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## Vote on November 2

Voting for local and national offices will take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. The polling place for Bradford is the Bradford Elementary School, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Principal Spadero requests the following:

Please help us by:

- 1) Voting,
- 2) Parking in the back, and
- 3) Entering through the back entrance of the building.

This setup allows us to provide the space for voting without compromising safety and our educational programs.

Voting is one of the privileges, and responsibilities, of living in a democracy and a free society. Susan B. Anthony, a second cousin of my mother, Maurine Anthony Spiller, spent her entire life advocating for the right of women to vote. Unfortunately, Susan B. Anthony died before women got

the vote in 1920. But her lifelong effort has resulted in our being able to voice our preferences at the polls. There is no excuse for any woman, or any man for that matter, who is a citizen of the United States, to ignore this responsibility..

SO GET OUT THERE AND CAST YOUR BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 2!

Bev Leo



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Good education is the essential foundation of a strong democracy.

Barbara Bush

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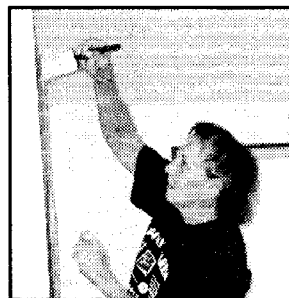
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## Flu Clinic To Be Held On October 28

The Lake Sunapee Area Visiting Nurse Association will be holding a flu clinic at the Bradford Area Community Center on Thursday October 28 from 10:00 am until noon. Please bring your Medicare or Medicaid card if you have one, otherwise the cost for the flu vaccination will be \$20.

More BACC events on page 12.

Flu shots are recommended for children and older adults, as well as chronically ill and immuno-suppressed individuals and their family members.



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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.

## Kearsarge Graduate Completes 1st Armor Training

Pvt. Ryan J. Russell, a 2004 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, son of Jeff and Karen Russell of Old Warner Road, Bradford, graduated from United States Army Armor School, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, 1st Armor Training Brigade, Fort Knox, Kentucky on July 23rd.

Along with his Basic Combat Training, Ryan trained to be an armored crewman on the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank.

Ryan is currently stationed as an armored crewman assigned to 1st Adjutant General Replacement Regiment, South Korea.

*Karen Russell*



## Women's Christian Guild Scholarship

The Bradford Women's Christian Guild is pleased to announce the scholarship award for 2004 to Christine Bresnahan of Bradford, N.H. Christine is a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and has been accepted into the culinary arts program at Southern New Hampshire University where she hopes to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree.

Christine has participated in the KRHS

varsity softball and summer softball league and worked part time while attending high school. She has done extensive volunteer fund raising activities, volunteered for the American Red Cross Blood Drives, and two years for the Fourth of July road races.

Christine is a worthy scholarship recipient. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

## Missing!! Lost!! Stolen?? Borrowed??

Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports had two sets of field bleachers taken on the week end of July 10th. Please contact our equipment director, Chris Way, at 938-6113 with any information regarding their whereabouts. Thank you. BNSYS Board of Directors

*Tina Desfosses*

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The AARP Driver Safety course is approved in every state, and graduates may be eligible for discounts on their auto insurance.

To register for the course, call the instructor, Bob Vernon, at 526-6216 or write to him at 217 Pingree Rd., New London, NH 03257. Please include your telephone number when you write or call. For more information, call Bob at the above number. Space is limited so call early.

—Robert C. Vernon

## Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream/Plus square dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, October 16 from 8:00-10:30 pm. Ed Renauld will call and Corinne Renauld will cue. 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.

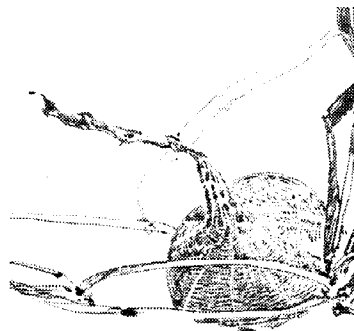
—Bob & Shirley Trombley

## Bradford Fun Day Planned For October 3

The Kearsarge Area Preschool and the Bradford Parks and Recreation Department are planning a fall fun day at the Brown Shattuck Field on Main Street in Bradford on Sunday October 3. The festivities will start at noon with bluegrass music by the Tyler Road Band. The Food Shack will be open with sausage grinders, hamburgers, hotdogs and more! There will be a hay maze, children's games and crafts, face painting, badminton, archery and horseshoes. In addition, there will be live animals, hay rides and portable saw mill demonstrations. Bring your lawn chairs and spend the afternoon! For information call Jarna at 938-6228.

## Bradford Senior Council

The Bradford Senior Council group invites all area seniors to its regular meeting on Saturday, October 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. The program includes demonstrations of health enhancement techniques such as Reiki. Discussion and refreshments follow.



## VOTE Nov. 2



Aaron Lavallee, House District 5  
Barbara Connor French, House District 5  
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## Kent Island Bird Sanctuary Slide Show

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter has scheduled David Webster to present his slide program on the Kent Island Bird Sanctuary located in the Bay of Fundy, on Friday, October 8, at 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London.

Webster has volunteered for many years at this remote island sanctuary and scientific research station, owned by Bowdoin College, which is engaged in the study of local bird colonies.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more informatino call Bob Vernon at 526-6216.

*Phyllis H. Curtiss*

## DUMONT'S BARBER SHOP

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## Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford: The Principal's Corner

The opening of the school year went very smoothly, especially if you compare it to last year. Our opening day enrollment was 210, 15 more students than we ended with last year.

Our facility is in great shape. We painted our lobby and intermediate wing and hung the beautiful felt weavings created by our students last year. The lobby bathrooms were completely made over also. Our goal was to brighten up the area and create a more welcoming feeling.

Our playground will be closed for a few days to do some safety work. We love to see our playground being used so much by community members after school and on weekends. Bear with us as we improve and upgrade the area through repairs, new mulch, raking and weeding.

We have added a few new staff members, in fact, eight. I'm proud that I work at a school in a district that recruits top-notch staff and creates an environment where they want to remain.

What was that noise you heard? Friday, September 17, KRES at Bradford held its first whole school pep rally. Both staff and students asked what is the purpose of a pep rally. My short answer is to build school spirit, pride, and remind us that we are a family. Of course, to have fun isn't a bad reason either.

Parent feedback has caused us to take a serious look at our roles as healthy lifestyle models. Nutrition is our main focus at this point. Both the cafeteria team and teachers are looking at ways to help support parent efforts. I think I read somewhere, "You are what you eat."

I must admit that I was very proud that our little school was able to be the host for voting on September 14. It gave us an opportunity to work out the bugs for the upcoming November election. Please help us by: 1) Voting, 2) Parking in the back, and 3) Entering through the back entrance of the building. This setup allows us to provide the space for voting without compromising safety and our educational programs. I am encouraging our staff to use this opportunity to discuss the concept of community and voting with our students and use the day as a learning experience for our children. We are planning a mock election of our own during this voting season. A big thank you to the community members who were very committed and helpful in making "voting at your school" a smooth operation.

KRES at Bradford is a community school. It's yours to use and enjoy. We thank you from the deepest part of our hearts for your support and for sending us 210 awesome students who remind us everyday what life is all about.

*J. Spadaro*

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The list of hazardous household waste that will and will not be accepted is available in a wall packet at the Bradford Transfer Station Bulletin Board.

## BRADFORD BOG

The Bradford Conservation Commission will be working on much needed repairs to the boardwalk that winds through the unusual stand of white Atlantic cedar and out to the quaking bog beyond. Though some boards were replaced last year, maintaining a boardwalk in a wet area is a continual problem.

We will be carrying new boards out and retrieving old lumber. Much of the timber over the years has been donated, as well as most of the labor on the

boardwalk and the observation platform. If you would like to spend a few hours in the autumnal outdoors, please come at 10 am to the Bradford Bog on Sunday, October 17. The Bog is located on the East Washington Road approximately four miles past its intersection with West Road and almost to the Washington town line. Rain date will be October 24.

*Ann Eldridge*

## Fall LINEC Courses

Learning Institute at New England College (LINEC) is a member of Elderhostel Institute Network. It offers non-credit peer-taught courses, with volunteer teachers, for the sheer pleasure of learning and is open to both retired and younger adults.

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Do you have a special interest or hobby you would like to teach? LINEC needs teachers, and suggestions for courses. Call local contact Bill Hatt, 938-2996.



## SENATE CANDIDATE BETH RODD SEEKS TO REPEAL SB110

District 7 Senate candidate Beth Rodd reaffirmed her intent to repeal SB110, the state law allowing the insurance industry to increase small business health insurance premiums based on the age, health status and geographic location of employers and their employees.

While speaking to voters in Hillsboro and Antrim recently, Rodd addressed the negative impacts of the health insurance law co-sponsored by District 7 incumbent Senator Bob Flanders.

When an insurance company rates their premiums based on age, health conditions and geographic location, it removes the risk for the insurance company and places the burden directly on the small businesses. Health insurance premium quotes for small businesses are jumping 50, 60 and in some cases 100% above last year's prices. Take a look around at the employees of the small businesses that you patronize - the employees are our neighbors and friends. They vary in age, and their health status is their personal information. SB110 divides the workers into us vs. them: if you are young and healthy, you are fine. If you are older or experiencing an adverse health condition, you are the cause for the rate hike that everyone in that small business pays.

Rodd criticized Senator Flanders for creating the law, stating "Sen. Flanders claims the law is intended to bring competition into the state. It is as if he is throwing open the doors to the candy store and inviting everyone to compete for the candy. More insurance companies may come into the state, but unless an employer dismisses all but the young and healthy employees, everyone will have to pay through the nose."

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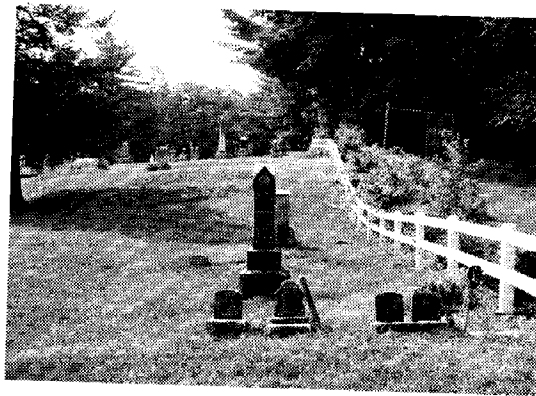
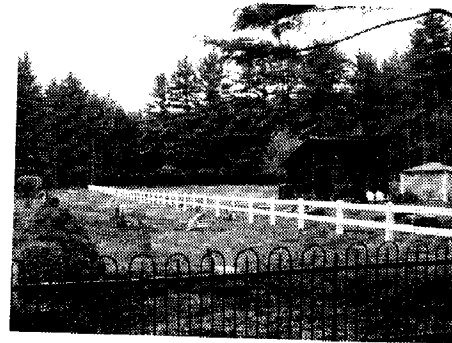
**The Cemetery Commission**

Last fall, several of the boundary trees at Sunny Plain Cemetery lost large limbs, nearly hitting the neighboring house. Upon inspection, we found that the whole row was in bad condition, and had to be removed. This was done with the help of the town during the late fall.

This spring, we contracted to have a replacement fence put up, and, since a large section of the fence at Pleasant Hill Cemetery was also in disrepair, both jobs were done at the same time.

The remaining section of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery will be taken care of next year.

Tom Riley

**Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports**

**BNSYS Annual Golf Tournament** has been changed to Friday October 8th. Due to a schedule conflict with the NH High School Championships played at Newport on the 7th of October we have moved our tournament to Friday October 8th. Registration is at 9 am with tee off at 10 am. For information on this event contact Joe Torro at 938 -5938.

**BNSYS Soccer** Well over 100 area youth are participating in our Fall Soccer Program this year. From K through 6th grade our young athletes are honing their skills under the direction of our excellent volunteer coaches. Come on down to Warren Brook Park any evening Monday through Thursday and Saturdays from 9 am on to catch the action!

**BNSYS Bleachers Still Missing** Unfortunately our beloved bleachers have not found their way back home yet. Anyone with information as to their whereabouts please and let us know.

**Thanks from BNSYS** Through the generosity of some great folks in town we are able to continue to run a first class program for our area children. People like George and Wendy Naughton, Chris Mock, Steve Pitman, Rick Messer, Toot Pickman, Rick Alibrandi and others are always stepping up and helping with either their labor or services for our organization. As an example, after buying bleachers for us a few years ago George Naughton found out they were taken and refused to take any money for providing dumpster service for us at Warren Brook Park. Chris Mock spent a complete Saturday fertilizing and liming all of our fields with his tractor and he doesn't even have children in our program. For those whose children enjoy our fine fields and the programs we are able to offer please take the time to thank these folks for all they do.

Joe Torro

**BLACK BEARS AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Review**

Over one hundred people came out to hear black bear researcher Ben Kilham on the 16th of September. This free program was jointly sponsored by the Brown Memorial Library and the Bradford Conservation Commission. Many thanks also to the First Baptist Church for providing the space.

Spontaneous oohing and ahing erupted as endearing images of bear cubs appeared on the screen, but all who attended came away with the knowledge that bears are far more complicated and intelligent than most of us suspected. Ben Kilham detailed his discoveries of a specialized gland in the mouths of bears. This explained his observation of the bear habit of holding a plant briefly in the mouth and then releasing it. Bears, he found, are able to chemically analyze the specific properties of each plant they come across, and to remember them. Much of their dietary knowledge comes through long association and training with their mothers and interaction with other bears.

Mr. Kilham was also able to discover why in spring bears gravitate toward

the fresh scat of deer and moose. Most of a bear's food is rough plant material, yet they have simple stomachs similar to ours. The digestive bacteria found in the intestinal tracts of other herbivores is required by the awakening bears. The number of ant hills and hornet nests located and consumed per hour in the summer was equally amazing.

The program further described the cooperative social interactions of bears and how humans, by manipulating the environment in large and small ways, can alter that of the bears and other wildlife. Oak and beech, a staple food for many species, is being cut at a rate much faster that it is replacing itself. Roads and development are fragmenting and isolating populations, causing harmful inbreeding and disease. Our habits of luring birds into view with artificial feeding and the careless storage of food products overly habituates the highly intelligent bear. Increasing interaction is bad for us and deadly for the wildlife around us.

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