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## Autumn In New Hampshire: Apples, Pumpkins & Politics



Bradford residents show their support for the candidates of their choice. Redistricting has made this November's state elections a challenge for candidates, and close races in federal elections have led to intensive campaign efforts that keep our phones and our mailboxes full. Polls in Bradford will be open at Town Hall from 8:00am-7:00pm.

## Constitutional Questions on the November 5<sup>th</sup> Ballot

At the polls this November 5<sup>th</sup>, voters in New Hampshire will be asked two questions relating to our state constitution. The first deals with an amendment that supporters say would restore a proper balance of power between the branches of government. The process in New Hampshire is that the Legislature passes statutes and the courts make the rules. In the past, these two branches shared the authority with the legislative statute superseding the court rule in the event of a conflict unless the statute is found to be unconstitutional. In 1978, the constitution was amended and an article was added that allowed the courts to write their own rules. The intent of the 1978 amendment was not to take away any of the Legislature's authority.

Some observers believe that recent Supreme Court decisions have tilted the balance of power toward the courts and that when there is a conflict between a court procedural rule or a rule of evidence and a statute the court rule prevails. Proponents of this year's amendment argue that it would return the balance of power between the two branches and that in the case of a conflict the statute would prevail. Opponents say that the amendment is not necessary and will take away from the court the ability to act independently.

Question No. 1, relating to constitutional amendments proposed by the 2002 General Court, reads, "Are you in favor of amending article 73-a of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 73-a. [Supreme Court Administration.] The chief justice of the supreme court shall be the administrative head of all the courts. The chief justice shall, with the concurrence of a majority of the supreme court justices, have the power by rule to regulate the security and administration of, and the practice, procedure, and rules of evidence in, all courts in the state. The rules so adopted shall have the force and effect of law. The general court may also regulate these matters by statute provided that the general court shall have no authority to abridge the necessary

## Prussman awarded 4-H County Leadership Medal

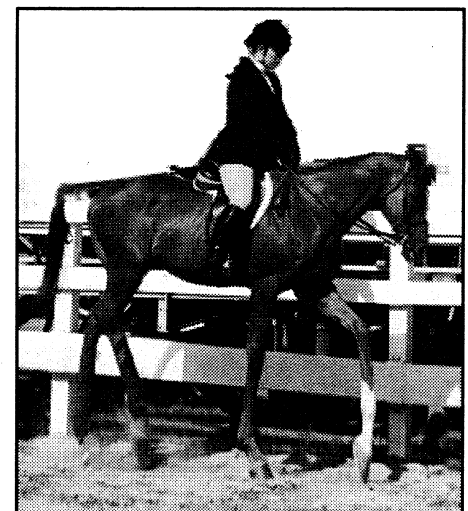
Bethany Prussman of Newbury, a senior at Kearsarge Regional High School, has been interested in horses, their care, and training all during high school. She has worked with 4-H learning the fine points of caring for a horse and has had two horses of her own that she rides and has shown. She is seen in the photo below riding October Morning in the 4-H State Qualifying Horse Show in Deering where she placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

Prussman was also recently awarded the Sullivan County Medal for Leadership and her club, the Oak Hill Riders, of which she has been President for three years, was named Outstanding 4-H Club of the Year for Sullivan County.

Prussman's interest in horses has also led to her volunteering at the Turtle Rock Equine Rescue Center in New Ipswich where she and her 4-H group cleaned stalls, scrubbed buckets, and cleaned the barn in the interest of rescuing needy horses. For this and all her other outstanding leadership she was awarded the 4-H County Leadership Medal for volunteer work with horses.

Prussman plans to pursue a career in equine studies after high school.

—Clare Bensley



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**Planning Board Notes**

During October, work continued on unfinished site plan reviews. A revision was approved for Pizza Chef to reflect Iam Now Inc., an Internet service provider, moving into space formerly allocated to a video arcade within the building.

Rich Stanley, owner of Video Pursuit, discussed the requirement for a modification to the site plan for his building. The Board determined that a public hearing should be held because of the change in hours for this business that differs substantially from the car repair activity previously housed at that location. The Public Hearing is scheduled for November 12.

Wanda Watson discussed with the Board the requirements for a site plan on Ring Hill Road in connection with the dog raising operation being conducted at her home. In an earlier discussion with the Board, she had stated that the business should be considered as a commercial operation. She was advised as to what would be needed in order to schedule a public hearing on her application.

Bob Carpenter of T. F. Bernier Inc. presented two applications to the Board on behalf of Martyn Chivers, 10 Breezy Hill Road. The first is for a two lot subdivision to separate a 12.8 acre parcel in the Residential Business District, formerly occupied by New Kearsarge Reel, from the remaining 121 acres, which is in the Residential Rural District and currently contains an occupied dwelling. The Board reviewed the proposal and accepted the application as complete. The Public Hearing was opened for comments and then continued until November 12.

The second application is a modified site plan review for O.E. Trucking, being conducted by Mr. Chivers at the Breezy Hill Road location. The Board noted several items that need to be addressed but accepted the application and began the public hearing process, which was also continued until November 12. The Board agreed, following a discussion and vote, to forward the application to the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) for a review to be sure the Board has addressed all pertinent issues, to request comments from the Bradford Police and Fire Departments, and for the Board to conduct a site walk of the premises before reaching a final decision.

—Marcia Keller

**Visitor's Pass Policy Introduced at Elementary School**

KRES at Bradford is working to improve child safety by requiring all visitors to stop at the school office and get a yellow "visitor's pass" before going into other areas of the school building. Staff is also working to make sure the school is secure by having only the main door of the school open.

—Scott Bouranis, Principal

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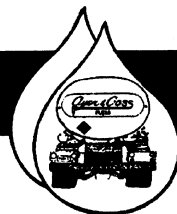
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The Selectmen's Office will be closed November 4, November 8, November 12 and 13. Bradford Zoning Regulations and building permit applications are now available on the Town's web page, [www.bradfordnh.com](http://www.bradfordnh.com).

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00am noon, 1:00-5:00pm; Tuesday, 8:00am-noon.

TELEPHONE: 938-5900.

## Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office News

October 26. Seth Kearns and Margery Hersh were married in Bradford.

Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002 at the Town Hall. Polls open at 8:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Tax bills have been sent out. If you have a question about your bill or you did not receive one, please contact this office or the Selectmen's Office.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 5, for the election. The office will be closed on Monday, November 11, for Veteran's Day and on Friday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy Thanksgiving!

HOURS: Monday: Noon-7:00pm  
Tuesday: 7:00-11:30am, 12:30-5:00pm  
Friday: 8:00am-12:00noon, 1:00-5:00pm  
TELEPHONE: 938-2288, 938-2094

—Sue Pehrson

## 'Budget Process Begins

The Budget Committee will be holding its first meeting to start the process of setting budgets for the year 2003. We ask that all town departments fill in their respective budget sheets and get them to Cheryl Behr at the Town Hall for consideration.

Our first meeting will be held on November 12, 2002 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Individual Departments do not have to attend this meeting; we would like to review the budgets and organize our questions before we meet with you.

—Diane Gadoury, Budget Committee

## Bradford Officer to Teach D.A.R.E.

Officer Sparks of the Bradford Police Department will be teaching D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) at KRES starting November 5. The NH State Police previously taught the D.A.R.E. program at the school. Officer Sparks said that it is a great opportunity to get the police and children together while helping the children to make the right choices in life. Chief Kirby stated it will be positive interaction with the children and compliments another program where police officers have lunch with the children on Wednesdays.

The Police Department is also recruiting police cadets for the Explorer Program. Anyone between the ages of 13 and 20 years old that is interested should call the Police Department at 938-2522.

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