

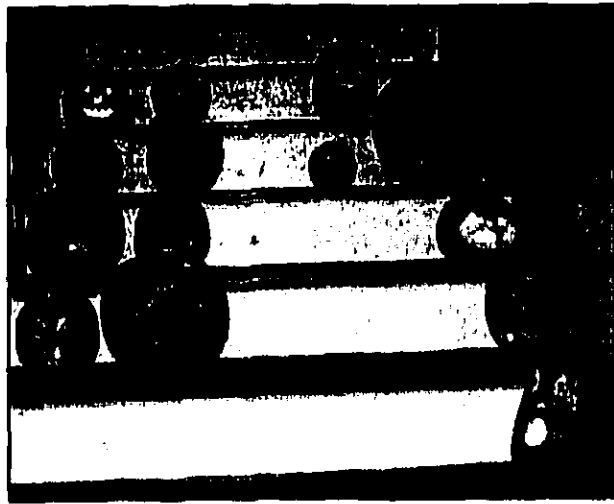


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Boo!

Some of the 18 pumpkins entered in the Bradford Parks & Recreation Department's Pumpkin Fest pose on the Town Hall stairway.

Photo by Jane Lucas

Selectmen Prepare for 2001 Revaluation

At the March Town meeting, \$48,350 was raised and appropriated to complete a statistical evaluation of the Town. Avitar Systems of Chichester was placed under contract to perform this process. Two months into their contract, the president of Avitar came before the Board of Selectmen to report that while he could provide a statistical revaluation, the figures would become meaningless in a year or two. He offered two reasons for the problem. Bradford's last revaluation took place in 1992. We had two different field assessors defining the value of property. This creates a built-in error, because no two people view property values in the same manner. A large number of people have had work done to their buildings without obtaining building permits. This causes a disparity because the Town has no record of these improvements. When dollar values are brought forward from 1992, what were comparable properties in 1992 are no longer comparable in 2000.

Where does that leave us? The Selectmen have asked Avitar to stop statistical revaluation and lay the groundwork for a complete revaluation in 2001. The Board of Selectmen will be asking people at the March town meeting to appropriate \$48,000 to complete a full revaluation of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen feels it is definitely in the Town's best interest to do this. The coefficient of dispersion is the difference between the average assessed valuation and the average sales of properties: 10% being good. In 1998, the coefficient of dispersion was 19.56%. This would indicate that there was an average +/- 19.56% variance from the sale price of the average of the assessment on properties in Bradford. This, coupled with the equalization ratio of 116% in 1998, the factor needed to bring the sales and assessments together, indicated many properties were either over or under assessed. In 1999, the coefficient of dispersion was 22.22%. In 2000, the coefficient was 15.86%. An analysis of property sales shows these properties selling at extreme highs and lows and indicates our base assessment data is flawed. This is not the fault of anyone currently in the assessing positions. It is due to the reasons specified above and the passage of time.

The Department of Revenue Administration can force a revaluation of the Town without a Town appropriation at Town meeting. Three years of figures above 18% would create that situation. We have been put on notice that a forced revaluation could happen in 2002 if we don't do it ourselves in 2001. No one wants to be taxed unfairly, but we need to be placed on a level playing field with our neighbors and friends.

—Chris Frey

Library Friends Receive Grant for Children's Arts Programs

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library received a \$750 grant from the Community Arts Program of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts for Adventures in Art programs that will begin in January. The series features a sampler of free, monthly arts activities that will take place at the Brown Memorial Library and the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford for elementary school-age children. Two events will be inter-generational. The library and the school are handicapped accessible.

New Hampshire artists and workshops were chosen by a planning team that included Project Director Sue Rayno, Friends members Laurie Buchar, Jan Riley, Barbara Erickson, Susan Morse and Elinor Robie and librarians Maggi Ainslie and Elsa Weir. Library Trustees approved the series at their October 11 meeting.

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

The Youth Coalition Coordinator for the Kearsarge area is convening a meeting of youth organization leaders, convenience store and restaurant owners/managers, police, youth, concerned parents, school faculty, recreation departments, clergy, members of the press, and others who own a piece of the substance abuse prevention effort on November 13 at the Kearsarge Regional High School, 7:00-8:30pm.

Working from the Kearsarge Community Character Coalition's efforts, this meeting will be an introduction to why substance abuse is a community-wide concern and how we can work together to prevent it. Please contact Heather Lane at 938-6228 for more information.

—Heather Lane

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by Nov. 20.

Selectmen's Update

By the time you read this update, the second billing for the tax year 2000 should have been mailed. Through the courtesy of Selectman Dick Vitale the following should help you understand the numbers and allow you to compare them with the 1999 rate which was complicated because of the three bills that were sent out.

The 1999 School Tax Rate was \$13.81.

The 2000 Rate is \$15.04, an increase of \$1.23.

The 1999 County Rate was \$ 1.96.

The 2000 Rate is \$ 2.31, an increase of \$0.35.

The 1999 Town Tax Rate was \$8.59.

The 2000 Rate is \$8.31, a decrease of \$0.28.

As you can see, the increase in our taxes is solely due to the School and the County. Remember that at the last Town Meeting in March, you, the taxpayer, approved the budget and warrant articles presented by the Budget Committee in a record 50 minutes. Because of the work of the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen and you, the taxpayer, by your vote, the tax rate for the year 2000 came in at \$8.59. This was the same as the year 1999. The Board of Selectmen voted to take surplus funds, which are usually put into a reserve fund, and reduced the town rate to soften the blow of the School and County increases. We are returning the money to you, the taxpayer, thereby reducing the Town portion of taxes by \$0.28. You are all part of the tax process. Thank you for your support this past year.


Our Highway Department is continuing work on East Washington Road.

On November 9 the Fairgrounds Road Bridge will reopen for vehicle traffic.

Town Departments are submitting their budgets for 2001 and are being evaluated by the Budget Committee and Selectmen.

Remember, Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day. The polls open at the Bradford Elementary School from 8:00am to 7:00pm. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office. Please read Selectman Chris Frey's article on revaluation on page 1 of this issue of the Bradford Bridge.

—Mary Rich, Selectman



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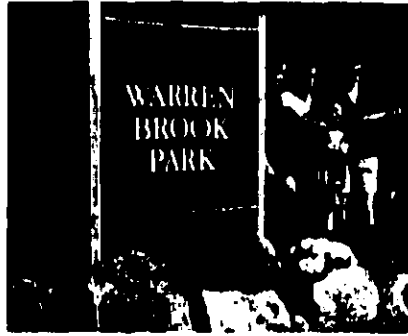
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Warren Brook Park Dedication Ceremony



State Representative Beth Rodd speaks at Brook Park dedication. She is flanked by BNSYS board members Harry Seidel, Mike Bauer, Jim Brass, Tayo Schmilke and Scott MacLean. KRIS principal Paul Ezen, KRMS vice principal Don West and Nancy Brook also spoke at the ceremony.



Nancy, Kelsie, Lindsay and Haley Brook at dedication. Nancy thanked the community for all their support and fond remembrances of Warren.

Photos by John I Lowe

News from the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's Office

October 15, Jonathan Marden and Ruth Perron were married in Newbury.

Tax bills will be out by the first of November. If you do not receive one or you feel it is incorrect, please call the Tax Office at 938-2094 or the Selectmen's Office at 938-5900.

The office will be closed on November 7 for the election. The election will be held at KRES Bradford from 8:00am-7:00pm. The office will also be closed on Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMMUNITY NOTE: There is an immediate opening for Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Please send resume to P.O. Box 607, Bradford, NH 03221. E.O.E.

—Sue Pehrson

South Newbury Union Church Fair

We are expecting another great Holiday Bazaar again this year. Plans have been finalized and the Holiday Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00am until 2:00pm at the Friendship House of the South Newbury Union Church. Christmas will come early. There will be coffee and donuts—and don't forget to join us for lunch. Again this year we are featuring something for everyone. There will be gifts, crafts, our famous bakery table, jams, jellies, maple syrup, notepaper, beeswax items and lots of holiday decorations.

The Friendship House is handicapped accessible and located at the corner of Village and Sutton Roads in South Newbury. Village Road runs parallel to Route 103. For more information or directions call 938-5369.

—Gail Bostic

Bradford Women's Club Update

Tuesday, October 17 was a busy day for the Bradford Women's Club. At 1:00pm the BWC members were treated to a talk by Charlene Harris on "Putting Our Plants to Bed". Thank you Charlene for the many tips. In the evening, the BWC hosted a "Candidates Night" at the KRES. Most of the candidates running for local and state elections were present. There was a very lively question and answer period by the candidates and the audience. Thank you to Gerri Dickerson and her committee for a great evening. Please remember to VOTE on November 7.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be on November 14, at 9:00am at the Bradford Area Community Center. The next Membership Meeting will be on November 21, at 7:30pm at the Baptist Church Vestry. We will be making Christmas decorations. Please bring a one pound coffee can and \$2.00 for materials. Please call Jeanne Gaito at 938-5103 if you are attending so that she can bring enough materials.

Our Annual Christmas Fair will be on November 24, 25 and 26 at the Masonic Lodge. Many helpers will be needed. A craft workshop will be held at Sue Vitale's home, 938-2852, on November 3 at 10:00am. Raffle tickets are now available from BWC members and on Saturdays at the Post Office. The next time you visit the Bradford Area Community Center be sure to look at the sign donated by the BWC.

Please support our fundraisers so that we can continue to give back to the community. Happy Thanksgiving!

—Jeanne Gaito, President



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Letters

To the editor:

I would like to submit a correction to remarks attributed to me at the Bradford Selectmen's meeting of September 18, 2000 and repeated in the Bradford Bridge, October edition. As the minutes of the April 11, 2000 Planning Board will attest, and the audiotape of the same meeting will support, these remarks were made by an outside public official. In my reporting of the conversation, I clearly indicated this in my quote and then publicly stated that these were not my remarks concerning the situation. Thank you for making this correction.

Tim Riley, Planning Board Chairman

To the editor:

I am writing to let you know that I am supporting Bob Flanders for the Senate to help to restore common sense to our state, in particular, our financial situation. Having served in the State Senate myself, I can see that New Hampshire is headed in the wrong direction by solving the education crisis with a patchwork of taxes and gambling. I believe we need a change so we have leaders who are not afraid to make tough decisions.

Bob Flanders is running against an incumbent. His opponent voted for higher taxes, such as a utility property tax, real estate transfer taxes, the business profits tax, and Mark Fernald's income tax. Bob Flanders is not a politician; he is not beholden to special interests or party labels. He is a town Moderator, a former town Selectman, a New Hampshire native, a Veteran, and a family man. He has demonstrated in his community that he knows how to work for local citizens.

Our State cannot afford more tax and spend habits. We need to put people in the Senate with common sense and a record of public service. Bob Flanders is such a person. Let's bring loyal representation

back to Government. On November 7, the people in the District 7 area should cast their votes for Bob Flanders. Make your vote count.

David P. Currier, Former State Senator

To the editor:

In the short time I've been associated with Pat Kovacs I've come to know a woman who truly cares for the citizens of New Hampshire and is in awe of its beauty and uniqueness. In my opinion, she has the tools to serve well—an undergraduate degree in human services and a masters degree in economic community development, caring for people and the environment. Having retired from New Hampshire state service she has experience in health and human services, mental health, and corrections. Her service time is an invaluable asset. Vote for Pat Kovacs for your state representative, Merrimack County District 3 representing Henniker and Bradford. She has a proven record for the "right stuff."

Mauri A. Scheffy

To the editor:

When voters go to the polls on November 7, they will consider a constitutional amendment that could change the way we live and do business in New Hampshire. That amendment, known as Home Rule, would give local officials the power to impose new laws in areas where state and federal government are not already involved.

Home Rule's supporters argue that the amendment would improve local control, allowing cities and towns to decide many issues for themselves. While it's true that serving on school boards and voting at town meetings is an important part of our New Hampshire heritage, there is a problem with this proposal.

The problem is that some ideas work better on paper than they do in real life. Home Rule will not make government more responsible. Instead, it will create a patchwork of cumbersome and costly new laws.

Farmers might face conflicting land use rules for fields lying across town lines. Construction companies, public utilities, and real estate developers would be overwhelmed with an explosion in new local ordinances. Citizens could be subject to wide-ranging regulations restricting hunting, snowmobiling, or even driving with a cell phone—all on a town by town basis. Home Rule means bigger local bureaucracy rather than better local control.

Conflicting state and local regulations would prompt a wave of lawsuits as mayors and selectmen test the limits of their new powers. Those lawsuits would be costly and confusing for many New Hampshire companies, some of which might be convinced to take their business, and their jobs, somewhere else.

When they wrote the state constitution, New Hampshire's founding fathers realized that society needs consistent laws. Today, cities and towns draw their legal power from the State Legislature—an arrangement that prevents local officials from imposing their own local rules. This principle has protected private citizens and private enterprise for over two hundred years. Why change it now?

Community leaders are increasingly frustrated with state government. They argue that New Hampshire law prevents them from taking even simple steps without the Legislature's permission. Unfortunately, these well-meaning people are missing the point. New Hampshire's Constitution was written to protect personal liberty, not to empower local politicians. Good intentions do not always make for good government.

Home Rule is not the answer. In the end, the only way to satisfy local needs while maintaining consistent state laws is to elect representatives who will work with mayors and selectmen to make sure our hometown headaches get a proper hearing.

Paul E. Violette

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Jailhouse Rock—at Youth Night Out

Bradford really will Rock—when these girls go into their Jailhouse Rock tap routine for the talent portion of Youth Night Out. The young dancers are one of the talents that will perform on November 4 at the Bradford Town Hall.



They are from the "You Should be Dancin' Studio" in Weare. The dancers are Emily Barnes, Nastasha Cable-Feudner, Lauren Drake, Ashley Johnson and Bonnie McLellan.

Following the talent portion of the night there will be karaoke, dancing, games and a contest for the kids and a "coffee lounge" available for the parents to save them a trip home and back. Other young singers, dancers and lip-sync talents signed up to perform are Nabila Azmy, Kayla West, Stephanie Foor, Jessie Greenhalagh, Vinessa Ralph, Jessica Bucherri, Meagan Baron, Kristen Cocchiaro, Corrine Fenner, Kiara Jordan, Mary Ellen Liacos, Sarah Mahoney, Kristen O'Brian, Emma Pancoast, Corrine Pociask, Dalton Clark and Eric Pociask.

We plan to have the youth line dancers from the Kearsarge Regional Middle School present a few numbers for us and the Jenkins Dance Studio in Sunapee is scheduled to present some of their wonderful dance talent (names not available at press time).

Kids or youth groups can still sign up to do a talent by calling 938-5978. All are welcome to just come and have fun even if you're not ready to show the world your talent. Youth Night Out runs from 6:00-10:00pm and will be held on November 4 at the Bradford Town Hall. The show is presented by Clark's Talent Productions to benefit the Bradford Area Community Center and is a part of their "Drive to the Finish" fund raising project. \$5 at the door donation, refreshments will be available.

—Molly Clark

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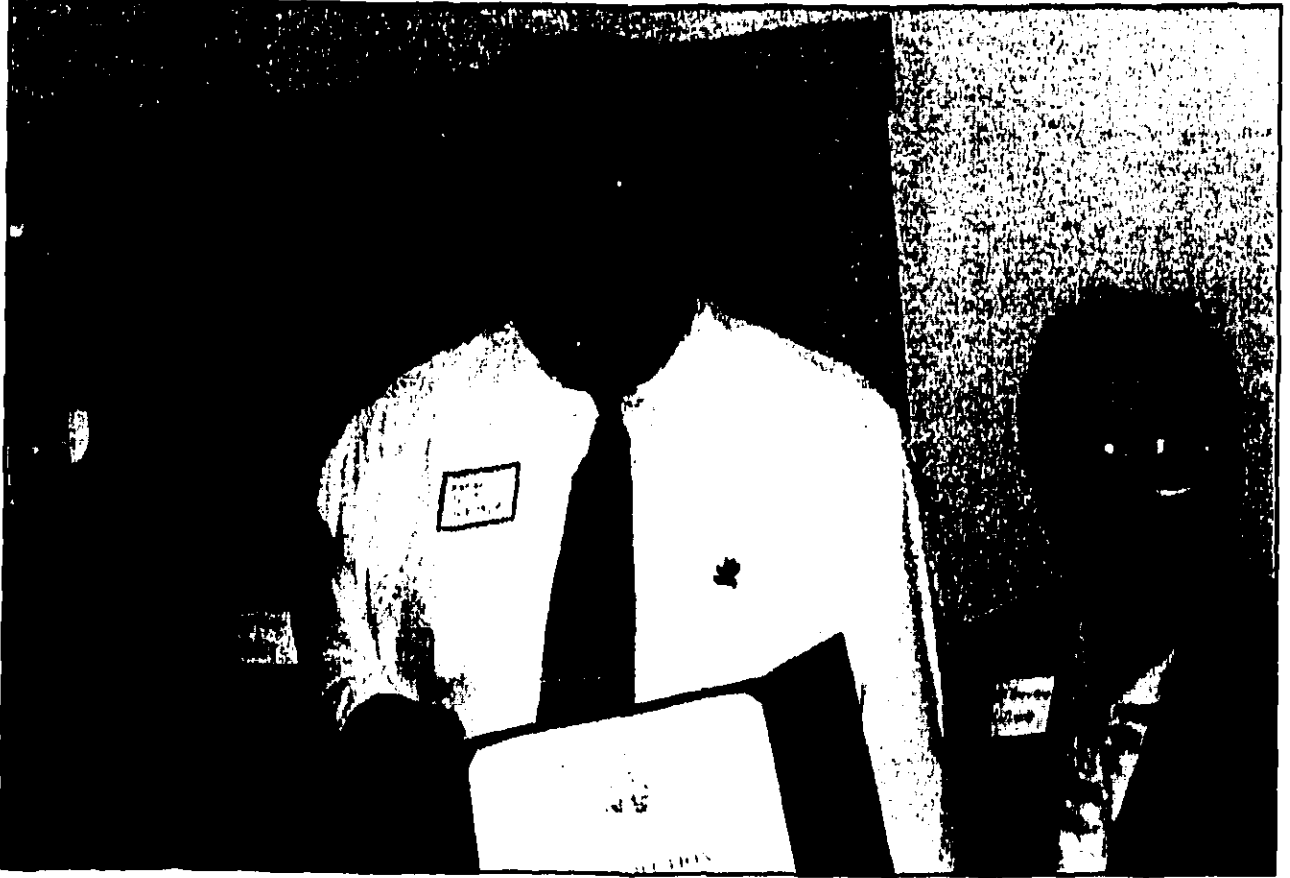
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Lights On Afterschool



Nearly 60 middle school students, parents and interested community members turned out at the BACC for pizza and conversation about afterschool youth programs. The party was part of a nationwide "Lights On Afterschool" event organized to recognize the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities.

Bradford Business Association back to work

The Bradford Business Association is back in the swing of things, having taken a respite during the summer months. Along with a renewed year is a new group of officers elected by the membership in May at the annual meeting. This year, Bob Foor from the Mountain Lake Inn is President; Perley Strout, from Sunshine Farm Antiques, is Vice President; Marlene Freyler, from Marlene's Florist Shoppe and His & Hers Salon, is Secretary; and Bob Stewart, from Stewart Agency Realtors & Insurance, is Treasurer. The directors for this year are: Marilyn Gordon, from The Candlelite Inn; John Mock, from the Lumber Barn; Chris St. Cyr, from OMT Timber; and Dan Saxby, from Colonial Woodworking, last year's president.

Some of the highlights of last year's efforts include continuing the clean up of Route 103 and the placement of flower barrels around town to help present Bradford as picturesque; the upkeep and maintenance of Bradford's Internet Web Site, www.bradfordnh.com, which allows people from around the world a snapshot of life and activities in our town; the major improvement to our "Welcome to Bradford" signs on routes 103 and 114; and, of course, our world renowned "Cow Flop Bingo" during the 4th of July festivities. This year's winners for the Cow Flop Bingo were: Nancy Desmaris (\$400) and Peter Fenton (\$50) for game one and Julie Saxby (\$400) and Kevin Rankins (\$50) for the second game.

The association is very thankful for the hard-working members who make things happen. Of special note, a huge thank you to Andrew Pinard for his superlative efforts on our web site, to John Mock for the fantastic job on our welcome signs, and to Bob Stewart for his unique Cow Flop Bingo ticket sales. Without their efforts, the results of our projects and fundraising would have been far less.

The BBA is sponsoring prizes for holiday decorations again this Christmas season. There will be three prizes for individual homes and a single exterior business prize. To win, an entry form must be completed. You can call a BBA member or pick up the forms at various local businesses. BBA meetings are the third Monday of each month and the new board members are looking to keep activities going that improve Bradford's business and community involvement. For additional information contact any of the directors.

—Bob Foor

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Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Our Thursday evening bible study will continue most Thursdays during pastor Lynne's maternity leave starting the beginning of November. The group will meet in the Church vestry from 7:30-8:30pm. To find out which Thursdays, call Jan Pickman at 938-2480.

The Women's Christian Guild will observe Church Women United's World Community Day at the Presbyterian Church in New London on Friday, November 3. They will meet at our Church at 12:30pm to carpool. The program is entitled "Standing up with those in need." All women in the community are invited to come.

On Monday, November 20, ladies will meet at the Church at 10:00am to fill Thanksgiving Remembrance baskets for shut-ins. Coffee, juice, and a small snack will be provided.

On Sunday, November 5, our Church will collect a special Thanksgiving offering to go toward baskets for needy families in Bradford. Donations can also be mailed to the Church at P.O. Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221, Attention: Food Pantry Committee. We will also be receiving non-perishable food items. They can be brought to worship on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the Fiske House during office hours. The office is usually open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Please call first at 938-5313, just to make sure.

Youth Group: Grades 4-6 will be making Thanksgiving cards and delivering them to a local nursing home one Saturday during the month of November (exact date will be announced later). The youth will then spend some time visiting the residents and talking about their memories of Thanksgiving.

Grades 7-12 will meet at the Food Pantry on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00-10:00am to help fill Thanksgiving baskets. They will also be making cards to accompany the baskets.

The November meeting of the American Baptist Women's Ministries will be held Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00pm. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving, hymns and a "Blessing Tree." After the service there will be a food demonstration by Judi Mott and Cheryl McDonald and a chance to sample the food.

Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 18 from 11:00-noon. The Food Pantry will not be open Wednesday, November 15. If you know of an individual or family in Bradford who could use a basket, please let us know.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday on November 19 with the Reverend Dr. Arthur Foye, former area minister of our Church. His sermon title will be "Gloria." All pledge cards will be dedicated on this Sunday.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, November 25 from 9:30am-2:00pm. There will be a corn chowder luncheon. The fair will include a raffle for a home-made craft, white elephant table, crafts of all kinds including wooden crafts, baked goods and Christmas gifts.

We will be decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 26. Children and adults are invited to stay and help. Anyone wishing to donate a wreath in memory of a loved one may bring the wreath that Sunday. Please call the Church office by Wednesday, November 22 with the names so we can print them in the bulletin.

BEOC Update

This month's meeting was dominated by the evolving Bradford Green Project. With funds available for the site assessment, and other sources of monies in the works, the project is growing with vigor. To best assess the direction the townspeople would like to go with this project, the BEOC will be sponsoring a Public Forum to be scheduled in early December. We need your input. If you have followed this project with any interest, you will not want to miss any of this public forum.

The evolution of the Bradford Green Project, the scope and process, unique characteristics of the site, and how this fits into the Village Improvement will be presented to give a clear picture of the direction and goals of this extensive plan. The on-going site assessments of the EPA/DES will also be highlighted to explore questions concerning contamination of the site, and how to approach this issue. Pelletieri Associates will also supply a conceptual Bradford Green Master Plan development status to give each of us a better notion of the direction of the completed project. With this, some possible configurations of the Bradford Green will also be available. Programs to be offered, layout to maximize the uses, and, to some extent, the actual development sequence of the project will be focused on.

Voting concerning future activities on the Bradford Green, the configuration and layout of the project, and the limits and capabilities of the area, all will be part of the forum. This is definitely the time for you to be heard. Whether you are fully for the development of the Bradford Green or have serious apprehension and concerns, the benefits and drawbacks will be outlined to give us all a realistic view. The voting will be a powerful indicator of where the town proceeds from here, so don't give up this chance to help shape your community.

Additional issues being worked by the BEOC include recommendations for changes to Zoning Regulations regarding signage and lighting, the highway department's garage/shed relocation, and the capital improvement program. Each of these is in various stages of investigation and discussion, with the final recommendations forthcoming.

Please let me remind you, if these projects or others sound interesting to you, or you would like to become more involved in the community, the next BEOC meeting will be Thursday, November 9, at 7:00pm in the Community Center.

—Stephen Manley

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

On Saturday, November 4, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a field trip, "Birding at Great Bay," with leader Fred Sladen. A wealth of migratory birds find this estuarine environment well suited for feeding and resting during their trip south. A sighting of a few Eurasian Widgeons in a flock of American Widgeons is an exciting moment as they are more readily seen on the West Coast. Our so-called "song birds" will also be observed and it may be possible to see a flock of snow buntings which summer in the Arctic. Participants should meet Fred at the Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89 at 8:00am. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars, and a scope if you have one. Dress appropriately for the cool, windy conditions usually found at the coast this time of year. For more information call Fred at 526-4321.

"Hike the Appalachian Trail" with speaker George Green at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter program on Friday, November 10, 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road in New London. Through his slides, Green will depict the dream of many hikers—that of conquering the 2,100 mile Appalachian Trail on foot from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Call Ruth White at 763-4893 if you need more information.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss



Real Estate Hints:

Manufactured Housing

by Laura Hallahan

Okay, it's time to tackle the issue that nobody wants to talk about, manufactured housing. Manufactured housing, simply put, is any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis. A mobile home is a manufactured house as defined above. I have seen and sold some lovely examples of manufactured housing. I have also seen some poor examples, as with any type of house.

In the past few months I have had several residents tell me that they are concerned about Bradford's lax regulations and the subsequent increase in manufactured housing in town. I have also had people inquire about cheap land parcels in Bradford specifically because they know that they can put a mobile home on site. Neighboring towns such as Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Henniker and others have come up with strict and specific regulations concerning manufactured housing.

To take Warner's regulations as an example, the purpose is to allow for placement of manufactured housing

within specific areas of the community and therefore to provide for standards. No manufactured housing shall be located other than in a manufactured housing park (a parcel of land containing at least ten acres and at least two sites and not to exceed 25) or manufactured housing subdivision (a parcel of land containing at least 12 acres and two lots). A manufactured house lawfully existing or a replacement thereof if such housing unit is destroyed by fire or casualty (replacement must be on site within 180 days) may be maintained as a non-conforming use.

Now some may say that those who create such regulations are elitist snobs who just don't like mobile homes and don't want to live next door to one. After all, our state's motto is "live free or die" and that means that people should be able to live in whatever type of housing they desire. Whatever your opinion, one thing is certain. Bradford is behind the times in terms of manufactured housing regulations and it is time for an open and honest dialogue on the subject.



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- 1 1/2 Tbsp. flour

Spread evenly on the bottom of a 9" unbaked pie shell and refrigerate for one hour.

Combine all of the following ingredients except the milk and mix thoroughly.

- 1 can pumpkin
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ginger
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 cups evaporated milk

Gradually add the milk and blend well. Pour into pie shell and bake at 400°F for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 350°F for an additional 45 minutes or until a knife comes out clean. Enjoy!



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Bradford Area Community Center News

As a part of the Afterschool Program, Children's Design Collaborative will be running a program on bridges. Not only will participants have the chance to discover structural principles involved in bridge building, but actually design and construct a model bridge themselves! The program is December 11-13, 4:30-6:00pm and any Kearsarge Regional Middle School student is invited to join. You do not have to be or become a member of the Afterschool Program to participate.

The Community Center is also pleased to announce they will be offering, with the sponsorship of the Kearsarge Regional School District, the award-winning family-based program entitled *Creating Lasting Family Connections*. An informational meeting for parents and their children is scheduled for November 16 at 7:00pm. Any parents who would like to improve their communication style with their kids is asked to attend to hear more about this fantastic opportunity.

Community members of any age are asked to contact the Community Center in regard to volunteering with the Afterschool Program and Friends Mentoring Program. The Community Center as well as the youth would appreciate any amount of time that you can spend! Contact Heather at 938-6228 for more information on any of these opportunities.

—Heather Lane

BACC November Calendar

Women's Issues: An informal discussion group for women over 55. Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30am. Please call Val at 763-8936 or Betty at 938-2640 for more information.

Tough Love International: Every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. Call Deb at 938-5807 for more information.

Senior Computer Classes: every Saturday morning from 10:00am until noon.

Senior Gathering: every Sunday afternoon from 1:30-5:00pm, all seniors are invited to come and socialize.

Acrylic Painting Class: Thursday, November 2, please pre-register with Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

Talent Showcase and Youth Night Out: Saturday, November 4, at the Bradford Town Hall from 6:00-10:00pm, ages 8-15, please call Molly Clark at 938-5978 to pre-register for the talent show. \$5.00 donation to benefit the BACC.

CAP Fuel Assistance: November 7 and 21. Please call Warner CAP at 456-2207.

Foster/Adoptive Support Group: second Wednesday of the month (November 8). Please call Debbie Bruss for more information at 938-2979.

CAP Food Distribution: Thursday, November 9. Please call Warner CAP for more information, at 456-2207.

Senior Rally: Saturday, November 11 from 1:00-3:00pm.

Sewing Christmas Tree Place Mats: Monday, November 13 from 7:00-9:00pm. Please call Marcia at 938-2716 by November 6 to reserve a space, a supply list will be sent after registration.

Creating Lasting Family Connections: Thursday, November 16, 7:00pm

Senior Congregate Meal: Wednesday, November 22 at 11:00am. Please call Betty at 938-2640 to make a reservation. Personal Touch will also be there to check blood pressure and provide foot care.

Flu Shots: November 22 from 1:00-3:00pm provided by Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association. The cost is \$10. If you have a Medicare card, please bring it with you.

Caregiver's Support Group: November 30 from 7:00-8:30pm and continuing on December 7 and 14. Please call LSRVNA at 526-4077 for information and to pre-register.

Selectmen's Minutes

October 2. Sue Vitale, representing the Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board, reported to the Selectmen the damage done to the carpets in the Center by the oil sealant applied on the parking lots. Sue questioned who would pay for the necessary carpet cleaning. Selectmen indicated the governance board should instruct the maintenance staff to take action to protect the carpets with paper or plastic to control the damage. A request was made to itemize the annual cleaning and maintenance tasks to include in the upcoming budget process.

Letter from Chip Meany, Building Inspector, notified the Planning Board and Selectmen he would not be attending Planning Board meetings unless specifically requested. He also raised the issue of courtesy between members at the meetings and complained of unnecessary remarks disrupting the purpose of the meetings.

Chris Frey reported the town has received its new fire truck and lighting trailer. The fire department has been testing the equipment and is very pleased with the purchases.

Selectmen instructed Cheryl to contact Warner Treatment facility and Henniker Septic for locations of facilities to obtain an agreement for septage disposal. The Department of Environmental Services requires towns to have a written agreement with a facility to accept wastes generated in the town.

Selectmen discussed tonnage figures for next budget year. The volume is continually increasing at the dump and our rate is only guaranteed within our tonnage agreement. Overage can cost the town additional per ton charges.

October 16. Cheryl reported the septage agreement had been received from the Franklin Wastewater Treatment facility. The letter stated they were unable to com-

mit for a five-year period, but as a state-run facility they would accept material from any town in the state. This information has been forwarded to the state.

Road Agent Arnold Anderson met with selectmen to discuss the budget. The excavator rented by the town will be returned this week and the crew will continue with East Washington Road until cold weather freezes the material. Mr. Anderson reminded the Selectmen of the need to increase the road oil budget, as the roads are in need of sealing to prevent more serious repairs. The cost of oil has increased radically causing the cost per mile to increase. Selectmen also discussed the site investigation being conducted at the highway garage. The results will be received in the next few weeks and may include additional testing requirements to be set by the state. In light of the current budget balances, the Selectmen decided to cancel the mowing of roadsides for this fall and hire the mowers for a month next July. The Road Agent also indicated the need for an automatic truck for plowing and will check the state surplus and auction for availability.

Don Johnsen, representing the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, met with Selectmen regarding their request for suggestions for relocating the Highway Garage. Additional information in the form of surveys and professional evaluation will be needed to make the determination. The committee presented a memo to the Board of Selectmen outlining their findings and the steps still needed to be taken including budgeting funding for the professional services needed to survey the property lines.

Parks and Recreation Committee, represented by Ruth Hall, Jane Lucas, and others, met with Selectmen to discuss their concerns for the operation of the Community Center. The Selectmen suggested the Committee meet with the

BACC and the BCC to discuss the organization and possible streamlining measures. The Selectmen will consider any suggestions brought forward by the BCC in conjunction with the other boards. The organizational chart for the Center outlines the chain of command and the Selectmen wish to maintain this structure. Sue Vitale, Selectmen's rep to the BACC, expressed her anger and objection to the actions of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stating these issues should be brought to the BACC members before embroiling others.

Letter read to record from Perry Teele, Planning Board alternate, outlining his response to complaints regarding Planning Board issues.

Selectmen received a memo from building inspector Chip Meany regarding insurance related survey forms. Selectmen will have the office complete the forms as soon as possible.

Selectmen signed forms for setting the rate and the warrant for the upcoming presidential election.

The increase in cost for the town clerk software package was noted and the software for the computerization of the tax maps was discussed. Budgetary issues were raised concerning the map software and the decision to postpone for 2001 was made. Budget worksheets are out and all departments are requested to complete as soon as possible.

Selectmen Frey thanked Sue Pehrson for bringing back information from her recent Tax Assessor conference regarding the availability of additional computer related funds from DRA. Cheryl Behr has contacted the Department of Revenue and submitted an additional request for reimbursement for computer equipment to handle the education funding changes.

— excerpted from public minutes
prepared by Cheryl Behr



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Senior Council—New Name for a New Season

Seniors met at the Bradford Area Senior Center on October 14 for election of officers and to plan ongoing activities for the coming year. Ona Ruetli was voted in as the new President/ Chairperson for the Senior Rally. The outgoing President, Betty Perron, was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers in appreciation of the work done for the Senior Rally this past year. Other officers were voted in and will assume their duties starting in November.

The name of the Senior Rally was changed to Senior Council, to be similar to other existing Councils at the Bradford Area Community Center and to encourage participation by all area seniors. Plans were discussed for the upcoming year to include activities offered by Molly Clark such as line dancing and an exercise program for wellness, plus other programs recently offered to area seniors.

Dick Whall spoke of fundraising events, which have been successful in the past and could be implemented in the coming year. Dick, with the assistance of Nora White, will arrange for speakers for the next meeting on November 11 which will focus on critical issues for seniors such as concerns over the high cost of prescription drugs, and out-of pocket medical expenses.

We encourage all area seniors to attend Senior Council meetings to enjoy the new Senior Center in Bradford and be a part of discussions and finding solutions, fun activities, and socialization. The next meeting will be held at the Bradford Area Senior Center, Saturday, November 11 from 1:00-3:00pm. A special thanks to Dick Whall for keeping the BACC computers running, not only for the staff but so that seniors can enjoy the computer classes offered by Genie Polm.

—Betty Perron

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Abigail Brown, Jo Ann Ginepra, Maggi Ainslie, Carolyn Verity and Audrey V. Sylvester.

Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 West Main Street, Bradford, is handicapped accessible. The exhibit may be viewed when the library is open: Monday, 9:30am to 8:00pm; Wednesday, 9:30am to 5:00pm; and Saturday, 9:30am to 1:30pm. For more information, call: 938-2451.

Seeking Submissions for Short and NEAT One-Act Play Contest

New England Academy of Theatre will be accepting submissions for the 2001 edition of the Short & NEAT One-Act Play Writing Contest through December 1. Winning submissions will receive a production at NEAT's Short & NEAT One-Act Festival in June as part of New Haven's International Festival of Arts & Ideas. Eligibility and submission requirements: New England residents only, plays up to 20

minutes in length or shorter (longer plays will be returned), no musicals, plays must be submitted in standard play format, typed by 12/01/00. Submit to: Short & NEAT 2000, c/o Carole Shaff, 17 Whiting Farm Road, Branford, CT 06405. Include SASE if play is to be returned. For additional information contact NEAT at (203) 281-6115 or on the web at www.neatct.org.

55 Alive Driver Safety Course

The AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Course will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 7 and 8 at St. Theresa Parish Hall, Crescent Street in Henniker from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The two four-hour sessions are given at a cost of \$10. This course is designed for drivers age 55 and older and graduates may be eligible for a reduction in points for motor vehicle infractions and discounts in their auto insurance. To register for the course or for more information, please contact Tom Riley at 938-5539.

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Square Dance at the Town Hall on Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 until 10:30pm. The theme of this dance is "Pumpkin Bash." Don Bachelder will call the class level dance and Bernie Porter will cue the rounds. Admission is \$5 per person. For further information call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are always welcome.

—Shirley Trombley



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Bradford Fish & Game Clubhouse News

The Annual Turkey Party will be held on Saturday evening November 18 at 7:30pm. As usual, John Mock will host your annual fundraiser at the Lumber Barn. Please come and join us; you may go home with turkeys, holiday food baskets and much more. This will also be the night we will pull the lucky winners of our raffle. The odds are great that you can win. Tickets are available through Dickie's, Bob Stewart and other members.

The regular firearms deer season kicks off Wednesday, November 8. Remember there will only be one day of doe season (opening day) in our area this year. With the abundance of food this year, you may have to go a bit further in the woods after the opening shots, but that is half the fun. Well, for me anyway.

An Election Day issue of importance to all sportsmen is something on the ballot called "Home Rule." This is a state constitutional amendment in the form of a question that will give legislative powers to the towns. It sounds great at first, to make your laws at a local level. If it passes, it can have devastating effects to sportsmen. I will not get into things like more regulatory authority to town planning or zoning boards, or having a town income tax (as in parts of Pennsylvania), or a business profits tax (So. Portland, Maine)—both "Home Rule" states. The New Hampshire Municipal Association has been pushing for this since 1986. They now have it on the ballot. It can allow local government to close hunting on certain days, for example, such as Sundays (Westbrook, Maine). The closing of hunting on Sundays has been tried twice in the last six years (once in the last session) at the state level and failed. Now it is going to be tried town-to-town if this passes. How about not allowing firearms on Town property, which may sound reasonable to some—that road outside your house is Town property. The New Hampshire Municipal Association tried to get that one passed this last session, also, and failed. I plan to vote no on "Home Rule" and I encourage all of our members and friends to do the same.

—Lance Rickenberg

Police Report

The Bradford Police Department handled 443 calls for service (nine arrests were made) between September 16 and October 16. The breakdown is as follows: One 911 hang-up, two alarm activations, two ambulance calls, 12 animal complaints, 12 assists to other agencies, one burglary, 283 business checks, two citizen assists, one criminal arrest warrant, one criminal mischief, one criminal threatening, one criminal trespass, three cases of domestic violence, three cases of driving after suspension, one DWI-alcohol, one harassing communication, one incident/service, three cases of intoxication, four juvenile complaints, one lost property, one message service, three motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle complaint, one open container, two paper services, four parking violations, two pistol permits issued, two suspicious persons/vehicles, one theft, 15 traffic citations, 74 traffic warnings.

—Pennie M. Spooner

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by Maria Gilman

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Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd



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When I campaign door to door, it is astonishing to note that many people feel that their vote doesn't count and choose not to be represented by refusing to cast their vote. We are fortunate to have liberal representation in New Hampshire with 400 state representatives and 24 senators, all of whom are extremely responsive to the needs and wishes of their constituents. Your vote does count. Indeed, in New Hampshire, the outcome of a single vote can and does influence who will represent your values and ideas in Concord.

The legislative priorities that the residents of Bradford and Henniker have told me are important to them are those which I have and will continue to represent. Equitable taxation, HMO reform, affordable health care and pharmaceuticals, maintaining a woman's right to choose, lower utility rates and campaign finance reform that will return the government to the people and decrease the influence of special interest groups on our policies and laws.

When you go to the polls on Tuesday, look at your candidates carefully. Assess their involvement in the community and their volunteer services to support the priorities of our town. Do your candidates have a broad vision of the town and state and work to safeguard values you hold dear? Will your chosen candidate listen to your concerns and provide education and a public forum for the exchange of your questions and ideas? Be careful about your candidate's ability to be flexible and not limited in scope to one or two issues. There are many difficult and controversial topics that confront a legislator in the course of a two-year session. Good interpersonal skills and an ability to consider a broad range of ideas and values before casting a vote are vital to good and fair representation. And, when the votes are counted and your representatives are in office, call, write and demand to be heard. We want to hear from you and represent your voice in all our deliberations. It is important that, when choosing state representatives, you vote for two people, one from Bradford and one from Henniker, the districts that are together as District 3. I urge you to vote for one from each town as we have many common but other diverse needs and interests. A vote for a resident of your own town will insure that your representative is voting with local interests in mind.

It has been an educational and fulfilling opportunity to represent Bradford and Henniker for the past two years. With your vote of confidence, I will continue to do so in the next session. Whatever your values or positions on the subjects that matter to you, I urge you to come to the polls on Tuesday, November 7 and make your voice heard. Voting is a right, a privilege and a responsibility that we cannot take for granted.

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Profile:

Karen McNeil

by Audrey V. Sylvester

The McNeils' move to New Hampshire is a familiar story. Karen had been a frequent weekend tourist—visiting a brother who lived in the area. She said, "I hated to go home." They came from Hudson, Massachusetts to the area because they thought this was a beautiful part of the state. They liked dramatic weather. Their first home was in Newbury. Bob quickly found a good job with the State Highway Department at the Sunapee Shed.

Back home, Karen had been a cook in a 200-bed nursing home, then a baker for the Seiler Corporation, a large food service company. After they moved to Bradford, Karen stayed home with grandchildren whose mothers worked. She had a business idea. She thought she would enjoy selling "things" that appealed to her eight grandchildren and, by extension, to other children. The closest party store was 20 miles away. She was an accomplished baker, birthday party planner and special occasions decorator.

Karen started her party store business as if on "fumes from a gas tank." All she had was an unfinished basement, a need to stay busy, a love of making children's parties special, and a very small loan that was "all we had to get started, and that was it." Finishing the basement space was a do-it-yourself operation. The McNeils installed walls and ceilings. Karen made colorful curtains and painted walls. The transformed basement opened to the public as The Party Supply Store of Bradford in 1999. The shop features party supplies,

balloons, wedding invitations, character cakes and much more. The grandkids are her marketing consultants.

At first, finding wholesale suppliers was difficult. Through the Internet, Karen found an on-line supplier in Louisiana who was

willing to give her a discount. Karen said, "That's where I started.

The next thing you know, I had people calling me, wanting to send catalogues. I said, Oh Great! That's how I found my wholesalers." The store's inventory expanded to include wedding invitations, wrapping paper, ribbons, baby

shower festooning, greeting cards, party favors, piñatas, piñata fillers, Halloween, Easter and Christmas decorations, candy melts, face paints, streamers, flags, balloons, balloons, and more balloons for all occasions. Regular business hours are Weekdays, 10:00am-5:00pm; Saturday, 10:00am-4:00pm; and Sunday, 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Karen's specialty is making character cakes in any color, batter or design. Winnie the Pooh, Batman, Magenta, or Elmo are some of the kid's favorites. She gives a free birthday balloon when a bouquet of balloons is ordered. At Halloween, the McNeils raid the inventory and decorate their entire house. Karen said, "Halloween is not Halloween until the grandchildren have come to Nana's house for hot cider, candied apples, cookies and cupcakes." Doing what she loves to do and sharing the fun with the customers is what keeps Karen humming and happy in this, her first-time business adventure.



Bradford Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society will spend the winter months compiling, cataloging and updating. Please call if you have something to donate, or that could be copied. The albums and information at the Historical Society are for all Bradford people to enjoy and use for research.

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Pillsbury Free Library to Receive Grants for Literacy and Preservation

The Pillsbury Free Library in Warner is pleased to announce that the NH State Library Advisory Council has approved the awarding of two LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grants. A total of \$10,300 has been approved for adult literacy programming and \$15,000 for local newspaper microfilming and digitization. The NH State Library administers the grants with funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency that fosters innovation, leadership and a lifetime of learning.

The adult literacy grant will provide funding for a project to be called "New Skills for Modern Living" which will consist of programs and tutoring to teach money management and computer skills to adults. These programs will be held at community centers and libraries in Warner, Bradford and Newbury from November to May and will be open to all who want to improve or learn basic money or computer skills. Staff from the Merrimack County Extension Service may provide some of the programs and there will be some coordination with Community Action Program for transportation and Project Second Start for materials. There will be no charge for programs or materials. To allow for ordering enough materials for everyone, pre-registration is requested. Please contact the library for details and watch the newspapers and bulletin boards for scheduled programs. Individual tutoring will also be available from volunteers as far as possible. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Nancy Ladd at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner (456-2289).

The second grant will pay for the cost of microfilming and digitizing our local newspapers (the InterTown Record, the Warner New Paper and the Bradford Bridge). After microfilming all issues from the papers' beginnings to the end of this year (2000), copies of the microfilm will be distributed to area libraries with microfilm readers and digital versions of the images will be put on CD-ROM for distribution to all public and school libraries in the Kearsarge Regional School District. Copies will also be provided to the NH State Library.

Anyone who is interested in helping with these projects can contact Nancy Ladd, Pillsbury Free Library (456-2289) during library hours. Hours are Tuesday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-8:00pm, Wednesday 2:00-5:00pm, Thursday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-8:00pm and Saturday, 9:00am-2:00pm.



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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Turkeys come to mind in November. The Americas are the only continents on which these birds lived prior to the early 1600s when a Mexican species, long domesticated by the Aztecs, traveled home with the Spaniards. Once there, they rapidly appeared in barnyards all over Europe undergoing impressive changes in color and form through intensive breeding programs. It is generally agreed that the name "turkey" became attached due to a widespread misconception as to its country of origin. Early colonists brought turkeys with them and one wonders if anyone then had the time or energy to wonder how a Turkish bird could have possibly preceded them.

It is the eastern turkey *Meleagris gallopavo silvestris* that we are familiar with again. I write "again" because turkeys had been exterminated in New England and many other parts of their range by the year 1800. Excessive exploitation depleted the populations in advance of the more obvious signs of civilization such as deforestation, agriculture and the massive influx of settlers to the countryside. As many a lawn-loving Connecticut suburbanite can tell you, turkeys don't require extensive forestland as was formerly surmised.

The turkey prior to 1800 was, by accounts of that time, not the shy bird it can be today. Traveling in huge flocks of 500-600 birds each, gobbler and hen may have felt quite secure in the statistical unlikelihood of the arrow or bullet having their name on it. Now in much smaller flocks they have adjusted their attitude to fit the times and where they are hunted they are not so easily approached with a gun.

The reappearance of turkeys is a success story of Fish and Game management though it was not accomplished without a spectacularly slow learning curve complicated by the politics of the organization and the hunting lobby. By 1930, a mere 20,000 turkeys were left on the entire continent. Badly wanting to cross-breed a game bird with domestic stock that could be easily mass-produced and released like the pheasant attempts were made decades beyond what reason and resources indicated. Early records clearly showed that a turkey needs 100% of its wild genes to display appropriate fear, digest wild food, and

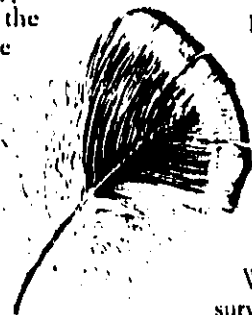
even to know when to incubate its eggs. The released birds rarely lived long enough to be shot.

With considerable difficulty some of the remaining wild turkeys were live-trapped for release into their former ranges in the 60's and 70's. This worked. However in their zeal conservation managers regularly introduced programs for winter-feeding the new flocks. The handouts short-circuited the natural selection process, facilitated the spread of disease and provided excellent opportunities for poachers and other predators. Weak, poor-quality birds survived to reproduce and lower the vigor of the entire flock.

Once these programs were finally stopped the wild turkey proliferated.

Turkeys have spent the spring and summer dining mostly in open or shrubby areas on insects, berries and seeds. The main threats to a young turkey's life are exposure and exhaustion, the highest mortality occurring during the first few weeks. After some feathers have sprouted, a poult has a pretty good chance at reaching adulthood despite the threats of a wide range of domestic and wild predators. As the cold comes on and the summer food sources dwindle, larger winter flocks will form and they will feed on the bountiful supply of acorns and beechnuts. The gobblers tend to travel together and the hens gather in separate flocks with, perhaps, a few young males. By the time winter arrives here a turkey is ready to survive several weeks of freezing weather without food or water. They can lose up to 40% of their weight and still greet the spring.

Turkeys have a remarkably complex vocabulary, a complicated social structure to match, and eyesight that is acute to the slightest motion. To witness the mating display of the gobbler with its quick coloring of caruncles and snood, neck-curling, tail-fanning, wing-dragging strut and the hen's nonchalance is a memory long held. The introduction of catalogue-purchased cross-bred birds, urbanization and intensive logging in short cutting rotation are the chief threats in the east to their long term survival. For awhile, though, things will get better for the turkey.



The Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie



One recent Saturday morning, Elizabeth Barker, a second grader in Mrs. Cossingham's class came in to the library to volunteer through a program set up by Scott Bouranis, Bradford Elementary School Principal. As a frequent user, she chose the library as her favorite place to donate time to her community. She straightened the book area that she and her peers use. This area gets a real workout when the kids are here and needs TLC often. She worked in the color-coded area of books for young children making sure they were all in their proper places. During a break, she used our very comfortable chair in the reading corner to read a favorite story. She also stamped a batch of book pockets needed for each book we process. She is, perhaps, the youngest volunteer we've had and it was a nice experience for all. Thank you Elizabeth for thinking of us.

We have volunteers coming in often. They help us by shelving books, filing cards, covering books, etc. They help us function to be the best we can be and for that we are most grateful.

The Trustees have recently updated our library card policy. Library cards are available to all residents of Bradford, regardless of age. Non-residents must pay a \$12 fee. Also, we revised our Internet policy to read "Patrons under the age of 10 may use the Internet computer only when accompanied by an adult."

Please join Sherry Gould for a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy" on Wednesday, November 15, 7:30pm at the Library.

Library hours: Monday 9:30am-8:00pm, Wednesday 9:30am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-1:30pm.



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November Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm
KRES at Bradford PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

BWC Christmas Workshop, Sue Vitale's, 10:00am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

"Youth Night Out" Talent show, Town Hall, 6:00pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 9:00am
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
KRMS 6th Grade Students, Nature's Classroom in New York state

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Election Day, Vote from 8:00am-7:00pm at Bradford Elementary School
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

School Board Meeting, KRHS, 7:00pm
BECC, BACC, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Senior Rally, BACC, 1:00-3:00pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BWC Board Meeting, BACC, 9:00am
Bradford Revolving Loan Committee, Candlelite Inn, 7:00pm
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-2787 for details
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm
Introduction to Genealogy with Sherry Gould, BML, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

NLOC Ski & Skate Sale, KRMS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

BWC Meeting "Make a Christmas Decoration," Church Vestry, 7:30pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Flu Shot Clinic, BACC, 1:00-3:00pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Bradford Community Corporation, BACC, 7:00am
BWC Christmas Fair, Masonic Lodge

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Christmas Fair, First Baptist Church, 9:30am-2:00pm. Crafts, baked goods, white elephant table, raffle, corn chowder luncheon
BWC Christmas Fair, Masonic Lodge

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BWC Christmas Fair, Masonic Lodge

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

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Bradford Bridge December deadlines

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Articles	November 20*

*If you would like to submit an article covering an event occurring after the deadline, please contact Lyn Betz at 938-5029.

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open by chance or appointment, call 938-5386

Thistle Spinners, every Monday 1:00-3:00pm, Thistle and Shamrock Inn

To list events for the December Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722.