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Recent Award

Leah Buchar of Rowe Mountain Road in Bradford was recently awarded the President's Award of Excellence in Graphic Arts from the New Hampshire Community Technical College. This achievement reflected her talent, her high grade point average, her positive attitude, and her willingness to help both faculty and students. She was also awarded a James Tyler Memorial Scholarship. She hopes to expand her career as a graphic artist in this area.



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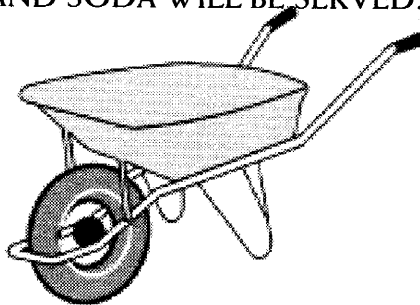


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Hersh Wins Award

Bradford writer Burton Hersh was designated "The Winner" in the category of Commercial Fiction in the *Writers Notes* magazine's competition for his novel, *The Nature of the Beast*, published by Tree Farm Press. Other award categories included: Art, General Fiction, Children's, Young Adult, and Culture. *Writers Notes* is one of the free international resources for promoting writers, authors, and independent presses. For more information about the award, visit: www.WritersNotes.com.

—Audrey V. Sylvester

240 Years of Service Honored

At this week's meeting of Sunapee Lake Grange in South Newbury, several members were recognized for their years of continuous membership in the Grange; Secretary Edythe Craig (65), Treasurer Alice Gove (60), Loren Heath and Sandra Brown Cyr (40) and Pamela Szacik (35). Those present gave thoughts from their years in the Grange. Cyr and Szacik were unable to be present.

The meeting was also the occasion for the annual Baking contest judging. This year's entry was a coffee cake made from scratch.

There were six entries, first place went

to Helen Lynam of Bradford, second place to Annie Whipple of Bradford, and third place went to Carol Fortune of Bradford. The judges were Loren Heath, Arlene Bagley, and Alice Gove.

The Grange is in the process of the legal transfer of ownership of the Grange Hall to the Town of Newbury as the third historical building in the complex on Village Road in South Newbury. The Grange will continue to meet in the hall and welcomes anyone interested in joining. The next regular meeting of the Grange will be May 14th at 7 pm.

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Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. The Bridge reserves the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Beth Rodd/Bev Leo at the address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by the 20th of the month.

Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund



Marilyn Gordon, Robert Stewart, and John Mock of the Bradford Business Association presented Dawn Rich a check for the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund. All proceeds from their 7th annual fund raiser, Historic Homes and Inns Tour, go to the scholarship awarded by the Town of Bradford annually to a deserving local student.

On behalf of the past and future Bradford students and the scholarship committee, thanks go out to the Bradford Business Association for always supporting our youth in their quest for higher education.

Dawn Rich

Senior Council News

The Senior Council of Bradford Area Community Center invites senior neighbors to join a dining and discussion day trip. On Saturday May 8 all interested persons will gather at the Community Center at 11:30 am sharp and carpool to the Rainbow Buffet Restaurant on Storrs St. in Concord. (Chinese & other cuisine: \$5.25 includes senior discount) If you wish to come along (or have questions), please telephone Marcelle Richard at 938-5555 or Phyllis Whall at 938-5352.

BWC Christmas Workshops

Bradford Women's Club Christmas Workshops still continue at the Mountain Lake Inn. All Women's Club members and women that just enjoy crafting are invited to attend. For further information please contact Erica Gross at 938-5566, Jean Gaito at 456-3779, or Tracy Foor at 938-6196.

May 11, 2004 at 11:00 am, bring a bag lunch.

May 25, 2004 at 7:00 pm

June 28, 2004 at 11:00 am bring a bag lunch.

June 22, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

—Tracy Foor

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"We are excited to have the Shaker Singers perform at our church," said Gail Bostic. "Everyone in the area is invited to come and celebrate this special concert."

The Shakers lived a monastic life in many small rural towns throughout New England as well as New York, Kentucky, and as far south as Georgia. An important part of their lives was music. For centuries, singing and dancing were the main ingredients in their church service. People within the villages wrote thousands of songs expressing love and joy. The Elders in each village dutifully recorded shaker history; thus, the songs could be performed for generations. The Enfield Shaker Singers will perform songs relating to spring and give an insight to Shaker life.

As a gift to the community, admission to the spring concert is free and open to the public. Donations, gratefully accepted, will go towards community programs such as this. Free coffee and refreshments will be served following the concert at the Friendship House (next door to the church). For more information call 938-2064.



Quote of the month:

**"Spring is like a
perhaps hand."**

*e.e.cummings (1894-
1962), U.S. poet. Complete
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Donations Needed for Bradford Area Community Center Auction

The Bradford Area Community Center Auction is planned for August 14 at the White Star Auction Hall in Newbury. The BACC is looking for donations of saleable items or services. We are interested in old or new items that are clean and in good condition, gift certificates, professional services, weekend getaways, a cruise in a boat or any other item or service. We will not be accepting electronic equipment, appliances, and some furniture.

The BACC will be accepting donations at the Community Center from 10:00 am to noon on the following Saturdays: May 1 & 15 and June 5 & 19. Additional dates will be added for July and August. Please contact the BACC at 938-6228 for more information.

Bradford Women's Club Update

The May 11 board meeting will be at the Mountain Lake Inn at 9:30am. There will be a craft workshop following at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited. Bring your lunch.

The annual luncheon will be a buffet at the Mountain Lake Inn on May 18 at 11:00 am. A card will be mailed to all members. Please mail in your luncheon money and dues by May 7.

All members are invited to work in the bicentennial garden on Saturday, May 22, at 9:00 am. We need everyone to help.

Our bake sale will be on Saturday, May 29, beginning at 9:00 am in front of the Post Office. Please drop off your baked goods at 8:30 am or phone Jane Johnsen for pickup.

—Barbara Vannata, President

Friends of the Library to Meet

A short meeting, *Ideas, New & Old Friends Meet, Children Welcome* will be the focus of the Friends of Brown Memorial Library's *Annual Meeting*, Sunday, May 16 at 6:00 pm in the library, 78 West Main Street. Light refreshments will be served. Friend's President, Audrey V. Sylvester said, "I encourage anyone interested in thinking up some great, new ideas for library programs to attend the Annual Meeting. Our goal is to bring more people into our beautiful town library. We need several Summer Reading Program leaders who are willing to plan one Wednesday program which includes story time and art/craft activities." The overall title for the four sessions is "Animals in Your Own Backyard." For more information, call: Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948.

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Bradford Conservation Commission / Rural Heritage Connection Update

The small dramas of the planning, fundraising, and town meeting have subsided into the technicalities and legalities of the actual purchase of 72 acres adjoining the existing Bradford Bog conservation area. The exchange of three small town-held lots towards the purchase of this rare Atlantic white cedar swamp proceeded swiftly with \$10,000 added to the conservation fund of the Bradford Conservation Commission. A public hearing will be held on May 18 to formally release money from the conservation fund to be used for the purchase price and legal fees incurred. A well-timed grant of \$10,000 from the Annette and George W. Cottrell, Jr. Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation (NHCF) will arrive soon.

The NHCF is a statewide community foundation, established in 1962. This permanent endowment comes from the gifts from many individuals, families, corporations and organizations. Earnings from the endowment are used to make grants and

loans to nonprofit organizations serving the State and for scholarship awards to New Hampshire residents.

Bradford overwhelmingly voted at the March town meeting to appropriate \$5,000 which, added to funds collected from the astonishing fundraising success of the newly formed Rural Heritage Connection, will complete the deal. Though Bradford has only a small amount of permanently protected land, compared with neighboring towns, this important addition is a good beginning.

Past, present, and future lovers of open space, and wetlands in particular, thank all who donated so generously of their time and resources.

The Rural Heritage Connection meets on the second Monday of every month at 7pm at the Community Center, and the Bradford Conservation Commission meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 at the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Ann Eldredge

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

On Thursday, May 13, the Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford for the annual library and book review meeting. Plan to arrive between 11:30 am and noon to look through the selection of books, tapes and movies available, and if you have a book you'd like to share with the group,

plan to take part in an informal discussion in the afternoon. We'll have the usual bag lunch with dessert and coffee provided by the library helpers at noon and follow with the book reviews. This is a great way to hear about books that are current as well as old favorites you might have missed.

—Clare Bensley

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The children arrive in Warner on July 7 and stay for two weeks until July 21. Host families may select a boy or girl and an approximate age between six and twelve. There are no financial requirements. All that's needed is an extra bed and a seat at the dinner table. "The friendships that develop with these kids can last a lifetime," said Foley.

Families are needed from Hanover to Hopkinton and all places in between. For more information call Joyce Foley at 456 - 3279 or visit www.freshair.org.

Bradford Independence Day Committee

The Bradford Independence Day Committee thanks all that made our Car Wash on Saturday, April 24th, such a great success. Thank you Bradford Fire Department for giving us the facility to use for the day.

The proceeds from the Car Wash lowers the needed amount for a successful Independence Day celebration to \$7,120. Thanks a million for doing this for us!

April Messer



Supervisors of the Checklist

Supervisors of the checklist will be in session on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Bradford Town Hall.

This will be your last opportunity to change your party affiliation for the State Primary on September 14, per RSA 654:34.

New voters please bring proof of residency and age.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

*Ann Lucier
Judy Marshall
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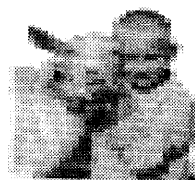
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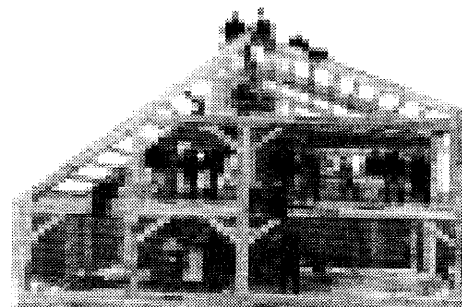
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Jared Raymond Completes Military Police Training

Jared S. Raymond of Springfield and Bradford has completed training and is stationed at Third Marine Air Wing—Miramar, San Diego, California. PFC Raymond graduated from Basic Training at Parris Island, South Carolina on December 19, 2003. PFC Raymond returned home for the holidays, leaving on January 20, 2004 for Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for Military Combat Training (MCT). After completion of MCT, PFC Raymond continued on to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for Military Police (MP) training, graduating on April 22, 2004. PFC Raymond, a 2003 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, is the son of Barbara Raymond, Springfield, Robert Raymond, Bradford, and grandson of James and Dolores Hansen, Newbury.




Bradford Historical Society

On Wednesday, May 26th, the Kearsarge Regional High School's Music Department will present their Fifth Annual Spring Musical Program in Bradford. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy these talented and professional local students sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society.

Bradford Country Squares

Bradford Country Squares will host a square dance at the Town Hall on Saturday, May 22. Mike Petitbon and Matt Auger will be calling A1 from 7:00 until 8:00 pm and Mainstream/Plus from 8:00 until 10:30 pm. There will be no rounds. Price of admission is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. For more information you may call Bob Trombley at 763-3044. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

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Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd

Although the 2003-2004 Legislative Session is winding down to a halt, several controversial and emotional bills have stimulated lively discussion and generated enormous amounts of e-mail, calls and snail mail.

Judiciary SB 427, relative to the definition of marriage: this bill defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman (already so defined in NH law) and stipulates that same sex unions legalized in other states will not be recognized in NH. It further calls for a study of the topic of contractual agreements. Many regard this bill as a civil rights issue and point to the problems of, for instance, same sex couples not being recognized legally when one may be dying. Issues related to legal custody of children of same sex couples, health insurance, and other benefits afforded to heterosexual couples are other areas of concern. Many people opposed to civil unions or same sex marriages believe that homosexuality is a sin and that recognizing such unions would threaten the structure of marriage and society.

Children and Family Law SB 335, relative to access to birth records: this bill has generated more comment than any bill this year. Adoptees want to know their roots, from where they came and who they look like, the basic facts of their origins that non-adoptees take for granted. They want to know their medical history and believe deprivation of basic information about their birth family makes them second class citizens. Opponents believe that implied (though not legal) promises of anonymity to parents who gave their children up for adoption should be honored. Although

adoption agencies oppose this bill, adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents spoke passionately in favor of it.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety SB 513, relative to the death penalty. This bill raises the age for which the death penalty may be applied from 17 years to 18 years and passed the House with an overwhelming majority. Only Somalia and the United States allow the execution of minors. Recent studies at Harvard University conclude that adolescent brain development in 17 year olds is incomplete, particularly in regard to judgment and impulsivity. Governor Benson has announced that he will veto this bill, thus returning NH to the shameful past of allowing the execution of children.

Two well-known Democrats are expected to challenge Gov. Benson for the corner office. State Rep. and House Minority Leader Peter Burling is exploring a race as is former Attorney General Phil McLaughlin. Both are well known, highly regarded men with a host of rich experience in government.

On a final note, HB 1292 redistricts our towns again so that Bradford and Henniker will constitute one district with 2 Reps, Sutton and Newbury together with 1 Rep., and Warner, Webster, and Hopkinton with 3 Reps. Although this arrangement makes sense in providing smaller towns with direct representation, some pols are concerned that redistricting more than once every ten years (we have eight to go) will set a precedent for easing restrictions on gerrymandering in the future.

Rep. Beth Rodd
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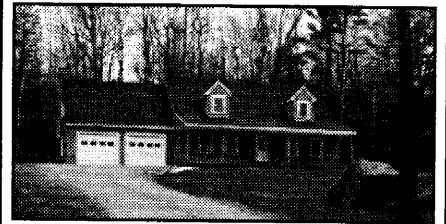
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—Heather Turner



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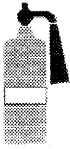
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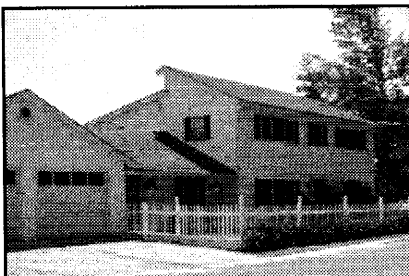
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Live streaming video from the Peregrine Falcon nest box located on the New Hampshire Tower building in downtown Manchester is available again on the New Hampshire Audubon web site. Visit the site, www.nhaidubon.org, to learn more about the 2004 falcon breeding season and to see the nest, which currently has five eggs in it, an unusually large clutch for this species.

Two video cameras were installed by the nest last year that allow visitors to Audubon's web site to view the falcons during the nesting season, which should end around June 15 when the chicks take their first flights. Although a falcon nesting box was installed on the New Hampshire Tower over a decade ago, this is just the fourth year that peregrines have used the site as a place to raise their young. Peregrines traditionally prefer a cliff or rock face as a nest site, but there are many locations around the country where falcons now nest on bridges, buildings, or smokestacks. The Manchester nest is the first successful urban nest site documented in the three northern New England states.

Several years ago, wildlife biologists involved in the regional Peregrine Falcon recovery program color-banded both of Manchester's adult falcons when they were

chicks. Manchester's adult male falcon was raised at Cathedral Ledge near North Conway, New Hampshire, in 2000. Manchester's adult female falcon was raised on the Throgs Neck Bridge in New York City in 1999.

To date, the pair has laid five eggs, an unusually large number for peregrines. "Typically, peregrines lay three or four," said Chris Martin, Senior Biologist for New Hampshire Audubon. "Falcon food, mostly pigeons and starlings, is especially abundant in urban areas, and sometimes city-nesting peregrines will lay a fifth egg. What would be especially noteworthy would be for all five eggs to successfully hatch and all five chicks to successfully fledge from the nest."

Peregrine falcon monitoring and management in New Hampshire is coordinated by New Hampshire Audubon with the support and guidance of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the cooperation of various other federal, state, and private land owners and managers, the additional support of individual Audubon donors, and with the extraordinarily important help of many volunteer climbers and birders.

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Purple Martin Series

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Jane Caputi teaches Women's Studies at Florida Atlantic University. She is the author of *The Age of Sex Crime* and *Gossips, Gorgons and Crones: The Fates of the Earth*. Her new book, *Goddesses and Monsters*, will be published this summer. She resides in Boca Raton, Florida.



Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) will be holding our annual Monitoring Workshop on Monday June 14. If you enjoying hiking in the woods and reading maps, you might like to join us and learn how to be a monitor for one of our easement properties.

Each of our conservation easement properties must be monitored once a year. The monitors are responsible for walking the property bounds and making sure there are no violations to the terms of the easement. Most properties take about half a day to monitor and then there is a short form to be filled out and we request that you write a

short narrative of your visit. We encourage monitors to walk the properties in the fall, before hunting season begins. Most of our monitors continue to do the same property year after year and become very comfortable with the boundaries.

Our monitoring workshop will be held in the afternoon on June 14 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. We will teach you how to use a compass, read a survey map, pace off a distance and fill out the form. If you enjoy being outdoors, this is a great volunteer project for you! To sign up for the workshop, call the ASLPT office at 526-6555.

Soo Nipi Audubon Chapter

For the first time, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a slide program on birds found in southeast Asia, on Friday, May 14, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Speaker Harord Swartz will use power point projection for his presentation entitled, "Birds and Other Interesting Things in Southern Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia." This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For additional information contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Sunday, May 23, Peter Newbern will lead a Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter Bird-athon to raise funds for local programming. This birding trip is open to all participants regardless of skill level. Bring binoculars and meet Peter at Cricenti's Market parking lot in New London at 8:00 am. Birders may elect to spend all or part of the day. Contact Peter at 763-4308 for further details.

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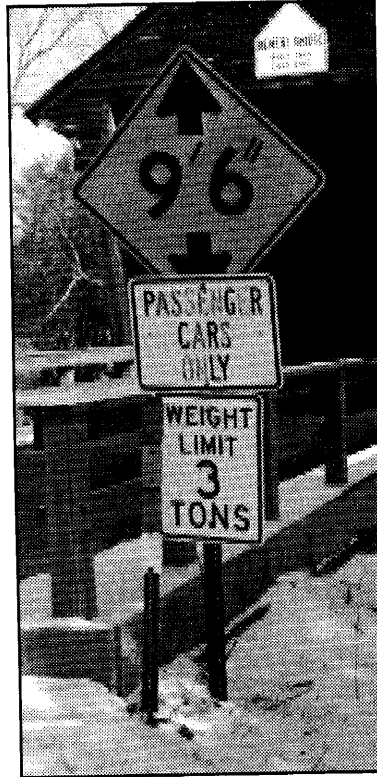
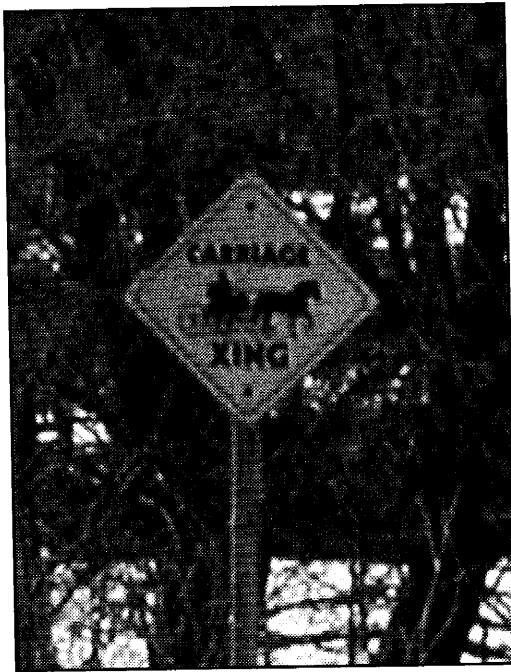
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Signs of Our Town



From Dairy to Doorstep: A Journey Back to Days of the Milkman

New Englanders remember fondly the days when milkmen brought dairy-fresh products to the doorstep each morning. The Museum of New Hampshire History will bring back the era of glass bottles in a new exhibition entitled "From Dairy to Doorstep: Milk Delivery in New England, 1860-1960." The exhibition will open on Saturday, May 1, and will chronicle the origins of home milk delivery and the heyday of the milkman.

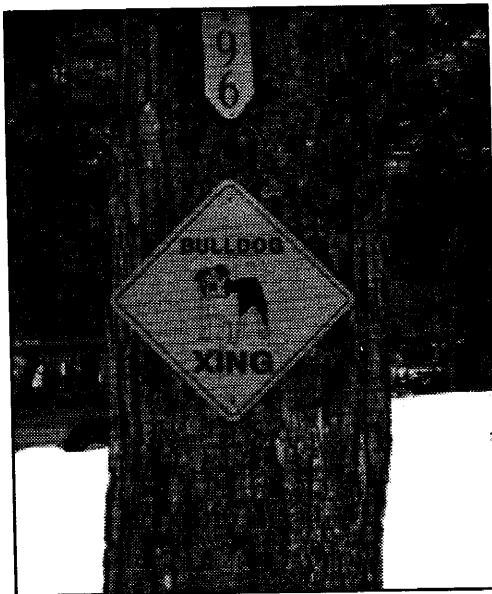
From Dairy to Doorstep takes us on a nostalgic journey through artifacts from when the milk bottle was king, with period advertisements, toys, photographs, cream separation gadgets, and even a re-created 1950s style kitchen. Tales and interviews



will also help to tell how the New England milkman touched so many lives. From Dairy to Doorstep will also give context to today's younger generations of what milk production, delivery, and consumption were like in the decades past.

The milkman was a part of the morning landscape bringing fresh milk, cream, and butter in all kinds of weather. The interactive exhibition lets kids try their hand at butter churns and milking a model cow. Video interviews also give first-hand insight into what it was like to deliver the milk to New England's homes, be it by horse-drawn wagons, truck, or sleds. There will also be a memory book for visitors to share their own dairy to doorstep era memories.

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Obituary

LEONARD F. WHEELER

Leonard F. Wheeler, 86, died April 8 at Concord Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Concord, the son of Leonard and Blanche (Drew) Wheeler.

He was a lifelong resident of New Hampshire.

He served in the Army with Battery K, 204th Coast Artillery for five years, stationed in Portland, Maine, during WWII.

Wheeler worked as an excavating contractor until retiring. He also worked as a road agent in Bradford from 1959 to 1965.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Concord and a former member of the Bradford Fire Department and the Bradford Fish & Game Club.

He was known for his dowsing ability.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen (Thurston) Wheeler of Boscawen; three daughters, Kathie Messer of Bradford, Janet Peterson of Vinalhaven, Maine, and June Chism of Merrimack; a sister, June Hall of New Hampshire; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

His wife, Devona Wheeler died in 2001; four brothers and a sister died previously. The Rev. Lynne Hubley officiated at his funeral. Burial was at Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, PO Box 381, Bradford, 03221; or to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA, PO Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

Protect Your Skin While Enjoying Spring Weather

American Cancer Society Tips for Skin Cancer Awareness Month:

Most skin cancers can be prevented. Building lifetime safe-sun habits is simple, and there's no better time to begin than Skin Cancer Awareness Month, which begins on May 1.

It's easy to enjoy the outdoors year-round by remembering the following American Cancer Society skin protection tips:

• **Seek shade:** Look for shade, especially in the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest (between 10:00am and 4:00pm). Practice the shadow rule and teach it to children. If your shadow is shorter than you, the sun's rays are at their strongest.

• **Slip on a shirt:** Cover up with protective clothing to guard as much skin as possible when you are out in the sun. Choose comfortable clothes made of tightly woven fabrics that you cannot see through when held up to a light.

• **Slop on sunscreen:** Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Apply a generous amount (about a palmful) and reapply after swimming, toweling dry, or perspiring. Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

• **Slap on a hat:** Cover your head with a wide-brimmed hat, shading your face, ears, and neck. If you choose a baseball cap, remember to protect your ears and neck with sunscreen. Wear sunglasses with 99–100 percent ultraviolet (UV) light absorption to provide optimal protection for the eyes and the surrounding skin.

Parents play a special role in protecting the health of their children. Research has shown a link between sunburns in early childhood and an increased risk of skin cancers later in life. It is especially important for kids to protect their skin. However, sunscreen is not recommended for infants younger than six months, so keep babies out of direct sunlight and protected with comfortable clothing.

People of all ages should avoid tanning beds and sun lamps, which increase one's exposure to UV radiation—a major risk factor for skin cancer. Damage from UV radiation is cumulative.

Get familiar with your own skin, noticing the normal patterns of moles, freckles, or other spots in order to catch anything suspicious early. Skin cancer often starts with a change on the skin, especially in the size or color of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot. If you notice a change, show it to your doctor immediately. Melanoma—the most serious form of the disease—usually begins as a small, mole-like growth that increases in size and changes color. A simple ABCD rule outlines the warning signs of melanoma:

A is for asymmetry: One half of the mole does not match the other half.

B is for border irregularity: The edges are ragged, notched, or blurred.

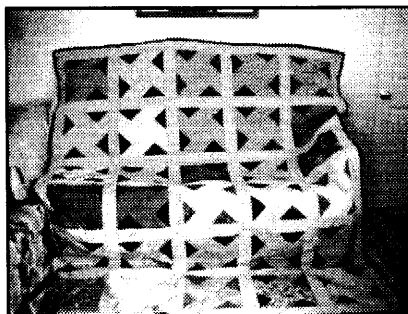
C is for color: The pigmentation is not uniform, with variable degrees of tan, brown, or black.

D is for diameter: The mole is more than six millimeters (about ¼ of an inch) wide.

For more information about prevention and early detection of skin cancer, call the American Cancer Society 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-ACS-2345 (voice) or 1-866-228-4327 (TTY), or visit www.cancer.org.

—Margery Colten, State Director of Communications, American Cancer Society

First Baptist Church Raffle



First Baptist Church Multi-raffle includes this hand-sewn Quilt. Also, 2 Red Sox Baseball Tickets, August 9 at 7 pm; Vicki's Florist Shop, \$25 Gift Certificate; Appleseed Restaurant, \$20 Gift Certificate; One-Hour Massage with P. Monaghan, LMT.

Raffle Ticket Price is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing is July 3, 2004 at 3:00 pm at the First Baptist Church Fair, Main Street, Bradford, NH.

Vendor Space is available, 1'2' X 12' at the Fair on July 3, 9 am to 3 pm. Price for space is \$15. For information, call 927-6335 or 928-2167.

Bradford Fish & Game Club

The Bradford F&G Club Annual Trout Fishing Derby for children will be held at the Bradford Fire Department on June 5th. For information about this event, contact President Chip Meany, 938-52081 or Trudy Willett, 938-2884.



Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports

The BNSYS baseball/softball season is off to a great start! Over 150 area children, from ages five to fourteen, have come out to play on the eleven teams we are hosting this year. Our Babe Ruth games are played on the big diamond at Warren Brook Park. Our T-Ball, Rookie Ball, and Minors/Majors teams play on the fields at the Elementary School and Brown-Shattuck Park. Our two girls' softball teams play their home games at Brown-Shattuck Park.

We thank all those who came out for our field cleanup days on April 10 & 17. With the rental donation of a brush chipper from Steve Pitman at the Lumber Barn, we undertook a major project trimming branches and limbs at Warren Brook Park and Brown-Shattuck Park. An added benefit of the brush clearing at Warren Brook Park was the exposure of our beautiful stone wall which borders the deep right and center field lines. This wall is a unique feature of our park! Thanks to the Lumber Barn for their continued support of our programs.

Game schedules are posted at our Snack Shacks at Brown-Shattuck Park and the Elementary School. Enjoy a hot dog, snack, and cold drink from our Snack Shacks which are open at every game! There's a home game played every weeknight and every Saturday on one of our fields, so come out and cheer on our teams!

Joe Torro, BNSYS



Real Estate Hints:

Real Estate Investing 101
by Laura Hallaban

Today's market is bringing out investors who feel that real estate offers a better return than stocks or 401K plans. This column has touched on investing and buying second homes in the past and offers this refresher:

First, you must put in time and effort to learn how to look at each town and property the way a seasoned investor would. You can choose to invest in new construction, existing properties in good condition, or a fixer-upper that needs quite a bit of work. With fixer-uppers, be advised that it makes a difference if you can do the work yourself or if you have to hire out – you don't want your profits going to pay someone else. After all, the whole idea behind investing is to buy something that will give you optimal return within the time period you desire.

Second, stop by the town hall and find out if the town has a master plan and pick up zoning ordinances and any other public information that will help you decide which town will allow you to do what you want to do. Know what hurdles you may encounter, what days and times various boards meet and how long it will take you to get approval on the things you may want to do with the property.

Armed with the knowledge you need, look for properties in the path of future growth. Check out neighborhoods and see what is going on in terms of growth. Check out schools, restaurants, public facilities, shopping and services, and look at crime statistics and trends. In general, there are several signs that tell you when a community is on the rise. These include multiple offers being made on homes for sale, a lack of rental properties, homeowners who are remodeling or trading up to better homes in the area, buyers from other areas moving in to town, lots of "sold" and "sale pending" signs in the area, and improvements in streets, sidewalks and town services. Be wary, however, of some signs. An area that has many "sold" or "sale pending" signs could also mean you have missed the wave and an area with many "for sale" signs could indicate a good investment or an area on its way down.

Just looking at our towns in the Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region, I can easily say that we are in the path of future growth without question. Looking at requests for building permits, knowing that towns have already started thinking about how to manage growth, and seeing how many people are relocating to our area, now is the time to invest in real estate in this area. Think of the person who owned the land purchased for the proposed middle school. Or how about buying in Goshen with the idea that perhaps Mt. Sunapee will get approval to expand? Though prices continue to rise and finding a bargain gets tougher and tougher, our area still offers many possibilities for the investor. Read the local papers and keep an eye on the market and be ready to make your move when the opportunity arises.



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Selectmen's Meetings in April

April 6. James Mullaney met with Selectmen regarding the process of gaining town acceptance of the road on the Stebbings Subdivision. Selectmen explained the matter would require a vote of Town meeting in March of 2005. Mr. Mullaney questioned the bonding of the road to assure acceptance and the Selectmen replied that they could not guarantee the passage under any conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmes met with Selectmen to discuss the possibility of obtaining a building permit on property owned by Jennifer Sayre. The Selectmen reviewed with them some of the problems with the Class VI access to the property and explained the high cost to develop. A copy of the last correspondence to Ms. Sayre listing the items needing attention was shared with Mr. and Mrs. Elmes.

Bob Foor, chairman of the Planning Board, met with Selectmen to sign the contracts for the Central NH Regional Planning Commission Circuit Rider and the Master

Plan project. Selectmen questioned Mr. Foor on the type of services to be provided by the Circuit Rider. Mr. Foor explained the type of assistance available and the proposed hours the service would be offered. The original schedule will be Wednesday mornings from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Circuit Rider will also attend Planning Board meetings.

The Selectmen approved the transfer of money from the NH Deposit Pool to the operating account for short-term cash flow.

Selectmen signed current Use applications for the three Penhallow lots sold to Andrews per the vote of Town Meeting

Request for permission to set up a hot dog concession at the Bradford Pines was referred to the State Dept. of Transportation as the area is in the State right-of-way.

Selectmen signed Forest fire warden appointment papers.

Intent to cut for Norcross was signed (map 3 lot 6).

Bradford Parks and Recreation

Our ad is going out for our part time Director. We are very excited about this new position. We thank the Town for their approval. P&R has grown much in the past few years with a great group volunteering a lot of their time. Know it will continue to grow with a part time Director at the helm. The Red Cross Summer Swim Program put on in conjunction with The Bradford Women's Club will run for 2 weeks beginning Monday July 22. We are delighted that Nicole Wallace will be the instructor again this year. Applications will be at the Town Hall, Post Office, and the Bradford Area Community Center in late May.

Bradford Batonnettes have a great enrollment this year. Looking forward to their

performance in the Independence Day Parade on July 3rd.

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Clean Up at French's Park on Saturday May 22. In the past, it seems it's the same families, the Hall's, Flintsrom's, Allen's, Raymond's, Pickman's and Lucas's. Know there's a lot more families who enjoy the park. Would love to see them there. So, bring your yard tools and join us. It's work but we have fun working together and seeing the end results. Also looking for beach toys. The kids really enjoy having the toys right there at the beach.

Jane Lucas 938-2570

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Bradford Area Community Center

May 2004 Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 3

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am
 Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am
 Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Senior Center: Bradford Quilting Bees, 10:00 am–noon

Senior Center: Massage with Pamela Monaghan, 10:30 am–noon

Yoga, 6:00–7:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Yoga, 9:30–11:00 am

TBI, 4:00–5:00 pm

Bereavement Group, 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Purple Martin Series: "Pornography in Everyday Life" presentation by Jane Caputi, Professor of Women's Studies, Florida Atlantic University, 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: "Continental Breakfast Cafe", 9:00–11:00 am

Computer Class, 10:00–noon

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Senior Council, 11:30 am

MONDAY, MAY 10

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 6:00–7:30 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Brownies, 3:00–4:30 pm

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:15

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Yoga Class, 9:30–10:45 am

Bereavement Group, 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Senior Center: National Senior Center Week Celebration. Everyone is invited to our Open House. Displays will show the Center's activities and services. Come for lunch and ask the seniors themselves. There are plenty of stories to hear! Reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 5

Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board, 5:30–7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: "Continental Breakfast Cafe", 9:00–11:00 am

Senior Center: Dave Poisson from Mr. Fixit will be available to discuss services or answer questions, 10:00 am–noon

Computer Class, 10:00 am

MONDAY, MAY 17

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Senior Center: Bradford Quilting Bees, 10:00 am–noon

Yoga Class, 6:00–7:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Yoga Class, 9:30–10:45 am

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: "Continental Breakfast Cafe", 9:00–11:00 am

Computer Class, 10:00 am

MONDAY, MAY 24

Senior Center: Strong Living Exercises, 8:45 am

Senior Center: Craft Club, 10:00 am

Bridge Group, 1:00–4:00 pm

Program Information

For general information or to schedule an activity, call Director Jarna Perkins at 938–6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups, organizations, or activities at the BACC.

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

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information, contact Heather Cooper at 938–2668.



Senior Lunch Schedule

Lunch is served at 12 noon. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. You might be surprised who you'll meet!

Advance reservations are appreciated.

Mon., May 3: Baked Ham, Baked Beans, Brown Bread, Coleslaw, and Peaches for dessert.

Tues., May 4: Salisbury steak, Whipped Potato, Garden Blend Veggie, Wheat Bread, and Cookie for dessert.

Thurs., May 6: Build your own Taco Salad, Nacho Chips, Seasoned Meat, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Olives, Cheese, and ice cream for dessert.

Mon., May 10: Mother's Day Luncheon with Chicken Cordon Blue, Wild Rice, Broccoli Floret's, and Cookie for dessert. Please reserve space by Tues. May 4.

Tues., May 11: Stuffed Peppers, Whipped Potato, Veggie Blend, Rye Bread, and Cake for Dessert.

Thurs., May 13: National Senior Center Week Celebration with Roast Pork with Seasoned Apples, Stuffing, Whipped Potatoes,

Butternut Squash, Dinner Roll, and a special dessert. Reservations must be made by Wed., May 5.

Mon., May 17: Macaroni and Cheese, Cranberry Juice, Stewed Tomatoes, French bread, and Yogurt for dessert.

Tues., May 18: Chicken Teriyaki, Pineapple Tidbits, Rice, Oriental Veggie, and a Fortune Cookie for dessert.

Thurs., May 20: Meatloaf with Gravy, Mashed Potato, Garden Blend Veggie, and cookie for dessert.

Mon., May 24: Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potato, Broccoli Floret's, and Pudding for dessert.

Tues., May 24: No lunch served today at the Bradford Senior Center.

Thurs., May 27: Memorial Day tribute—Pot Roast, Whipped Potato, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, and Apple Crisp for dessert.

Computer Solutions

Most of us are now using a computer at home, at the office, for fun or for work. The computer is a useful machine that can do a lot for us, but its complexity can be overwhelming. This occasional column will take some of the mystery out of that box sitting on your desk and help it to be more productive and less troublesome for you. My comments apply to PC machines.

The first tip is to keep it clean and uncluttered, at least as far as the inside goes. You have some tools to help you. Click Start, then Programs, Accessories, System Tools. There you will find Disk Cleanup, Disk Defragmenter, and System Information. The System Information will tell you more than you want or need to know about your computer, but you should look at it at least once. Wow!

Click on Disk Cleanup, and follow the directions in the windows. The program will first look to see how much room you can save by eliminating unneeded files.

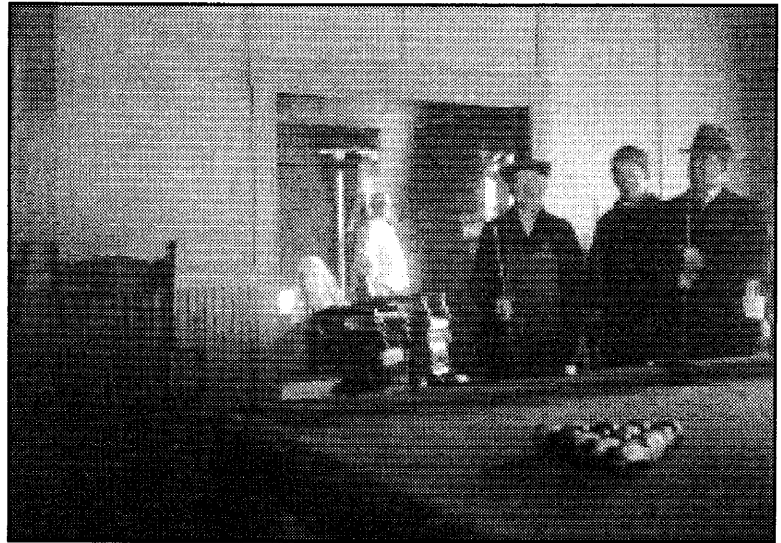
When that is finished, click on Disk Defragmenter. If your hard drive is disorganized, you will be advised to start defragmenting. If you have not done this in a while, it can take one or more hours to perform, so be patient. A note: Close all running programs, including your power management (that turns your monitor off when not being used) or the process will restart interminably.

If you have questions about these procedures, you can call Bev Leo 938-2996 or e-mail bleo@iamnow.net.

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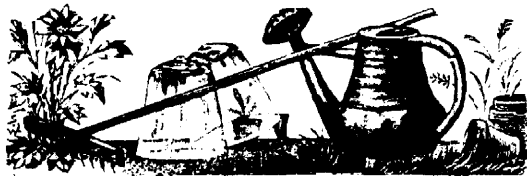
Then...

by Milly Kittredge



Been a long winter. Time for the men to get out for some social activity. Upstairs in the I.G.A. pool room and barber shop. Best guess puts the time in the 1930's.

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Turkey Dinner

The South Newbury Church is making plans for a Turkey Dinner (with all the fixings) and homemade desserts. The date will be Saturday, May 1 from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. The dinner will be held in the Friendship House in South Newbury (corner of Sutton and Village Roads). The Friendship House is handicap accessible. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 through 11. Those under five years old eat for free. Take out will be available. There will also be great raffle items. Make sure you don't miss this popular dinner. All are welcome. For more information call 938-5369.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley



Crop Walk; On Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 pm, our church will be joining The United Church of Warner and the First Free Will Baptist Church for a 3 mile walk around Keysar Lake in N. Sutton. This is to sponsor Church World Service in their fight against hunger. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker, you can call the church office at 938-5313.

Mission Rally; On Monday, May 3 at 7:00 pm, we will be having 3 missionaries from Myanmar, formerly Burma, come and share their experiences. The Rev. Simon Pau Khan En and Thang Cin Sum and their son, Sum, will be with us. Sum will also be sharing some special music. After their presentation, we will be making ice cream sundaes.

Mother-Daughter Celebration: On Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm, ladies of all ages are invited to come for an evening of desserts, teas, and fellowship. Grandmothers are encouraged to wear purple; mothers, red; and daughters, pink. We will be listening to some funny and inspiring stories about grandmothers, mothers, and children. You do not need to be a mother to enjoy the evening. We are celebrating all of God's daughters.

Barn Cleaning Day; On Sunday, May 16, right after church, we will be cleaning out our beautiful barn. It needs sorting out, organizing, and taking many items to the dump. Pick-up trucks would be a bonus.

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 are invited to join youth group. Both of our gatherings in May will be held at the church. We will be meeting on Tuesday, May 18, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm to have a 'Trash Scavenger Hunt'. We will then be making artistic creations out of some junk items and enjoy Mud Pie for a snack. We will also meet on Tuesday, May 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The theme for the night will be "Trust". The activities/games will include "Blind Banana Splits", "Body guards and Workers", and "Blind Bump".

Food Pantry; The May distribution date is Wednesday, May 19, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Men's Fellowship. The men are invited to the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 pm for an evening of pool, refreshments and fun.

Roast Beef Dinner; On Monday, May 24, at 6:00 pm, the House Committee of church will be cooking a delicious roast beef dinner complete with mashed potatoes, gravy, harvest beets, green bean casserole, rolls and an assortment of home-made desserts. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Please make reservations by calling 938-5313.

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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

The Easter Egg Hunt was amazing this year. We had 70 children attend with their families and friends. Thank you so much to the Friends of the Library for organizing the hunt and to Jan Riley and friends for stuffing 500 eggs! We will have to hide lots more next year. Thanks to all the parents for helping to make it a safe event for the children. Please bring any thoughts or ideas to the annual Friends of the Library meeting Sunday, May 16 at 6:00pm at the library.

Thank you Lynn and Jim Horgan of the Thistle and Shamrock Inn and Restaurant for donating materials and their labor to install our new watering system for the library garden. Where would we be without our dedicated volunteers?

We had a decadent evening at our last book-to-movie discussion. Not only did we discuss the book and movie *Chocolat*, but a fair amount of chocolate was consumed in the process. The next book to movie discussion will be on *The Quiet American* by Graham Greene, Friday, June 4 at 7:00pm at the library. Copies of the book are available at the library circulation desk.

Our first book sale of the season will be on Saturday, May 29 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. We are loaded with newly

donated books, lots of novels, cookbooks, and a nice selection of children's paperback chapter books. Please come and help us out by buying a few sacks full of books! The price is very reasonable and all proceeds will benefit the library.

Here are some of the new books added to your library in April.

For adults:

Sunset and Sawdust by Joe Lansdale

Firestorm by Iris Johansen

The Serpent's Trail by Sue Henry

A Walk on the Beach by Joan Anderson

Divining Women by Kaye Gibbons

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

Ten Minutes from Normal by Karen Hughes

A Year at the Races by Jane Smiley

The Full Cupboard of Life by Alexander McCall Smith

Kite Runner by Kahled Hosseini

For children:

The Summer of the Sea Serpent by Mary Pope Osborne

Home by Jeannie Baker

Trucks Whiz, Zoom, Rumble by Patricia Hubbell

Billy Tibbles Moves Out by Jan Fearnley

Hurricanes by Seymour Simon

Seasons by Charlotte Zolotow



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Area Events

Main Street BookEnds of Warner, 16 East Main Street, Warner:

Friday, May 7, 7:00 pm Music with Richard King & Friends

Saturday, May 8, Mother's Day Weekend Bloomin' BookEnds Returns, with hardy New England perennials. Featuring native New England and Appalachian Woodlanders - Stop by to check out our complete list or to make a special order request.

Sunday, May 9, 1:30 pm Shape Note Singing, Every second Sunday of the Month; open to all.

Friday, May 14, 7:00 pm Vermont author of *Woodchuck's Guide to Gardening*, Ron Krupp, presents *Organic Smorganic - What Does it Mean Anyway?*

Saturday, May 15, noon Storyteller Odds Bodkin, signing and discussing newest release, *The Harper & The King: The Story of Young David*.

Friday, May 21, 7:00 pm Jane King presents workshop on Energy Medicine.

Friday, May 28, No show tonight.

Friday, June 4 7:00 pm Mink Hills Bluegrass Band, \$10 Donation at the door.

Sunday, June 6, 3:00 pm Join us in the Gallery for a Piano Recital, presented by students of Darlene Nevins.

NH Progressive Coalition

A group of 80 NH activists, tentatively calling themselves the NH Progressive Coalition gathered at New England College on April 17th to network, to consider common issues and concerns, and to weigh what their relationship, if any, with the Democratic Party might be.

After an address by Kathy Sullivan, Chair of the NH Democratic Party, people worked in small groups to discuss the formation of a Department of Peace, an exit strategy for Iraq, and ways to counteract war, increase voter participation, challenge corporate power, and participate in the platform process at both the state and national level.

After the discussions, the group adopted, through consensus, two resolutions, the first regarding an Exit Strategy from Iraq and the second regarding Universal Health Care. The group will present these resolutions to both the state and the national Democratic party.

The group will meet again on May 15th. For further information contact Pat Frisella at frisella@worldpath.net.

The Fells seeks Tour Guides

The Fells is seeking volunteers interested in leading visitors along the nature trail and through the historic gardens, as part of a new program of guided nature walks and garden tours. The Fells, an historic estate, is part of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge on Lake Sunapee.

"We're looking for people who are eager to share their love of the natural world and their enthusiasm for gardens," said Maggie Stier, director of The Fells. "You don't need to be an expert in anything, just have an interest and a willingness to learn more."

Nature guides will lead small groups along the 1½-mile ecology trail that meanders through field and forest, follows the Sunapee shoreline and crosses Beech Brook. Garden guides will walk visitors through the different garden areas at The Fells, including a nationally known rock garden, explaining the overall design and history of the landscape and pointing out unusual plants.

Free training for guides begins in mid-April, with two general orientation sessions on April 13 and 15, and continues through early summer.

Anyone interested in becoming a guide should call The Fells, at 763-4789, Stier said.

Several of the training programs are open to the public, including a trail walk led by New London naturalist Ruth White on May 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and a forest history hike with Dave Anderson, Education Director with the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests, on June 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

"It's a very rewarding experience to share your knowledge with other people," said Lynn Johnson, who is chairing the nature guide program. "Guides will learn a lot about the natural world. It's certainly been a benefit for me—the more I know, the more I enjoy being in the woods."

Stier said visitors who've gone on the historic house tours at The Fells have asked for similar guided tours of the gardens and trails. "We're pleased that, with support from volunteers, we'll be able to meet this need and help people understand and enjoy this beautiful place even more," she said.

Tours of the house, gardens and trails will begin Memorial Day weekend, when The Fells opens for the season.

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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

It was Tillie Wheeler who introduced me to trailing arbutus. By the middle of April she would be searching the upper ledge of the Route 114 cut by her home for the early fragrant flowers. Carrying sprigs home, they would be admired as a first sign of spring. This year I went to find some for her.

The ledges can be reached from the Whitman Park, by what was once known as the Fitness Trail. It has been renamed the Tillie Wheeler Trail in her honor and runs on a short section of the old railroad bed between Church Street and Gillingham Drive. It's a short stroll through history. A geologist could describe a much longer story in the impressive narrow rock passageway, but what the casual observer notes is a series of disjointed stone walls. Sometimes double runs, sometimes unexpected right angle turns - they trace boundaries and livestock patterns we can only guess at today.

The walls and farms here were disrupted by the westward expansion of the steam engine. The tracks had reached Bradford by 1850, but the laborious job of blasting through Newbury to Newport and Claremont hadn't been completed until 1872. By 1960, the trains had become obsolete, expensive and thus retired. In 1969, Route 103 came through, ignoring the paths of both stonewalls and railroad beds. This piece of railway, now minus its track, was given to the town by Phyllis Felton Webb, after the State gave up its ownership to abutters. In 1977, the then recently formed Bradford Conservation Commission, assisted by Boy Scouts, interested citizens and the Central Regional NH Planning Commission planned to turn this acquisition into a physical fitness trail. They received a \$500 grant from the Ella Anderson Fund to erect a series of fitness "stations" with sturdy signage. It seems a quaint notion today.

In the same year, an additional 1.8 acres was given to the town. This odd lot had been cut off and rendered somewhat useless to most enterprise by the changing route of the highway. Its owners, James A. Kelley and Richard Whitman, had joked that perhaps they'd grant

it to the town as a park to immortalize themselves. Unfortunately, Mr. Whitman then up and died young, and his business partner and friend went ahead and donated the Whitman park to the town.

It is alongside this hidden downtown park with its pines now reaching impressive size, under the highway powerlines that the trailing arbutus grows. In some states, *Epigaea repens*, this perfumed wildflower, is awarded the protected status given to rare and endangered plants. It is the state flower of Massachusetts, where it was given the name "mayflower" by the first settlers. May is much too late for this flower though, and some believe it was named in honor of their ship. Why the ship was named the Mayflower would be a

serious digression here. Its scientific name means "creeping on the earth". The arbutus's particular cravings prevent it from being abundant anywhere, as its location here demonstrates. Rubbing elbows with wintergreen, pine seedlings, partridgeberry and princess pine, it is clearly a staunch fan of acid soils. This is not unusual, but its requirement for sun and constant dampness make it finicky about the setting. Arbutus will die rather than transplant. And here it sits in full sun on the top of a

ledge in a bed of sphagnum moss, a wetland plant.

On a foggy spring day it is a haunted sort of walk. There is much work to do, cleaning up debris, filling the low cut with gravel. It appears that the green and white signs directing spirited calisthenics are being swallowed by the overgrowing calluses of the trees. Most people who orchestrate their exercise do so with the aid of expensive, digitally enforced machinery, but I like the fitness trail. Picture sturdy New Englanders at station #14 doing ten pushups among the sloping granite boulders or leg swings at #15 in the snow. The builders of the stonewalls and the railroad would be amused.



TRAILING ARBUTUS

May Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, BACC 7:00 pm
Bradford Cemetery Committee. Call 938-5539

MONDAY, MAY 3

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall, 10:00 am
Library Trustees, BML, 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Selectmen, Town Hall, 5:00 pm
Zoning Board, Town Hall, 7:30 pm
F&G Club, Club House, 7:30 pm

MONDAY, MAY 10

Rural Heritage Commission, BACC, 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee, BACC, 7:00 pm
Bradford-Newbury Workshop, Friendship House, So. Newbury, 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Bradford Women's Club Board Meeting, Mountain Lake Inn, 9:30 am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 18

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 7:30 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

KRHS Musical Program, First Baptist Church, 7:30 pm

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

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open most Saturdays from 1:30-3:00 pm or by appointment, call 938-5386

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