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Fuel Concerns a Priority

While President Bush cautions that we are in for a long, enduring recession, many of us wonder how that will affect New Hampshire homeowners this winter. To explore the anticipated problems and possible solutions facing real citizens, and in true New Hampshire fashion, we are helping ourselves by putting together a Home Heating Forum. This is a joint venture between the towns of Henniker and Bradford at the Henniker Community Center, 7:00PM on Monday, October 27. Representatives from both towns, home heating agencies, emergency management experts, selectmen, State Health and Human Services representatives, area churches, elderly services, CAP and others will participate. Watch for flyers with more details as the date nears. The format will consist of a panel discussion where resources will be made available and questions will be answered. This is an opportunity to anticipate and prepare ourselves for the months ahead.

On a positive note, the New Hampshire Legislature approved an additional \$10,000,000 for the state's heating fund at the October 24 veto session. It is expected that the Federal Government will be increasing heating allowances for states this year and those increases will offset the state funds approved on the 24th.

In preliminary discussions within our own town, some resources were discussed that will be helpful in developing a fuel plan:

Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, and Electric Assistance: call Laura at the CAP Center in Warner at 456-2207. Laura will help with the income eligibility guidelines.

The "Fix It" Program can help around the home such as vacuuming the back of the refrigerator or putting plastic over windows inside the home. This service is free. Call toll free 1-800-856-5525 and ask for the Fix It Program.

Wood Bank: Steve Manley has agreed to let the Baptist Church use the wood bank at the Old Thistle and Shamrock Inn. The church will oversee this project. There are a couple of good resources to get the bank going and this will be determined when there is a sense of the demand. People can call the church office at 938-5313 for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Baptist Church has a women's group that can knit wool socks and sweaters, hats, mittens and lap quilts for people who need them. The church also has some limited funds to assist community members in need. Call them at 938-5313.

The Masons, Boy Scouts and Chips (children, parents and staff) at Bradford Elementary School have been contacted and encouraged to remember the community this winter when thinking about their service projects.

10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

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

Bob St. Hilaire

Bob St. Hilaire was born in Nashua, New Hampshire. He attended school there in his early years. Next he studied at Concord High School until he graduated. He completed his education at Marlboro College in Vermont where he studied Sociology, Technology and Computer Science. He worked for Information Technology (IT) for ten years and then five years for Fidelity Investments. There was always an underlying interest in photography. He followed his dream and went back to school at night at the New Hampshire Institute of Art. Five years later years he received his degree. He married Claudia Oldford in 1993.

Q. I understand that one of your previous careers was in the financial services sector. Can you tell me about that?

I worked at Informational Technology doing quality assurance testing and automation engineering. I managed a team of engineers in Merrimack, N.H. and India. I didn't enjoy the work. I would rather have been doing photography.

Q. "Heartstrings Animal Photography" is your new venture. How did this come about? Was it in anyway due to a recent bad period when Claudia, your wife, was ill?

It was definitely motivated by the fact that "life happens today and not

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

From The Editor

September has been a great month weatherwise with lots of sunshine and crisp fall days for biking, tennis, roller blading, skate boarding, running, walking and enjoying the fresh, sweet New Hampshire air. Plenty of happy people are regulars at the Farmer's Market and we'll be sorry to see it close up for the winter. One weekend, there was a wonderful Funday at Brown Shattuck Park through the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department and it looked to be a great success. We hope both the Farmer's Market and Funday will be back next year. The economy, though, not so good, although we are hopeful that life will improve soon. Please be aware of any family members or neighbors who have fallen on hard times and let's keep an eye on each other. We all need a helping hand sometimes and there is plenty of community spirit and help to go around so let's be good neighbors and watch out for each other in the months ahead.

October has plenty to offer according to the many calendar items and area events listed. And of course, there's the very popular Bradford Halloween celebration that draws crowds of goblins and witches from surrounding towns. The annual secret papering of the Lafayette Square tree is controversial (we like it as a harbinger of another season come to life) and we wonder if anyone remembers how this tradition started? Let us know.

Your comments and suggestions about what you would like to see in the Bridge are always welcome. Remember we are a paper by neighbors for neighbors and your thoughts about its content are very important.

Beth Rodd

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The Board of the Bradford Bridge wishes to thank Jon Steiner for keeping us up to date on School Board events during his tenure on the School Board. While we will miss his column, we understand the wisdom of his decision to step down at this time.

We also thank Mary Keegan-Dayton for her informative reports on life at the elementary school. As Mary moves to her new position in the Weare School District, we wish her well and hope she will continue to be on the Board in another capacity.

Thank you both for the time and effort you have put into the Bridge. And good luck in your new adventures.

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Bradford Happenings

The Bradford Country Squares

will host their monthly square dance on Saturday, October 18 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, cued round tips will be from 8:00 to 10:30 pm. Jim Mayo will be the caller. Old Warner Road, Bradford, NH.

There will be an hour of round dancing from 7:00 to 8:00 pm cued by Jennie Frisella. Mainstream and Plus dancing in addition to continued round tips will be available from 8-10:30pm. Admission for the dance is \$6 per person or \$7.00 if you do the extra hour of rounds.

Spectators are free and always welcome. For more information call 863-6394.

New Library Exhibit

The Bradford Art Group announces a new exhibit in Brown Memorial Library: Rug Hooking by Hazel Morse, beginning September 29 through January 3, 2009. Hazel will demonstrate the art/craft of rug hooking on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 11 am to 1 pm. Children are especially encouraged to see the demonstration. Hazel and her husband, "Bud" moved to Bradford in 1959 from Boston "for a more satisfying life in the country." A graduate from the Massachusetts College of Art, Hazel was the first art teacher in Bradford before the consolidated school came into being. Of all the crafts she studied in college, the one she liked best was hooking. She creates her own designs and selects colors from boxes in the attic where she has collected much wool of all colors and patterns.

The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library at 78 West Main Street, Bradford, NH, is open M: 10 – 8; Wed: 10 – 7; Sat: 10 – 3; and Sun. 11 – 3.

Friends of Brown Memorial Library

Meet Bradford author/journalist/teacher Geoffrey Douglas, who will discuss his new book, *The Classmates: Privilege, Chaos and the End of an Era*, on Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm in Brown Memorial Library.

Currently an Adjunct Faculty member of the University of Massachusetts/Lowell, Geoffrey Douglas's books include: *The Game of Their Lives*; *Dead Opposite: The Lives and Loss of Two American Boys*; and *Class: The Wreckage of an American Family*. He has been Editor-in-Chief of *The Robb Report* and Editor-Publisher, *The Sun*, Atlantic City NJ. He is currently a contributor to *Yankee Magazine* and has been a contributor to *Esquire* and *American Way*.

The free program, sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, is part of continued efforts to recognize Bradford's distinguished authors. Pre-purchased books will be signed following the talk and discussion. The handicapped accessible library is located at 78 West Main St., Bradford, NH.

Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, October 22nd. This will be the 30th annual meeting of the Bradford Historical Society. It will be held at the Old Post Office Building, corner of 103 and 114, 7:00 p.m. There will be annual reports, election of officers, and a display of recent accessions as well as the BHS's collection of writings and books by local authors.

The public is welcome, refreshments will be served.

Bradford Area Community Center

October 25th, 2008 is the date chosen for shopping and finding some gently worn clothes for the new season. This event will be held in the Community Room of the Bradford Area Community Center on Main Street in Bradford from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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Newbury

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Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 8th from 9 am-2 pm. Come and do your holiday shopping early. Enjoy a delicious lunch with friends and neighbors There will be all new items – something for everyone.

The Friendship House is on the corner of Village and Sutton Roads in South Newbury and is handicap accessible. More info? Call 938-5369

Warner

The Mercy Hathaway White Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has members from Bradford, Concord, Contoocook, Hopkinton, Newbury, New London, Salisbury, Warner, Washington, and Webster as well as some who live out of the state. There are 20 Chapters in the NH. Any woman age 18 and over who can document her direct lineage to a patriot who served in the Revolutionary War is eligible to join the Society. Do you have one of these ancestors? Help for searching is available.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be on October 8th at 1:00 PM at the Horace Chase Masonic Temple, Penacook. Margaret Thomas Moran from Derry will speak about "Teaching American Citizenship". For information about the Chapter or the National Society, call Roxana Smith at 456-3537.

Sunapee

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Hikes

Oct. 4: From Mt. Sunapee in Goshen northerly to Sunapee Lower Village. 7.3 miles, moderate. Ron Wyman, 763-5822.

Oct. 5: Sunapee Lower Village to Springfield near Baptist Pond. 7.3 miles, moderate. Peg Bastien, 456-2347.

Oct. 11: From Baptist Pond, Springfield, to NH Route 114 in New London. 4.1 miles, easy. Mike Chiarella, 763-4661.

Oct. 12: From Royal Arch Hill to Pleasant Lake in Elkins via the Protectworth Trail. 8.4 miles, moderate. Charlie Killam, 526-4467.

Oct. 18: From Pleasant Lake in Elkins to US Route 4A in Wilmot. 3.2 miles, easy. Brent Scudder, 763-0187.

Oct. 19: NH Route 4A in Wilmot over Bog Mountain to Wilmot Center. 4.4 miles, moderate. Brian Faughnan, 526-7838.

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

Fisherfield Park Dedication



At the dedication of Fisherfield Park in Newbury on July 12th a Liberty Elm tree was planted in memory of Delbert L. Harris for his service to the town of Newbury. A boys scout troop from New London also took part.

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10 Questions- continued

tomorrow.” Claudia and I started with “Fantasia Photography” last year. We set up a studio in our home and photographed children and adults. On a whim we placed one of our dogs in one of the portraits. I fell in love with the imagery and discovered that when I work with other people’s animals, I have a connection with them-especially the dogs. I knew that in my next career I was going to do photography. The decision to do this now rather than later was spurred on by Claudia’s illness.

Q. The choice of “Heartstrings” is unusual. What prompted you to choose this as the business name?

The name came up at dinner. We were at a restaurant enjoying our night out and we knew that we wanted a name that helped people know what we wanted to do-to capture the love of the animals in their lives. If we don’t accomplish that, we return their money. Our tag line is “Capture the Love.”

Q. Did your earlier work in finance help you to start this enterprise?

It definitely did help with the marketing of our new business.

Q. Your photography business needs contact with the public and exposure. Why did you decide to work out of your home in Bradford which doesn’t have a large population to draw from?

The main reason was “expense.” Photography is tough. And it takes

several years to become profitable. We didn’t want overhead and a retail location. We felt that the boutique atmosphere that we have here compliments our style. Our customers appear to enjoy being here for the shoots.



Q. You have a concept on your Website called the “500 Club.” can you explain how this works? Has it been a successful promotion for your business?

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Q. Rumor has it that your home has a ghostly presence? Is this true? Have you or your wife experienced any ghostly visitations?

We’ve heard that the house was built in 1827. It was originally a cape and there are indications in the structure that this was true. There is only a two

thirds basement because of the addition. There is definitely a ghost. When we first moved in I heard something in the hallway in the middle of the night. As I walked out into the hallway the atmosphere was bone chilling. I felt a presence. Claudia has seen a woman sitting on the bed in one of the bedrooms. Lights sometimes go on and off mysteriously. We’ve both heard footsteps in the night which caused our dogs to growl. The former owner, Leonard Sargent, died in the house and it was a nursing home in the 1950’s.

Q. Your wife Claudia is the art director of “Heartstrings.” Is this too much togetherness? What are your thoughts?

It’s challenging. We are still defining our roles. She’s a great help. She is fulltime at another job - a paralegal in Concord and only works part time with me.

Q. Your business involves photographing animals. Does this include all types of animals?

I’ll do anything -any type of animal. I have a client who wants photographs of his ferrets. The question we hear most often is “Do you do kids with the animals?”

Q. Do you have plans to expand your business? Is “Heartstrings” the beginning of a larger endeavor?

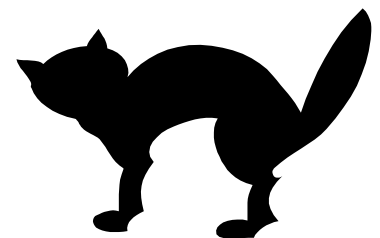
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Kearsarge Area Preschool News

By Mary Ann Wright and Karen Hambleton



Miss Sasha with some of her new Preschool friends.

When the Preschool welcomed students back in early September, many new faces had joined our family. Among them was our new Lead Teacher, Sasha Saxon. Sasha has returned to the Bradford area after twelve years working with preschoolers in the Concord area. She has a Bachelor's degree and a nearly-completed Master's degree, both in Early Childhood Education. She brings with her many exciting new ideas.

We were saddened when Melissa Gambino informed us she would not be returning this year, but wish her the very best in her new endeavors. As luck would have it, Jessica Hearne has accepted the position of Assistant Teacher left vacant by Melissa. Jessica has been involved with the preschool for many years as a parent and we are fortunate she is now sharing her skills in the classroom. Jessica has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education and brings 15 years of experience working with children. She has previously worked in the Kearsarge School District as a paraprofessional. Jessica resides in Sutton with her husband and 3 children. She enjoys camping with family and trips to Disney World.

In September, students spent time getting to know one another and telling their new friends about themselves. We traced our bodies then colored them in and made collages that described our favorite things. We also learned about shapes and, of course, began exploring autumn. We created some colorful leaf rubbings and baked an apple pie for Bradford Fun Day.

Our discussion about fall will continue in October with a field trip to pick apples. This is always a favorite activity. Toward the middle of the month, in conjunction with Fire Safety Week, we will discuss ways to keep ourselves safe. We will wrap up October exploring and celebrating Halloween.

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- Friday, Oct. 10** Washington Town Hall
6:00-7:00 pm
- Friday, Oct. 17** Presbyterian Church, New London
9:00-11:00 am
- Tuesday, Oct. 21** Warner United Church
10:30-12:00 noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 21** Andover Town Hall
2:00-4:00 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 22** Newport Senior Center
10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Thursday, Oct. 23** Wilmot Town Offices
9:00-11:00 am
- Thursday, Oct. 23** Bradford Senior Center
1:00 -3:00 pm
- Friday, Oct. 24** Danbury Senior Center
1:00-2:00 pm
- Friday, Oct. 24** Rite Aid Newport
9:00 am-12:00 noon
- Saturday, Oct. 25** First Baptist Church Health Fair
(at old middle school in New London)
9:00 am-12:00 noon
- Monday, Oct. 27** Sutton Town Hall
4:00-6:00 pm
- Monday, Oct. 27** Sunapee Senior Center
10:00 am-12:00 noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 28** Croyden Town Hall
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- Wednesday, Oct. 29** Goshen Town Hall
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Selectmen's Highlights

Parks & Recreation and Community Center:

Kate Dobrowski discussed budget preparation with the selectmen. A full job description for the head of the two departments has been requested and is being developed. Several suggestions were made for combining maintenance of facilities in town and looking to a single contract for the work.

Revolving Loan Fund:

Stephen A. Heavener, Executive Director of the Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) discussed and explained the workings of this fund. The Town has not received a financial report on the fund this year. Mr. Heavener said there has been a breakdown in communication and that the information will be forwarded to the Town. He stated his commitment to make certain that funds are available

if there is any need for them in Bradford.

School Bus Routes:

Julie Leonard expressed concern that the school buses are not picking up students on Rowe Mountain Road this year. The selectmen agreed to withdrawal of a letter that had prevented parents from discussing the issue directly with the school board.

School Board:

The selectmen were advised of the opening on the school board because of the resignation of Jon Steiner and asked if they have any suggestions. Ads will be placed in the Shopper for two weeks for applicants to respond. Interviews will be held and a decision made as soon as possible.

Highway Garage:

Location of the building has been changed. It will be parallel to the existing garage and will jut into the 30 foot required setback.

Engineering plans for all aspects of the building are needed – footings, foundations, and slab. The building inspector had been asked to allow the building permits to be issued for the footings, foundations, and building which will allow time to engineer the mechanicals that go in floor before it is poured. Target date for delivery of the building is the second week of October.

Highway Department:

Selectmen approved a request from Road Agent Steve Lucier to change the hours of operation for the department to 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM effective September 22nd. This has the potential to save 2.5 hours of

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overtime especially in the winter months.

Library:

Selectmen approved sending a letter to the library requesting that they consider adjusting their hours due to the overages in the cost of oil.

Budget:

The Budget Committee held a meeting on September 2 as requested by the selectmen. This was precipitated by the volatility of the fuel market. A letter was presented to the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen to be sent to the Department of Revenue Administration advising them that Bradford may come up short on appropriations. That department may allow overspending of the budget for an emergency situation if notified in advance. The amount to be exceeded is \$51,000 and would come from the fund balance. The Budget Committee voted unanimously to submit the requested application to the Department of Revenue.

At the selectmen's meeting on September 16th, it was announced that the request to authorize an emergency expenditure had been approved.

Building Permits:

Michael Martin discussed building on Lake Massasecum on a lot accessed from a common parking area and by water. Selectmen mentioned complying with all current regulations and stated that if the permit was denied by the building inspector, an appeal could be taken to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Selectmen voted to request that the building inspector draft a letter to DES indicating a possible violation on Alder Plains Road.

Selectmen also voted to request the building inspector to draft a letter to the Planning Board advising them of a possible home business being operated out of a trailer on Route 114.

Non-Public Session:

In a non-public session held under RSA 91-A,3.II, selectmen decided that Administrator Cheryl Behr is to hire a worker to up-grade the filing in the selectmen's office.

Minutes of all Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall.



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October Calendar

Wed. Oct 1

6:00 -8:00 PM – Bradford Library Stitchers, drop-in fiber art group, BML

7:00 – 9-00 PM American Sign Language

Thurs. Oct. 2

10:00 AM Computer Class call 938-2104 for information

11:00 AM MVSC Walkers

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

12:30PM “Coping with Low Vision” presented by Rose Prescott From NH Vision Services.

Fri. Oct. 3

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

900-10:00 AM - Tai Chi Dance — Call Sasha Wolfe at 938-2115 for information

9:45 AM MVSC Walkers

11:30 AM First Friday Harvest Brunch – Enjoy a nice Brunch for only \$2.00.

12:00PM “What is Happening to our Bees?” presentation by Al Lindahl, president of the NH Beekeeper’s Association. Find out how important bees are to our world.

7:00 PM – Book to Movie Princess Bride, BML

Sat. Oct. 4

9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group

2PM – Children’s Apple Crafts/Story Program, BML

Mon. Oct. 6

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:45 AM MVSC Walkers

10:00AM Ceramics with Doris

10:30AM Yoga with Fran

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

1:00 PM Bridge Group

7:00 PM Fish & Game Meeting

Tues. Oct. 7

9:00 AM – Noon - Fuel Assistance — call 456-2207 for appointment

10:00 AM Stitchers from the Heart

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class –call Fran at 456-3099 for information

Wed. Oct. 8

3:00 PM – Brownies

4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center – Committee Meeting

5:45 PM - Parks & Recreation –committee meeting

7:00 – 9-00 PM American Sign Language

Thurs. Oct. 9

10:00 AM Computer Class

11:00 AM MVSC Walkers

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

October birthdays celebrated with cake and ice cream

Fri. Oct. 10

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:00-10:00 AM - Tai chi Dance –Call Sasha Wolfe at 938-2115 for information

9:45 AM MVSC Walkers

Sat. Oct. 11

9:00 AM-2:00 PM – Book Sale, BML

Mon. Oct. 13

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:45 AM MVSC Walkers

10:00AM Ceramics with Doris

10:00 AM-8:00 PM Library open BML

10:30AM Yoga with Fran

12 Noon Sudoku and Bag Lunch

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. Oct. 14

10:00 AM Stitchers from the Heart

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099 for information

Wed. Oct. 15

6:00 -8:00 PM – Bradford Library Stitchers, drop-in fiber art group, BML

7:00 PM - American Sign Language

Thurs. Oct. 16

10:00 AM Computer Class

11:00 AM MVSC Walkers

11:00AM – 12:30PM Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

12:30PM Presentation: “Getting Ready for the Digital TV Transition.”

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Supervisors of Checklist in Session TH

Fri. Oct. 17

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:00-10:00 AM - Tai chi Dance –Call Sasha Wolfe at 938-2115 for information

9:45AM MVSC Walkers

10:15AM Friday at the Movies showing “Waking Ned Devine” A comedy about friendship & loyalty takes place in a little Irish town of 52. Two Thumbs Up!

7:00 PM – International Movie, BML

Sat. Oct 18

9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon – Basket Making Class

October Calendar

10:00 AM Bradford Improvement Association All are Welcome

Mon. Oct. 20

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:45AM MVSC Walkers

10:30AM Yoga with Fran

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. Oct. 21

9:00 AM – Noon – Fuel Assistance –call 456-2207 for appointment

10:00 AM Stitchers from the Heart

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. Oct. 22

3:00 PM – Brownies

7:00 PM - American Sign Language

7:00 PM - Bradford Historical Society Annual Meeting

Old Post Office

Thurs. Oct. 23

10:00AM Computer Class

11:00AM MVSC Walkers

12 Noon Senior Community Dining serv

12:30PM Service Link presents “Medicare Update – Know Your 2009 Plan”

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Flu Shots with VNA

7:00 PM – Author Geoffrey Douglas presents The Classmates, BML

Fri. Oct. 24

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:00-10:00 AM - Tai chi Dance –Call Sasha Wolfe at 938-2115 for information

9:45AM MVSC Walkers

Sat. Oct. 25

9AM-2 PM - Clothing Exchange - BCC

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Supervisors of Checklist in Session TH

Sun. Oct. 26

11:00 AM-1:00 PM – Rug Hooking Demonstration by Hazel Morse, BML

Mon. Oct. 27

8:45 AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:45 AM MVSC Walkers

10:00 AM Ceramics with Doris

10:30AM Yoga with Fran

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

7 PM: Fuel Forum - Henniker Community Center call 938-2692 for info

Tues. Oct. 28

10:00AM Stitchers from the Heart

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. Oct 29

7:00 PM - American Sign Language

Thurs. Oct. 30

10:00 AM Computer Class

11:00AM MVSC Walkers

12 Noon Senior Community Dining and Halloween Party.

National Cookie Month Cookie Swap. Bring

a batch of your favorite cookie recipe to share. Wear a

costume or mask. 50/50 Raffle, win prizes, and have fun.

Fri. Oct. 31

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

9:00-10:00 AM - Tai Chi Dance

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted.

Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

BML- Brown Memorial Library

KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool

KRES-Bradford Elementary School

MVSC -Mountain View Senior Center

TH - Bradford Town Hall

ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustment

Ongoing Events

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 PM. BML

CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 3RD TUESDAY 7:00 PM - TOWN HALL OR BML

FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH - 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104

HISTORICAL SOCIETY-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386

LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML

PLANNING BOARD - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL

RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION - 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC

SELECTMEN’S MEETING - 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 6 PM - TOWN HALL

ZONING BOARD - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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Letters To The Editor

A SUPER BIG THANKS TO:

The outstanding volunteers, families, children, businesses and individuals who made the 5th Annual FunDay at Brown-Shattuck Field in Bradford the Funniest time ever!

Special thanks to our wild and crazy sponsors: Naughton and Sons Recycling, Wheeler Logging and Excavating, Lake Sunapee Bank, FVB Landscaping and St Peter's Lodge.

Let's have Fun again next year!

Bradford Parks and Recreation

To The Editor:

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library would like to thank all those who responded to the flyer in the Bradford Bridge and sent in donations and memberships. Also, we would like to thank Friends' members, both old and new, who have helped support the library in a variety of ways, including work on the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Summer Reading Program, and the library gardens. Thank you one and all!

Audrey V. Sylvester, President and
Bea Howe, Treasurer

Letter to the Editor:

Thank you, Bradford, for your response to Heather Turner's letter in last month's *Bridge* and the article in the September 9th, *Intertown Record*!

Thank you for the compassion and validation regarding the issues that were just aired. Thank you for supporting my businesses—the *Smart Advertiser* and Smart Woman & Co. Thank you for your donations to the Flood Fund at Lake Sunapee Bank that have reached \$500 and have helped in so many ways. I cannot truly express how grateful I am for your support.

I'd sincerely like to thank everyone who has listened to my many meltdowns in the last three years, Lake Sunapee Bank for being there for me in many ways, and Heather Turner for donating her talent, time and resources to the website www.susiesflood.com. My appreciation also goes out to Annette Vogel, publisher of the *Intertown Record* and reporter Sandra Willard for their sensitive coverage of the whole ordeal.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

October is a busy month at the library. We start off the month on Wednesday, October 1 introducing a new fiber arts drop-in meeting. The Bradford Library Stitchers (BIS) will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month from 6–8 pm at the library. The group warmly welcomes all level fiber artists. Casual instruction is provided. Bring your current project or come to learn! Contact Sarah Hirsh at 938-2833 for more information.

On Saturday, October 4th at 2pm, trustee Penny Ulrich offers an Apple Craft and Story Program for children of all ages. Make your own applesauce and more!

Come by the Autumn Book Sale on Saturday, October 11 from 9am until 2pm. Lots of new donations have come in since the last sale!

The library will be open on Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day).

The Friends of the Library have invited local author Geoffrey Douglas to present his new book *The Classmates* at the library on Thursday, October 23 at 7pm. This is your chance to hob-nob with a nationally reviewed author in a comfortable setting!

This month's book-to-movie discussion Friday, October 3 at 7pm is on *The Princess Bride*. In November we will read and watch *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

The October 16th (7pm) international movie is a selection from Germany. Visit the library to see the new exhibit of beautiful hooked rugs by Hazel Morse. On Sunday, October 26 from 11am to 1pm, Hazel will demonstrate the art of rug hooking at the library. Children are encouraged to watch, ask questions, and be inspired! The Bradford Art Group sponsors these quarterly exhibits at the library.

Don't forget to trick-or-treat at the library on Halloween!

New books added to your library in September:

For adults:

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

Unpacking the Boxes by Donald Hall

An Expert in Murder by Nicola Upson

The Book Stops Here by Ian Sansom

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

For children and young adults:

Double or Die by Charlie Higson

The Snake Scientist by Sy Montgomery

The Secret of Castle Cant by K.P. Bath

Bats at the Library by Brian Lies



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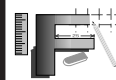
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Stewart is Honored



Andrew Stewart, 2007 Kearsarge Regional High School graduate, earned a place on the President’s List for the spring term at Portland Community College, Oregon. The college was very proud of his accomplishment of earning outstanding grades that requires hard work, a commitment to attending classes and maintaining the highest academic standards. Andrew is the son of Robert Stewart, Jr. and Tina Desfosses of Newbury. Proud grandparents are Addy and Robert Stewart, Sr. of Bradford.

The Bradford Women’s Club

September was a busy month. We started our programs off for this year with our wonderful Red Hat Tea at the Candlelite Inn. The Pancake Breakfast was a new and successful fundraiser for us this year. It was enjoyed by young and not so young. The money we raised will go back into the community and will be used for our yearly scholarship. October is a special month for the BWC. We are hosting a Meet and Greet for women from Sutton, Newbury and Bradford. As in any club, numbers are getting low and we would like to invite women from the three towns to come and see the work we do. This past year, we have assisted people in both Newbury and Sutton along with Bradford. Sutton and Newbury have been included in our club for many years and some of our most enthusiastic members are from these towns. For Members, please come and bring a friend. Any women who are interested in community service with not a huge involvement, please come. It is at the Bradford Community Center on Oct. 21, 6:00pm. Do not forget the BWC Craft and Antique Fair is right around the corner. If you would like to be a consigner or as a member can assist at the fair, call Erica Gross at 938-5566. We look forward to a great year to come.

KEARSARGE DISTRICT NEWS School District Report

Jon Steiner

This will be my last column as school board member for the Bradford Bridge as I resigned my seat at the end of September. As faithful Bridge readers know, Robin Steiner, my wife, was selected as assistant superintendent of the Kearsarge School District. There were really two key reasons that influenced my decision: perception and family.

In the public arena the appearance of impropriety or potential conflicts can create distractions from the real work at hand. I’ve had to make some tough decisions during my board tenure. If I remained, people who find themselves on the opposite side of issues from me might question why I voted a certain way—a red herring—simply to make those tough decisions more difficult to implement. By stepping down I remove that tactic from the playbook. I will also be stepping down from the NH School Boards Association, where I serve as Vice President.

Secondly, school board meetings are frequent and late... meaning our daughter would spend half of every other Thursday night on a neighbor’s couch before one of us could get there to pick her up.

I have greatly enjoyed my time and service on the board. I appreciate all of the nice things many of you have said to me and your support and I thank all of you for allowing me to serve. I know that the district is in very capable hands. The board is dedicated and the superintendent and assistant superintendent are a great team with solid experience and lots of energy and passion about making this a great district. So now Robin and I have reversed roles; she gets to stumble in late with a head full of numbers and policies and I get to stay home and play Go Fish with Isabelle. Change can sometimes pay unexpected dividends.

Bradford Barn Dances

The Barn Dance season is planned for the 3rd Friday in each month. October thru May. The bands for each night are still to be announced. The first Community Barn Dance of the Season has been planned for Friday, October 17, 2008 by the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department. The dances are held at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Rd in Bradford.

The Barn dance will begin at 7 PM and end at 10:00 PM, all ages welcome. Potluck snacks and drinks will be available. Bring a pot-luck snack and save \$3:00 on your admission. Admission will be \$5.00 for adults, students and seniors \$4.00, elementary school age free. There will be a raffle drawing .

Planning Board Notes

Subdivision: Dave Eckman, Eckman Engineering presented the Board with plans for a required Street Plat to serve the rear lot that will be created as part of the proposed subdivision of property owned by OE Trucking, Martyn Chivers, owner, on Breezy Hill Road. The Board voted to accept requests for several waivers from the regulations, but tabled the waiver request regarding soils data and test pits until after a site walk has been scheduled. The public hearing is continued until October 14.

Site Plans: Mr. Eckman passed out a revised site plan for OE Trucking on Breezy Hill Road. The board noted that the plan did not depict the entire lot and that several uses were listed on the second lot that are not shown on the previously approved site plan for that lot. The board voted unanimously not to accept the current site plan and requested two separate site plans - one showing current conditions and all of the commercial uses being proposed one lot listed as residential; a second modified site plan for the existing commercial lot showing current conditions and all additions and/or changes from the site plan approved by the Planning Board in 2003.

Gravel Pit Permit: Valley Excavation, Nate Kimball owner, was represented by Tim Bernier, Tim Bernier Inc. with an application for a gravel pit permit for property located on Breezy Hill Road. This was required in order to continue the excavation currently in operation at that site. The change in the original plan and the reclamation plan was explained to the Board. A reclamation bond is on file. The

board voted unanimously to approve the permit for a three year period.

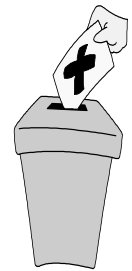
Conditionally Approved Plan:

Attorney Gregg Michael represented Mark Brunnel owner of Ledgewood Pines, a 22-lot, "over 55" development on Old Warner Road. Conditional approval had been granted by the Board in January, 2006. The latest extension of time to finalize the conditions expired June 2008. Atty. Michael advised that Mr. Brunnel would like to complete

the subdivision as soon as possible. The Board agreed to allow an additional extension until December 9, 2008.

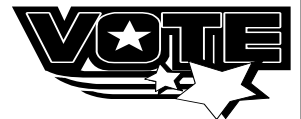
Site Plan Regulations: A public hearing to consider approval of amendments to the Site Plan Review Regulations is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28. Copies of the revised regulations are available at the Town Hall.

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After three years in business as an important part of the community, Deb Dimond has decided to give up her dream of running a small country convenience store, removing the last such business from Bradford's Main Street. Deb and her family have been enthusiastic and warmhearted additions to Bradford, working long hours to stay in business. She has grown attached to many people, several of whom, elderly or disabled, depend on her to get their groceries and other items brought right to their cars. Sometimes, a cup of coffee with Deb and a bit of conversation, has made a lonely day less isolating for some folks in town.

Deb is philosophical about this decision but believes that, in the long run, it will give her more time with her family and a less hectic schedule. New challenges lie ahead and we can help Masters by participating in the "going out of business" sale now in progress.

We thank Deb and her family for being great neighbors and valuable members of the community. While we wish them well, we are sad to see them go and they will be missed. It would be very helpful to Deb if neighbors would stop by and help her reduce her inventory, all on sale, so that she can move forward.

Candidates Questionnaire

The Bradford Bridge asked four questions of our local candidates running for State Representative, Merrimack District 5, Bradford/Henniker. Running for office are incumbent Representative Barbara French, Jack Meaney and Beth Rodd.

The questions are:

1. What office are you running for?
2. What are your qualifications for the job?
3. What state or local issues are most important to you as a candidate?
4. How would you approach Bradford issues from within the State Legislature?

The responses are:

Jack Meaney:

1. I am running for State Representative from District 5 in Merrimack County
2. I own and operate a small business in NH and am a retired State Employee and also am a Member of the Bradford Budget Committee. So I am aware of the plights of people trying to make ends meet.
3. The most important issues are TAXES, High Fuel Costs, both at the pump and for heating and irresponsible spending.
4. I would approach every issue as to the effects it would have on the people of Bradford and Henniker equally seeing they are the citizens who I would be representing.

Barbara French:

- 1, I am running for State Representative, District 5, Bradford/Henniker.
2. This is my seventh term in the Legislature (14 years) and I have a long and successful record of representing my constituents as I work on health care issues, wellness and prevention, economic issues and bringing both sides of the aisle together to work for the best interests of our citizens. I chair several crucial health care commissions and work hard to make sure my district's needs are met. I have a proven record of high quality service to our communities.
3. School funding, a fair and equitable tax system, primary care and prevention, the economy, the environment and making government responsive to the needs of the citizens.
4. I will do as I've always done i.e. craft legislation based on the needs of our communities. For example, I am the prime sponsor of a bill to study the Lake Massasecum watershed and flooding

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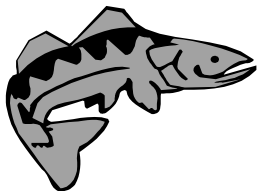
issues and I have crafted milfoil studies and am working on a Family Resource Center, one of my passions, in Henniker.

Beth Rodd:

1. I am running for State Representative, Merrimack District 5, Bradford / Henniker.
2. I served in the House of Representatives for 5 years, am committed to service to our communities and have a professional background of work with families and children. I am familiar with the problems affecting our communities and have the institutional knowledge and temperment necessary to effect change through the legislative process.
3. School funding, the environment, maintaining the rural character of our communities and the economic problems afflicting our citizens in this faltering economy. We must create an economy that will attract our talented young people to stay in New Hampshire.
4. The legislature enacts many bills that affect our communities, for better and for worse. I will always consider how legislation impacts our communities and will continue to be responsive to the input and concerns of everyday people who are my neighbors and friends.

Bradford Fish & Game

Bradford Fish & Game hopes you are enjoying the Fall, whether you are out chasing ducks, white tails or trout. If you are targeting white tail, we are having a deer pool which costs \$20 to enter. Contact James Sprenger @ 938-5213, Pete Strickland @ 938-5278, or Dan Benedict @ 938-5316 for rules and information. The deadline to enter is Oct. 31. The next meeting will be Monday Oct. 6th at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse on Gillingham Drive. Finally, the Turkey Raffle will be held Saturday, Nov. 22nd at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. Hope to see you there



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Obituaries

David W. Whalley

David W. Whalley Sr, 67, of Bradford, NH died Thursday August 28, 2008 at this home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Cambridge Mass, the son of the late George and Blance (Bousquet) Whalley.

He was a resident in Bow for 30 years and a Bradford resident for the past nine years. Dave was a sales engineer in the electronic industry and had recently retired.

Dave was an avid hunter and fisherman, a member of Bow Men's Club, Bow Athletic Club and St. Theresa Church. He loved being surrounded by his family and friends, he also had an extreme fondness for his canine hunting companion, Baxter. Dave will always be remembered for his uncanny sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Diane (MacDougall) Whalley, of Bradford; a son, David W Whalley Jr. of Chicago, Ill.; two daughters, Beth and Paul Damphousse, of Litchfield and Karen Andrus of Walpole; a brother, George Whalley of Gilford; six grandchildren, Eric Damphousse, Amy Damphousse, Garrett Andrus, Gabriella Andrus, David Whalley III and Claire Damphousse.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Bradford Fire and Rescue P.O. box 206 Bradford 03221; or to Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Notre Dame Pavilion at Catholic Medical Center, 87 McGregor St., Suite 4100, Manchester 03102.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Mystery Ride: On Friday, October 3, we will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and go on a mystery ride and end up at a restaurant. All food items are \$10.00 and under.

Youth Group: (grades 5-8) On Saturday, October 4 our youth will be going on a hike. Details to be sent directly to the youth. They will also meet on Friday, October 17 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the church for their regular youth gathering.

Adult Sunday School: We offer adult Sunday school every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The group will begin this year with a study of the book of Galatians.

Alpha Program: Our Alpha program will be held every Sunday evening during October beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner, followed by a DVD and small group discussion. We will end no later than 7:30 p.m.

Food Pantry: The October distribution date is Wednesday, October 15 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of our church will be held on Sunday, October 19 immediately following a light luncheon after Worship.

Men's Fellowship; The men will meet on Wednesday, October 22 at the home of Fred Hubley at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, outreaching planning, pool and refreshments.

Leader's Planning Session: The leaders of the church will meet on Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 a.m. for sharing, brainstorming and planning.

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Current Market Trends

by Laura Hallahan

This summer has been fairly good for real estate in the Sunapee Region. My assessment is that houses priced fairly and in good condition are selling in every price range and sometimes quickly. Houses priced too high are sitting (some of them for the second summer in a row) and houses that need a good deal of work are also seeing little activity. With inventory still high and new listings coming on the market in steady fashion, buyers don't have to settle. Offers, especially initial offers, are quite low because buyers have been force fed doom and gloom reports that are more relevant to other parts of the country and they want to get a good buy. Bradford alone has 11 pending sales, which is a very good sign. Land, on the other hand, has been a tough sell all summer. Builders are working on getting rid of existing inventory and buyers aren't sure they want to buy and build right now especially since the cost per foot of building has stayed steady or gone up with the cost of materials.

The recent shake up in the financial markets that will have no choice but to impact and possibly slow these recent improvements I speak of in the real estate market. Consumers of every kind are skittish and rightfully so. Those mortgage lenders left in the game will once again tighten lending standards because they are scared to lend to anyone considered high risk. Buyers who want to purchase now but who have issues with their credit may be denied a loan, even if they qualified a few months ago. The bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did result in lower rates at first, but things need to stabilize long term so banks and other lenders will want to write more home mortgages. I do think consumers will rethink real estate as an investment over stocks, however, so that could be a good thing in the months ahead. On the good news front for New Hampshire, our unemployment rate at 4.9 percent is below the region average of 5.4 percent and our year over year rate of growth in non-farm jobs is up 1.2 percent compared to a region wide increase of just 0.1 percent. The New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® conducted a survey of members last month and received a 10 percent response rate regarding the current housing market. Some findings:

- Single family detached units are the most common property to sell;
- The most prevalent second home type is condominiums;
- Eight percent of sales were mobile/manufactured homes;
- The overwhelming reason to purchase a single family detached home was for use as a primary residence;
- About half of the purchasers of single family detached homes were from out-of-state, mostly MA, ME, RI and CT;
- Just under half of the purchasers of condominiums were from out-of-state;
- The average sales price for a single family detached home was \$259,000 with the average price for an in-state buyer \$214,000 and for an out-of-state buyer \$351,000;
- The average sales price for a condominium was \$270,300 with the average price for an in-state buyer \$285,000 and for an out-of-state buyer \$259,000;
- 35% if buyers were families with children, 33% were families without children, 25% were one-person households and 7% were retirees.

The Northern New England Real Estate Network, our Multiple Listing Service, reports residential sales statewide were down 4 percent this August from last August and while median home prices vary, the median home price statewide was just 2 percent below last August. Finally, the numbers for Merrimack County in August showed 107 sales (down 16%) and a median home price of \$227,000 (down 5%) with a median income of \$59,600.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 61 Woodview Heights, 2002 Cape on 7.19 acres for \$242,500
- 162 West Meadow Road, 2005 Cape on 5.0 acres for \$220,000
- 6 Maple View Drive, 2008 Cape on 3.58 acres for \$284,125
- 0 East Washington Road, 32.3 acres for \$67,500

There are 30 active and 10 pending residential listings, 21 active and 1 pending land listings, 1 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 2 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

Masons' Food Donation



At St. Peters Masonic Lodge in Bradford money was donated to local food pantries. The picture is of the Master of the lodge, Paul Gross, giving each a donation of \$250.00 The money was raised at St. Peters Lodge annual 4th of July breakfast this past July 5th. Pictured are (from left to right): Dolores Hansen of the Bradford Food Pantry, Gail Bostic of the South Newbury Food Pantry, Adie Stewart of the Bradford Thanksgiving / Christmas Baskets and Paul Gross, Master of St. Peters Lodge

Classifieds

For Sale:
30 chimney blocks. 16" x 8", 11 flue liners, 8"x 8"x24", \$250 for all. Well pump, push and pull design, almost new, \$250 (\$400 new). Call 938-2675

For Sale:
2000 Toyota Corolla in running, inspectable condition with good rubber, asking \$1500. Call 938-2110

For Sale:
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