64th Reunion for Smith Grads


Seven graduates of the Smith College Class of 1944 were in town for a reunion weekend at the home of Louise Clark on Rowe Mountain Road.

Louise Clark, Lela Heinzerling, Helen Gilmore, Anne Astmann, Kathy Riley, Roxanne Sly and Ruth Evans Sweeney met in the fall of freshman year, 1940, at Smith College. Terri and Roxanne met in 1938 in the 10th grade. The seven lived in the Martha Wilson House on campus under the direction of Mrs. Smyth, the house mother. Some had nicknames: Louise was Weezie, Roxanne was Riggi and Ruth was called Terri. Helen and Weezie were roommates. Riggi was House President.

The seven sat at a table of 8 for daily meals. They would dress for dinner. Skirts, knee socks and sweaters were worn by day, dresses at night. Food ration books were brought from home and given to Mrs. Smyth. Butter was rationed. Curfew was at 10:15.

Freshman year, 1940, was a time of uncertainty and war. Germany had attacked Poland in 1939, Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941 bringing the US into the war, and by 1942 all major countries of the world were involved in what was one of the most destructive wars in history. "We were there in the middle of the war," said Weezie.

No one had cars because of the gas shortage. They took trains, taxis or rode bikes everywhere. Terri remembers freshmen in the fall of '40 spotting planes around campus to see whether enemy planes were overhead.

Mail was delivered three times a day, once was for packages. Laundry was mailed home and would return clean ten days later. Kathy remembered her mother sending a treat back with the clean laundry, such as Melba toast.

Weezie majored in Art History, Anne in English, Kathy in Government, Helen

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November 2004

Our talented and energetic layout editor, Bev Leo, has had several recent emergency hospitalizations in the past few weeks and was unable to provide her usual layout expertise. We apologize to our readers, subscribers and advertisers and assure you that your prepaid advertisements and annual subscriptions will be extended by an extra month to compensate for the missed installment. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

We are very grateful to Susie Janicki for coming to the rescue of the December publication of the Bradford Bridge. Her willingness to step in with her editing talents during the unexpected emergency that sidelined the November issue has made the current Bridge possible.

The disappointment of missing an edition of our community paper has

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BNSYS Golf Tournament
A Great Success!

Sixteen teams enjoyed a beautiful sunny day of golf on October 8th as Bradford/Newbury/Sunapee Youth Sports hosted our 4th annual benefit tournament at Newport Golf Club. The winning foursome this year was sponsored by our local phone company, TDS. Rounding out the top three teams was Old Hampshire Design in 2nd place and The Lumber Barn in 3rd.

Many thanks to all who participated, especially our generous sponsors. A special thanks to Bruss Construction who was our major sponsor again this year. Proceeds from this year’s tournament will go toward a new batting cage for our spring baseball and softball programs and an additional set of soccer goals for our boys and girls fifth/sixth grade soccer program. Next year’s tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th. This is our biggest fund-raiser and we hope to increase participation next year.

Bradford 5/6 Grade Boys Soccer Team Wins Tournament

BNSYS hosted the Merrimack Soccer League boys 5/6 grade tournament on Saturday, October 9, at Warren Brook Park in Bradford. The BNSYS 5/6 grade boys defeated teams from Sunapee, Hopkinton and Henniker going 3-0-1.

It was a great day for our program with Coach Anne Holmes’ squad peaking at the right time to take first place honors.

Warren Brook Park Cleanup Day

Last month BNSYS “picked up” for the season and put our equipment and fields to bed for the winter. Our Booster Club Chair Jen Iacopino was on hand as she was all soccer season with hot coffee and doughnuts for the volunteers of Bradford/Newbury/Sunapee Youth Sports.

PS - We hope whoever “borrowed” our 2 sets of bleachers stores them for the winter with the same care we use to! Anyone with information on the whereabouts of our missing bleachers please contact us or the Bradford Police Department.

Many thanks to all of our volunteer coaches for the great baseball, softball and soccer seasons you helped provide for our local children. We are very proud of our programs and facilities at BNSYS and look forward to next year. Have a great winter all and we’ll see you in the spring!

— Joe Torra - BNSYS
Bradford Historical Society News...

The publication *Early Families of Bradford, NH* is available in both hardbound ($50) and softbound ($35) editions at the early release price. After six years of research, Sherry Gould and Kathleen Beals have co-authored a genealogy of nearly six hundred pages of early Bradford people through the Civil War years. Their sources included town vital records, census records, deeds, microfilm, local records and state archives. E-mail inquiries may be directed to sherrygould@direcway.com, phone Harriet Douglass at 938-5314, or the BHS Box 551, Bradford NH 03221.

Bradford Business Association News...

The Historic Homes & Inn Tour is scheduled for December 12th from 2 Pm to 7 PM. Tickets are $7.50 and all the proceeds will be going to the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund. Tickets can be purchased at the Candlelite Inn and the Rosewood Country Inn.

Unfortunately, we were unable print brochures this year. But your presence is on the new website. Membership applications will be going out in January and the deadline will be March 1 for brochure placement.

Our next meeting will be in January. If anyone would like to attend, just let me know and I’ll get in touch with you with the date and time.

—Marilyn Gordon, President

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Smith Grads

in Music, Lela in Sociology, Terri in History, and Riggi majored in Zoology. Their class was small. A lot of women didn’t attend college. Secretarial schools like Katherine Gibbs were popular. No typing classes at Smith!!! Kathy said that many women dropped out after sophomore year. The depression had an impact, so did early marriage and some women left college after 2 years so their brothers could be educated. Barbara Bush was class of 1947. She left school in ’45 to marry George.

There was an airbase at Westover Field in Chicopee, Mass near Smith. Servicemen would come over for blind dates. The WAVES (Women in the Navy) were housed in two dorms on campus. There was a canteen in the crew house for entertainment. “We all did a little USO work”. Kathy sang for the troops. Nancy Reagan was a year ahead of the seven sisters and did some USO work. Helen transposed a song for Nancy for one of the shows.

After Pearl Harbor, many students quit school to join up. Kathy was at a Milk Punch party when she heard about the bombing at Pearl Harbor. Her friends went to Boston to sign up. They were proud of everyone who signed up and were very patriotic.

All seven graduated. An acceleration plan was offered to graduate in December of 1943. “We were supposed to graduate early and take jobs, so the men could be free to go to war,” Kathy said. “We were getting out to save the world for Democracy.”

“Lots of us wanted to go to Washington,” said Terri, smiling. She took a job upon graduation as a spy for the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) under wild Bill Donovan. The rest is top secret. She later worked for US News and World Report. Kathy sang on two USO tours and did a 10 month stint in Attu, a western Aleutian Island entertaining troops. Two days before VJ Day, the Japanese fleet was spotted off the Kuril Islands. “We were all issued guns and helmets.”

Helen, Weezie, Riggi and Lela were married within the year.

“You had a job… you didn’t call it a career,” said Ann. Ann was once an insurance adjuster in New York, Riggi a music librarian in Blue Hill Maine. Lela and Helen went back to get teaching degrees after the children grew up. Kathy worked as a real estate broker and went to Columbia for a Masters Degree. Terri has her doctorate and is a family therapist. She’s the local “Dr. Ruth” in Pine Knoll Shores, North Carolina.

Most of the women in the 40’s married right out of school. The seven sisters have twenty three children among them and eleven husbands…three were married twice. Weezie had five children.

Lela, Kathy, Terri, Anne, Weezie, Rig, and Helen return to Smith every 5 years for their reunion. They would hate to miss the Smith Alumnae Parade. Everyone dresses in white and wears a reunion hat, following tradition. The hat has a ribbon with a color marking the year of graduation. “Purple went to war and we’re blue,” said Weezie. When not at Smith they meet at each other’s houses. They’ve met in Ontario, Long Island, Maine, Georgia, North Carolina, Indiana, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. They always eat lobster and never talk politics.

“I think it’s amazing we have so much in common,” offered Riggi. There was a pause in the banner only when cookies came around. These women were bright, funny and lucky. They are among an elite group of women like Barbara Polka Washburn, Class of 1935, who was the first woman to climb Mt. McKinley, and Harriet Putnam Henry, Class of ’45, the first woman judge in Maine. Betty Friedan and Julia Child also went to Smith, as well as Barbara Bush. There was still talk. “There must be a better way to get a Smithee into the White House.”

—by Mary Keegan Dayton

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More than a dozen people assisted in hauling lumber in and out of the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp on the edge of town on October 17th. A carefully orchestrated dance had two men with hammers cutting and nailing boards while everyone else balanced hemlock on their shoulders, walking the thin strip of wooden trail. Boards were dropped at appropriate points and return trips removed the old broken refuse. Two dogs assisted by running back and forth merrily. Maintaining a boardwalk in wet conditions is an annual affair, even in a year such as this when conditions in the Bog itself seemed unusually dry. There is still work to be done, trimming back the brush on the quaking bog mat and replacing boards on the observation tower. If you’ve never been out to the bog, take a trip. It is located by the border with East Washington, about six miles beyond the intersection of West Road and East Washington Road. It is located on East Washington Road.

—J. Ann Eldridge

Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands Project Goes Forward

A celebration was held at the Pillsbury State Park in Washington on October 15 to celebrate the completion of the conservation easement connecting two much-loved mountains, Mount Sunapee and Lovewell Mountain. This effort, spearheaded by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, has been in process for decades and was finally made possible by funding from the National Forest Legacy Project. The easement purchased locks 7000 acres of forestland into timber and recreational uses even if the land subsequently changes hands. This area is the largest expanse of undeveloped and unfragmented forestland in southern New Hampshire. It is expected that additional private easements will further expand this woodland further. A portion of this land is in the western part of Bradford. For further information, contact the Society for the Protection of NH Forests at 224-9945.

—J. Ann Eldridge
Library Lantern
by Meg Fearnley

Many thanks to the extended Lucas family and the Bradford Women’s Club for hosting the holiday tree lighting and the visit with Santa on December 4. It is so much fun to see the children react to his arrival.

December is a busy month at Brown Memorial Library. There were many interested local history buffs attending the December 6 celebration of the new volume of Bradford’s history Early Families of Bradford, New Hampshire published by the Bradford Historical Society.

Children read the book The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and got together on Friday, December 3 to watch the movie. Will Bradford’s own Christmas pageants be anything like that?

Join us on Friday, December 17 at 7:00pm to watch a movie adaptation of Charles Dickens The Christmas Carol. Refreshments will be served. Be the first to show up and get dibs on the comfy chair.

Don’t forget to stock up on lots of books, movies, music CDs and puzzles for the upcoming holidays. The library will be closed on Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1.

Here’s a list of some of the new books added in November.

FOR ADULTS:
Runaway by Alice Munro
London Bridges
by James Patterson
The Darling by Russell Banks
War Trash by Ha Jin
My Kind of Place
by Susan Orlean
Light on Snow by Anite Shreve

AND FOR CHILDREN:
Wild About Books
by Judy Sierra
Henry Works by D.B. Johnson
Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer
The Legend of the Old Man and the Mountain by Denise Ortakales
Possibilities for the Marshall Lot Considered

Remember the Marshall house and barn that once stood on Bradford's East Main Street? Patterned on a property on Brattle Street in Cambridge, the Marshall residence was built in 1858. It remained in the Marshall family for 111 years but finally fell into disrepair and burned in the late nineteen eighties. The town eventually took ownership of the 20+ acre lot and, fearing liability issues with the stately but now decrepit barn, "sold" it to resident John Mock with the understanding that it would be resurrected in town at some point in the future.

Recently, John Mock approached the Bradford Historical Society with a plan to use it to store his collection of farm machinery, a blacksmith shop of the 1800s and other items. There would be space for other activities as well.

The Historical Society itself is in dire need of a secure location for its collections. There is great concern that some of Bradford's memorabilia, especially in the form of delicate papers, cloth, and photographs, is leaving town for lack of appropriate storage facilities. The Historical Society has been making do with a crowded, unheated, and unplumbed space for years. (You may order their newly printed calendar for 2005 from Harriet Douglas at 938-5314 or Milly Kittredge at 938-5386, it has beautiful photographs from the collection, a great gift idea.)

Plans are beginning to coalesce to revive the center of town with a new/old cultural center. It could be based on the renovated Marshall Barn, a new Historical Society building, perhaps resembling a carriage house, and the bandstand project already initiated by the Parks and Recreation Department. Grants will be sought as they become available. The selectmen are generally in favor of the proposed multiple uses of the three acre site at the front of the lot.

Besides providing an increased sense of identity for the town, there would be plenty of opportunity for income generated by events. The project is being spear-headed by the Rural Heritage Connection (RHC), the Bradford Historical Society, and the Parks and Recreation Department. The RHC was formed last year as a resource for land conservation and cultural projects in town. There will be continued discussion at the next meeting of the RHC on December 13th at the Community Center. All interested are invited and encouraged to attend with constructive ideas.

—J. Ann Eldridge

When asked what they would like readers to know about holiday mailing, Ruth Marden and Chuck Puglia had one thing to say... "Sooner is better," said Chuck. "Much better," replied Ruth.
Senior Council Christmas Party

All area seniors are invited to the Senior Council Christmas Party at the Bradford Area Community Center on Saturday December 11 at 1 PM. Each person/couple should bring a dish to share at a potluck lunch and a wrapped gift (costing $5 or less) for exchange. There will be music and carol singing.

Please call the Perrons (938-2040) or the Whalls (938-5352) to let us know if you are planning to come.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

Past President of the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, Gary Stansfield, will return with a slide program depicting his solo hike across the coastal plain of the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Stansfield will also provide us with information on the continuing controversy regarding oil exploration in that area. For more information, contact Bob Vernon at 526-6216. This program is open to the public and refreshment will be served.

For the 14th year, coordinator Gary Stansfield will conduct the annual Christmas Bird Count for the national Audubon Society on Saturday, December 18 in the area known as the Lake Sunapee Count Circle. This includes the towns of New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee and Sutton. Supper and tally will follow at the Stansfield home, 110 Eckburg Road, Goshen at 5 p.m. Volunteers should contact Stansfield at 863-8727 for information and route assignments.

Phyllis H. Curtis

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream/Plus dance at the Bradford Town Hall from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 15. If anything in your closet even vaguely suggests Hawaii or Polynesia, find and wear it to this dance because the theme is "Hawaiian Luau."

Don Batchelder will call and Bernie Porter will cue. Admission is $5 per person and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Norma or Arlo Burns at 927-4455. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

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highlighted the need to expand our pool of editorial talent so that future misfortunes affecting one of us will not result in the situation we experienced last month. If you have an interest in volunteering for the Bridge and have a knowledge of (or interest in learning) layout, publication, editing, typing or proofing, please e-mail the Bridge at "bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com".

Meanwhile, we extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bev Leo who would be cheered by get well wishes sent to the Bradford Bridge or to her at home, 3137 St. Rt. 114, Bradford, NH 03221.

Happy holidays to all of our friends and neighbors and best wishes for a world of peace and prosperity in the new year.

Beth Rodd

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Center Meetinghouse Renovations

After many years of anticipation, renovation of the Center Meetinghouse ceiling has begun under the direction of I. H. Spencer, Building Restorer, Cabot, Vermont. Mr. Spencer, who has many years of experience in working on historical buildings, will restore stencils dating from a circa 1870 renovation of the Meetinghouse, which was originally built in 1838. Watch these pages for updates as this exciting project moves ahead.

Planning Board Notes

At the continuation of the public hearing for Chestnut Ridge, a 10 lot subdivision on Forest Street, members of the Bradford Fire Department discussed their requirements. A turnaround sufficient to handle the town’s equipment will be needed as well as a cistern to handle any potential fire situation. Since there are additional items that still need to be addressed, the applicant agreed to a 60-day extension of the time for a decision by the Board. The hearing will be continued on December 14.

Following public hearings, the Board approved a 2-lot subdivision for the Leonard Wheeler property on Jones Road and a 2-lot subdivision for the Winch property on Route 103 that creates a new lot with frontage on Blaisdell Lake Road.

The public hearing for an application, submitted by Nelson and Elizabeth Perron, for a 2-lot subdivision on Fortune Road was continued to allow correction to the submitted plan.

A preliminary consultation was held with Juanita Battles and her son Joseph concerning a proposed 4-lot subdivision with frontage both on Rowe Mountain Road and the seasonal portion of Forest Street. Comments from the Fire Department and Road Agent were discussed. No decision was made as to whether or not the Board would consider allowing subdivision on roads not maintained by the town in the winter. If so, the condition of the road would need to be brought up to town standards by the applicant. Some factors that would be addressed include the location of the road, the number of other homes in the vicinity, the location and condition of any bridges involved, and how much of the road an applicant would be required to upgrade.

At several work sessions in October and November, the Planning Board prepared proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to clarify several issues that have caused confusion in the past. These include: Buildable Acres; an amended definition is proposed to state more clearly what would be excluded in computing the minimum lot size required. Kennels; a definition would be added along with specific special exception criteria to be used by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in determining whether or not a kennel should be allowed. Home Occupation; criteria would be added for the Zoning Board of Adjustment to consider before granting a special exception for a home occupation. Accessory Dwelling Unit; the proposed amendment would allow an accessory dwelling unit by special exception in all districts of town to provide flexible living arrangements and sets the criteria that must be met.

In addition, the Board is proposing that an Historic District be established for Old Bradford Center to retain the historic character of the original town common. Only the lot that contains the Center Meetinghouse, the Old School House, the Burial Ground, and the Town Pound would be included. An Historic District Commission with representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Historical Society, Union Congregational Society, Cemetery Trustees, and Conservation Commission would be appointed to oversee the district.

A Public Hearing on the proposed amendments will be held at Town Hall 7 p.m. on December 28. Copies of the amendments and a map of the proposed Historic District will be posted prior to the hearing at the Town Hall, Library, and Post Office. Zoning amendments must then be approved by ballot vote at Town Meeting in March.

—Marcia Keller
Legislative Report

Rep. Barbara French

Our 2005 Legislative session began with Organization Day on December 1, 2004. We elected a new speaker, Rep. Douglas Scamman, Jr. formerly speaker 1986-1990. This is an important event and I believe the tone in the NH House of Representatives should change for the better. The organizational process is in flux, but the end result will be beneficial to NH.

There are some major issues that we will be dealing with. This is the budget year, which will be a big challenge. We do have a revenue problem and we will have to determine what other sources of income other than the cigarette tax that will be acceptable to meet the peoples needs. I can assure you that the legislature will continue to be very careful as to how we spend the money.

Education funding continues to be a stumbling block. I don't believe it needs to be, but again we have to be willing to define "an adequate education". We need to determine a fair and equitable way to meet our students needs, keeping in mind tax payers concerns.

Another major issue is Medicaid. The Medicaid Modernization plan which is now being called Granite Care, is under consideration right now. It's important to know that the $100 million shortfall (from the federal government) that's being discussed never went to the Medicaid programs. It always went into the general fund to balance the budget. It has been called "Mediscam" and was the result of a "loophole" that the federal government is about to close.

No matter what, Medicaid programs should not be penalized because of this. We have obligations to the people of NH, with programs such as Healthy Kids Insurance, Nursing Home Care, Home Care, and others.

Medicare Forums will be held around the state.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to serving you again. Please feel free to contact me with any of your concerns at 428-3366.

—Representative Barbara C. French

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Bradford Historical Society and Local Author Celebrate Book Publishing

Trustees and Friends of Brown Memorial Library hosted a public reception in the library on December 6, to celebrate the Bradford Historical Society’s publication of Early Families of Bradford, New Hampshire, a 583-page genealogy, Vol. II of Bradford’s Town History. The reception began at 5 p.m. Co-author Sherry L. Gould was present to autograph books.


The comprehensive research began with the co-authors gathering unpublished references from Bradford’s Town Office vital records, tax lists, and town records and expanded to include probate records from courthouses, deeds in Concord and Nashua, gravestones and hundreds of other sources of information. The appendix lists Irish laborers, Irish soldiers, short term residents and name variations, references and abbreviations. The Name Index identifies all those mentioned in the book and includes maiden names for married women; the Place Index provides page numbers for all places mentioned in the text not located in the immediate area of Bradford.

—Audrey Sylvester

An Elegant Inn-To-Inn Holiday Tea by Three Historic New England Inns

The spirit of holidays past warmed the hearths at three of New England’s historic inns as they presented an elegant Inn-to-Inn Holiday Tea this past weekend. The Colby Hill Inn in Henniker and the Rosewood Country Inn and the Candlelite Inn in Bradford offered a tea and tour and lodging package that featured a classic tea with all the season’s trimmings.

Guests visited each inn for one course of a three-course holiday tea and tour. Each of the three inns is decorated for the holidays with a flair from New England’s past, including classic touches evoking the season with family tea-time recipes from the days of Dickens as well as elegant china and crystal. Both savories and sweets such as wild mushroom tartlets, traditional tea sandwiches and apricot white chocolate scones were served.

The towns of Henniker and Bradford will be decked out in traditional style, with white lights, garland, and red bows adorning the doors of their white clapboard homes. Each guest received a gift packet of 12 recipes: four recipes from each inn, including four of the dishes served at the tea. They received special maps and offers from local retailers for holiday gift ideas.

The Bradford Women’s Club

It’s great to see everyone participating and having a great time. I hope everyone got a chance to try Louise Clark’s Bouillon. Every year she makes it special for us and it is so great to have a warm drink on these cold days.

Wow! The Craft Fair was once again a big success. Thanks to Jean Gaito who, as always, did a magnificent job lining up the numerous consignors and running the show. A big thanks to our wonderful Crafters who, in addition, make this fair possible. Another year of fantastic crafts and hard workers. The turnout for help on setup, bakers, workers, and cleanup was wonderful. To the Masons at St. Peter’s Lodge: It is always a pleasure having you help and the use of your building.

Don’t forget on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 our next General meeting. It starts at 11:00 at the Baptist Church and will be a Chinese Auction and Buffet. Hope to see you all there!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you (especially Jackye Pehrson, our VP) for helping me keep things running and together while I was away. It has been an awfully tough time for me but with all the support phone calls, cards and hugs coping with my loss has been that much easier.

Thanks to all BWC ladies for the beautiful Weeping Cherry Tree in memory of my Dad. I will always think of him when I look at it. You’re all the best!

—Erica Gross, President

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Architectural Styles, Part Three - The Ranch
by Laura Hallahan

The Ranch house is one of the most popular styles in our area and across the country. It is also the one style that seems to divide the masses, in that people either like or dislike this style of home. Perhaps they feel that one-floor living is for older people only or maybe it is the usually plain lines and simple floor plans that leave some buyers longing for more. Those looking for an affordable house, however, find the Ranch home to be just perfect.

This style home is often called the California Ranch because it originated there in the 1930’s. It emerged as one of the most popular American styles in the 1950's and 60’s, when the automobile had replaced early 20th-century forms of transportation, such as streetcars. Newly mobile buyers could move to the suburbs into bigger homes on larger lots. This style takes its cues from Spanish Colonial (discussed last month) and Prairie and Craftsman homes, and is characterized by its one-story, pitched-roof construction, built-in garage, picture windows, sliding doors leading to a patio and often brick exterior walls.

Frank Lloyd Wright, America’s most famous architect, designed the first Prairie-style home in suburban Chicago in 1893, and it is still a popular style throughout the Midwest. It comes in two styles – boxy and symmetrical or low-slung and asymmetrical. Roofs are low-pitched, with wide eaves. Brick and clapboard are the most common building materials. Other details include rows of casement windows, one-story porches, massive square supports and stylized floral and circular geometric ornamentation around doors, windows and cornices.

Architect and furniture designer Gustav Stickley popularized the Craftsman style in his own magazine, The Craftsman, at the turn of the 20th century. This bungalow style reduces a house to its simplest form, with low, broad proportions and an absolute lack of ornamentation. This gives the house a natural, unaffected character that blends with any landscape. Sometimes known as a California bungalow, a Craftsman house features overhanging eaves, a low-slung gabled roof and wide front porches framed by pedestal-like tapered columns. Materials often included stone, rough-hewn wood and stucco.

Another form of Ranch house is really a modern style created by architects to sequester certain living activities, i.e. sleeping and socializing. Called a Split Level, this style offers a multi-level alternative to the 1950’s Ranch style. Found mostly in the East and Midwest, Split Levels are constructed with various building materials and feature a front door that opens up to a split staircase – one going down and one going up. The downstairs is usually devoted to a garage and a large family room/den, while the upstairs features the living and dining rooms and kitchen to one side, and the bedrooms on the other side.
Jean Pottinger, owner of Ain't Bet Sump'th'n, opened her store which is located next to the Bradford Post Office this past June. She accepts and sells quality consignments and is already a big hit with the locals.

Main Street Bookings in Warner

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Letters...

To the editor:

It has been two and half years since life as I knew it spun out of control and turned upside down. Now life’s events/memories are referenced before 2-22-2002, or after that date.

Life is a journey. I contribute my recovery process and my healthy outlook to all the love and support from my family, friends, and the communities at large. Everyone in their own caring way has contributed: visiting, calling, writing, helping out with the kids, financial assistance, or by keeping us in your daily thoughts and continuous prayers. Every day some community neighbor helps me when I’m out and about town. These acts of kindness have made the true difference in my healing and I feel very fortunate to live here. What is wonderful about this region, are the people with their caring, kind nature, and willingness to help out others in need. I’m very thankful for your kindness and support. I’m grateful to live in a region where people demonstrate daily their commitment to help others. It’s wonderful to see.

Carol Conforti-Adams

To the editor:

I cannot thank enough the wonderful supporters of my recent District 7 Senate Campaign. Since late spring, I have had the opportunity to meet so many people of different ages, interests, political persuasions and diverse perspectives who have freely shared their personal concerns and their hopes for the future of our great state of New Hampshire. It’s been a pleasure to have shared ideas, values and opinions with many of you and the generosity and support for my campaign has been astounding. Many thanks to all of you who staffed envelopes, made phone calls, hosted house parties and arranged candidate forums and to those well wishers who made financial contributions or offered advice and time to this effort. Working together, we created a broader community and an open forum for the exchange of ideas and values. Because of your selflessness, we have together created a better community of shared values and industry that will continue to guide us in pursuing our vision in the months and years ahead. I am deeply humbled by your tremendous outpouring of support and will continue to regard constituent service as the greatest honor of my continuing career. Together, through thick and thin, we will move forward to make our world a better place for all of us. That is our mission.

Rep. Beth Rodd

To the editor:

Both Democrats and Republicans campaigned hard to get out the vote, and voters everywhere responded by registering and casting ballots in record numbers. Serious questions are surfacing now about the validity of the outcomes in several places around the country, especially in Ohio.

It is imperative that these questions be addressed, not to change the outcome of the election, but to give substance to our claim that every vote counts, and counts equally. Below is just one example of the gravity of this problem. In the election, 29 precincts in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, reported votes cast IN EXCESS of the number of registered voters - at least 93,136 extra votes total. And the numbers are right there on the official Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website: Bay Village - 13,710 registered voters / 18,663 ballots cast Beachwood - 9,943 registered voters / 13,939 ballots cast Bedford - 9,942 registered voters / 14,465 ballots cast Bedford Heights - 8,142 registered voters / 13,512 ballots cast Brooklyn - 8,016 registered voters / 12,303 ballots cast Brooklyn Heights - 1,144 registered voters / 1,866 ballots cast Chagrin Falls Village - 3,557 registered voters / 4,860 ballots cast Cuyahoga Heights - 570 registered voters / 1,382 ballots cast Fairview Park - 13,342 registered voters / 18,472 ballots cast Highland Hills Village - 760 registered voters / 8,822 ballots cast Independence - 5,735 registered voters / 6,226 ballots cast Mayfield Village - 2,764 registered voters / 3,145 ballots cast Middleburg Heights - 12,173 registered voters / 14,854 ballots cast Moreland Hills Village - 2,990 registered voters / 4,616 ballots cast North Olmsted - 25,794 registered voters / 25,887 ballots cast Olmstead Falls - 6,538 registered voters / 7,328 ballots cast Pepper Pike - 5,131 registered voters / 6,479 ballots cast Rocky River - 16,600 registered voters / 20,070 ballots cast.*

Pat Frisella
Farmington, NH

*This letter was edited for space. Please refer to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website for details of voting discrepancies.
Then...
by Milly Kittredge

Pictured here next to the Danforth Store (see December calendar) is Kay Danforth Smith (on the left) who carried on the business with her brother, Paul Danforth, after the death of their father, Carl. The photograph is from the 1940s. On the right is Florence “Flossie” Nutter Jones who clerked in the store. Flossie, a much-loved resident of Bradford for many years, died October 18, 2004. (Read a memorial to Flossie on the Obituary page 16.)

This photo is 1 of 13 featured in the Bradford Historical Society’s 2005 Calendar, on sale from the BHS. Call Milly Kittredge at 938-5386.

Potluck Peace Party in Farmington

The NH Branch of the Department of Peace invites citizens interested in working on peace and social justice issues to a Potluck Peace Party on Sunday, January 9, 2005 at one o’clock. The party will be hosted by Pat Frisella and Manny Krasner at their home, 31 Reservoir Road, Farmington, NH. Please RSVP to either frisella@worldpath.net, or to mannykrasner@yahoo.com or call 603-332-0732.

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Obituaries

BARBARA S. GARNEAU

Barbara S. Garneau, 88, widow of Rene L. Garneau, formerly of Windsor, VT; Bradford, NH; Walpole, MA; and Glastonbury, died Thursday, September 30, 2004, in Kimberly Hall Nursing Home in Windsor, Connecticut after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s Disease.

Born November 8, 1915, in Boston, daughter of the late Charles and Amy Sanborn, she married Rene Garneau of Graniteville, VT in 1938 and moved to Windsor, VT. She managed several businesses with her husband, including the Midway Drive-In Theatre in Ascutney, Vermont. She was active in many state and Town of Windsor Democratic Party positions prior to moving to Bradford, NH. She belonged to many civic organizations, library, women’s clubs, scouting and did charitable work.

Barbara loved music, piano and voice, singing in the church choirs of Windsor and Bradford. She had a strong love of her family, and took great pleasure in having her children and grandchildren visit at her home in Bradford and the cottage on Lake Massasecum. She enjoyed nature, and spent countless hours engaged in bird watching, flower gardening, reading, walking, and watching sunsets.

Barbara leaves two sons, Michael and his wife Rosemary Garneau of Boston, Robert Garneau of Glastonbury; two daughters, Lee and her husband Warren Richman of Hilton Head, SC, and Frances Warren of Albuquerque, NM; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held Monday, October 4, in the Congregational Church of So. Glastonbury, CT. Her ashes were interred at a short service at the Pond Cemetery in Bradford, NH on Sunday, October 17.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders, 96 Oak Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

FLORENCE “FLOSSIE” V. JONES

Scottsdale, AZ. Florence (Valley) Jones, formerly of Bradford, NH passed away on October 18, 2004 following a brief illness.

She was born in Wolfeboro, NH on December 11, 1913, the daughter of Fred and Mildred Valley. She attended schools in Warner, NH. While living in Bradford for many years, Flossie was always active in volunteer work. She was involved with many organizations such as the Red Cross, Bradford Women’s Club and the Bradford Rescue Squad. She spent many years on the Kearsarge Regional High School Board and was a constant champion for young people. She taught Sunday school classes at the First Baptist Church of Bradford.

She was the widow of Kenneth F. Jones who died 10 years ago.

Florence raised three daughters; Mildred “Mimi (Mrs. Luther) Sweet, Forest Hills, AZ, Leona (Cissie) Arata, now deceased, and Donna Klingensmith of Mesa, AZ. She leaves six grandchildren. She is survived by sisters; Louise West of Warner, NH, Hattie Durgin of East Derry, NH, Mildred Nutter of Cedar Key, FL; a brother Floyd Valley of Mineral Wells, TX. She was predeceased by sisters Alice Durgin and Mary Manganello, and brothers Arthur Valley and Lloyd Valley.

After moving to Scottsdale in 1983, Flossie and Ken became active members of the Arizona Wing, Confederate Air Force which supports a vintage World War II B-17 bomber, the “Sentimental Journey.” Ken served as crew chief and Flossie ran the canteen at the hanger at Falcon Field in Mesa, AZ where the Sentimental Journey was kept. She was always available to cook meals for weekend work details and help with other projects for the wing. Thus it was fitting that at the graveside service held in Paradise Valley Cemetery in Scottsdale, October 22, the B-17 “Sentimental Journey” honored Flossie by making two circles and a fly-over of her grave site.
Outside
by J. Ann Eldridge

Between us, we now have nine books on mushroom identification, and this mushroom should have been easy. It is large and numerous, presumably common. It has a lustrous gray-brown cap, slightly depressed or umboinate, with a feltly, tacky surface. The margin is inrolled. The clean, pale, widely-spaced, and slightly decurrent gills should further narrow the search. Fumbling through the identification keys, genus descriptions, and illustrations, hope rose and fell. Was there an odor of chlorine? Fennel? Potatoes? Did it taste mild or acrid? Was the flesh fibrous? Was the spore color red or brown or white? Was it cespitose, fibrillose, subglobose, pruinose, rugulose, tomentose? It was enough to render one comatose.

We go to this trouble in hopes of finding an interesting name: Avenging Angel, the Onion Bagel Mushroom, Hen of the Woods, Straw-Colored Fiber Head, and an interesting story. Someday, maybe, a dinner.

One of these many authors wrote that mushroom hunting is “an art, a skill, a meditation, and a process”. Herbaceous plants are not always accommodating either, of course. They may not be flowering at the exact moment that the Peterson guide is in hand. Bird watching, too, has its difficulties. Birds fly away. Mushrooms tend to sit there, changing shape and dashing identification. They challenge the use of our attrophied senses of smell and taste, demanding that we note the when and where of their fruiting. Near oak? In cool weather or hot?

This is what a mushroom is: a usually temporary, most often fragile structure designed to eject vast amounts of reproductive spore as rapidly as possible. A mushroom is the fruit of a mature fungus. And the mature fungus is more than the mushroom we see. It is miles and miles of simple cylindrical cells snaking throughout the soil. An ounce of rich forest soil is said to contain two miles of fungal strands, nine tenths of which lives right at the surface. The oldest and largest organisms on this planet are now thought to be individual fungi. When conditions are just right, a mushroom is organized and sent forth to take its chances above.

Terra firma now seems not so firma at all. More than half of most soils consist of just space between mineral particles. This space is filled with air, water, and an astonishing multitude of life forms. These fluctuating millions of miniature floras and fauna expend an extraordinary amount of energy per acre going about their interconnected businesses. Subtracting any root systems, ninety percent of the biomass of any even slightly fertile soil is fungal. The remaining ten percent is made up of bacteria, protozoa, nematodes, springtails, rotifers, insects, annelids (including earthworms) and algae. In other words, the fungi outweigh everything else combined by a ratio of ten to one.

The fungi in particular make it their business to be the best wood rotters (also leaves, cones, dung, etc.) in the world. By predigesting cellulose and lignin for the orderly sequence of decomposers to follow, they return staggering levels of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Some fungi chose a different path and are parasitic and quite destructive to living trees, insects and even other mushrooms.

The most impressive entry on the fungal resume, though, is their intimate bonding with the so-called higher plant forms. Relationships between fungi and plants had been suspected thousands of years ago. It wasn't until a German botanist was hired to retire the quaint but inefficient pig and assist in commercially producing truffles that serious research began on the habits of mushrooms. Dr. Frank began documenting mycorrhizal relationships—fungus and roots, and forgot about his trifling truffle assignment (truffles remain a wild harvest.) It seems now that most trees, orchids, Indian pipe and many other plants need specific fungi to live well, or, in some cases, to live at all. Root hairs of the fungus are microscopically mantled with colorful, smooth and shiny filaments that supply minerals directly to the plants and in return receive sugars produced through the photosynthesis of their host. These species of fungi chemically stimulate the growth of tree roots, and the trees secrete substances that enhance fungal growth. Amazingly, fungi are more common on trees in poor soils, and less conspicuous in good conditions, where they are less needed. It can be argued that the location of these symbioted-enhanced plants is regulated by conditions conducive for their fungal growth than the other way around.

We now think that this fleshy, fungal fructification in question may be a “Dusky Waxy Cap,” Hygrosporous camarophyllus, because of the white spore it obligingly dropped last night on its plate and the texture of the gills when crushed between one's fingers. If so, it has a mycorrhizal attachment with conifers and, though not poisonous, is not particularly satisfying except to the fungus gnats steadily devouring it. If not a waxy cap, what on earth is it? Would one more mushroom identification book help?
**Bradford Area Community Center**

**DECEMBER Calendar**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**
Yoga Class - 9:30 - 11 am

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**
Foot Massage - 10 am with Betty Perron

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**
Writing Group - 11 am - 1 pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6**
Bridge Group - 1 - 4 pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**
Fuel Assistance Applications 9 am - noon
Call 456-2207 for appointment
Yoga Class - 6:00-7:15 pm
Call Fran at 456-3099 for information
Round Dance Instruction 7:30 - 9 pm
Call Regina Scudder 763-0187 for info.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**
Yoga Class - 9:30 - 11:00 am

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**
Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board Meeting 5:30 - 7 pm

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**
Senior Council - 1 - 3 pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**
Bridge Group - 1 - 4 pm
Junior Girl Scouts - 5:30-8 pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**
Brownies - 3 - 5 pm
Yoga Class - 6:7-15 pm
Call Fran at 456-3099 for information
Round Dance Instruction - 7:30 - 9 pm
Call Regina Scudder at 763-0187 for info.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**
Yoga Class - 9:30 - 11 am

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**
Blood Pressure & Foot Clinic 11:00 AM-12:30 PM • Free No appointment needed

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**
Computer Class - 10 – noon
Call Bev at 938-2996 for information

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**
Writing Group - 11 am - 1 pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**
Bridge Group - 1 - 4 pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**
Fuel Assistance Applications - 9- noon by appointment. Call 456-2207
Brownies - 3- 5 pm
Yoga Class - 6-7:15 pm
Call Fran at 456-3099 for information
Round Dance Instruction - 7:30 - 9 pm Call Regina Scudder at 763-0187

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**
Yoga Class - 9:30 - 11:00 AM

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**
Bridge Club - 1-4 pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**
Yoga Class - 6:00-7:15 PM - Call Fran at 456-3099 for information
Round Dance Instruction - 7:30-9 pm
Call Regina Scudder 763-0187 for information

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**
Yoga Class - 9:30-11 am
Call Fran at 456-3099 for information

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**BACC 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 Fred Hubley at 938-5521.

For general info, call the Administration Office, 938-6228.
ACTIVITIES & Dining

Bradford Area Senior Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
10 am Foot Massage with Betty Perron. Betty, a local massage therapist, will be at the Bradford Senior Center the first Thursday of each month to give foot massages. Our feet take a beating everyday. Foot massage can help you walk better and give you better balance. When your feet feel good, the rest of you feels good! Drop in and take advantage of this wonderful service to our community. Give a gift to yourself. Donations are appreciated.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:45 am Strong Living Exercises
9am – 11 am “Continental Breakfast Cafe” served. Fresh every Friday morning, seniors can enjoy coffee, juice, pastry, fruit, and cereal when you’re on the run.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:45 am Strong Living Exercises
10:00 am Craft Club “Baby Hats” project. Our goal is 40 hats to be made for the Baby Threads non-profit organization to help babies and young children in need throughout New Hampshire.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
10 am Bradford Quilting Bees

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
12:30 pm Presentation on “Winter Safety” by the Bradford Police Dept.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
8:45 am Strong Living Exercises
9 am – noon “Continental Breakfast Cafe” The breakfast for seniors includes coffee, juice, pastry, cereal, and yogurt. It’s fresh every Friday.
10 am – noon Dave Poisson from the “Fitit Program” will be available to discuss your personal home repairs or to answer any questions.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:45 am Strong Living Exercises
10 am Craft Club “Baby Hats” project.
2 pm “Journey with Me” Writing Workshop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
10:30 am “Make a Holiday Centerpiece with Vickie” from Vickie’s Country Florist. Reservation and payment deadline is December 6th. Call 938-2104 for more information. Sign up early as space is limited.
2 pm Journey with Me Writing Workshop

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
We celebrate December birthdays today! Birthday cake and ice cream will be served. If you have a December birthday, lunch is FREE and you receive a birthday gift. You must make a reservation by December 7th in order to receive your free gift! Join us for fun and fellowship.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:45 am Strong Living Exercises
9 – 11 am “Continental Breakfast Cafe”. — Fresh fruit and pastry, cereal, juice and coffee. It’s quick and delicious.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
12 Noon Senior Community Dining. Today is our Holiday Dinner Celebration! The menu includes Apple Cider, Turkey, Stuffing, Butternut Squash, Peas & Onions, Whipped Potato, Dinner Roll, and Festive dessert. Door prizes, 50/50 Raffle and a Holiday gift for everyone will be part of the holiday activities. Please bring a canned good or dry good for the local food pantry. Please reserve for the holiday lunch by December13.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
The Bradford Area Senior Center is CLOSED for the Christmas Holiday. The Senior Center will re-open Monday, December 27. Community Action Program wishes everyone a happy Holiday!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:45 am Strong Living Exercises

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
12 Noon Senior Community Dining. Today is our New Year’s Luncheon Celebration! The holiday menu includes Pork Loin, Roasted Apple Slices, Seasoned Potatoes, Country Veggie, Biscuit, and Ice Cream Sundae for dessert. Please make your reservation by December 20. Door prizes, 50/50 Raffle and lots of fun.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
Bradford Area Senior Center CLOSED for the New Year’s Holiday. The Senior Center will re-open Monday, January 3.

All programs are open to the public.
Any questions?? Call Sandi at 938-2104

SENIOR LUNCH: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
Lunch is served at noon.
Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship.
You might be surprised who you’ll meet!
Advance reservations are appreciated.

Continental Breakfast Cafe Fridays 9 - 11 am, all are welcome.