

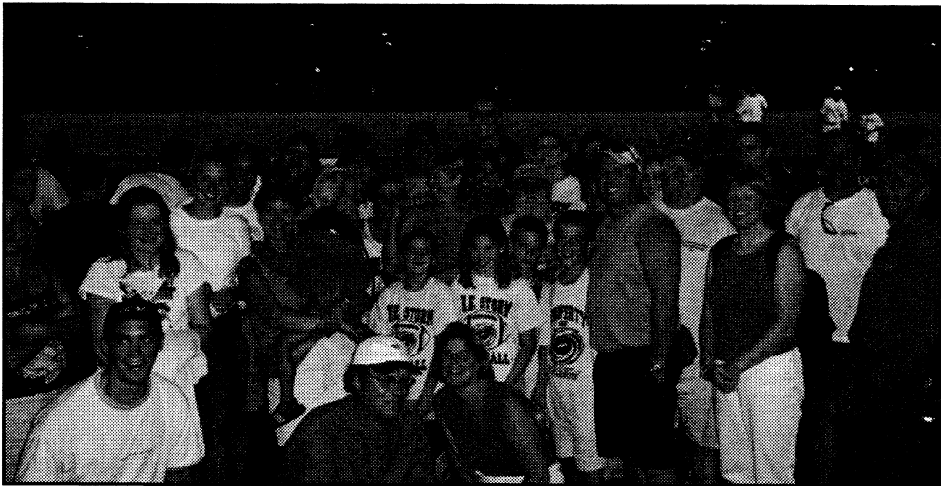
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Bradford Cheers up a Storm at WPFL Opener



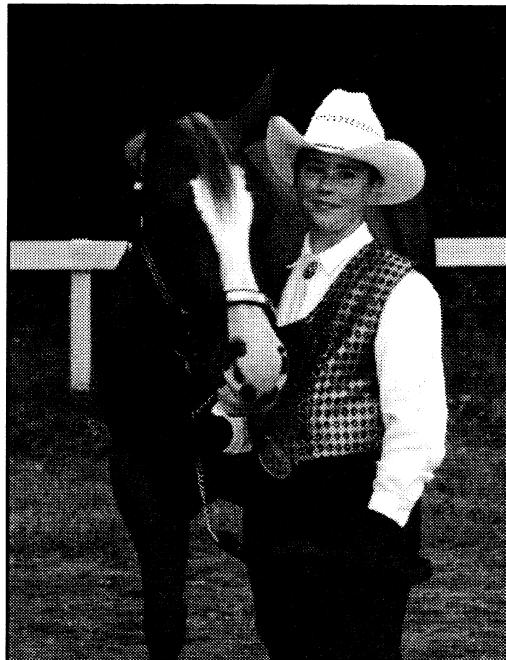
Heather Beaton of Bradford (center rear) and some of her fans pose after her debut at the August 10 home opener for the New England Storm, a team of the Women's Professional Football League. Beaton plays guard for the team, whose home games are played at the Hormel Stadium in Medford, MA. The Storm lost that game to the Syracuse Sting, 3-6, but will have another chance in their next home game on September 14. Follow Beaton's career with the Storm on their web site, www.newenglandstorm.com.

St. Cyr Qualifies for 4-H "Big E" Competition

Jacki St.Cyr, 13, of South Sutton, will be one of twenty 4-H riders representing New Hampshire at the Eastern States Expo in Springfield, MA September 19-22. St. Cyr placed twelfth at the State 4-H horse show held July 26-28 at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. The twenty qualifying riders who will head to the Big "E" were chosen out of over 120 participants by high scores on horse knowledge, riding, and stable management.

St. Cyr's mount, Encore's Deja Vous, is an American Paint horse.

Also qualifying from St. Cyr's Sullivan County 4-H group were Tori Labelle, eighth over all, and Bethany Prussman, fourth over all.



Digging Up Trouble?

Ask before you excavate

As a property owner in the Town of Bradford, what do you need to know before you move or remove "earth" from your property? Two definitions from RSA 155-E (The State Statute) to start:

Earth: "sand, gravel, rock, soil or construction aggregate"

Excavation: "a land area which is used, or has been used, for the commercial taking of earth, including all slopes."

There are many reasons why a property owner might want to move earth around including preparing a site for building, adding on to an existing building, major or minor landscaping to deal with uneven topography, or relocating a driveway. If a wheelbarrow and shovel are the tools of choice and the material does not leave the lot of origin, it is safe to say no regulations would stop the project. When mechanized moving of soil is involved, the safest approach is to discuss the project with the Planning Board.

In general, if a small amount of earth, of less than 1,000 cubic yards, is to be moved from one place to another on the same piece of property, or to a contiguous piece in the same ownership, no excavation permit is necessary. State permits may be required when larger amounts or wetlands are involved.

In general, if the material is to be removed from the site and sold, it would be considered a commercial operation and would require a permit under RSA 155-E and may also require state permits. The Planning Board is charged with the authority and responsibility for administering the requirements of RSA 155-E, LOCAL REGULATION EXCAVATIONS.

Some operations are specifically prohibited where it would be hazardous to the public, would damage a known aquifer, where existing visual barriers would be removed, or when either the operational or reclamation standards in the law could not be met.

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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 September 20.

Selectmen's Update

This will be my last update for the *Bridge*. As I look back, so many things have changed. I was first elected in March of 1997 on a write-in, of all things. I just wanted to get involved with the Town and help out where I could. Little did I know what a commitment it was to be a Selectman.

Luckily for the Town of Bradford and me, we hired Cheryl Behr. She was the first person that we interviewed for the job of Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen. She is a staff of one, with the occasional assistance of Michelle Marson. Due to Cheryl's initiative and expertise in the area of finance, we have saved thousands of tax dollars. The offices at Town Hall were completely redone with input from Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk. The town offices are totally computerized thanks to Cheryl and Sue. Ann Lucier, the Deputy Clerk, is a delight to work with and is a great asset to the Town. Marilyn Gordon does an excellent job as Town Treasurer. It has been a great pleasure working with these professional women.

I have seen new street lights put in, new signs installed (soon I hope!), roads paved and upgraded, new homes being built, a new Community Center up and running quite successfully, and a library renovation that makes it one of the finest in the area. I have seen the following committees, endorsed by the Board of Selectmen, formed for the good of the Town: they are the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, the Bradford Community Corporation, and the Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board. We now have a Parks and Recreation Committee. All members are volunteers. A Bradford Business Association was formed and is active. It has been my good fortune to work with the people on the various committees in town. It has meant many meetings and long hours.

There also have been many sleepless nights trying to deal with "problems". You know what? It was worth it! Bradford and the people who live here are very special to Sue and me. We thank you for the opportunity to have served you and the support you have all given us these past years. I am "retiring" from the job of Selectman officially on September 10, 2002. If I could give some parting advice to the Town, it would be to continue to support your elected officials, to welcome the individual that will finish out the last six months of my term, and to please volunteer when you can. The rewards are endless.

—Dick Vitale, Chairman, Board of Selectmen



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School Board Sticks with Plan "A"

After taking time to consider a proposal from the Middle School Site Selection Committee that the Kearsarge School District build a new high school instead, converting the existing high school for middle school, the board voted 10-0 (Dean Bensley absent) to continue with its original plan to build a new middle school at their August 22 meeting. The Facilities Committee, chaired by Emilio Cancio-Bello, reported that projected enrollment figures using the most current data suggest that the original proposal for a high school with a capacity for 900 and a middle school with a capacity for 700 would be adequate until 2023. Canto-Bello also reported that estimates provided by Lavalley/Brensinger Architects indicated the cost of converting the existing high school would be approximately \$10 million more than putting an addition on the high school and constructing a new middle school.

The school board has also begun the budget process, working with school administrators to put together a budget proposal to hand off to the Municipal Budget Committee by October 1. Superintendent Tom Brennan presented the administration's proposed budget of \$22,181,434 for the 2003-2004 year, a nearly 11% increase over the current budget. Brennan requested two new administrative staff positions, a Curriculum Director and a Facilities Manager. Voters rejected the Facilities Manager position last year, which the school board recommended but the MBC did not, arguing that the position was not clearly defined. The Curriculum Director is a new proposal, a position Brennan said was vital to meeting the School Board's goal of improving student test scores by 2006. The higher cost of health and dental insurance and a mandatory upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant at the high school also contributed to the increases in the budget proposal.

The Municipal Budget Committee has a target of December 12 to complete their budget proposal, with a public hearing scheduled for December 17.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This report was prepared using information from articles in the Intertown Record and the Argus Champion. The Bridge needs someone, maybe YOU, who can report regularly on school district issues and school events, as the editor's plate is full and important news has been missing from these pages. Please volunteer!*

—Lyn Betz

Voter Registration

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on September 3 from 7:00 to 8:00pm for corrections to the Checklist. This is the last day that voter registration will be taken before the State Primary on September 10. New voters may also register the day of the Primary. New voters should have proof of residence (automobile registration, tax bill, utility bill, etc.) and age (birth certificate, driver's license or passport).

Poetry Workshop

A free Poetry Writing Workshop, "Windows" for ages 6 to 106 with New Hampshire poet Katherine Solomon will take place on Thursday, September 12 beginning with refreshments at 3:15pm in Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main Street, Bradford. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library. For more information, call librarian Meg Fearnley at 938-5562.

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

May 27. Jacquelyn Martin died in Bradford.

July 26. Robert Adams died in Bradford.

July 29. Tyler Mackenzie Burbee was born to Frederick and Kelli in Concord.

August 23. William Clough Jr. and Mary Ellen Valley were married in Bradford.

Primary elections will be held on September 10, 2002 from 8:00am to 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Absentee ballots are now available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. You must declare yourself in order to receive an absentee ballot.

HOURS: The office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2002
Monday: Noon-7:00pm
Tuesday: 7:00-11:30am, 12:30-5:00pm
Friday: 8:00am-12:00noon, 1:00-5:00pm

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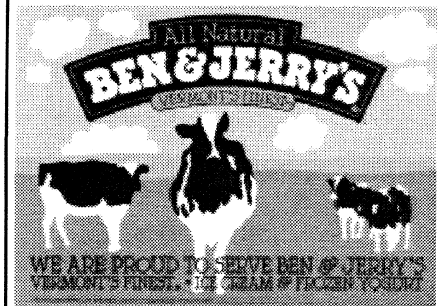
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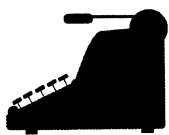
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Keough for Governor

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I recommend to you the candidacy of former State Senator and UNH Board of Trustee Chairman, Bruce Keough for the Republican nomination for Governor. I know Bruce to be bright, articulate, and knowledgeable about state government. As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee in 1995, I watched Bruce participate in formulating the first budget since the "Great Depression" that was less than a previous years budget. Bruce chaired the largest section of the budget — Health & Human Services. He worked with agency heads, constituencies, the Governor's office, and fellow legislators very effectively. This ability in politics today is rare. His leadership qualities earned him the respect of fellow legislators, trustees, and others he came in contact with.

It is without reservation that I recommend to you Bruce Keough. He will be a Governor who will take the helm and keep the ship of state on an even keel right from day one. There are no clouds hanging over his head.

True Patriots vote! Let us prove to the world this primary season that Americans do not take voting for granted. Make a difference and vote Tuesday, September 10, the day before the first anniversary of that tragic September 11th, 2001 day.

David P. Currier, Henniker

Letters to the editor should be no more than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and content. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.

Town of Newbury Cemetery Dedication

The Booth-Sherman Cemetery in Newbury will be dedicated on Saturday, September 7 at 1:30pm at the cemetery grounds at the corner of Pleasant View and South Roads. The principal speaker for the occasion will be Terry M. Knowles, Registrar of Charitable Trusts for the State of New Hampshire. Other guests will be members of the Sherman family and our representatives to varied State offices.

Following the dedication service, a reception will be held at the Town Office Building to honor the Sherman family and welcome their return to their hometown. Jeannette Booth Sherman and Ernest L. Sherman were residents and active citizens locally and statewide for over fifty years. Their sons, Rexford and Kenneth, and families will be part of the celebration day.

All are urged to attend this momentous event as we officially open our newest cemetery and gather to honor our renowned donor family.

—Newbury Cemetery Trustees

High Adventure Girls Scout for New Members

The High Adventure Girls, a special interest Girl Scout group, will host a sign-up meeting for new and returning members Monday, September 16, from 6:30 to 7:30pm at the Pillsbury Free Library on Main Street, Warner. Girls ages 11 to 17 interested in outdoor adventures like camping, hiking, rock climbing and mountain biking are invited to join this group led by Carolyn Rordam of Warner and Laura Keifer from Elkins.

"This is a chance for girls to explore the outdoors and make really good friends," Rordam said. "We do things you might be afraid of at first, but we all go for it and get a great high."

The High Adventure Girls meet twice a month on Monday evenings and plan one adventure a month. A hiking or biking day trip is set for September, a weekend camping and rock climbing trip in the White Mountains is planned for October, and in November the group will tackle a high ropes course. Rordam hopes to culminate the year's activities with an extensive, weeklong backpacking trip next summer.

Rosemary Bateman, 14, of Bradford, has been a HAG member for the past two years. "HAGs gives me a chance to do outdoor stuff I'd never get to do otherwise," she said. "The girls are really supportive, so I can feel good about challenging myself."

Girls do not need any outdoor experience to join. "Most of the girls had never carried a backpack before or put up a tent," Rordam said. "The leaders and more experienced girls teach everything." Last year's group, which included girls from Bradford, Henniker, Loudon, Newbury, Warner, Webster, and Wilmot, backpacked in the White Mountains and along the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway, rode trails on horseback, learned about wetlands ecology, and went snow-boarding and indoor rock climbing. On all outdoor trips, the group follows environmentally conscious "Leave No Trace" principles.

Girls should bring a parent, immunization records, and \$7 for the Girl Scout membership fee to the September 16 meeting. Interested girls who cannot make the sign-up meeting or who want more information should contact Carolyn Rordam at 456-2637 or crordam@conknet.com.



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Planning Board Notes

The Planning Board has spent much of its time in the past month discussing gravel pits—permits required, standards to be met, and procedures necessary to carry out this function of the Board. (See related article on page 1).

Other matters covered were a boundary adjustment between Barbara McCartney and Kristopher Dupuis on Pierce Road and a preliminary discussion for a subdivision of property owned by Mel Pfeifle on Old Warner Road.

Wanda Watson appeared before the Board to respond to concerns about barking and the number of dogs being raised on her property on Ring Hill Road. After discussion of the options, fencing of the area and preparation of a site plan for review by the Board was agreed upon as the most effective approach to solve the problems.

The importance of updating the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) adopted by the Board last year was discussed. The update should be completed by the end of September in order to be available as a guide for the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The BEOC has again been asked if it will assist with this project.

—Marcia Keller

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Bradford Women's Club News

Swimming lessons sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club and Bradford Parks and Recreation were a big success. Our thanks go out to Jane Lucas who coordinated them.

We will be celebrating birthdays at the Clough Extended Care Center on September 20 at 2:30pm.

And it's that time again: Bradford Women's Club "Craft Fair Workshops" begin in September in preparation for our holiday fair fundraiser.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be a potluck luncheon September 10, 11:30am at the Mountain Lake Inn.

The next General Meeting will be our annual tea, September 17, 1:00pm at the Candlelite Inn. Everyone is asked to bring a poem in their favorite teacup.

Anyone interested in joining the Bradford Women's Club can call Barbara at 938-2691.

—Barbara Vannata, President

Craft Fair Workshop Schedule

Workshops will be held at the Mountain Lake Inn on Route 114 as follows:

September 2—10:30am (Bring a sandwich and stay as long as you can)

October 1—7:00pm

October 8—10:30am (Following Board Meeting, brown bag lunch again)

October 15—7:00pm

October 22—10:30am (Brown bag lunch)

October 29—7:00pm

November 5—10:30 (Brown bag lunch)

November 12—7:00pm (Wrap-up night with the Snowman Soup).

For further information contact Jean Gaito at 456-3779 or Tracy Foor at 938-6196.

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Parks and Recreation Update

Because we had a hard time finding an instructor and setting a date, the Swim Program had a very low attendance of 35 this year. We finally hired Nichole Wallace of Newbury. Nichole did a fantastic job and the kids just loved her. Low numbers made it great for those who attended, with lots of one-on-one help. Barbara Vannata, president of the Bradford Women's Club, was there on the last day handing out freeze pops and cookies to all.

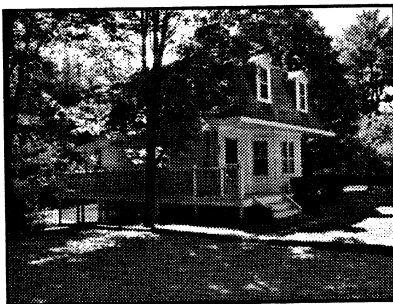
Another Paint a Picture in a Day workshop will be held on Saturday, September 28, at the Bradford Area Community Center. If you haven't done one of these paintings, you should. Everyone comes away with a wonderful painting. It's great for the ego when everyone is exclaiming, "You did that?" For information, call Jane at 938-2570.

—Jane Lucas

Community Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Community Workshop will begin the year with a luncheon at the New London Country Club where, weather permitting, we will be seated outdoors at tables under the trees. Plan to meet at the Friendship House in South Newbury at 11:00am on Thursday, September 12 for carpooling to the luncheon, or go directly and meet us there at 11:45am.

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The Bradford Country Squares invite all to the two "Fun Nights" to be held on Thursday, September 12 and 19 at the Trinity Bible Church on Route 114 in South Sutton from 7:00-9:00pm. These "Fun Nights" are free of charge and will introduce the public to the pleasures of square dancing which they will discover is always carried on in a smoke-free, alcohol-free environment. People of all ages are welcome. This is a painless form of aerobic exercise and a fun-laden form of social interaction. Try it—you will love it! Refreshments are also provided.

The Bradford Country Squares will hold their usual Mainstream/Plus square dance at the Bradford Town Hall from 8:00-10:30pm on Saturday, September 21. Don Bachelder will call and Phil Gatchell will cue the rounds. The price of admission is \$5 per person. Spectators are free and always made welcome. For further information about any of these events, please call Bob Trombley at 763-0974.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

After a break for the summer holidays, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present its first program of the fall season with an illustrated talk on "New Mexico—Land of Enchantment" Friday, September 13, 7:30pm, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. All are welcome to join the Executive Director of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire Silk Farm Center, Iain MacLeod, as he leads us on this trip to a diverse southwestern environment with its many national wildlife refuges. As usual refreshments will be served. For additional information call Karen Sullivan at 927-4550.

The following day, Saturday, September 14, Peter Newbern will lead the annual "Hawk Watch" trip to Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol to observe these migratory raptors. A parking area near the top is within a short uphill walk to the observation ledges. Participants should meet Peter at Cricenti's Market parking lot on NH Route 104 in Bristol at 9:00am. Bring lunch, beverage, and binoculars. Inclement weather cancels the trip. Call Peter at 763-4308 if you require more information.

—Phyllis H. Curtiss

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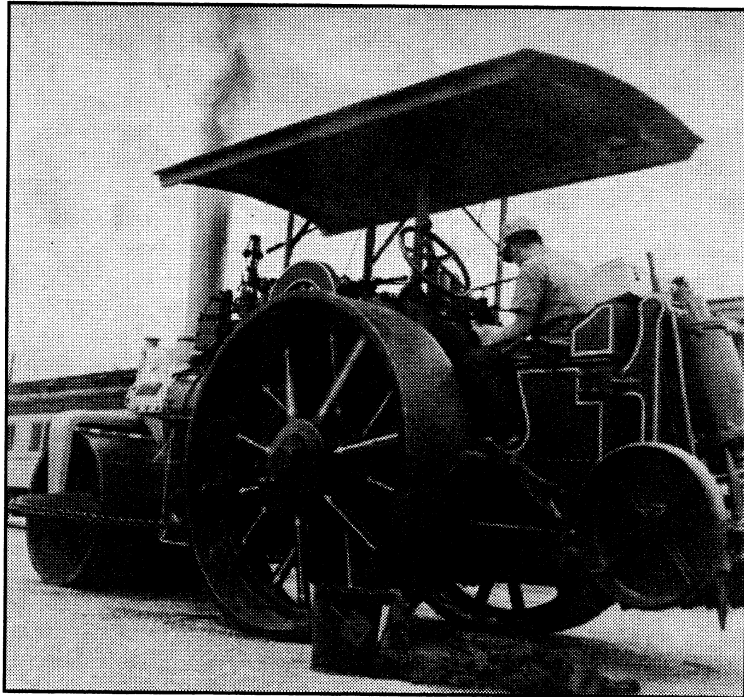
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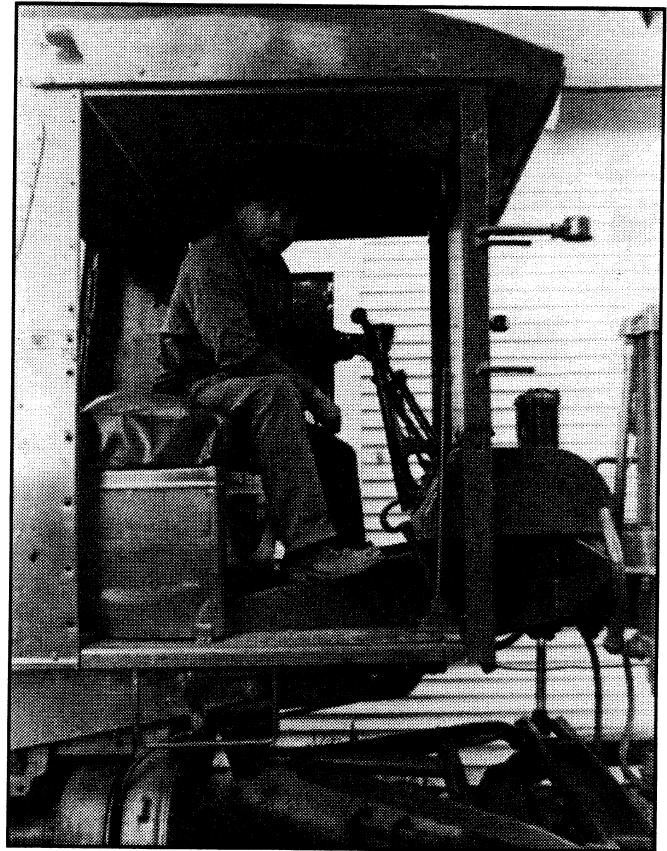
Then...

by Milly Kittredge

Speaking of roadwork—In November 1967, the new Rte. 103 was finished. Betty Cilley noted in a newspaper article on the new road, "Church Street now serves only one home before becoming a dead end.... Center Road, which led through the old Bement covered bridge to Bradford Center has also become a dead end...New approaches have been built at the east end, and at the west end of town. Time will have to prove the safety factors...after a year of bulldozers, balsting, earth moving and dust-filled air, Bradford settles down to live with progress."



Steamrollers such as this one were used in building the early "macadam" roads.



And speaking of big equipment—This large machine is being guided by Wally Brown in this 1975 photo. Wally was a lifelong resident of Bradford until a few years ago when he moved to Newbury and then to Arizona. As far as we know, he has not been connected with the present Rte. 103 "maintenance" work.



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When ready to bake, bring to workable temperature, roll out, cut in desired shapes, bake at 400°F.

Enjoy!

If anyone has a question about, or problem with, any of my recipes, please feel free to call the Inn at 938-5553 for assistance.

—JRH



Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Women's Exploration Group: The Thursday morning study group will continue its study of Max Lucado's in depth study of the cross entitled "He Chose the Nails." We welcome new members. We meet on Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00am for study and prayer.

Choir: Our choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm and on Sunday mornings around 9:30am to practice for Sunday's music. We welcome new voices—even men and women who can only sing once a month or on occasion.

Special Worship Service: On Sunday, September 8 at 10:00am, we will have a Service of Remembrance for all the victims of September 11 as well as a Service of Baptism. The Baptism will take place on Lake Todd behind the Mill House on West Main Street.

American Baptist Women's Ministry: Ladies will meet at the home of Judy Marshall on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00pm. We will enjoy a ride around Lake Massasecum on a party boat as well as have our Installation of Officers and a program entitled "Visible Signs of Life: Spiritual Life Support Systems." Everyone is invited to bring a dessert to share.

Youth Group Events: Wednesday, September 11 from 6:30-8:00pm there will be a getting acquainted/re-acquainted meeting. After some nachos and cheese we will play a number of "getting to know you" games such as Mission to Space, Who Did it? and Toss 'n Tell. Youth in grades 5-8 are welcome to come.

Sunday, September 29: From 2:00-3:30pm we will meet in the vestry to coordinate a number of random acts of kindness that will be done to some of the

elderly people in our community. We will then enjoy "make your own sundaes."

Food Pantry: The Bradford Community Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, September 18 from 6:00-7:00pm. Look for the red doors in the Fiske House. Food can also be requested at other times by calling the Church office at 938-5313.

Thursday evening Bible Study: This study will begin on Thursday, September 19 from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church vestry. The facilitator is Fred Hubley and the book to be studied will be the book of Joshua. Everyone is welcome.

Rally Day: All of our Sunday school classes resume on Sunday, September 22. The adult class meets at 9:00am with Jan Pickman for a study of the Parables of Jesus. They meet in the Fiske House. We will once again be doing Godly play for children between the ages of 4 and 10. This takes place during the Worship service (10:00am) immediately following "Time with God's Children." Youth who are 11 years of age and older meet in the Fiske House the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the worship service. They are using the curriculum called "Loving God's Word." There will be a delicious brunch served to everyone immediately following the service.

White Cross: The American Baptist Women's Ministry and our Missions Committee are sponsoring a mission called "White Cross" during the month of September. There are a number of items listed on a poster with a cross on it in the Church vestry that people can sign up to purchase. The items will make up health, baby, and school kits to be sent to the Bacavi Church located on the Hopi Indian Reservation in Arizona and also to the Congo, the Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

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Real Estate Hints:

Today's Market

by Laura Hallahan

Back at the beginning of 2002, yours truly looked at all of the current economic indicators and, like many, concluded that the real estate market would be heading for a slowdown. Well, here it is time to go back to school and even though there were some slow days due to the hot weather and vacations, the market is still going strong and prices are holding steady. So, what exactly is going on? Here are some recent findings that will help answer that question:

At the end of July, the New Hampshire Sunday News featured a chart comparing home sales in the entire state this year and last for the five-month period beginning January 1 and ending May 31. The Sunapee region experienced the highest percentage sales price increase this year, a staggering 51 percent. That means that the average sales price increased from \$153,447 to \$231,900. Other data shows that 166 homes were sold in the five-month period this year, compared to 123 last year, and houses are selling 64 days faster. Anyone who has been house hunting can attest to these figures, something many would not have expected at the first of the year.

The Boston Globe recently explored when and if the housing boom will soon go bust, as residential real estate prices keep rising even as corporate scandals pile up and the stock market slides. While many economists continue to predict a slow down, the National Association of Realtors points to soaring home prices nationwide and counters that real estate values are the one bright spot in an otherwise stormy economic climate. Alan Greenspan himself recently stated that the increases in home prices are due to low mortgage rates, immigration, and shortages of buildable land and not part of a super-inflated bubble about to burst. The demand, it seems, will almost always exceed the supply, and even if we dip back into a recession, houses are the last thing people sell.

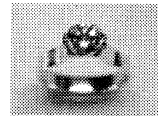
A just-published *Realty Times* piece argues that housing prices are simply being influenced by different forces than those that govern the stock market. It states that home prices are actually moving up in tandem with household incomes, in part attributable to two-earner households. The near-record low cost of mortgage money allows purchasers to afford far higher prices and lower minimum down payment standards are also a factor. The remodeling boom of the past decade—with people adding family rooms, media rooms, gourmet kitchens, luxury bathrooms, and the like—also contributes to houses selling for more money. Finally, we can also thank Congress and the Federal tax policy. Capital gains taxation reform and the elimination of taxes on most home sale profits set the stage for today's high prices.

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August Selectmen's Meetings

AUGUST 6. Keith Stebbings met with the Selectmen regarding progress with the Cheney Hill Road matter. The Road Agent has been given approval to begin the road work discussed earlier although the Selectmen were unsure of the schedule for the Highway Crew. The issue of the redesign of the intersection will not be resolved soon as there are ownership issues on the property involved. The issue of abutter's water rights has not been resolved. The Selectmen have voted to put in the 90-degree intersection, but the timing has not been established. Bruce Edwards will also work on a letter to send to Duren for signature to allow the project over his land. Keith Stebbings questioned when the Road Agent would be available for the Cheney Hill Road project. Keith Stebbings is cleared to begin work on Cheney Hill Road to the proposed change curve for the intersection. He requested the Selectmen and the Road Agent visit the site and comment on the material used and document their findings. At this time the sub base is in, partial culverts in place, material is stock piled on site, and some ditch line work is complete. Selectmen agreed to visit the site. Selectmen suggested a copy of his request be sent to the Road Agent and Planning Board.

The Selectmen signed a letter to Mrs. Galina Leonas, notifying her of the Bos-

ton Post Cane award. A date will be set in the future for the Selectmen to make the presentation.

Planning Board appointments were signed for Doug Troy and Michelle Halstead as alternates to the board.

The Town of Danbury is trying to bring together receiver towns to form a coalition. Dick Vitale will attend the meeting.

AUGUST 20. Chief James Kirby introduced a new full time officer, Dave Gotthardt.

Bob Foor, Chairman of the Planning Board, met with Selectmen to discuss Joe Battles' Cease and Desist order. Battles will not excavate any additional materials for sale from this pit and has discussed closure plans with Foor. Battles hopes to open another excavation location on the same lot next year. Foor provided the necessary paperwork to apply for a special exception to operate a pit on this property. The Planning Board will issue a letter to Battles with his obligations outlined.

Foor also requested additional monies to cover the expenses of posting public hearings in the local papers. The Planning Board also requests \$150 for the purchase of a transcription machine. The total amount of additional money needed is \$1000.00. The Selectmen will review the budget and reply to the Planning Board as soon as possible.

Foor's final topic was the Cheney Hill Road issue. He suggested Selectmen send the Planning Board a letter requesting they review Duren's property for a maximum number of lots to subdivide. With the odd shape of the lot, Duren may not be able to get the necessary set backs to subdivide into three lots.

Dick Keller, representing the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, met with Selectmen to discuss wage

overages in the milfoil budget. The overage appears to be between \$800 and \$900. The Selectmen discussed ways to cover the overage. One suggestion was for the Lake Association to pay the overage to the Town, and the Selectmen would hold a hearing to spend that amount on the milfoil, through the process of unanticipated revenue. On a positive note, the Lake Association reports the containment of the milfoil to the cove. The Association actively patrols the shore to check for new plants. These are removed when found.

Mr. Ploettner, owner of 122 East Main Street, met with Selectmen to discuss an issue he has with the Department of Environmental Services regarding the existence of a septic plan on his property prior to 1963. He wishes to repair the system, but DES will not allow a repair only. They have no record of a plan on file. Cheryl provided Ploettner with a copy of an approval for construction certificate for the property issued by the state in 1973. Ploettner felt this might solve his problems in locating the original plan. He requested the Selectmen to write a letter to DES in support of an existing system back to 1963. Selectmen refused on the basis of no available evidence in support.

Letter read to record from the Lake Todd Association regarding the establishment of a Village District for liability issues with the dam. Selectmen Fenton and Edwards will attend the meeting on Saturday.

Warrants signed for Timber Tax (\$20,338.08) and Current Use Penalties (\$2,190.00).

Selectmen received the canceled junkyard permit from Fred Brunnhoelzl.

Final set of abatements has been sent out. The Selectmen signed one final letter.

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Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd



Bradford is now part of Merrimack District 34, a district that includes seven towns and will have six seats. The towns of Bradford, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner and Webster are joined as a single new district. There are thirteen people running for the six seats allotted to our new district. Among these candidates are six Democrats, six Republicans, and one Independent.

Every ten years, after the national census has been completed, redistricting plans are reformulated to reflect the shifts in population that have occurred over the past decade. Political parties vie for advantage during the redistricting process, hoping to gain advantage in shaping state policy for their own members and securing a political advantage that will serve them well for the ensuing ten years. Because the House Democrats and Republicans were unable to agree on a redistricting plan, the process was turned over to the State Supreme Court for resolution. In spite of what you may have heard or read about the Court's role in this matter, they were reluctant to take on the redistricting work and often encouraged parties to work out an arrangement among themselves. No such luck in the past session, though, a session marked by excessive divisiveness and acrimony that was as bitter and unproductive as any in New Hampshire's history. The final plan reduces the number of House seats to 88 rather than 154.

The end result is that there are many large population/town districts lumped together rather than small towns represented by your neighbor. Some say this is the end of representative local government as we have known it, and for those of us running for House seats, the task of running for election in towns where we are not well known is daunting. Remember that your representatives earn \$100 a year, not exactly a source of lush campaign funds to spread the word about individual candidacies.

Please vote in our primary on September 10 and in the general election on November 5. So much is at stake in shaping the future of our state. Stark differences divide our parties. Republican gubernatorial candidates promise to return the financial responsibility for funding education to local towns, a policy that is so unfair that the Supreme Court issued the Claremont Decision in 1993. This decision ruled that every child in New Hampshire had the right to an adequate education and that the funding had to be fair and equitable. In other words, a child from a poor community must have as decent an educational opportunity as a child from a wealthier community. Democratic candidates embrace an income tax as the most fair and equitable means of funding education because it is based on one's ability to pay and would replace the onerous statewide property tax as the primary funding source for education. Republicans support overturning the Claremont decision, returning funding to local communities, and amending the constitution to keep the Supreme Court out of the funding discussion altogether—goodbye balance and separation of powers. On social issues, clear differences exist. Democrats support choice and oppose discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation while Republicans would seek to discriminate against homosexuals and overturn Roe vs. Wade. Ironically, the Republican agenda seeks to inject greater government interference and control into personal lives while the Democrats support less government interference in areas best left to individual judgement.

It is important that you understand the issues confronting our state and that you have a say in shaping the philosophy and ethics that will guide us through the next two years. The issues are not complicated but differing opinions and loud rhetoric tend to make them appear so. Please have a working knowledge of the positions taken by candidates and exercise your right, your duty, to vote.

As always, it is an honor to serve you and I welcome all comments at my e-mail, c_rodd@conknet.com.

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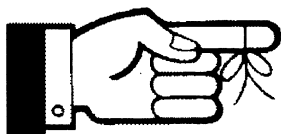
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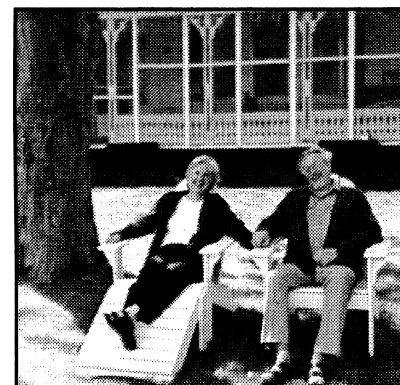
An Evening with Burton Hersh

Meet New Hampshire historian and fiction writer Burton Hersh during "An Evening with Burton Hersh." He will present and autograph his new novel, *The Nature of the Beast*, a fictional thriller based on the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The free event will take place on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm in Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main Street, Bradford. For more information, call 938-5948.



Wonderful Memories

Graham Cardine, telecom engineer, and Deborah Wright, psychologist, found one another on the internet in June of 2000 and corresponded for a couple of months. He is from Bradford, United Kingdom and she is from Monterey, California. They met in New York City, then London, Rome, Amsterdam, and San Francisco. This summer they decided to visit New Hampshire because Deborah wanted to show Graham the places she remembered from childhood summers. From England and California, they flew into Bradley Airport near Hartford, Connecticut, then drove to the Mountain Lake Inn located here in Bradford. With the help of innkeepers Bob and Tracy's detailed atlas, Deborah found her cousin, Bob Wright, on Blaisdell



Deborah Wright relaxes with Graham Cardine of Bradford, England at the Mountain Lake Inn.

Lake and visited her grandparents' cottage there. They climbed Mt. Kearsarge, drove over to Unity where Deborah's brother has a summer home, and canoed on Lake Massasacum. They ate Tracy's gourmet breakfasts, enjoyed haddock and shrimp at the Appleseed, and the best falafel at Gamil's Pizza Place in Warner. Wonderful memories! Next meeting?—India, Delhi, and Chandigarh.

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The Bradford Zoning Ordinance requires that the Planning Board be consulted before any mining, excavation, or removal of soil take place in order to determine if a permit under RSA 155-E is necessary. In the Residential Business District, Site Plan Review is required in addition to the permit; in the Residential Rural District, a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a commercial operation would also be required. No commercial operation would be allowed in the Conservation District.

The Planning Board is available and willing to discuss any project BEFORE it begins to help a property owner understand the regulations and decide what, if any, permits may be required.

Two other statutes that are of concern in this area are RSA 72-B which, since 1997, has imposed Excavation and Excavation Activity Taxes and RSA 79-A, relative to current use taxation. Any commercial excavation would trigger taxes for that portion of the property to be removed from "Current Use".

Your best bet, if you plan on moving any type of Earth Materials on your property, is to visit the Planning Board first.

Mandatory Recycling

Here's a reminder of items you must separate and recycle at the Bradford Transfer Station. If you have any questions about proper disposal of an item, please ask the attendant.

Glass—all colors, anything glass that needs to be disposed of.

Steel cans—food cans

Aluminum beverage cans—beer, soda

Scrap metal—any metal item that needs to be disposed of

Newspaper—Newspaper print only, no glossy inserts

Magazines—Magazines, glossy inserts, colored advertising

Corrugated cardboard is recycled. Light cardboard, such as cereal boxes and six pack cartons, is not recycled and should be disposed of with regular household trash

Construction & Demolition—Treated wood, painted wood, sheetrock, shingles, furniture (there is a disposal fee, see attendant)

Burn pile—untreated, unpainted wood only, brush accepted

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Senior Center Apple Fest, Bring your favorite apple pie for tasting contest at lunch, Senior Room, noon

Senior Center Program: Erick Leadbeater of Gould Hill Orchards on Antique apples, 12:30pm. Public invited.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Senior Council Pot Luck Picnic at Dick and Jean Kennedy's, Crittenden Road. Bring a dish to share. 1:00-3:00pm. (For directions call 938-5330)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Pound Party Auction, Bring something wrapped, weighing a pound, 12:30pm
Bridge Club, 2:00-4:00pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Senior Center Beginner's Watercolor Painting, five Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am. Cost is \$20, materials provided. Call 938-2104 to register.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Senior Center Program: Claudia Messier, Long Term Care Coordinator for NH, will be here to notarize your Advanced Care Planning papers, 12:30pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Medical Screening: For anyone over 40 years of age. Ultrasound screenings for stroke prevention, detection of aneurysms, and osteoporosis. 9:00am-4:00pm. All screenings by appointment call 1-800-407-557. There is a small fee for screening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Senior Center Program: EMS staff of New London Hospital advises what to have in your First Aid Kit, 12:30pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Senior Center BBQ at Elm Brook Park. Cost \$5 per person. Carpool from BACC. Call 938-2104 for reservations by September 10.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Senior Center Program: Reiki with Peg Leighton. Donations appreciated, 10:00am-noon

Personal Touch Home Health Care, FREE blood pressure and foot care at the Senior Center, 11:00am-12:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Senior Center Program: Presentation by Laura Colson on adaptive telephones, 12:30pm. Open to the public
Bridge Club, 2:00-4:00pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Paint-a-Picture Program, Community Room, 9:30am-3:00pm (call 938-2570 for reservation and information)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Senior Center Trip. Carpool from Bradford to Meredith for cruise on the MS Mt. Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee. \$25 includes lunch. Call 938-2104 by September 13 for reservation. No meal at the Center today.

Ongoing Activities

Bridge Group, Mondays, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

Senior Craft Club, Mondays, 10:00am-noon

CAP Senior Luncheon, Mondays and Thursdays, Senior Room, noon (for reservations, please call 938-2104)

Computer Class, Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm

Senior Walking Group, (walk around the block) Mondays & Thursdays, 11:00am

Yoga Class, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

Yoga Class, not advanced, Wednesdays, Senior Room, 9:30-11:00am, call Fran at 456-3099 to register

BACC Board Meeting, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Senior Room, 5:30pm

Computer Tutoring, Fridays, Senior Room, 10:00am (other times by appointment, call Bev Leo at 938-2996)

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For general information or to schedule activities, call Director Jim Bibbo at 938-6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups at the BACC. We would like to offer babysitting for night classes. If anyone would like to provide this service please call the director for further details or questions at 938-6228.

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels or CAP Senior Programs call CAP Program Director, Sandi Bandieri at 938-2104.


For After-school Youth Program information call director Susan Cowan at 526-6415 or 526-2389.

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information call Sarah at 938-2624.

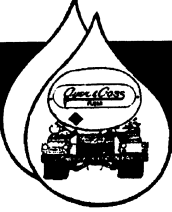
Volunteers Needed

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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Thoughts on a common weed.

An inconspicuous flowering is going on amongst the plants whose leaves are shaped like a goose's foot. Those more conversant with sheep call it "lamb's quarters." Others refer to it and many other plants as "pigweed," alluding to the preferences of the porcine palate. A botanist would clarify nomenclature by calling it *Chenopodium album*, meaning "white goosefoot." Spinach, chard, and beets have similar flowering habits and are considered connected in some distant genetic past.

The ones before me are relations of those arriving from Europe hundreds of years ago in the dirt ballast of ships, discretely attached to the persons of ocean-faring livestock, or were brought intentionally as a food plant. However it arrived, it likes it here very much.

A plant, according to one definition, is a weed if it appears voluntarily and intends to stay. By this definition, the lawn encroaching from all sides of the garden is my most troublesome weed. In 1848, the U.S. Department of Agriculture considered only 10% of North American plants to be "weeds." The USDA now admits that "over 50% of our flora is made up of species that are considered undesirable by some segment of our society." Some of the 40% increase is due to recently introduced species but apparently large segments of the population have become less flexible and have changed their votes.

You won't find any of the USDA-listed weeds in mature ecosystems such as old growth forest or prairie. They can't gain a toehold. It is regrettably difficult to find an intact system of any size and thus the weeds are everywhere. All of these delinquent flora are said to have originated with the shifting glacial masses on the tumultuous edges of change. They thrive on disturbed ground. As the greatest disturbers of ground since before the glaciations, we've afforded them a magnificent renaissance.

Weeds are commensal, meaning that, like our dogs and cats, they feed at the same table. They've followed us wherever we've settled, broken, and/or fertilized the ground. Getting back to the goosefoot, we can sometimes turn that table on them.

For pigs are right—goosefoot can be good to eat both as leaves or seeds. In the eastern U.S. native Americans were beginning to develop a semi-agricultural culture several thousand years BC based on a native species of goosefoot (*Chenopodium hybridum*) and sunflowers. May grass, knotweed, sumpweed, and little barley were also being investigated and these have a much higher protein and oil content than wheat, corn, barley, or rice. Nut sedge could produce a respectable 8.9 tons of tubers per acre given the chance, compared to potatoes at 12 tons per acre. The protein trinity of corn, beans, and squash made their way north and east by 900 AD from Central and South America and experimentation with local crops slacked off. Most native cultures remained primarily hunter/gatherer in part due to this paucity of plant stock and also because there were no longer domesticatable animals to assist in large scale turning of the soil. (North American horses, camels, and other species disappeared, for much-debated reasons, with the arrival of humans on the continent.) A somewhat nomadic lifestyle gave the most return for the energy output for most indigenous cultures.

The noble savage was neither particularly noble nor more savage than anyone else and even 20th century plant breeders haven't been able to do much with these North American grains to make them commercially viable. The seeds remain small and difficult to thresh. Thus we hominids are left with a mere twelve food species, accounting for 80% of the entire tonnage of all crops combined.

One last note: Sara Stein, in her book *My Weeds*, writes that goosefoot seeds retrieved from an archeological site germinated after having been buried for seventeen hundred years. Might as well eat them; they're not going away unless we do.

Other references: *All About Weeds*, Edwin Rollin Spencer; *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, Jared Diamond; and *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*, Euell Gibbons.



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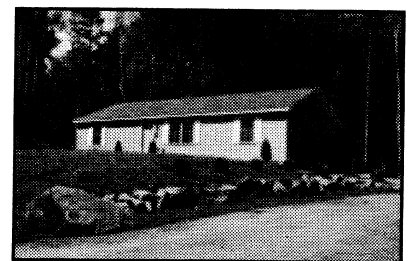
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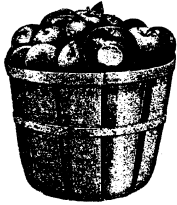


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September Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Kearsarge Regional Schools Open
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Zoning Board of Adjustments, Town Hall,
7:00pm
ZBA Public Hearing, Town Hall, 7:10pm
Bradford Fish & Game Club, Gillingham
Drive, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BACC Governance Board, BACC,
5:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Union Congregational Society Annual
Meeting and pot luck breakfast, Old
Bradford Center, 9:00am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall,
10:00am
Library Trustees, Brown Memorial Li-
brary, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Democratic and Republican Primary Elec-
tions, Town Hall, polls open 8:00am-
7:00pm
Planning Board, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Poetry Workshop for all ages with
Katherine Solomon, sponsored by the
Library Friends, BML, 3:15pm
Bradford Economic Opportunities Com-
mittee, BACC, 7:00pm
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC, 7:00am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Beef Roast sponsored by the Bradford Area
Community Center and the Union
Congregational Society, Old Bradford
Center, 1:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Bradford Women's Club, Annual Tea,
Mountain Lake Inn, 11:30am
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,
7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Country Capitalists, call 938-2787 for
information
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

BACC Governance Board, BACC,
5:30pm
Meet Author Burton Hersh, sponsored by
the Library Friends, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Planning Board, 7:00pm
Thursday, September 26
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am

Thistle Spinners, First Tuesday and subsequent Mondays, Thistle and Shamrock Inn,
1:00-3:00pm

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, Saturdays (call first), 1:30-3:00pm or by
appointment, call 938-5386

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