

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## Special Town Meeting Wrap-up

It took just over one hour for the 137 Bradford voters to deal with the warrant articles presented at the Special Town Meeting held on September 1 at the Bradford Elementary School. Rules for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) required two separate town meetings.

The first session had only one article to raise a total of \$64,511. This would be contingent on receiving a grant under the COPS Hiring and Recovery Program that would cover the salary and benefits for three years, the sum raised is for year four of this position. After discussion pro and con, the article carried by voice vote and this meeting was adjourned.

Session two was opened immediately following that vote and dealt with adoption and creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. Article one authorized the town to create such a district and passed on voice vote. Article two established the "Downtown Bradford Improvement Tax Increment Finance District" that includes 122 parcels and encompasses 340 acres bounded by West Main Street, East Main Street, Old Warner Road and State Route 103. The District will be administered

by the Board of Selectmen or an appointee with input from an advisory committee.

Steven Heavener from the Capital Regional Development Council explained that incremental taxes would be used for improvements in the described district and that changes both to the district and the use of the funds could be made in the future by vote at town meeting. This article passed by a show of hands.

The third article to adopt the Downtown Bradford Improvement District Development Program and the Tax Increment Financing Plan was passed by voice vote.

An alternative in articles 4 and 5 would have established a special capital reserve fund using an additional \$5.00 fee on motor vehicle registrations. These were withdrawn after passage of the first three articles.

## 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This is a continuation in a series of interviews with people in Bradford. This month we interviewed Jenny Critch, owner of a relatively new business in town called "Dockside Hair Design."*

*Jen was born in Malden, Mass. She was one of six children, three boys and three girls. She attended schools in Malden and cosmetology school in Boxford. After receiving her license she worked for three years in Malden as a cosmetologist but decided that she wanted more. She obtained a job with "Arthur B. Little" doing administrative/marketing work. Jen married in 1991 and moved with her husband to Derry, N.H. She continued her career in marketing until the arrival of her children. The decision was made to move to Bradford and at this time Jen decided to devote her working life to her original career in hairdressing. This move enabled her to spend more time with her children because of the less stringent hours.*

**Q. In 2005 you chose Bradford as a place to live and raise your family. Why did you make this decision and was it a good choice?**

We were living in Derry and realized that the school system was too large. My son Raymond was six years old and ready to enter school. We searched for a school district and found Kearsarge with its smaller class sizes and a good educational reputation.

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## From The Editor

Where did summer go? Just as we were settling into some great weather, out came the pumpkins and frost warnings. Husband Carey, always in denial about the end of summer, announces annually that the leaves aren't "changing", no, it's too early for that; the trees are "stressed" Hmmm. Oh well.

Lots of great things happened this summer and fall. Our ladies' tennis group (always looking for new players), the Farmer's Market- fun and we hope it will continue next summer and be even more robust. "Fun Day" at Brown Shattuck was lively and well-attended, lots of games, a fascinatingly scary snake and games galore. We Rodds have loads of junk from other people's yard sales (which I hope we will be able to put in our next yard sale). We had a great, healthy diet of summer produce from the Troy's CSA and a garden full of flowers and tomatoes. The September Special Town Meeting was a great success (thank you Cheryl Behr for your amazing skill in putting so many details together). Yes, we have a great little town and are proud and happy to live here. Here's to all of you and many thanks for your continuing efforts to make our town a great place to live. It's almost time to honker down for the winter. Time for skiing, snow sports and holiday planning are upon us. Here we go!

Beth Rodd

## Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

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Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd  
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for appointment

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## New England College Convocation



On September 1, 2009, New England College, Henniker, celebrated their "Convocation 2009". Pictured left to right: Rep. Beth Rodd; College Board Member, Katrina Swett; Guest Speaker, George Bruno, former ambassador to Belize; Rep. Barbara French and College President, Michele Perkins, Ed.D.

## Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by *Karen Lynn Hambleton*

The Kearsarge Area Preschool began the school year on August 31st with many familiar faces returning and several new ones joining us. Over the summer, Heather Smith joined the Preschool as our Lead Teacher. She moved to the Kearsarge area in 2003 to attend Colby-Sawyer College in New London. After graduating with her BA in Early Childhood Education, she worked in the public school system in Sunapee and New London. Over the summer, she enjoyed working around her home in Newbury and watching her garden grow. Also new to the Preschool is Whitney Temple, our Assistant Teacher. She recently graduated from Washington and Jefferson College where she majored in Child Development and Education. While at school, Whitney played four years of collegiate field hockey, traveled to the Amazon, and became a huge Pittsburgh sports fan. She lives in Claremont and in her free time enjoys making sand castles, eating blueberries and playing with her cat, Milo.



*Whitney Temple (left) and Heather Smith.*

Children at the Preschool dove into the alphabet as the school year began. Each week, the class will discuss a letter of the alphabet and in September, they explored letters A through D. They learned about acorns, made bubble paintings, created a collage with family photos, talked about dinosaurs and went apple picking. The Preschool also resumed its walks to Brown Memorial Library for Story Time. It was so much fun to see our friends there again!

In October, we will tackle letters E through H wrapping up our discussion of H with Halloween! We begin our day with circle time, where we read stories that have frequent use of the letter of the week. Then we turn to our calendar to find out the date, sing our Days of the Week song and discuss the months of the year. To incorporate the theme of community into our curriculum, the students have weekly jobs such as librarian (helps return books), police officer (helps make sure our classmates are safe), weather person (describes what the weather is like outside), mail person (puts mail in cubbies), and the trash person (who makes sure all the toys are put away).

It's not too late to join our class this fall! We offer flexible schedules in our early morning, preschool and afternoon sessions. For an application or more information, please call 938-2442.



*Anna and her apples*

## Bradford Bog Boardwalk



The annual boardwalk repair day will be held on Sunday, October 18, at 9am at the Bog. Maintaining a boardwalk in a wet environment requires yearly patching but it's a grand time of year to be out in the woods and an opportunity to experience the Atlantic cedar swamp and quaking bog.

Bring your choice of implements: pruners, loppers, hammer, binoculars, and camera. Wear sturdy water-proof shoes, the boardwalk can be slippery, and bring a pair of gloves. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Bog is located on the East Washington Road approximately four miles past its intersection with West Road and almost to the Washington town line. A rain date is set for Sunday October 25 at 9 am. For any questions, call Nathaniel Bruss at 748-2831.

**St. Peter's Masonic Lodge is having an "Open House" on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Main Street, Bradford. We welcome you to visit and find out who the Masons are and what they do.**

**Revolving Loan Fund:** Steven Heavener, Director of the Capital Region Development Council (CRDC) and Jayne Rayno, Lake Sunapee Bank, presented the Selectmen with proposed changes to the rules governing the Revolving Loan Fund. These address refinancing, eligibility, job cost, micro lending, existing or previous loans, and administration.

Mr. Heavener stated that the Revolving Loan Fund Committee consists of seven members of which four are bankers, with Jayne Rayno being the chair. The Selectmen voted to accept the proposed changes and to appoint Cheryl Behr as a member of the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

**Grant Application:** The Town's application for a Traffic Enhancement Grant was submitted on September 15th. The grant is for the first phase to assist with the cost of planning, upfront design and engineering for pedestrian and bicycle enhancements. A decision on the grant is not expected until February although a presentation may be requested before that time.

**Fire/Rescue Service:** Mark

### Selectmen's Highlights

Goldberg and Richard Branch discussed hiring a full time emergency medical technician under a program funded by Americorp. The person hired would receive a \$12,000 stipend and health coverage for the eleven month position of which the town would pay \$7,900; the state, \$1,000; and Americorp, \$8,000.

Duties would include making calls, recruitment and clerical work. Mr. Branch would serve as the full time supervisor. Fire Chief Mark Goldberg said the technician would be employed and paid for from Americorp. Selectmen voted to accept the offer providing paper work received meets the requirements.

Abutter Bill Starr told Selectmen he is preparing to install his driveway on the side of his house away from Town Hall. Selectmen advised him the town will cut the curb and pave the apron only when the sidewalks are done. Selectmen approved allowing the wood pile, the screen house and a light to continue **on town prop-**

**erty until May 1, 2010.**

**Flags:** Marlene Freyler presented pictures of flags and quotes of between \$65 and \$95 for each one. New brackets on the PSNH poles would cost \$85 each. Selectmen took the information under advisement.

**Water Damage:** Dick Dumais talked with the Selectmen about water running from the street into his yard and basement on Sunset Hill Road. He requested that a stone wall be mended and the area ditched. Road Agent Steve Lucier will inspect the property with Mr. Dumais.

**French's Park:** A written update on the erosion control project was received from Andrea LaMoreaux explaining that a group of volunteers spent several days cleaning out infiltration trenches and constructing terraced vegetative buffers. Planting and final stabilization will be completed under the guidance of Bindy Glennie.

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Assistance from the Highway Crew and the State Correctional Program was requested for some of the work still to be done.

**Highway Department:** Highway equipment purchase orders were discussed with the dollar amount requiring a purchase order was changed from \$1,000 to \$500. The purchase order is printed by the Town Administrator.

Winter work hours are now in effect – 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM. The crew needs to take a coffee break other than adding it to their lunch half hour.

**CIP:** Chair Charles Meany admonished the Planning Board for not having any CIP committee. The projected dollar amounts to upgrade equipment for the highway department, etc. should be put away through the Capital Improvements Plan.

**Sidewalks:** Selectmen met with Road Agent Lucier to review the work to be done by the State Correctional Program. It was decided to remove the asphalt from the sidewalks along East and West Main Streets, repair any bad sec-

tions of concrete with new concrete to maintain a constant elevation of the sidewalks, and remove the asphalt around the town hall. The area in front of the town hall will be landscaped, loamed and seeded and a walkway provided from the stairs to the parking lot with sections of hard pack going to the bulletin board and the flagpole.

**Safe Routes to School** The Selectmen’s Task Force met with Nick Cotes, CNHRPC, who handed out information packets and a NHDOT application form for startup funding for the Safe Route to School ((SRTS) program. He advised that the whole point of the SRTS is not about building sidewalks, but building a community with three pillars for a successful program: people in the community, town employees, and school personnel.

Andrew Pinard agreed to serve as interim chair of the task force.

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<b>Wednesday, October 7</b>	<b>Hilltop, New London (Residents Only)</b>	<b>11:00-1:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 13</b>	<b>Council on Aging, New London</b>	<b>12:00-3:00</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	<b>Gambier Town Hall</b>	<b>11:00-12:00</b>
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>	<b>St. Andrews Church, New London</b>	<b>1:00-2:30</b>
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>	<b>Wilton Town Offices</b>	<b>9:00-11:00</b>
<b>Friday, October 16</b>	<b>Washington Town Hall, Washington</b>	<b>6:00-7:00</b>
<b>Monday, October 19</b>	<b>Sutton Town Hall</b>	<b>4:00-5:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 20</b>	<b>Warner United Methodist Church</b>	<b>10:00-12:00</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b>Colonial Pharmacy, New London</b>	<b>10:00-12:00</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b>Andover Town Hall</b>	<b>2:00-4:00</b>
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>	<b>Newport Senior Center</b>	<b>10:00-1:00</b>
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>	<b>New London Health and Safety Fair (*Old KRAMS New London)</b>	<b>9:00-12:00</b>
<b>Monday, October 26</b>	<b>Newbury Town Hall</b>	<b>4:00-5:00</b>
<b>Monday, October 26</b>	<b>Sunapee United Methodist Church</b>	<b>10:00-12:00</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	<b>Presbyterian Church, New London</b>	<b>10:00-12:00</b>
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>	<b>Bradford Area Senior Center</b>	<b>1:00-3:00</b>
<b>Thursday, November 12</b>	<b>Springfield Town Hall</b>	<b>10:00-11:30</b>
<b>Friday, November 13</b>	<b>Danbury Town Hall</b>	<b>1:00-2:00</b>
<b>Monday, November 16</b>	<b>First Baptist Church, New London</b>	<b>1:00-3:00</b>

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Don Bachelder will be the caller and Phil Gatchell, the cuer. Admission is \$6 per person. Dancers under 16 are half price. Spectators are free and always welcome.

For more information go to [bradfordcountrysquares.freeservers.com](http://bradfordcountrysquares.freeservers.com) or call 603-863-6394.

A Public Hearing was held July 23, 2009 at 3 PM to update the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Present - Tom & Jan Riley, Millie Kittredge, Dawn Rich. A number of changes were made to Bradford's Cemetery Rules and Regulations to keep them in compliance with recommendations from the State of New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General. The new Rules and Regulations may be reviewed in the Selectmen's Office.

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In addition to the visual pleasures of the lake, activities today include swimming, boating, and fishing in the summer and ice-fishing, snowmobiling, and skating in the winter.

The first summer cottages were built along the shore in the late 1800’s. Today more than 150 dwellings ring the lake, many now used as year-round residences. The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA) provides a voice for the interests of the lake-front property owners and conducts annual water quality monitoring to ensure the continued health of the lake.

In recent years, LMIA, in cooperation with the town, the NH Department of Environmental Services, and the NH Lakes Association, has dealt with the invasive weed variable milfoil. A variety of methods have been employed to contain and control the plant in this lake. Inspecting boats coming in and out of the lake helps to ensure that milfoil is not spread to other lakes and that no additional invasive plants enter this lake.



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**Q. You have switched careers over the years. You worked in cosmetology for three years and then made a change to a totally different type of work with “Arthur B. Little.” What events led to this move?**

There were really good reasons for the change in careers. The first thing missing in hairdressing was health insurance and benefits. The second important thing is that the employment is not steady working in a salon. It depends on customer flow. I wanted a more structured job and money.

**Q. You have managed to combine competence in both salon work and marketing and administration. Do these two professions complement one another?**

The type of marketing that I did for “Arthur B. Little” was creative. I was doing presentations and ads. You need a creative side for hair and marketing. The administrative side is part of my personality. I’m a Virgo and we’re totally organized. I enjoyed the creative side of the job more than the more structured end. The good thing about hair dressing is that you make your own hours. I was doing my job from 9 to 5 but also working at home.

**Q. You are raising a family and running your own business. Does it make you feel empowered to be so independent or is it overpowering at times?**

It’s overpowering at times. It’s hard to keep the balance. Basically, with the hairdressing, if you’re not there, you don’t make the money that means that I miss my children’s sports events because Saturday is a big day for hair dressers. I also miss social events. The good thing is you can plan ahead for some things. It’s a mixed bag with highs and lows.

**Q. The location of your shop near the Bradford Post Office seems to be a good location for**

**you. Why did you leave Newbury Harbor where you had a good customer base?**

My place of business in Newbury Harbor was on the second floor and wasn’t visible. Some of my older clients had a difficult time with the stairs. The shop was too small. I needed more space and heard that the beauty shop in



Bradford was closing. I think the move was a good one.

**Q. You formerly had a highly paid job in advertising and now you’re the owner of your own business. Which is the better option; to work for yourself or someone else?**

I have a family and for that reason it is better to work for myself. There is the flexibility of setting your own hours and being there for the kids when they need you. But on the other hand there is less stress working for someone else and receiving the important benefits like health insurance.

**Q. How do you see your life changing in the next five years? Have you thought about expanding your business or changing it in any way?**

I definitely plan to expand. And add more services, Some of my thoughts are to expand the nail business and possibly offer tanning at some point. There seems to be an interest in my client base

in the tanning. I would like to offer more pedicure service with the purchase of a special massage chair which would greatly enhance our services. Also, Meghan Raymond has joined me and is a great addition. She does hair and nails and is a good hair stylist.

**Q. You came from a larger city to a small town. Do you find living in Bradford in a relatively remote part of town satisfactory? Do you miss certain amenities that you had taken for granted?**

The transition from Derry was difficult. We had choices in various take-out foods, and many more choices in food shopping and entertainment. However, on the plus side, I enjoy the quiet and the outdoor activities

**Q. Your shop in Newbury was also named “Dockside.” You carried that name to Bradford but you are no longer located near the water. Was that a decision easily come by?**

I never thought about changing the name. “Dockside” means something to me. I spent a lot of time on the Newbury dock with my kids. We made many new friends there. We were strangers and new in town and it was a wonderful experience. It’s the name forever.

**Q. What do you do in your spare time?**

Tennis is my favorite sport but I love skiing and ice skating with the kids. I also love boating and being on the lake. I love photography and scrapbooking. I go to Scrapbooking conventions on the Cape and in Western Massachusetts.





## Market Factors

by *Laura Hallahan*

In a challenging market there are four factors you need to understand so that you can determine whether it is time to sell or buy.

First, you need to understand why home prices are dropping in today's market. As reported in my article last month, median home prices in Merrimack County are lower this year than last year. The appreciation of the median home value over five-year increments dating back to 1980 shows that home values appreciated 26.5 percent on average for the 20-year period from 1980 to 2000. In the six years that followed, average appreciation was a whopping 89 percent! Today's prices are simply adjusting to the inconsistent and clearly unsustainable growth that occurred during the first six years of this decade. That means that the market today is not in decline, rather it is moving towards stability, which will prove healthier in the long run. Sellers, however, need to understand that the prices of those boom years will likely not be seen again for some time. If you want/need to sell, you have to price your house accordingly.

So, how do you price for the future? There are no steadfast rules and no one has that crystal ball, but you need to look at the total inventory available and divide it by the number of houses sold per month. If you lived in an area where 100 houses sold per month, you would have 500 to 600 active listings to have a normalized or balanced market with 5 to 6 months of inventory. August figures for Merrimack County indicated we have 11 months of inventory and we have more than that in Bradford, so we are still a buyer's market with more homes for sale than buyers. During those six years of high appreciation it was clearly a seller's market and a lack of supply existed. Traditionally, the national average selling price of a home is two-and-a-half times the average household income. In the boom years, that ratio was distorted. Today, with unemployment rising, prices may have to drop further to stay in line with the average family income.

For buyers, is now a good time to buy? The answer is that any investment follows a predictable market cycle with nine stages: euphoria, denial, fear, panic, despondency, depression, hope and optimism. People are excited about buying a home, then as prices start to fall buyers go into denial followed by fear, etc. and then hope and optimism return. The point at which a buyer is at maximum risk for an investment is the euphoria stage which can lead to rash decision making. The point of maximum opportunity is at the lowest point, which is where we are at in many real estate markets today. If you are able to buy, now is the best time of all to do so because most of these properties will increase in value. Think about all of the millionaires who built their fortunes through real estate during the Great Depression.

Speaking of that, is real estate really a way to become wealthy? According to the National Association of REALTORS®, yes! On average, home values appreciate 4.5 percent annually, which is a great return. The amount of cash buyers put into their home determines their return on equity, which is the total return on the cash they initially invested. The return on equity can be astronomical, making real estate a sound investment for the savvy buyer.

### Recent Sales in Bradford

- 22 Greenhouse Lane, 1854 Cape on .69 acres for \$188,000
- 2616 Route 103, 1940 Cape on 3.0 acres for \$230,000
- 2796 West Shore Lane, 1962 waterfront Cottage on .20 acres for \$295,000

There are 40 active and 4 pending residential listings, 25 active and 0 pending land listings, 4 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

To the Editor.

I am writing this in response to the interview from last month and a question about reduced office hours and saving town money. Reducing the clerk's hours is not the way to cut the budget. A town clerk's position is not paid hourly but is a salaried position and there has not been a pay cut to reduce the budget. The deputy town clerk position is paid hourly and considered part time and that position does not qualify for paid holidays or vacation although the town clerk/tax collector's position does qualify. Making a difficult decision to cut an employee's hours is not easy. I am not saying the town clerk position does not deserve the pay or that a cut in salary should be taken. I am saying in good conscience that the clerk should be there to service the residents. The office does give the people the option to do registrations by mail and register dogs but when the office hours are reduced, there is no longer a choice. Closing the office on Friday is not the proper way to amend this. I am sure we are not the only town in this state to cut the clerk's hours and others to reduce the operating budget.

My suggestion to the selectman is to close the office on Mondays and open Tuesday- Friday so the town clerk can open on Fridays which is the biggest day of the week for most people to do there town business. I do not know why the selectmen chose Fridays to close but the clerk's hours should have been changed to accommodate the customers. If the clerk feels cutting the deputy's hours will save an additional \$4000.00, then the clerk should be there and open all 26 hours.

### Letters to the Editor

Regarding the need for the the clerk bringing some work home; Why? That has been done for years and never made sense to me (I worked in that office for 5 years). Besides, after 24 years there should be an established schedule that allows the clerk to complete all the work in the hours the office is open to the public. If that can't be accomplished, then more hours need to be added to complete the work. One of the downsides of a salaried position; more hours, same pay.

I am hoping that our elected town clerk/tax collector will adjust the schedule so that residents are given the service they deserve. Unfortunately, being an elected official, the selectmen have no recourse in supervising the clerk's work schedule.

Ann Lucier

To The Editor:

During a brilliant, warm and sunny first week of Fall, my Canadian visitor from Vancouver was treated to exceptional sights and sounds from my front porch on West Main Street: a double rainbow following the week's only rain shower; and on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11:40 am, the sound of loud "clippity clop, clippity clops" followed by the sight of a young moose on the run heading east towards the intersection of West Main and Route 103. We waited for the sound of squealing breaks and crushing metal but the moose lucked out. The photographer regrets, there are no photographs.

Audrey V. Sylvester

To the Townspeople of Bradford, At the September first town meeting, I was very surprised that all articles passed the town vote. Since then, we have begun to move forward with the establishment of the TIF advisory committee and letters will be going to property owners soon. Our Transportation Enhancement grant has been filed and we now are working on a Safe Routes to School Grant.

I would like to thank all those involved. Jane Johnsen, Marcia Keller, Marge Cilley and others knocked on doors to obtain letters of support and signatures on petitions. Trudy Willett and Millie Kittredge patiently helped dig our historic material and collect the data needed for the grant. Dawn Rich proof read the material on a Sunday morning and many townspeople attended meetings to discuss the project and potential funding plan. Almost thirty businesses and individuals sent in letters of support. The Bradford Bridge covered the project extensively and provided information and support during the entire process. We can only hope our efforts will result in a positive award in the spring.

To the Editor

I am responding to the September Bridge "letter to the editor" from Judy Paris regarding my August legislative report.

Factually, Ms. Paris is incorrect in stating that the State Supreme Court has ruled that the JUA funds that have been used to balance our state budget have been declared

## Letters to the Editor

unconstitutional. In fact, a lower court ruled against the acquisition of these funds and the state has appealed the matter to the NH Supreme Court. The State Supreme Court will hear the case in late October, 2009. It has not, as stated, ruled on this issue.

The NH Constitution requires a balanced budget. Should the Supreme Court rule against the use of the JUA funds, the NH Legislature will look for other resources to balance the budget. Calling taxation "stealing" seems to be an extreme description of a taxation policy that represents the will of the people of our state. Having consistently rejected the notion of a broad-based tax, our tax structure continues to depend on a series of backdoor taxes on everybody and everything. Many consider this unfair but it is the choice of the people. Should the NH Supreme Court rule in favor of the acquisition of JUA funds, the issue will be moot.

Elections have consequences and the citizens of our town, state and country have rejected the politics of the past several years in favor of change, optimism and balance. No doubt, thinking people will continue to have differences of opinions on policy and politics and these will continue to be the grist of hardy, healthy, democratic debate. It is what makes us a free and democratic society. Hate radio, angry rhetoric and name-calling are no substitutes for thoughtful and rational discussion. On this point, I am sure, we can all agree.

Rep. Beth Rodd

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Friends of Bradford Area Community Center, we thank our local residents who give payroll deductions to the United Way. In doing so they have named our center as the beneficiary of their generous contributions. We appreciate all donations that come our way from our friends to support our programs and activities at the BACC. Thank you,

Dawn Rich, Chair, Friends of the BACC

### Letter to the Editor

I offer the following as a solution to our National Healthcare Objective:

President Obama issues an Executive Order, effective immediately, to suspend all medical coverage enjoyed by EVERY member of Congress provided by the government of the United States, (and paid for by the taxpayers), until a Universal Healthcare Bill covering every citizen of the United States, one that the President is willing to sign, is placed before the President, on his desk for his signature into law. Somehow, I think our Congressional Representatives, will quickly get the message.

John Signorino

What? It's holiday time already? How many pumpkins did your kids carve last year? The local foster parent association in my area always throws a pizza party for the foster kids and foster families - while they carve pumpkins, of course. In the Monadnock Region, where I live, it is a big deal to see if we can surpass the record for the most pumpkins carved and beat our Guinness World record for the most lighted, carved pumpkins in one place at the same time. ([www.pumpkinfestival.com](http://www.pumpkinfestival.com)). Would you like to have a blast with kids who could use some fun in their lives? Call your local Concord DCYF foster care worker at 1-800-322-9191.

Thank you to the editors who print these letters and to those who read them, and especially to those courageous families who take action to become foster and/or foster-adoptive parents for children who need them. I have enjoyed writing these letters since the 1980's. The time has come to pass the pen and the love on to others.

Jan Feuer, Intake Specialist (Ret.)  
1-877-964-3272

## Area Events

### October Hikes With The S-R-K Greenway

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition's Fall hike schedule continues in October, ending with a special hike to Silver Mountain in Lempster in collaboration with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) on the 18th. Please call the hike leader two nights before to learn starting location and time. Bring water, sun screen, a hat, and a snack. For information about the SRK Greenway Coalition see [www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com)

Oct. 3 (Sat.) Springfield, NH Route 114, to Great Brook Bridge, New London. 8.4 miles, Difficult, 6 hours. Susan and Michael Chiarella, 763-5879.

Oct. 10 (Sat.) Great Brook Bridge, New London, to NH 4A, Wilmot. 3.2 miles, Easy, 2 hours. Brian Faughnan, 526-7838.

Oct. 17 (Sat.) NH Route 4A in Wilmot to Wilmot Center. 4.4 miles, Moderate, 3 hours. Ken Aldrich, 526-2942.

Oct. 18 (Sun.) Silver Mountain and the Ashuelot River headwaters in Lempster: a joint hike with SPNHF and the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail Club. 4 mi. Moderate. For info and carpool options, call Gerry Gold, 526-2857.

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.

### Warner

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) will host the the final model rocket launches for 2009 in October. The first launch is October 10th from 1PM to 4PM. The second launch will be October 31st from Noon to 3PM. At the launch on Halloween, small prizes will be given to children who bring a "scary" rocket. For directions and information, please go to the club web site: [www.KARSNH.org](http://www.KARSNH.org) or call Mike Bellino at 938-5129. These events are free and open to the public.

Warner Fall Foliage Festival: October 9-11; Annual festival; food, crafts, parades, dancing, rides, food and more: A fun autumn weekend.

### Sutton

Come share the food and festivities of a local, homegrown harvest on Sunday, October 4th from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. at Muster Field Farm Museum! Enjoy a hearty lunch of homemade soups, breads and baked goods while listening to the live music of fiddlers and area folk musicians. Featured musicians include The Click Horning Band from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. and The Orzechowski Family Band from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the historic Pillsbury Barn. The Buchans will provide fife and drum music throughout the day.

The farm stand offers a wonderful selection of seasonal vegetables, maple syrup and honey, as well as pickles, jams, and jellies all made locally.

Children can play traditional games, learn to make books, dip candles, and even create their

own cornhusk dolls. Storytelling in the Ryder Schoolhouse will be ongoing throughout the day. Other exhibits include weaving and spinning, basket making, blacksmithing, bookbinding, and cider and ice cream making. A great selection of books on traditional New England life will also be available, along with handcrafted wares. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2 for seniors; free for members. Directions: Take I89 to exit 10, route 114 to North Sutton Village, and follow signs to Muster Field Farm.

### Henniker

Saturday, Oct. 3, 6:00 pm International Potluck Dinner: Jazz great Delfeayo Marsalis and the David Tonkin Group; benefitting Uptown Music Theatre, New Orleans and Henniker-San Ramon Sister City Project. Donation: Adults \$5.00, Children \$2.00. Bring your favorite potluck dish. Great door prizes. Event supports people in need. Sponsored by the Henniker Peace Community. Henniker Congregational Church and Parish Hall, Maple St., Rt. 114, Henniker, NH, 6:00pm

The Learning Institute (LINEC) on the Campus of New England College in Henniker is offering ten diverse classes this fall term to educate, entertain and enhance your world – non-credit, peer-led, at a nominal fee and open to both retired and younger adults.

Oct.13 to Nov. 25: Classes include:  
-A Brief History of the World, Oct.1 - Nov.10;  
-The Constitution and the Su-

- preme Court Oct 19-Nov. 9;
- Sinking in a Sea of Information/  
Data Oct.19 - Nov. 16;
- Current Issues Oct. 21 - Nov. 18;
- Strange History of the Double-  
Bitted Axe, from Prehistoric  
Times to Yesteryear, Tuesday only  
Nov. 17;
- How to Listen and Understand  
Great Music Oct. 21 - Nov. 25;
- 19th and 20th Century European  
Art Oct. 22 - Nov. 19;
- Early 20th Century authors and  
how to interpret them, starting  
with *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph  
Conrad Oct. 22 - Nov. 12;
- Hamlet and Woyzeck Oct. 13 -  
Nov. 3,
- Thought provoking and award  
winning Movies Oct. 23 - Nov. 20.

Look for the free LINEC catalog in your library. Please visit [www.nec.edu](http://www.nec.edu), click on "Academics" and follow the LINEC links or call 746-6212 for membership information.

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## Natural Resource Inventory

The Bradford Conservation Commission will be airing the draft maps for the update of the Natural Resource Inventory at 7pm on October 15 at the Town Hall. Assisting will be representatives from UNH Cooperative Extension to explain the state's Wildlife Action Plan for a regional perspective. Beth McGuinn from the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust will be there to answer landowner questions about the advantages and methods of preserving significant properties. Bill Duffy, GIS consultant from Northern Geomatics, will be able to answer specific questions about the draft maps. The final maps will be digitized and available for use by town planners.

The results of the survey that was mailed in August will be organized and presented at this time. This winter, the commission will continue to gather all available data on the natural resources of the town for completion of the Inventory in the spring. The Inventory will include information on soils, waters, wildlife and how the landscape is being used for forestry and agriculture at this time.

This report will be greatly enhanced by input and participation from a wide range of property owners from all points of view and interests. If you would like to assist with this project in any way, please attend this meeting or call Nathaniel Bruss at 748-2831.



### Bradford Women's Club

In Sept, we celebrated our annual Red Hat Tea. It was fun Getting all the glamorous members together for a formal event. Our pancake breakfast, which was coordinated with Parks and Rec Family Fun Day, was enjoyed by all.

This month on the 20th, we are

having a SmilingPumpkin Faces meeting at the BACC, 6:30. Members should bring a pumpkin, large or small to paint on a face. We will supply all the paint and brushes. Nothing says Fall like a Toothy Grinned Pumpkin.

Next month will see our Annual HolidayCrafts and Antique Fair,

Nov 27,28, and 29. Members need to contact Elaine Warren or Susan Wick to volunteer for set-up or fair time.

If you did not receive a BWC yearbook,please contact Jane Moss at 938-6080.

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

Thurs. October 1

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic at Mountain View Senior Center. Call 526-4077 for appointment  
12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. October 2

11:30 AM - First Friday brunch followed by music with singer/guitarist Dallas Rice  
7:00 PM - Book-to-movie, The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency - BML

Sat. October 3

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - Henniker Highway Department, Route 114 South. For information, call 428-7604

Mon. October 5

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris  
10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
5:30 PM - Girl Scouts  
5:30 PM - 4-H - parents meeting

Tues. October 6

9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Fuel Assistance. call 456-2207 for appointment  
10:00 AM - Stitches From the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
4:00 PM - Archery - at Brown Shattuck Park  
6:00-8:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. October 7

3:15 PM - Brownies

Thurs. October 8

9:30 AM - Foot Massage with Betty Perron  
12 Noon - Senior Dining followed by a special fire safety program

Fri. October 9

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic by LSRVNA at North Ridge Senior Housing. Call for appt. at 526-4077

Sat. October 10

9:00 - 11:00 AM - Writing group  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Book Sale, BML

Mon. October 12

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. October 13

9AM - 12 Noon Hearing Clinic  
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining and ServiceLink's Anita Oelfke about Medicare  
4:00 PM - Archery - at Brown Shattuck Park  
6:00 PM - Yoga Class - call Fran at 456-3099 for information

Wed. October 14

3:15 PM - Brownies  
4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center - Committee Meeting  
5:45 PM - Parks & Recreation committee meeting  
6:00-7:00 - Girl Scouts

Thurs. October 15

10:30AM - 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic by Lake Sunapee Region VNA, Free  
11AM-12:30 PM Foot Care Clinic  
12 Noon - Senior Dining with special guests from the Laconia Senior Center  
7:00 PM - Public Forum on Bradford Natural Resource Inventory, TH

Fri. October 16

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:30 AM - Friday at the Movies Feature: Ghost Town  
7:00 PM - International Movie (Tunisia), BML

Sat. October 17

9:30 AM - 3:00PM "Open House" St. Peter's Masonic Lodge  
10:00 AM - Noon - Bradford Barter  
10:00 AM - Bradford Improvement Association

Sun. October 18

9:00 AM - Bradford Bog Boardwalk Repair Day, Bradford Bog, E. Washington Rd.  
1:00-4:00 PM - Girl Scouts

Mon. October 19

7:30 AM - Trip to Mohegan Sun!  
8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness  
10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris  
10:00 AM - Kumihimo (downstairs)  
10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
5:30 PM - Girl Scouts

Tues. October 20

9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Fuel Assistance. Call 456-2207 for appointment  
10:00 AM - Stitches From the Heart  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
6:00 PM - Yoga Class

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

Wed. October 21

7:00 PM Bradford Historical Society Annual Meeting Speaker – Steve Taylor  
“Cows and the Community”

Thurs. October 22

12 noon - Senior Dining

Fri. October 23

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

Sat. October 24

9:00-11:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. October 26

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. October 27

10:00 AM to Noon - Flu Clinic in Warner at the United Church

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. October 28

10:30AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic by LSVNA at Warner Senior Room

1:00 - 2PM - WWII Poster presentation - Warner Town Hall

4-6 PM Sunapee Area Business Group - Candlelit Inn

6:00-7:30 PM - Girl Scouts

Thurs. October 29

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 – 3:00 PM – VNA Flu Clinic at Mountain.

View Senior Center

Fri. October 30

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

3:15 PM - Brownies

Sat. October 31

4:00-8:00 PM – Halloween Event

Note: Library Trustees new meeting time 7:30 PM first Monday of month

*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.*

**Abbreviation Key****BBC** - Bradford Baptist Church**BML** - Brown Memorial Library**FGC** - Fish & Game Clubhouse - Gillingham Drive**KAP** - Kearsarge Area Preschool**KRES** - Bradford Elementary School**MVSC** - Mountain View Senior Center**TH** - Bradford Town Hall**Ongoing Events****Children's Storytime** - Wednesdays at 10:30 am BML**Cemetery Commission** - 2nd Thursday at 6 PM. Call 938-5539 for information**Conservation Commission** - 3rd Tuesday 7 PM, Town Hall or BML**Fish and Game Club** - 1st Monday of each month - 7 PM, Fish and Game Club**First Friday Bunch** - 11:30 am MVSC, reservations appreciated, call 938-2104 for information**Historical Society** - open most Saturdays, 1:30 - 3 PM, or call 938-5386**Library Trustees Meeting** - 1st Monday, 7:30 PM - BML**Planning Board** - 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7 PM, Town Hall**Rural Heritage Connection** - 2nd Monday, 7 PM, BACC**Selectmen's Meeting** - 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Town Hall**Zoning Board** - 1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Town Hall



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## This is Our Town

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Every zoning ordinance adopted by a town must include creation of a zoning board of adjustment (ZBA). Over the years, zoning as a comprehensive land use tool has been upheld primarily because the ZBA has served as a "constitutional safety valve." The appeal process to the ZBA provides the flexibility necessary to ensure that the ordinance is applied equally to all property.

There are four main categories of appeal provided by state law:

- Appeals from administrative decisions
- Approval of special exceptions if specified in the zoning ordinance
- Variances from requirements in the ordinance, and
- Grants of equitable waivers or dimensional requirements.

State law and court decisions over the years spell out the specifics for dealing with each of these functions. The Office of Energy and Planning provides training through conferences and handbooks to assist local board members and the public in understanding the complexities of each type of appeal. Based on the number and types of appeals, the ZBA can recommend amendments for consideration by the Planning Board and action by Town Meeting. These can serve to clarify requirements and shape the ordinance to the needs of the town

Bradford's ZBA was created as part of the Zoning Ordinance first enacted in 1989. Since 1992, the five members of the Board have been elected, with up to five alternates appointed by the Board. The current members of the Bradford ZBA are Brooks McCandlish, Chair; Mildred Kittredge, Clerk; Les Gordon; Richard Dionne; and Harry Wright. Alternates are Brian Muchow and Bill Glennie.

*The ZBA meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.*

There Is a New Troop in Town!  
Junior Girl Scout Troop #12579 of Bradford and Newbury is actively looking for exciting, crafty, adventurous, creative, intelligent fourth grade girls in search of fun times with great company. Meetings are first and third Mondays at the Bradford Area Community Center from 5:30 to 7:15pm. Call Jill Pinard at 938-5157 for more information.



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## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Do you love driving through the countryside admiring the spectacular colors of fall foliage? Do you enjoy rummaging through book sales, attempting to find good books at a very reasonable price? Many Granite State libraries are participating in Browsing Through the Leaves: The New Hampshire Statewide Library Book Sale Tour Saturday, October 10. Enjoy the brilliant fall colors as you drive from library to library, checking out some excellent book bargains. You'll help participating libraries raise some much-needed cash.

Here is a listing of participating libraries: Alstead, Barrington, Bedford, Bradford (9am-2pm), Brentwood, Chester, Lancaster, New London, Rollinsford, Springfield, Somersworth, Troy and Wilmot. Come into the library for a full list of hours, street addresses and contact information. Brown Memorial Library is sponsoring a new book group. The group is open to anyone interested in lively literary discussion. This article is written before a date, time and first book choice has been made. Please drop by the library for more information.

This month's book-to-movie discussion is on *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith, Friday, October 2 at 7pm. We will watch the pilot of the recent television series. Next month we read *Shane* by Jack Schaefer and will compare it with the classic 1953 film on Friday, November 6 at 7pm. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

The International Movie series continues with a selection from Tunisia on Friday, October 16 at 7pm. Next month we will view a film from Korea.

Don't forget to trick or treat at the library on Saturday, October 31 from 5-7.

### New books for adults:

*Alex Cross's Trial* by James Patterson  
*Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder  
*A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore  
*The Magicians* by Lev Grossman



### For children:

*Grey Ghost* by Julia Hahnke  
*Rosie & Skate* by Beth Ann Bauman  
*Along for the Ride* Sarah Dessen  
*Billy Twitters and His Big Blue Whale Problem* by Mac Barnett



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## Obituaries

### Ann C. Austin

Ann C. (Bortolin) Austin, 93, passed away Aug. 31, 2009. Born in Boston, Ann lived in Arlington, MA, most of her life. She was educated at the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston and has many awards for her paintings, including several from the ASWC in Washington, D.C.

She was married for 48 years to Leo H. Austin, who predeceased her in 1986.

She has three children: Barbara A. White of Las Vegas; Jacqueline Pehrson of Bradford, NH; and Terrance M. Austin of Gilbert, AZ. Her grandchildren and their families include Daniel and Cheryl Patriquin of Broken Arrow, OK; Christopher and Judy Patriquin of Manchester; Kevan and Rhonda Patriquin of Portland, ME; Erin and Steve Garcia of Las Vegas, NV; Thomas Pehrson (deceased); Tina and Andrew Levell of Hillsboro, NH; Gillian and Joab Mallo of Colorado Springs, CO; and Theo, Brittany and Eric Austin of Gilbert, AZ. Her much loved great-grandchildren are Christina, Brian, Laura, Kayla, Phillip, Sarah, Rachael Patriquin and Tristan Garcia. She also leaves her many dear friends, including Elinor Harris and Eileen White.

Ann was a remarkable lady who touched many with her kindness and indomitable spirit. She was a member for many years of the Warner Women's Club and the Warner Historical Society. Throughout her life, she worked tirelessly as a volunteer.

Memorial donations may be made to: Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London 02357; or the Warner Women's Club, P.O. Box 6, Warner, 03278.

### Matthew Burns

Matthew M.J. Burns, 30, died Aug. 31, 2009.

Born in Concord, he lived in Deering for the past five years. He attended John Stark Regional High School and graduated from Universal Technical Institute in Houston.

Matthew worked as a diesel mechanic for the town of Deering. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion Post 81 in Con-toocook and St. Theresa Church in Henniker.

He was predeceased by his father, John C. Burns. He is survived by his mother, Rochelle M. (Marois) Gezelman of Henniker; stepfather, Roger B. Gezelman of Henniker; one brother, Sean Burns of Manchester; one stepbrother, James Gezelman of Bradford; two stepsisters, Barbara Gezelman of Rochester, N.Y., and Lori Kablic of Windsor; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Cystic Fibrosis, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon 03766.

### Michael Signorino

Michael J. Signorino, 55, of North Port, Florida, formerly of Sunapee, NH, died November 1, 2008. Michael is survived by his parents, John and Lou, formerly of Bradford and now residing in Venice, Florida; daughters Mary Shelton of North Port, Fla. And Kristen Signorino of Manchester, NH, brothers Chris of Belfast, Me., and John of Hartland, Vt., sisters Marianne and Alison, both of Montpelier, Vt., and Nancy of Sarasota, grandson Devin Shelton and several nieces and nephews. Internment took place in Sunny Plain Cemetery.

### Allie Lowe

Allie Lowe, 94, was born in Portland, OR, on August 21, 1915 to James R. and Ula McWorter Darling. She graduated from Whittier College in 1937 and earned Masters degrees in Education and Counseling at the University of California. In 1939 she married Christopher Gray but their honeymoon trip was canceled due to the outbreak of WWII. In 1941 they moved to Boston where she worked for the American Red Cross in New England.

In 1947 Allie and Chris moved to Baltimore, MD where Allie served on the Criminal Justice Commission., volunteered for the League of Women Voters, and for two terms was President. In the early 1960's she was a member of the Women's Board to the Peabody Institute and was President of the International YWCA in Baltimore.

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After her husband's death, she moved to New York City where

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she served as Hospitality Chairwoman of the International Center, Inc. In 1976 Allie married John P  r  . They traveled around the world, and then lived in Manhattan. Five years later their marriage was annulled.

Returning to Baltimore in 1982, Allie worked for the American Red Cross, for which she developed a childcare system including programs for physical and educational care for which she earned the prestigious Clara Barton Award. In 1983 she married Victor Lowe, Professor Emeritus at Johns Hopkins University. Following Victor's death in 1990, Allie Lowe, with the help of Victor's students, finished and published his book on Alfred North Whitehead.

From 1999 until her death, Allie served to the Board of Trustees of Whittier College.

She is survived by two brothers, a daughter and two grandchildren.

## Mountain View Senior Center Events for October

### World War II Poster Event At Warner Town Hall Oct. 28th

Collector and historian Bill Leary will display many of his over 200 posters from the World War II-era collection that his father began in the early 40's, and will speak to the significance of each at an afternoon presentation on Wednesday October 28th at 1 PM at the Warner Town Hall. The recruitment and war propaganda posters became a fascination for Leary after he discovered his father's collection. Since then Leary has collected many period newspaper and magazine articles as well as WWII memorabilia to use in conjunction with his presentations.

Leary will speak to the many ways that U.S. government propaganda was crucial in keeping elevated the public's support for the war effort and the morale of troops home and abroad. As those who were part of that struggle well remember, these posters encouraged the populace to plant gardens, conserve energy, collect various valuable resources to recycle for the war, buy government war bonds, keep details of the war effort secret, and of course, sign up to serve in the military.

A question and answer period will follow Mr. Leary's presentation, and a small donation will be accepted at the door. Please join us for a fascinating stroll down memory lane.

### Mohegan Sun Resort Trip

Our chartered bus casino trip to Mohegan Sun Resort is in the final planning stages and we have a date. We'll be leaving early Monday morning October 19th. Our bus will pick up participants in Bradford at the Community Center at 7:30 AM. and at the Warner Park & Ride at 7:45. We'll return to Warner and Bradford between 8 and 8:30 PM. that evening. Cost for the bus is \$40 per person, and will entitle each rider to a coupon from Mohegan Sun good for \$15 off any meal at the resort and 3 other coupons worth \$25 for betting at the "Big Wheel" when you arrive. This trip, though sponsored by Mountain View Senior Center, is open to all, seniors and friends alike. If, like me, you're not the gambling type but are looking for an adventure, I've been assured that there's lots to see and do at Mohegan Sun. So why not come along? There are a number of seats still available on the bus. We hope that all who can will decide to join us. Just call Phil at 938-2104 if you're "game."

**Planning Board Notes**

**Subdivision:** Scott Bussiere requested a further extension in completing the conditions for approval for Ledgewood Pines on Old Warner Road. The Board granted an extension until June 8, 2010, but suggested that Mr. Bussiere complete the boundary adjustment and voluntary merger of lots, which are part of the overall subdivision, prior to that time. He agreed to do this and will forward a signed copy and the required checks for recording.

**Goodnight Sand & Gravel Pit:** Bob Stewart Jr. of RCS Designs represented Peter Isham and handed out plans for the proposed reclamation of the pit on Pleasant Valley Road. The intent is to remove the large boulders that have been stored there for several years and then close the pit, using the original reclamation plan. Since there will be crushing of rock and possible blasting involved, abutters were to be notified of this fact prior to the public hearing, which is set for October 13, 2009 at 7 PM.

A site walk of the property was

held at 6 PM on September 22 to familiarize Board members and the public of conditions at the pit.

**Sign Ordinance:** The Planning Board completed a review of the draft Sign Ordinance and made several changes based on recommendations from members of both the Planning and Zoning Boards. Copies of the proposed ordinance will be posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office. A Public Hearing is scheduled for October 27, 2009 at 7 PM. If approved by the Planning Board, the ordinance will be presented to the voters for action at the 2010 Town Meeting.

*Minutes of all Planning Board meetings are on file at the Town Hall and at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*

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Domestic Violence	2
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Motor Vehicle Crash- Property Damage	1
MV- Citation Violation	3
MV Citation Speed	16
MV Misdemeanor	1
MV Warning	83
MV Complaint	3
Parking Violations	1
Vacant Building Check (Request)	1
Business Check	99
Alarm Response Business	1
Assist Ambulance	2
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Assist Fire	2
Assist Motorist	1
Assist Police	2
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Directed Patrol	1
Property Found	1
Missing Person	1
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## Kearsarge Regional School District News

by Andrew Pinard

The students at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford have a lot to be proud of. The Summer Reading Program had a very strong response with a significant amount of students exceeding their reading goals. As a reward for the exceptional participation, KRES Bradford administration and staff threw a tailgate party at the elementary school where approximately 300 family members and students gathered to celebrate. After, students were transported to a football game at the high school between Kearsarge and St. Thomas. After an exciting start, Kearsarge came from behind at the end to win the game. At halftime, KRES Bradford students were invited out on the field to receive recognition from the crowd.

If you get a chance, drive by the school and check out the new playground equipment. John Cook and Charlie Betz headed up the summer playground addition program. CHIPS (KRES Bradford's Children/Parents/Staff group) used fundraising funds to cover all material costs. Thanks to the organizers and the following helpers for making the new playground a reality: Rich Montminy, Al Nadeau, Pete Strickland, Mike MacDonald, Fred Hubley, Mike Bready, Jon Higgins and Billy, son of John Higgins.

At the district level, School Administration and the School Board are extremely busy preparing the 2010-2011 budget for consideration by the voters in March. At all levels, work developing a budget that is fiscally responsible and meets the students needs has been challenging, but I am proud

to report that with hard work, most schools have managed to keep their operating budgets at level funding (and in some instances reduced) in this year's budget. The district is also currently in negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement with both the teachers and paraprofessionals. Our staff is perhaps the district's greatest asset and we are seeing a great deal of cooperation and effort on their part to make sure that our students continue to get the best education possible

One final thing for our district to be proud of: on September 10, the district was notified that, for the first time ever that all of our schools are recognized by the New Hampshire Partners in Education as Blue Ribbon Schools. This award celebrates the value of collaborative efforts between school staff members and parent volunteers recognizing the volunteer efforts in each school. This proves that in our district we not only invest in our schools financially but perhaps more importantly, we invest of ourselves. Thanks to all the community members who give so generously of their time and expertise.

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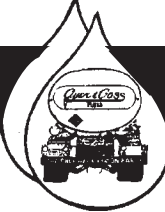
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### A Culinarian's Column *by Caryl Walker*

This recipe is from my mentor, a person who believed in me and was my teacher every year from fifth grade to my senior year of high school. She was a good friend of my mother and often at our house. This is her recipe that was served for Halloween dinner. Feel free to change the meat to bison, pork, turkey breast, or lamb. Change the spices and herbs to make it more Moroccan, Mediterranean, or Indian! Make this a two-day event to allow the flavors to mellow and help you out!

#### Priscilla Congdon's Pumpkin Stew 8 servings

2 pounds Stew beef	15 ounces Spaghetti sauce**
Salt and Pepper	4 ounces Tomato sauce
Flour for dredging , about ¼ cup	1 Onion, sliced
2-3 tablespoons Olive oil	1 cup Celery, sliced on the diagonal
1 cup Water	1 Green pepper, chopped
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning *	8-10 pound Pumpkin
*I used Mrs. Dash Italian Medley	**I used Prego Heart Smart Roasted Red Pepper and Garlic

#### Day I:

1. Salt and pepper the stewing beef. Dredge the meat with flour.
2. Heat a large skillet with 2 tablespoons olive oil. Place the meat in the pan without overcrowding and brown on all sides. You may have to do this in batches and add some extra olive oil to prevent sticking down. Remove meat pieces to a plate.
3. Add 1 cup water to pan, bring pan to high heat and when boiling, scrape up the browned bits. GREAT! YOU JUST DEGLAZED A PAN!
4. Add the spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, Italian seasoning, onion, celery, and green pepper. Bring to a boil. Add the meat and reduce to a simmer. Cover and cook 1 to 1 ½ hours.
5. Cool and refrigerate overnight.

#### Day II: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

1. Reheat stew to medium hot. Add more spaghetti, tomato sauce, or water if the mixture is too thick.
2. Scrub outside of pumpkin well. Cut off a lid. Remove seeds and that spongy layer next to the pulp. Shell needs to be a good ½ inch thick. Line a large, deep pie pan with aluminum foil. Place pumpkin on foil and tuck up around the pumpkin. Place pie pan in a roasting or broiler pan. Add ½ inch of hot water to the pie pan
3. Fill pumpkin with the stew. Bake UNCOVERED for 3 hours or until pumpkin is "fork tender".

To Serve: Scoop out some stew and then scrape down some pumpkin pulp with a spoon. The pumpkin is your starch.

Enjoy! Happy Halloween!

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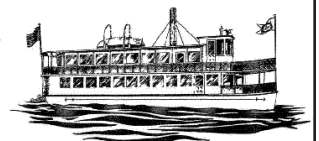
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## Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

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### Seasonal Flu and The Novel H1N1 Virus

At Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice, we receive many calls about Seasonal Flu and The Novel H1N1 Virus and the vaccines for each. Below you will find a list of commonly asked questions and answers about these topics. For other questions, feel free to contact our office.

**Q: The Seasonal Flu and The Novel H1N1 Flu are different, but how?**

A: They are both Influenza A, but different strains. The Seasonal Flu, by definition, is a virus that's been around before so you have an ongoing immunity in the community that prevents widespread transmission. Because H1N1 is a “Novel” virus, there isn't immunity to help stop it from spreading.

**Q: There is so much information in the news about both Seasonal Flu and H1N1, what are the best sources of information that people should turn to?**

A: The CDC's web site is the best source of information for individuals and for health care groups. You can log on to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), OR depending on where you live you can reference your Public Health Networks web-site or obtain the phone number from your local town administrator.

**Q: Can either flu be prevented?**

A: The best prevention measures include staying home from work or school if you are sick, covering your cough with your elbow if no tissue is available and wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands...

**Q: The high risk groups for the Seasonal Flu and The Novel H1N1 are different, right?**

A: Right. The highest risk group for The Seasonal Flu are individuals 65 or over, especially those with underlying medical issues. People of any age with chronic medical issues, pregnant women and young children are more likely to develop complication from the Seasonal Flu.

The highest risk for complication from the Novel H1N1 include pregnant women, health care workers, all children age 6mos-24 years, household contacts and caregivers of infants 6 month or younger and finally adults age 25-64 with underlying medical conditions. People over 65 are not considered high risk but should discuss the vaccine with their personal physicians.

**Q: Can the vaccines be given at the same time?**

A: Yes, so far clinical trials indicate that there is no reason for people to receive the two vaccines separately.

**Q: When will vaccines for Seasonal and H1N1 be available?**

A: The Seasonal Flu vaccine is already available in many communities. Check with your physician or contact us for upcoming public clinics.

The Novel H1N1 vaccine is expected to begin shipment by mid-October, possibly sooner. Keep an eye on local media for your community clinics that will offer this vaccine.

Questions? Check out our website or call us to learn more. [www.lakesunapeevna.org](http://www.lakesunapeevna.org)

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## Computer Questions, Anyone?

**Is there really such a thing as a "secure" web site? Although I appreciate the paper/postage saving aspects of doing business on the internet, the security or lack of security prevents me from using that approach whether for banking, shopping or paying bills.**

The simple answer would be that secure websites are denoted by a padlock icon located in the bottom right corner of your browser. Another way to tell if a website is secure is to look at the web address. Websites that begin with https:// rather than http:// are considered "secure". A 'secure' site means data is encrypted. Websites without the 's' are sites with unencrypted data and are less secure. You won't usually see the padlock or the https:// until you transition to the checkout page of a website.

Sometimes your confidential financial information is stolen through what is known as a "man in the middle" attack. Basically your data is intercepted in transit while going from your computer to the website checkout page you are entering your credit card info into. Encrypted sites make this sort of attack much more difficult. You will notice if you do online banking that your bank site has both the padlock icon and https:// address.

**Does that really mean I am safe?**

With the recent arrest in the last two weeks of a man involved in the largest credit card number theft in history one has to wonder how secure their information really is. There are things you can do to be vigilant and aware of trouble.

Here are some things to consider. Most credit card companies provide protection if the card is stolen or misused that will allow the card holder to dispute a charge and not be held responsible for the charge. This protection is less often found on debit cards. This means you have recourse if your credit card is fraudulently used. It is wise to ask this question of your bank to be sure.

**I would like to shop online. How can I protect myself?**

In today's computer environment it is impossible to protect yourself 100% as recent news articles show. I recommend that if you shop online you should check your accounts at least weekly watching for suspicious activity. Second, check with your bank to find out what recourse you have if someone fraudulently uses your card. Doing some homework will allow you peace of mind knowing what you can do if your card is abused. Third, simply be alert. If something sounds too good to be true...

For example, I once found a car for sale online that looked like a great deal. When I contacted the seller he told me the car wasn't actually in New Hampshire but in a small town in Arizona and that he could ship the car to me. After considering this and looking up the cost to ship a car across the country I asked him how he planned to make any money after paying to ship the car. He of course had an answer ready. At this point I decided to call his bluff with a bluff of my own and told him there was no need to ship it as I had a friend in that small town who had agreed to take possession of the car for me. If he could give me his address I could have my friend go over to inspect the vehicle. I never heard from him again.

**I'm looking to buy an item online as a gift. That sounds different than a too good to be true scenario.**

Sites such as Amazon.com, BestBuy.com or Staples.com for example are certainly reputable sites to shop on. I believe they will do everything they can to keep my data safe. In the off chance that my card is stolen from their data base I find peace knowing my recourse. I have one card that I use for my online transactions and that is a separate card from my debit account that pays my mortgage. In essence I have worked to isolate how much damage could be done.

In the end I'm confident shopping on large retail stores online because I've done due diligence to protect myself as best as I am able to and take an active role in watching my accounts.

**How would you summarize your recommendations?**

In essence to shop safely online I would make the following recommendations:

1. Find out what your recourse is if your card is compromised and use a card other than the one that you use to pay your rent or mortgage.
2. Take a proactive approach to monitoring your account activity especially if you shop online.
3. Don't follow links sent in emails pretending to be from your bank, Ebay, etc. If you are unsure, log in to your account on your own, not by clicking the link, or contact your bank.

As always if you have a specific question feel free to contact me.

James Thompson, IamNow, Inc.





**First Baptist Church News**

*by Lynne Hubley*

**Small Groups:** There will be 6 small groups meeting during the month of October around our "40 Days of Love campaign." The groups will be studying a similar theme from Sunday Worship Services.

**Movie Night:** We will be showing the movie "Fire Proof" again at our church on Friday evening, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and we do offer child care.

**Focus Factor:** Youth who are in grades 6 and up are welcome to come to our youth gatherings. During the month of October, the theme will be "The Face of Love". They will meet every Sunday after noon from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. October 4 is "New Month Kick Off". October 11 is fun night. October 18 is "Bring a Friend Night --contest --prize to those who bring the most friends. October 25 is Ice Cream Sundae night.

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313. We are happy to deliver food to anyone who is unable to pick up a food box.

**Annual Meeting:** Our church's annual meeting will be Sunday, October 25 immediately following the Worship Service.

**Men's Fellowship:** The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, October 28 p.m. at 6:30 for devotions, pool and refreshments.

**Sunapee Area Business Group (SABG)**

The Sunapee Area Business Group was formed in the summer of 2007 to meet the needs of area businesses who wanted to further their businesses. SABG is a local member of MicroCredit-NH, a non-profit business development program of the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund; [www.microcreditnh.org](http://www.microcreditnh.org).

The Group meets once a month at the Candlelite Inn in Bradford, NH. Benefits of joining are networking, individual help with your business, the knowledge and ideas of others in our group and the lending and education that MicrocreditNH has to offer.

Members of the Sunapee Area Business Group (SABG) are committed to supporting each other in organizing, developing, and expanding their businesses.

For more information about joining SABG, please contact Marilyn Gordon at 603-938-5571, visit our website [www.sabg.info](http://www.sabg.info) or attend a meeting! SABG meets the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6 pm.

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A Historic Act of Preservation...

by Ruth Ann Harris

Do you ever realize when you get to the end of Main Street West that you're crossing a historic dry stone arch bridge? You probably remember that end of the street being closed for a few days at the end of August. Here's the reason why:



Some years ago there was a widening of the bridge so that while the south edge is all concrete, the north side still has the original dry stone arch construction. The nineteenth century builders of the bridge built it for horse and buggy traffic, and could never have imagined the behemoth vehicles

Main Street Repairs

that cross it daily in this present century. Over time, probably from vibration, one stone came loose and fell out. Over time, dirt and smaller rocks fell through the hole, and finally the surface cracked and a sinkhole appeared, much to the alarm of some citizens of Bradford who predicted another bond issues



and another rise of their taxes.

Our highway department to the rescue! Steve Lucier and his town road crew opened the hole and identified the extent of the damage. They sought advice from the highway and bridge inspection division of the state. On



their recommendation Steve and his crew brought some large rocks to the site, forming one to the shape -- more or less -- of a golf tee which would fit tightly into the hole. They then filled the spaces around the main rock with smaller rocks until it was tight, wedging in smaller rocks and gravel, finally sealing with asphalt.

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## Mountain View Senior Celebrates National Senior Center Week

Thirty-five area seniors, guests, and volunteers attended a pot roast dinner last Thursday at Mountain View Senior Center to celebrate National Senior Center Week. Director Phil Stockwell listed the many on going programs and activities at the center and called on Mary Derry of the Center's Stitches from the Heart quilting group and John Warren who leads the Strong Living fitness group to speak to their programs' successes. Special guests included Scott Fabry, RN, President and CEO of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, Donna Gatnarek, Public Relations Coordinator for New London Hospital, and State Representatives Beth Rodd and Barbara French, each of whom had an opportunity to address those gathered. Special guest speaker Dr. Cecilia Vicuna-Keady, DNP, ARNP delighted the crowd with a lively and informative talk on senior wellness and healthy living. Dr. Vicuna-Keady practices at the Newport Health Center, a satellite facility of New London Hospital.



Dr. Cecilia Vicuna-Keady addresses guests at the Senior Center

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