at www.configular.com/fortunesbarn. Best of all, the site contains recordings obtained from Jack O'Connor of a dance held in 1955 at the Bradford Arena. It will soon be updated with pictures and information we received at the reunion.

The response was so great that many mentioned this reunion dance should become an annual event. We are thinking about it. If you have any memories you would like to share about these dances in Bradford from 1939-1974, please contact Janice Colby Boynton at 603-774-4412.

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<p>DATE & TIME: Saturday 2/16/08 12:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>LOCATION: New England College Field House - Henniker, NH</p> <p>IDEAL ATTENDEES: Girls ages 8-16 in our surrounding communities <i>(BNS & Beyond!)</i></p> <p>COST: \$20 per player <i>(\$10 of which benefits BNS Youth Sports)</i> EACH PLAYER RECEIVES A BALL!</p>	<p>CLINIC OUTLINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Check-In & Introductions # Full Group Warm-Up & Stretching # Color Team Break-Outs (players will be grouped into similar age/skill color teams upon arrival) # Dynamic station work with current college softball players and coaches: 45-minute sessions on pitching, catching, and hitting; 20-minute sessions on bunting, infield, and outfield. # Full Group Cool-Down <p>QUESTIONS? Please call or email us! NEC Softball Carrah Fisk Hennessey: 603.428.2213 / cfisk@nec.edu BNS Softball Tina Desfosses: 603.938.6059 / desfosses@mcttelecom.com</p>	