

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## Bradford Town Hall

**B**uilt in 1797, the Town Hall is one of Bradford's oldest structures. In 1863, the building was taken apart and reconstructed at its current location of 75 West Main Street and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.



(photo by Audrey V. Sylvester)

recommendations will be used as efforts move forward to make the Town Hall more accessible.

**Outside . . .** New paths and stone benches have been crafted from the old granite steps. Shrubs have been removed to reveal Honor Roll as part of the landscape plan donated by Pelletieri Associates of Warner. Town Hall Beautification Committee members Jane Johnsen, Marlene Freyler, and Sandra Wright have begun to select the plants for this project.

**Inside . . .** Selectmen thanked Sandra Wright for her volunteer efforts in re-upholstering 30 chairs in the conference room. She also assisted with selecting colors for painting the front hall upstairs and down, the meeting room and back hall. She will be on hand when the work is underway in September. Laborers are from the Merrimack County Work Release Program.

**The future . . .** Town Administrator Cheryl Behr convened a meeting on August 4 to explore options for improving handicapped access and increasing fire safety in Bradford's Town Hall. The Town Hall Exploratory Committee will reconvene on Wed., Sept. 1 at 6 pm at Town Hall.

Administrator Behr invites anyone interested to attend the meeting. Needed are people with information or experience with: handicapped access; sprinkler systems; historic preservation; green and energy efficiencies; cultural, educational, theatrical productions; community, town and financial planning, and grant writing.

Cheryl Behr said, "We hope to develop a long range phased plan to make our Town Hall's second floor space available for public events. Please come to the meeting to share your expertise."

Over the years, studies of structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, handicap accessibility and historical significance have been made of the Town Hall including: a feasibility study by MacMillin; a fire and safety code review by SFC Engineering Partnership; an historic property needs assessment report by Christopher W. Closs & Company; an architectural plan by R. Wendell Phillips & Associates and a successful "Mooseplate" conservation grant. These studies and

recommendations will be used as efforts move forward to make the Town Hall more accessible.

## 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

*We welcome Don West in his capacity as principal of the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School (KRES). With the opening of school, we thought the community would be interested to learn about Don who has worked in the field of education for 31 years, 22 years within the KRSD.*

**Q. You have spent all but the first five years of your life in New Hampshire and 22 years in various positions in KRSD. Is there one particular job that stands out above all the others?**

The middle school building project was probably the one of the highlights for me. I think that being involved in the actual realization of the building was very exciting.

**Q. Your philosophy on education in your words is "All students can learn." How do you motivate your teachers to believe in and follow this belief in their teaching methods?**

I think that it is by consistently sending home the same message. A teacher may be feeling frustrated in her/his efforts to get a lesson across to the students. An example would be that not all kids learn by taking notes. I support teachers to find new ways to get the lesson across and find the ways that each student learns best. Each student has his or her own individual learning style. Some learn visually but others learn in a different way.

**Q. Did you request the change from the middle school to the elementary school? Was this plan a recent development or a long process?**

Primary Election  
September 14  
Polls open 8AM-7PM  
Kearsarge Regional Elementary  
School  
Old Warner Road, Bradford

Note to all poll workers: there will be mandatory training at the Town Clerk' Office on Monday, Sept. 13 at 10 AM and 7PM in regards to changes in the state laws to preserve NH's First in the Nation Primary status

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## Letter from the Editor

Two thoughts for discussion as September arrives – SUMMER and JOINT VENTURES.

For this editor it has been a very traditional summer – akin to those remembered from childhood. For close to four score years, summers have been spent on Lake Massasecum. The days were sunny, warm, and filled with time in and on the Lake. The water level this year is almost as low as it was in the 1930's and 40's (but not quite). In 1947 the Lake Massasecum Association built a stone dam just north of the now-closed Breezy Hill Road bridge to keep the lake level stable. Over the years, the dam has been breached and for many of those years, underwater. Not in the summer of 2010.

That leads to the second thought joint ventures. For many years Rep. Barbara French had endeavored to find the means to study the flooding that has occurred numerous times since the 1980's. In August a very productive meeting was held with multiple interests represented: Professor Mark Miche of New England College, whose students have developed a profile of Melvin Brook; Michael Croteau from SEA Engineers, working on a hydraulic study for replacement of both Breezy Hill Road bridges; and Lance D. Harbour, Hazard Mitigation Planner NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management, who is exploring funding sources for a complete study of the Massasecum watershed.

Another joint venture deals with the Town Hall Exploratory Committee convened by Town Administrator Cheryl Behr and the offer of assistance by members of the Bruss Company to meet with the committee, review the existing plans, and discuss the staging for necessary modifications.

Addressing the bridge repairs and the flooding at the same time and coordinating past studies as part of developing a plan to phase improvements to the Town Hall are both examples of groups working together to meet common goals. Both of these projects have been addressed from different angles by different players over the years. In a town the size of Bradford with limited resources, personnel, and volunteers bringing the interested parties together “under one umbrella” as Michael Bruss recently commented, is, indeed, the most productive way to move forward.

*Marcia Keller*  
September Editor

## Selectmen's Office Hours

938-5900

Mon-Weds-Thurs: 7:30 am-12 n  
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Selectmen meet the 1st and  
3rd Tuesday of each month at  
5:30 pm

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*Progress  
continues  
on the West  
Road Bridge*

## Selectmen's Highlights

### Unanticipated Revenues:

Selectmen held a required public hearing to accept funds that had not been included in the annual budget. These included FEMA reimbursement for overtime hours and damage to a town truck during a storm and money from salvage of a rusted culvert. Since the expenditures came from the highway department budget, the total of \$15,552.70 was returned to that department. A Homeland Security grant of \$3,650 for purchase of a generator for the Town Hall was returned to the general fund. The generator has been installed.

**Highway Department:** Road Agent Jeff Remillard advised that DES has given them permission to install the remaining culvert on East Main Street. Selectman Peter Fenton reported that DES testing of the soils has not been completed. Residents of the apartment building were re-located both because of a high level of gas in the building and mold that was found. The owner of the building is required to test for both before tenants will be allowed to return.

**Thank you:** Dick Keller thanked the highway crew for

the repairs done on Breezy Hill Road.

**Backhoe:** Selectmen were questioned as to why the backhoe had not been repaired and equipment is being rented from the Road Agent. The response was that Town Meeting had rejected a warrant article to purchase a new backhoe and that it is too costly to repair the transmission on the old one, which is trailered around as needed. Requests were posted for anyone with equipment available to rent to the town to talk with the Road Agent. To get the necessary work done, the Selectmen's option and decision was to rent Remillard's equipment.

Following a non-public session, Selectmen gave Road Agent Remillard authority to approve promotion of Brian Houghton to the position of highway foreman.

**Sanborn Property:** Letter was submitted with three pages of signatures requesting the Selectmen to set a specific date for work to be done on the property at 149 East Main Street that was damaged by fire in December 2008. A certified letter was sent by the Selectmen to the owner, but was returned because the address was not correct. Selectmen will continue to pursue the issue. Change in ownership does not alter the regulations that fire damage must be repaired or

made safe within one year of the occurrence.

**Transfer Station:** Paperwork was signed for a Used Oil Grant that can be used for items connected with that operation.

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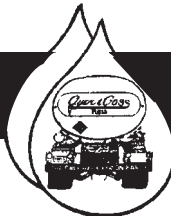
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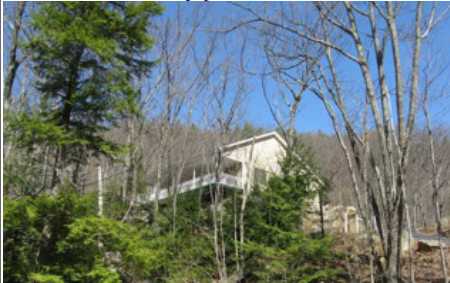
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## Area Events

### Sunapee

Friday, September 3, from 5-7pm. Artist Reception at the Harbor Gallery in Sunapee Harbor featuring the work of artist Debbie Campbell, landscape oil paintings and Christine Alexander, knitted Celtic pillows. Come meet the artists and enjoy a demo on spinning with alpaca wool. Wine & Cheese. Free and open to the public. Harbor Gallery, 51 Main Street, Sunapee Harbor, 763-7364

### Warner

September 10-18 Kearsarge area residents celebrate Eat Local Week.

Friday September 10 - Main-street BookEnds in Warner: Rebecca Courser of the Warner Historical Society will give a talk on the history of farms in the Schoodac area of Warner  
Saturday September 11: An extended Warner Area Farmer's Market from 9-1 in front of the Warner Town Hall

Saturday September 11: Film: "Fresh" and Eat Local Week Kickoff at the Warner Library at 7pm

Sunday September 12: Edible Wild Plants walk and talk at the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum at 1pm

Thursday September 16: Warner Area Farmer's Market 3:00 -6:30 in front of the Warner Town Hall

Friday Sept 17, some area farms will have open houses. Listings and times will be available on-line at the Pillsbury Free Library Community Calendar at <http://warner.lib.nh.us/index.html>

Saturday September 18: Warner Area Farmer's Market 9-1 in front of the Warner Town Hall

Saturday September 18: Community Local Foods Potluck 5:30-7 at Town Hall, speaker at 7pm, TBA

For more information please contact Sue Hemingway, [shemingw@crhc.org](mailto:shemingw@crhc.org) 456-3671 or Joan Packard: [jpackard@mct-telecom.com](mailto:jpackard@mct-telecom.com) 456-2286

## Planning Board Notes

**Gravel Pit:** A public hearing was begun in August to consider an application from Corsair Realty for a gravel pit permit for property at the south end of Pleasant Valley Road where a pit had previously been in operation. An abutter to the property spoke of erosion problems at the site and was under the impression that the pit is still active. In order to notify additional abutters, the application was not accepted as complete and the hearing was continued to September 14, 2010 at 7 PM.

A site walk at the property is tentatively scheduled for 6 PM on September 28 to which all abutters and the general public are welcome to attend.

**Subdivision** The Planning Board voted to disapprove the application filed by Mapview Development, LLC for the Ledgewood Pines Subdivision on Old Warner Road. This 22 lot "over 55" project was conditionally approved by the Board in January 2006, pending approval of state permits and completion of several items including posting a road bond as required by subdivision regulations.

Over the intervening four years and eight months, the Board had granted eight extensions of the time to meet the conditions. The applicant had been requested to

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## Bradford Happenings

### Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society cordially invites Bradford and area residents to a talk on *Covered Bridges of New Hampshire* on Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center. The speaker, Glenn Knoblock, is the author of 10 books and 70 articles, many focused on aspects of New Hampshire history.

This free program is funded by the NH Humanities Council.

### Bradford Funday

Hosted by Parks and Recreation and the Kearsarge Area Preschool Bradford Funday will be held at Brown -Shattuck Memorial Park in downtown Bradford on Saturday September 18th from 11 to 4 . Please join us for a day of fun for everyone. There is no admission charge to see Reptiles on the Move, Mr. Phil the balloon twisting clown, Bradford Fire and Rescue and Police Department demonstrations, Christine's clothing give-away for kids and various games and activities. Hayrides and food will also be available. Area businesses can join in and set up to advertise and support this well-attended event by calling the Bradford Area Community Center at 603-938-6228. Hope to see you on FUNDAY!

### Weight Watchers

Come find out how to lose weight and feel great this fall at the Information /Registration Meeting on September 9th at 5:15 PM. at the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main St in Bradford. Contact Margaret Raymond at [margaretraymond@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretraymond@yahoo.com) or the Community Center at 938-6228

### Friends of BACC

The Friends of the Bradford Area Community Center will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. The annual Friends meeting is open for the public to attend.

**Gardener Needed**—to help us keep the Bradford's Bicentennial Garden beautiful. Work is seasonal, part-time with a flexible work schedule and you will be compensated. For information, contact Susan Bedard at 763-9596.

### Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Women's Club

**Annual Membership Tea**—will be held Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bradford Area Community Center from 3:00-5:00 p.m. All women of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton (members and non members) are invited to attend. Entertainment by the Michelle Gosnell Vocal Group. Reservations are required. Transportation is available. Please call Susan Wick at 938-5286 or Susan Bedard at 763-9596.



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### Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

The students of the Town of Bradford have wonderful friends who continue to support them over the years in furthering their education. Bradford Business Association gives each year a very generous donation to our scholarship fund. Please support our local businesses as they are always there for our students each year. On behalf of the scholarship committee, we thank all members of the BBA for their loyal support.

Dawn Rich

To the Editor,

As a homeowner of 22 years, and a full time resident again for 2 years, I have seen many changes in Bradford, some good and some not as good. The most visible change was on east Main Street. Some parts look like a depression zone.

I looked deeper, talked to people, and realized that there were a lot of wonderful things being worked on in our Village. Look at the Blacksmith Shop on East Main Street and the restoration of the Historical Society building on rte 114 adjacent to the Transfer Station. While I'm on the Transfer Station, who can't help but smile at that garden and tip their hat to the sunflower.

I've just listed a few of the things that can be seen, but many more are being planned and organized – like painting the interior and planting at the Town Hall, historical interest signs on some of the older buildings and, of course, our sidewalk project.

This is just a sample of some of the positive things that are going on in our village. One thing that is a common thread running through all of these changes is volunteerism. Volunteers who paint, dig, plant, saw,

nail, serve meals, plan fundraisers, organize and so much more.

What a great small town of 1400 people. I would love to know what percentage of our citizens have volunteered to build and restore this small town's village

A big "Thank You" to all. Bradford truly is a Town of Opportunity.

Sandra Wright

Dear Friends and Neighbors, I'd like to introduce myself and explain why I, Laurie Sanborn, am running for State Representative in Henniker and Bradford, and asking for your vote.

Let me tell you a little about my background. After graduating from Simmons College, I spent the next 15 years focusing on Human Resources and Operations in the financial, health care and environmental testing industries. I've served on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and several other organizations and clubs. Since then, I've been a small business owner, including owning The Draft, an award winning restaurant in Concord.

I believe our state government is spending too much and taxing too much. We need to focus our energies on making a smaller, more efficient government, so we can clear the way for businesses to create jobs while we continue to provide essential services to our friends and neighbors who need it most. I am running to help get our economy going, make our government more transparent, and keep New Hampshire the best state in the nation to live, work and play. My husband, Andy, and I are fourth generation New Hampshire

natives. We enjoy everything New Hampshire has to offer, from hiking and skiing, to motorcycle riding and snowmobiling. We consider ourselves responsible stewards of our environment, and embrace the traditional New Hampshire values of personal responsibility and limited government.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at 428-3985 or [Laurie4NH@gmail.com](mailto:Laurie4NH@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Laurie Sanborn, Henniker

To The Editor:

We want to thank you for your past support of our candidacies for State Representative and remind everyone that there is an important Primary election on Tuesday, September 14th. Midterm elections tend to have a less robust turnout than those in presidential years and so it is more important than ever to come to the polls now. Voting is a privilege and a duty for a free and democratic society. Every vote counts! Thank you.

Reps. Beth Rodd and Rep. Barbara French Merrimack District 5, Bradford - Henniker

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*Planning Board Notes from p. 4)*

attend the meeting on August 10 with an indication of progress and a formal request for a further extension. No representative was present and the Board felt that good faith had not been shown in moving ahead with meeting the requirements. Funds remaining in the escrow account were returned to the applicant.

**Zoning Amendments:** The Planning Board is currently reviewing the Zoning Ordinance in order to implement the recommendations in the most recent Master Plan. Public input is welcomed and encouraged. A "Suggestion Box" has been placed on the round table in the main meeting room at Town Hall, watch the town website at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org). for an online survey, and a public meeting will be held on September 28 7:00 PM as part of the Planning Board Work Session. Please add your thoughts and ideas as this project moves toward any possible zoning amendments for next March Town Meeting.

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*10 Questions (continued from pg 1)*

The superintendent approached me about the switch with Mr. Spadaro some time ago. This was a way to look at the community and a way to strengthen the curriculum from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It was in the works since January 2010. We kept it quiet until it was announced to the staff in April. The two principals met frequently during the intervening months. Both principals were in favor of making the switch. Change for the sake of change is good. We each have a three-year commitment but we will have the opportunity to switch back after three years.

**Q. Your involvement with the new middle school was ongoing. You were able to watch the building go up and become reality. Do you believe that the new facility is having the desired effect of improving the environment for learning and a better quality of education?**

There is no question that we have a building that works better in every way. The school is designed so that the grade levels are together. The sixth grade is at one end of the building- at the other end, we have the seventh grade on one floor and the eighth grade on another floor. This separation into grade levels is good. The school is technologically up to speed with computers, LCD projectors and a voice enhancement system. No matter where you are in the room it sounds like the teacher is right next to you. In addition, all the athletic facilities are on site now as opposed to being scattered in different places.

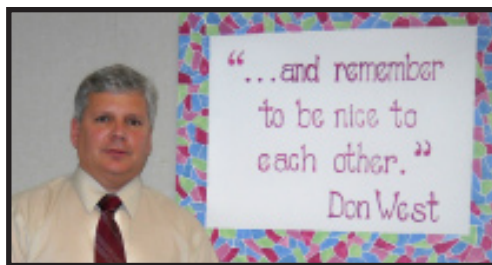
**Q. Your life has been devoted to the pursuit of learning. You have seen the advent of computers and the latest technical advances. Do you ever feel nostalgia for some of the old ways prior to the internet?**

Technology allows us to use tools that suit many different learning styles. We have ways to access more of the world and it opens up new horizons. We continue to teach

basics but the definition of basics changes and they are not the same today.

**Q. Your move to the elementary school will mean that you are replacing a popular principal. It is similar to moving from one company to another. How will you deal with this?**

I think that I was well- received at the middle school. I have been in four different positions in the Kearsarge school district. Even though I have felt some nervousness, I am not coming to make changes without discussing it with staff. It will take a while to determine what happens in Bradford. I have heard positive things about this school. I think kids are under more stress now. I hope to be helpful to people. I love kids.



**Q. You were assistant principal at the old middle school for eight years. I recall that there were many problems with that building with structural and health issues to deal with. That must have been a rough period for you. Can you tell me about that?**

It was a challenging period. We had to work around issues in the facility. We had flooding in the building. We were crowded. We didn't have a sprinkler system. It took a long time. It was a period of twenty years before the school was finally built.

**Q. You mentioned that you were Student Assistance Coordinator at the high school for one year. You worked to develop a program to keep students in school. Would you say that was a success? Did you see an increase in enrollment?**

It was becoming a success. It was the first time in the district that a financial crisis hit the country. The position was cut after one year. It worked out well for me. I got connected with the kids who needed support. I moved into the position of assistant principal at the high school and it was a good background and connector. We started to see a reduction in drop-out. There is a student assistance coordinator now but he also has other responsibilities.

**Q. It must be difficult to have a private life when in your words you say, "My door is always open to students, parents, staff and community members." How do you manage to find any down time?**

It is difficult to balance a personal and professional life. As an administrator, I feel a duty to be on call 24/7. We always have to be ready for a crisis.

**Q With reference to the question of personal time what are your outside interests?**

In my free time, I like mountain climbing. I like to work out at Planet Fitness in Concord. I love to go to the movies. I enjoy dinners out and trips to Montreal. I also enjoy watching sports and I would like to get back into scuba diving and sailing.

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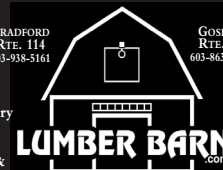
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## Obituaries

### Mary E. (Higgins)

**Russell**, 85, formerly of Penacook and Lady Lake, FL, died on July 31, 2010. Born Jan. 15, 1925, in Boston, to Charles and Harriet (Ide) Higgins, Mary was the wife of the late Kenneth Russell. She is survived by four daughters: Betty Karis of Billerica, MA, Fay Davison of Bradford, Janet Hutchinson of Hampton and Mary Guild of Wilton; two sons, Kenneth of Newport and Stephen of Penacook; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters; a brother; and nieces and nephews.

**John Rowell**, 75, passed away Aug. 6, 2010, at hospice house after a long battle with cancer. He was born Oct. 21, 1934, to Martha (Foster) Rowell and Edmund G. Rowell of Bradford, where he lived most of his life. To family and friends, he was known as Boz, a name given by his grandmother. John's first employment was at Ralph Messer Farm. Farming was his first love, loving all animals, haying and gardening. He retired after many years at the former Kearsarge Reel, the pallet shop in Warner and sawmills. He is predeceased by his parents, Martha and Edmund Rowell; two brothers, Edmund G. Rowell Jr. and Sonny Rowell; and two sisters, Elizabeth Hunt and Jeannette Crane.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Virginia Bryant Rowell of Pittsfield; two daughters, Irene Rowell McQueen of Pembroke and Brenda Rowell Bowers of Salisbury; and a son, Edmund Rowell of Bosca-wen.

John leaves 10 grandchildren, Jennifer, Amber, Richard Jr., Alyssa, Edmund Jr., Terry, Matthew Jr., Joey, Kyra and Jasmine; three great-grandchildren, Skyler, Sierra and Carlyle Jr.; a brother, George (Dicky) Rowell; a sister, Evelyn Rowell; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A fund has been set up in his name at Sugar River Savings Bank in Warner. All checks should be payable to the John Rowell Fund in care of Brenda Rowell Bowers. For more information, go to [csnh.com](http://csnh.com).

**David E. Friedline**, 59, of Fifth Lane, Andover died Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at his home. He was born in Somerset, PA on June 3, 1951 the son of Eugene and Genevieve (Saylor) Friedline. He received his B.S. Degree from New England College and his Master's Degree in English from the University of NH. Dave was a woodworker and architectural draftsman. For the past 11 years he had been an english teacher at Mascoma High School in Canaan, NH. He lived in Bradford, NH for 15 years before moving to East Andover 3 years ago. Dave was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford.

Members of his family surviving include his wife of 17 years, Julia (Plough) Friedline of East Andover, NH; three children, Leigh Mae Friedline of Greenville, NH, Zachary Luke Friedline and his fiance, Amber Hill of Atlanta, GA and Evan Edward Friedline of Henniker, NH; his mother, Genevieve Friedline of Pen Run, PA; his brother, Dennis Friedline; two sisters, Debra Green and Diana Friedline all of Indiana, PA; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, August 1, 2010, at The First Baptist Church of Bradford, NH with Rev. Lynne Hubley, officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221.

## Supervisors of the Checklist

### Wednesday, September 1:

Supervisors will meet at Town Hall from 4 – 5:00 PM. Supervisors must have nomination papers certified by 5PM. Registrations can be received at this time.\*

### Saturday September 4:

Lake Todd Village District at 9AM at the Community center.

### Tuesday, September 7:

Supervisors will meet between 7-7:30 PM This is the last day to receive Primary Election ballots. Registrations can be received at this time.\*

### Tuesday, September 14:

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY. 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM KRES at Bradford, Old Warner Road

\* Registration may be done at the Town Clerk's office any time prior to the election or at the polls on election day. Anyone wishing to register should bring proof of residence, age, and citizenship.

Ruth Marden  
Judy Marshall  
Jackie Welsh

Jackie Welsh was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ann Lucier

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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### **Thurs. Sept. 2nd**

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
3:00 -6:30 PM – Farmer’s Market – Doc (Al) Rogers – guitar and vocals

### **Fri. Sept. 3rd**

11:30 AM - 1st Friday Brunch with musical entertainer Doc Rogers, 50/50 raffle, and door prizes. Please call for reservations.

7:00 PM - Book-to-Movie Discussion of *Julie & Julia* BM

### **Sat. Sept. 4th**

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Book Sale BML

9:30 AM – Lake Todd Village District

### **Mon. Sept. 6th**

Labor Day Holiday  
Senior Center Closed  
No Meals-on-Wheels  
Library Closed

1:00 PM – Bridge Group  
6:00 PM – Junior Girl Scout

### **Tues. Sept. 7th**

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
6:00 PM - Yoga Class

### **Wed. Sept. 8th**

9:30 AM - Castle in the Clouds Trip - Carpool from Warner and Bradford

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

5:45 PM - Parks & Recreation Dept. –meeting

### **Thurs. Sept. 9th**

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
3:00 -6:30 PM – Farmer’s Market – with the Folk Fusion –a trio

5:00 PM - Weight watchers – informational meeting

6:00-8:00 PM - Esoteric Discussion Group

### **Friday Sept. 10th**

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

5:30-7:30 PM – Sanborn –Spaghetti Dinner

### **Sat. Sept. 11th**

10:00 AM – Bradford Barter

### **Mon. Sept. 13th**

8:45 AM -Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 AM -Ceramics Class

10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

6:00 PM – Junior Girl Scouts

7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

### **Tues. Sept. 14th**

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM PRIMARY ELECTION - KRES

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

### **Wed. Sept. 15th**

4:30 PM – Friends of BACC Annual Meeting

### **Thurs. Sept. 16th**

10:30AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic provided by LSVNA

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic by LSVNA Call for appointment at 526-4077

3:00 -6:30 PM –Farmer’s Market

### **Fri. Sept. 17th**

8:45 AM -Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:30 AM - Friday at the Movies - *Up in the Air* George Clooney and Anna Kendrick

7:00 PM - International Movie from Afghanistan BML

### **Sat. Sept. 18th**

10:00 AM – Bradford Improvement Association

11:00 AM- 4:00 PM - Fun Day-At Brown Shattuck Field – Parks and Rec

### **Mon. Sept. 20th**

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 AM -Computer Help Group

10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran

1- 4:00 - PM - Bridge

3:15 PM - 4 H

### **Tues. Sept. 21st**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

3:00 – 5:00 PM - Women’s Club Annual Tea

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

### **Wed. Sept. 22nd**

9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic by LSRVNA at North Ridge Senior Housing.

Call for appointment at 526-4077

### **Thurs. Sept. 23rd**

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market

6:00-8:00 PM - Esoteric Discussion Group

### **Fri. Sept. 24th**

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

### **Sat. Sept. 25th**

9:00 AM - Writing Group

### **Mon. Sept. 27th**

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 AM - Ceramics Class

10:00 AM - Yoga with Fran

1-4:00 PM - Bridge Group

6:00 PM – Junior Girl Scouts

### **Tues. Sept. 28th**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

7:00 PM – Public Input Session on Zoning Amendments - TH

7:00 PM – Bradford Historical Society – Covered Bridges of NH

### **Wed. Sept. 29th**

9:00 AM – Noon – Warner Town Hall –LSVNA, Breathe New

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Clinic for Glucose, Cholesterol, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Call to reserve ap-

pointment at 526-4077 or 938-2104

### **Thurs. Sept. 30th**

Senior Center Week Celebration!

Call for reservations 938-2104.

3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market

- Fiona entertains

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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to experience autumn's splendor and to share in our community spirit.

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| ✿ Square dancing & Clogging                            | ✿ Farmers Market                                 |
| ✿ Roving Balloon Artists                               | ✿ Oxen Pull                                      |
| ✿ Country Breakfasts, Lobster Dinners, Chicken Bar-B-Q | ✿ Pie Eating Contest                             |
| ✿ Grande Parade and Children's Parade                  |                                                  |

Warner Fall Foliage Festival [www.wfff.org](http://www.wfff.org) E-Mail: [wfff@wfff.org](mailto:wfff@wfff.org) Info Line: 603-456-2700  
P.O. Box 152 Warner, NH 03278

### 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  
ZBA - Zoning Board of Adjustment

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.

## Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter - 2nd Saturday at 10 am at BACC  
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 Wednesday, 6:00 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



## First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

**Focus Factor** (a/k/a youth group). Youth who are in grades 6-12 are invited to come to Focus Factor gatherings on Sunday afternoons. In September, they will meet September 12, 19 and 26 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Children's Variety Show:** Rehearsals for our Children's Variety Show will take place on Sunday, September 12, 19 and 26 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Children who are ages 4 and up are welcome to come. The Show will take place on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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

**Mom's Group:** Our weekly mom's group will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 16 from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in the church office building.

**Ministry Fair:** Immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, September 19, we will have a Ministry Fair. All of the ministries of the church will have displays and people present to share what is going on in each ministry and share how people can plug in.

**Rally Day:** Sunday school will start again on Sunday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. (ages 4 - grades 12). Children worship with the entire congregation until the "Time with God's Children" and then they go to Sunday school.

**All-Church Program:** Beginning September 26, our church will be doing a 6-week series using Max Lucado's book "Fearless". Worship and small groups and Sunday school curriculum will center around this theme.

**Men's Fellowship:** Men's Fellowship will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of devotions, pool and refreshments.



## High Spirits

### 4-H Club

The High Spirits H Club of the Bradford Area welcomes new members (5-18 years of age) and leaders to join our 4-H club! We will focus our 2010-2011 year on the following optional projects:

- GPS/Geocaching
- Sewing
- Wildlife
- Entomology
- Babysitting
- Cake Decorating/Candy Making
- Cooking
- Woodworking and more...

We also have plans to continue our NH Fun Field trips such as:

- Movie Night
- Snowtubing
- Laser Tag
- Alpine Adventure
- Canobie Lake Park

The program focuses on teaching youth targeted life skills such as:

- Leadership
- Self-esteem
- Healthy Lifestyle Choices
- Teamwork
- Giving
- Stress Management and more...

Join us at the BACC on September 20th from 5:30-7:00 for our 4-H Kickoff!



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**Bradford Barter News**

Got fall projects? Raking leaves, turning over the garden, painting? If you aren't a member of Bradford Barter, this could be the time to join us. Membership is free and we are a group of members in the community who exchange skills, services and individual talents with each other. It's also a great way to meet and make friends in our community.

Our summer picnic was just one way we have fun together in addition to exchanging services. Several members and friends enjoyed a great cookout/picnic at the home of members Sandy and Harry Wright.

For more info, visit our website:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/bradfordbarter>





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**SHRIMP BUFFET DATES:**

Thursday, 9/9/10  
 Thursday, 9/23/10

**Menu Suggestion:**

Lunch at Bubbas....in and out with time to spare!  
 The Fell's salad...fresh baby spinach, warm bacon, gorgonzola cheese, sliced pears, Pecan sage dressing.  
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Cornerstone  
*Brown Shattuck Memorial Field*

Brown Shattuck Memorial Field is located down Cilley Lane just off East Main Street opposite the old Central School (now Bradford Area Community Center).

The field was named for Kenneth L. Brown and Amos W. Shattuck by a vote at town meeting in 1947. The motion stated "In view of the fact that two of our veterans made the supreme sacrifice in the last war, I feel that some special sign of appreciation should be shown them; therefore I make the motion that the Memorial Field just created be named the "Brown Shattuck Memorial Field." \$1,000 was appropriated.

In June 1949 more than fifteen men worked at the park, clearing a parking area and erecting a backstop. Donations for the memorial park had been received from the Bradford Women's Club, the Fish & Game Club, and Danforth's Store.

Brown Shattuck Memorial Field has seen much use by more than two generations of young people, as well as adults, whose baseball, softball, soccer, and T-ball teams practice and play games at the field. In some winters past the field has been flooded for a skating rink. Fourth of July celebrations have been centered at the field for years with the finish of the 5-K road race, exhibits, donkey baseball, refreshment stands, and viewing for the grand finale fireworks display.

The town sheds are located adjacent to the playing field. The site earlier held a lumber yard, which burned in a spectacular fire in 1934.



*The late Bob Stewart playing donkey baseball at Brown Shattuck field. The lower picture shows a participant who did not fare so well.*



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## Outside *by J. Ann Eldredge*

One of many diversions possible in the absence of the time-vampire television and electronic accompaniments is feeding toads. I discovered this by a curious confluence of events beginning with one of the dogs snuffling and snorting in the night lawn. Asian ground beetles are apparently quite tasty. They should be - they are eating the basil. Nightly excursions with a jelly jar prison and the canine vacuum barely dips the population. The jar of frantic terracotta-colored beetles resting on the barn floor enticed a toad out of the shadows. Triggered by the edible movement, it sat wistfully staring into the jar as if transfixed by a TV cooking show.

What is it about the human animal that gets a kick out of feeding/getting closer to the wilder animals?

The impulse to snap at any moving object smaller than itself overcame caution in the 300 million year toad mind. Their strange methods have worked for so long, surpassing the dinosaur in longevity. They stare with fixed gold-flecked, horizontally pupiled eyes, moving only by the motion of the head. With each beetle snap, the eyes compress. This deliberate blink helps to push the un-chewed beetle kicking and, possibly, screaming down the throat.

Toad tongues at rest are large and fleshy, attached to the floor of the mouth in a space-saving, backward fold. Too fast for our eyes to see, the tongue is shot forward like a pop-up greeting card. Micro-second muscle contractions cause the tongue to unfold, narrow and thus lengthen, - the sticky upper surface attaching to the target or to intervening inedibles that are detached only with difficulty.

Wash down those beetles with a bit of fine water? Toads do not drink. They are permeable amphibious blotters with what is known as 'dermal absorption' - special thinned, vascularized skin on their undersides. If you should pick up a toad, rest assured, it is likely just releasing water in prepa-

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## Voting Information

With New Hampshire's September 14th primary just weeks away, the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire announces a public non-partisan voter information website, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

[VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) is a user-friendly site with New Hampshire-specific links to the candidates. It also has information on voting eligibility and registration, polling places and hours, absentee voting process, and election dates.

Candidates running for New Hampshire Governor, US Senate and House of Representatives, Executive Council, and the twenty-four NH state senate seats have been invited to post their responses to key questions about issues facing NH residents. Some candidates have also included links to their websites for further information.

League president Liz Tentarelli says, "Every election is important, including the upcoming primary. Candidates chosen in this primary will, if elected in the November general election, make decisions about public policy issues that affect citizens each and every day at the local level."

The League points out that under New Hampshire law, voters who have not declared a party affiliation may vote in any primary by requesting a ballot of the party of their choice at the polling place. If voters want to return to undeclared status, they simply fill out and return a form available from the Supervisors of the Checklist before leaving the polling site.

New Hampshire also offers same day registration, for those vot-

ers new to the state or those who have not yet registered. Proof of residence, age, and citizenship is required. Tentarelli advises, "While same day registration is possible in New Hampshire, it is better to register at least 10 days in advance of the election to avoid a long wait on election day. This can be done during regular hours at your town clerk's office, or on Tuesday, September 7, when the Supervisors of the Checklist meet for this purpose in your town."

The League of Women Voters is celebrating its 90th year of providing non-partisan voter information. The League sponsors [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to as a service to voters. For more information visit <http://www.LWVNH.org> and [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)

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*The mums  
are in  
bloom.  
Fall is just  
around the  
corner.*

## A Culinarian's Column

*by Caryl Walker*

When a student came in and excitedly announced, "I had the greatest meal....", it was such a treat. Now, without students, I have a new delight... people call me up to tell me what an exciting meal they just concocted. I'm all ears! Such was the experience this May when I got a call from Bindy Glennie. Her colorful description of her beet salad had me drooling to make this!

It's harvest time. Feel free to play with the seasonal ingredients (and to call me at 938-5979 with a question, a request, or a succulent morsel to share!) This is a per salad "recipe". Use it as a side dish or make a meal with some crusty bread. Prepare this salad in layers.

### Bindy's Beet Salad

Cooked beets, sliced or julienned—put on bottom so that they do not make everything pink

Greens—a generous serving of baby spinach, Romaine, or mesclun

Apples, pears, Asian pears, quince—in chunks

A sprinkling of toasted walnuts and raisins

Bleu cheese, Feta cheese, or goat cheese

Peppery bacon, crisped and crumbled

Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette

Notes:

To cook beets, scrub well with a brush, cut stems 2 inches long, and boil 40-60 minutes until fork tender. Peel while warm.

To toast nuts, put in a dry sauté pan and toast over medium heat until fragrant (about 4 minutes) or toast in a 350°F. oven about 6 minutes, tossing often.

**What shall we re-name this glamorous salad????**



## New Library Exhibit



The Bradford Art Group features "Dogtown," an exhibit of 20 photographs by Bill Duffy (left) at Brown Memorial Library. Bill first heard of Dogtown thirty years ago

while attending the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. Dogtown was an abandoned village in the center of Cape Ann once home to sheep farmers and their livestock. In 1830 its last inhabitant, "Black Neil" Finson a freed slave living in the ruins of one of the houses, was removed to the Gloucester Poorhouse and nature left to take its course. Dogtown was a common 19<sup>th</sup> century aspersion for a poorer section of town.

In the 1930's Roger Babson, founder of Babson College in Boston purchased the land and hired out-of-work stone masons to carve inspirational "mottos" on gigantic glacial erratic boulders that covered the area. Bill has been visiting and photographing Dogtown for the past 15 years. He could imagine his own grandfather (a stone mason) carving, "Use Your Head" or "Get A Job" into some of these boulders.

Map maker and photographer Bill Duffy lives in Maine's smallest city, Hallowell. His photographs are exhibited in Maine galleries and at the McLane and Massabesic Audubon Centers in New Hampshire. For the last six years he has spent about half his time in Bradford. He has contributed maps and photographs to the Bradford Conservation Commission and



created maps for the Bradford Spring Hotel site. He has also donated time and effort to the annual bog bridge repairs in the Bradford Bog.

The exhibit continues thru October. The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library is open: M. 10 – 8; W. 10 – 7; Sat. 10 – 3; and Sun. 11 – 3. Bill Duffy's photo journal, TURN-ORAMA can be viewed at: <http://www.billduffy.com>.



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## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Thanks to everyone who supported the library at our annual dinner. We had lots of fun preparing the food, and we hope you enjoyed the evening!

The library has a new website at [brownmemoriallibrary.org](http://brownmemoriallibrary.org). Please take a look and let us know what you would like to see on the web site, and give us ideas for any improvements we might make.

Come to the library book sale on Saturday, September 4 from 9am-2pm. Lots of new donations have been received since the last sale. The final sale of the season will be on Saturday, October 9. Donations are always welcomed!

September Activities at the Library:

Friday, September 3. Book-to-Movie Discussion of *Julie & Julia* (next month: *Hound of the Baskervilles*), 7pm

Saturday, September 4. Book Sale, 9am-2pm

Monday, September 6. Library Closed

Friday, September 17. International Movie from Afghanistan (next month: Germany)

New books added to your library in August:

For adults

*Burn* by Nevada Barr

*Empire of the Summer Moon* by S.C. Gwynne

*Star Island* by Carl Hiaasen

*The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman

*Super Sad True Love Story* by Gary Shteyngart

For children

*Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies* by Andrea Beaty

*Bug Zoo* by Nick Baker

*Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover* by Ally Carter

*Only the Good Spy Young* by Ally Carter



**Bradford Police Department  
Calls for Service**

07/01/2010 – 08/24/2010	
Burglary	2
Criminal Trespass	2
Theft - Unauthorized Taking	3
Theft - By Deception	1
Assault - Criminal Threatening	1
Fraud - Issuing Bad Check	2
Fraud- Fraudulent use of Credit	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Domestic Violence	1
DUI - First Offense	2
Liquor Laws - Unlawful Possession	17
Liquor Laws - Hours of Sales	1
Liquor Laws - Open Container	1
Liquor Laws - Facilitating drug	1
Dis Con-Disorderly Conduct	2
Dis Con - Harassment	1
Suicide-Threatening to Commit	1
Motor Vehicle Crash - Non Reportable	1
Motor Vehicle Crash - Property Damage	2
MV - Citation Violation, Speed	8
MV - Warning	48
MV - Complaint	6
Parking Violations	11
Business Check	23
Vacant House Check	2
Assist – Various	23
Animal - Nuisance	1
Animal - Livestock Complaint	1
Dog - At Large	9
Fingerprinting for Volunteer Service	1
Civil Standby	1
Welfare Check	43
Directed Patrol	4
Property-Lost	2
Suspicious Person / Vehicle	3
Police Information	7
Paperwork Service	16
Arrest Warrant Service	2
VIN Verification	4
Hangup	1
First Report of Injury	1
<b>Grand Total for all calls</b>	<b>260</b>

**Bradford Police  
Department**



The summer has been very busy with over 30 physical arrests from the beginning of June to this date. We continue to hear about scams both on the internet and by telephone. Property crimes have gone up, especially those crimes of fraud and theft. Certainly domestics remain an area of concern along with crimes against children. The department has three child abuse reports open and an untimely death that is still under investigation.

We are interviewing nine candidates for part time positions the first full week of September. The candidates vary in age and experience. This appears to be one of the best groups of people to come forward that we have seen in very long time. We are excited to finally be able to move forward towards manning the department so that we can once again cover our own calls. Please check our web site and Facebook page for events we are developing for presentation to the community. As a reminder

the DARE tournament, which is the only fund raiser for the Kearsarge DARE Program, is scheduled for Oct. 12, 2010 at the Country Club of New Hampshire. Signup sheets and donation forms are available here at the station.

The Bradford Police Department applied for, and was granted, a petition from Merrimack County Superior Court to conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint as a result of the increase in driving and drinking. The “Sobriety Checkpoint” is the most effective method of detecting and apprehending the impaired driver. Therefore, to maintain safe roads in our town, the Bradford Police Department, with assistance from the Merrimack County DUI task Force will conduct the Sobriety Checkpoint in Bradford during the week beginning August 29, 2010.

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## Travels to China

by Robin Steiner, Assistant Superintendent - Kearsarge Regional School District

Traveling and teaching in China has been at the top of my list of “things to do” for many years. Part of my wish came true when I was recently selected by the College Board in the U.S. and Hanban in China for a nine day trip. Educators flew from all parts of the U.S. and met in Beijing, where we began our cultural orientation and split up into several groups that were sent to schools all over the country.

Beijing is a modern city boasting enormous parks and buildings both ancient and modern. In Beijing we were treated to tours of cultural sites such as: the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Lama and Confucius Temples, the Great Wall, the Olympic Stadium containing the Bird’s Nest and the Cube. One of my favorite visits was to the Temple of Heaven during the early morning hours. Here groups were dancing, singing, doing Tai Chi, and writing calligraphy on the sidewalks with water and brushes the size of yardsticks. This was a real treat. There were more people exercising and enjoying the park than live in the entire town of Bradford!

My group traveled to Chongqing, China’s most industrialized port city in the interior of western China. It is known as the “furnace” for its three digit temperatures during the summer. The Jialing and Yangtze Rivers converge in this metropolis of 32 million, and has had a major influence on the growth of this area, along with the prevalence of a wide variety of natural resources.

We had the opportunity to visit several schools while in Chongqing and meet with teachers, students and administrators. They performed for us, shared their thoughts on education and allowed us to visit their classes. Education is highly competitive in China with students aspiring to attend the best primary, middle/high schools, and universities. As a result, major stress accompanies exam periods with millions of students vying for few spots in the most selective schools.

The Chinese educators and students I met were proud of their schools, country and accomplishments. They all spoke English extremely well, having studied it since elementary school. It was immediately clear just how different our two systems of education are. The children at a middle/high school I attended, began their school day at 7:20, took five classes until noon time, and then took a three hour break. They then returned to classes until 6:00, had some time off for dinner, and returned to class from 7:00 until 9:30 or 10:00 in the evening. In all, the students took 11 classes per day. Many spoke of wanting to go into some international profession and “getting rich.” Life is certainly changing rapidly in China!

The Children also often spoke of the competition to get into the schools they attended. One school I visited had hundreds of children attending who had been relocated from the Three Gorges Dam project. All education for children is free, and often children live far away from home in dormitories at the schools. The life for teachers was also vastly different from those in the U.S.. Teachers in China are highly respected and well paid. This was reflected in their expensive foreign automobiles, as noted by the student giving us our tour. Many teachers also live on campus in housing that is provided for them. Even the *retired* faculty lived in historic housing at one of the schools. Often the sports facilities were beyond what one would see in the U.S. For example, schools had Olympic sized pools, enormous turf fields and well appointed gymnasiums. The classrooms were similar to those in the U.S. in that they would be modern and beautiful in one school, and ancient and tired in another.

The students were bright, articulate and interested in their education. One could also see the influence that the internet, cell phones, and the media have had on Chinese youth. They knew about all of the popular singers in the U.S., as well as other cultural aspects. They were warm and welcoming, often greeting us with shows that included singing, musical performances, and plays that they had written.

While the educational visits where enriching the cuisine was also a delight. We were treated every day to various specialties of the area including: steamed buns with bean curd (my favorite), dumplings and fish, chicken and vegetables sautéed in many tasty spices. Some of the most interesting foods I found in the night market. Here one could choose from scorpions, sea horses, spiders, starfish, lizards, and centipedes...all on skewers and then quickly deep-fried to crispy perfection! The aspect of this country that stood out most for me was not the sites, or the school visits, but the warmth and hospitality shared by every Chinese citizen with whom I came in contact. Their interest in meeting and hosting Americans is unparalleled to any other I’ve experienced. I would go back to visit anytime and am excited to share what I have learned in my district.

### 2010 Property Tax Recertification

Cross Country Appraisal is nearing completion of the property tax recertification process for 2010. Letters have been sent to property owners and appointments may be made to discuss your new assessment. The scheduled dates are September 23, 24, & 25. The exact dates and times as well as contact phone numbers are listed in the letter. Day, evening and Saturday appointments are available.

Separate letters have been sent out regarding exemptions and current use taxation. Meetings with the assessors for these issues only are scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2010.

Town Administrator Cheryl Behr said, "We will be placing information on the town web site at [www.bradfordnh.org](http://www.bradfordnh.org) about the second week in September to help you in comparing your property with that of others in town."



A granite Bench honoring Milly Kittridge, long time archivist of the Bradford Historical Society has been placed at the New Village Smithy Shop on East Main Street. Funding for the project was organized by Lois Kilnap.

### New England Handicapped Sports Association

On July 28, 2010, the New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA) along with the Boston V.A. Health-care System and Leaps of Faith Disabled Waterskiers Club of Connecticut, helped 40 severely wounded war veterans from across New England waterski or learn to waterski on Lake Blaisdell in Sutton. This was NESHA's first summer competition. Plans for an annual competition are in the works.

Participants were divided into four teams that competed in water skiing, biking, crew, rowing, kayaking, and canoeing using adaptive equipment. NEHSA member, Carol Adams, who provided a handicapped accessible headquarters on Blaisdell Lake, was invited to try waterskiing and reported, "It was just a lot of fun."



### Classified Ads:

**Lost:** around Steele Road, white cat with brown and black spots, very friendly, 938-2692

**Bicycles:** 6 or 8-15 year old bicycles. You, Mr./ Ms. Fixit, could make 4 or 5 perfectly good bicycles with the addition of new tires and tubes. Be the Mr./Ms. Nice Guy/Gal for all the kids in your neighborhood. 938-2996

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**Wanted:** The Bradford Historical Society is looking for bookcase(s) for displaying historic books in the recently renovated Old Post Office building. Also, **Lupines** for a town beautification project. Do you need to thin out your garden? If you have something you could donate, please call 938-5372.

**Go Cart.** Home made, very solid entry level go cart with a 5hp engine. \$325. Call Garry, 938-2602

**For Sale:** Beach and Sand Toys, \$3.00, for the box of assorted items. Green plastic lawn chair, \$2.00

Pillow-top Serta twin mattress and box spring. Clean. \$3.00  
Call 938-2820

**Available:** Piano lessons, all ages. Call 938--5973.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday October 16, 2010

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Henniker Highway Department

Route 114 South – Ramsdell Road

Pick up a flyer at the Bradford Transfer Station or Town Hall for complete list of what to bring, what not to bring, tips on handling hazardous waste and suggestions for less hazardous alternative household cleaners.