Brentwood NEWSLETTER

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October Recycling Dates

October 7 & 8

October 21 & 22

Boston Post Cane: Search for Town's Oldest Resident

Brentwood's *Boston Post* Cane will once again be awarded to the "oldest" citizen in town. The tradition of the *Boston Post* Cane was started in 1909 by *Boston Post* Publisher Edwin A. Grozier. In an effort to increase the circulation of his newspaper, Grozier distributed some 700 canes to New England towns, which were to be awarded to the oldest citizen in town.

Each cane was manufactured by J. F. Fradley & Co. of New York and made of Gabon ebony from the African Congo. The head of the cane was rolled in 14-carat gold and shaped like a "door knob" and inscribed. Each cane was presented by the *Boston Post* to the oldest citizen in town.

About 176 New Hampshire towns originally received a cane and today 144 are still accounted for. Brentwood still has the original cane.

A replica of the cane is presented instead of the original, so that the Town can keep the original on display. The recipient and their heirs may keep the replica.

If you think you are the "oldest" citizen in town, or know of someone who may be, we ask that **all candidates be submitted by November 14, 2014** to:

Town of Brentwood
Attn: Boston Post Cane
1 Dalton Road
Brentwood NH 03833

Please be sure to include the candidate's property address and date of birth!

Karen Clement, *Town Administrator*

Flu Vaccine Clinic

A flu vaccine clinic will be held at the Town Office on **Wednesday, October 22** from 2:00 to 2:30pm. The clinic is free for residents who present a valid Health Trust health insurance card or Anthem Blue Cross card. The rate for all others is $25 and can be paid by cash or check at the time of the clinic. Let me know if you'd like to participate by calling 642 6400 x 10.

Trick Or Treat

Trick Or Treat will be Friday, October 31 from 5-7 pm. Please leave your porch light on if you wish to participate. Happy Halloween!

Karen Clement
Town Administrator
Town of Brentwood

Continuing the Newsletter

Now is the time to begin thinking about how the *Brentwood Newsletter* will continue when I retire at the end of December. How will the items be collected and how will they be made ready for the printer? Maybe a small group of people would be the best way to handle it. Who would be interested in being part of that group?

For now the rest of the Newsletter Committee plan to continue in their roles. I will probably still be interested in writing an occasional article. The town officials and the various organizations all have people who supply their news. The editor (or editorial group) does not have to go out and dig up all that information.

If you'd like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Linda Rousseau
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TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov

TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:
Phone: 642-6400 X 14

Mon., Wed., Thurs.	9:00-4:30
Tuesday	9:00-8:00
Friday	8:30-4:00
Saturday	9:00-12:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY
Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday	2-7	Thursday	9-7
Tuesday	9-5	Friday	9-1
Wednesday	9-5	Saturday	9-1

Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:00
Friday 9:00-12:00

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Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:30

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Phone: 642-3487
Swasey on the Web: http://scs.sau16.org
SAU 16 on the Web: http://www.sau16.org

From the Town Clerk's Office

Vehicle registration:
• If you are **transferring plates** the new registration must be in the same name as the old registration.
• You always need **two checks** to complete an auto registration, one for the State and one for the Town.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed October 13 for Columbus Holiday. We are also closing at 4:30 on October 7.

Absentee ballots may now be obtained at the Town Clerk's office for the November 4th election.

Phyllis Thompson, *Town Clerk*

Waste Tonnage Figures

	July	August
Tons, mixed solid waste	131.43 *	93.14
Tons, recycled goods	53.01 (28.7%)	30.79 (24.8%)

*July had 5 trash pickup weeks

Mailing Crew for September

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in Amanda's Way who prepared the September issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Julie and Brianna Consoli, Faith and Karen Diaz, Liz Faria, Olivia McGlashing and Dianne Vosgien.

Linda Rousseau, *Editor*

A Thank You to Wellington Gardens and the Gardeners

As a resident of Pickpocket Road, I just want to thank Wellington Gardens and the Brentwood Gardeners for constantly trying to keep the island at the Brentwood end of Pickpocket Road looking pretty for each season. Unfortunately, each season, vandals ruin the kind gesture. Within 18 hours yet another car destroyed the fall mums that were planted. There are people out there who do appreciate what you are trying to do--so thank you. ***Anne DeMarco***

Brentwood Democrats to Meet Twice in October

With the important mid-term elections coming upon us in November, the Brentwood Dem's will hold meetings on **Tuesday, October 7 a**t 84 South Rd., 7:00pm. And **Tuesday, October 28** at 52 Stevens Dr., 7:00pm.

We hope in the coming weeks the people of Brentwood will see and speak with us about the importance of the upcoming election as we canvass our neighborhoods and reach out through phone calls. Please feel free to contact us at Brentwoodnhdems@gmail.com if you would like to participate in any of our activities or would like more information about the candidates we will be supporting.

Liz McConnell

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or e-mail to lindarou@comcast.net

Historical Society

Betty Stevens, right, served many glasses of switchel, the old-time "haymaker's punch," to visitors at the Brentwood Historical Society Museum on September 13th. Made of molasses, vinegar, ginger, sugar and water, it tasted better than most people expected.

The "Spotlight on the Grange" event was a great success, with standing room only in the Museum to hear Gladys Ray and her colleague Norman Brandt talk about the many Grange programs and the upsurge in new chapters today. Afterward everyone talked and lingered over the old-fashioned refreshments on the patio.

Many, many thanks to the members and friends who helped with all the details of the event: Marion Arkell, Roger and Irene Crosby, Randy and Rebecca Davis, Duane Demeritt, Gary Farnham, Joyce Keegal, Kate Locke, Nancy Maynard, Frank Northrup, Betty Stevens, and Robin Wrighton. The apples for the fresh-pressed cider were donated from Applecrest Farm, Hampton Falls.

October 16: Gathering Family Stories

The next program is aimed at the many people who wish they could gather up all the wonderful stories they've heard from members of their family, which would be so interesting and meaningful to later generations. How can we help people jog their memories? And how do we save them once the memories start coming?

A special guest speaker will visit the Museum **Thursday evening, October 16, 7 pm** to help answer those questions. **Jo Radner**, of Lovell, Maine, a freelance storyteller and oral historian, has a Ph.D. from Harvard and spent 31 years as a professor at American University in Washington, DC, teaching literature, folklore, American studies, women's studies, Celtic studies and storytelling. She has published books and articles in all those fields, and is past president of the American Folklore Society and the National Storytelling Network. There will be some audience participation in finding, developing and telling one's own tales, and there will be valuable handouts to take home.

This program is made possible through a grant from the NH Humanities Council and is free and open to the public. What better way to prepare yourself for a project of such benefit to your family, maybe even to start as the winter months come on?

That's **Thursday, October 16, 7:00 pm** at the Brentwood Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road, Brentwood.

Next program: Michael Tougias, author of riveting stories of Coast Guard rescues in powerful storms, will talk with slides about rescuing the crews of two ships that had split apart in a storm in 1952. A NH Humanities Council program, shared with the Friends of the Library, to be held at the **Bartlett Library, Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 pm.**

For more information please visit www.brent-woodnhhistory.org or call Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635.

***Linda Rousseau** for the Society*

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

School is back in session and that means the Swasey PFG is busy planning for the new school year ahead. The Parent Faculty Group is a group of parents, guardians and teachers of the students of Swasey Central School. Their mission is to enhance the welfare and education of children at Swasey Central School by promoting active parent involvement in volunteer programs and fundraisers, as well as school and PFG sponsored activities. It's fun, it's free, it's informative, and you can develop some great friendships with other parents. Find them on Facebook at Swasey Central School PFG.

The fall fundraiser is a combination of Yankee Candle selections and a new offering called Kid Stuff books. The Kid Stuff books offer discounts and coupons for all ages, be sure to look at one to see all they offer.

Boxtops continue to be collected at Swasey, as well as the Bartlett Library and Town Offices. Our collection efforts will be directed towards the installation of new blinds in the gymnasium. Keep clipping! We also wanted to take the opportunity to thank Caroline Lasewicz for her time as our Boxtop Coordinator. Thank you Sarah Keener for stepping up for our new Boxtop coordinator.

The PFG will be sponsoring a scarecrow at the Library, be sure to go and see it! They will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30pm** in the library at Swasey.

Sheila S. Lane

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

We are thrilled to announce that the Mary E. Bartlett Library has been named **Library of the Year** for 2014 by NHLTA (the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association). We invite all of you to celebrate and accept the award with us on **Saturday, October 25th** at **3pm** during the Scarecrow Festival. The **Library of the Year** is chosen by NHLTA for demonstrating expansion and improvement of services and technology, for enhancing services to a previously under-served part of the community, for developing partnerships with other libraries and community organizations, and for building supportive relationships with town officials. To all of you who support our efforts to serve the community – Thank you! We are proud to be your "small but mighty" library.

"Booktober" Happenings at MEB

Whether you've been knitting for years or are only just beginning, you are welcome to join the **Library Knitting Group,** led by knitter-extraordinaire, Jacqueline Wilson. Meeting times are **Tuesdays** from **1–3** and **alternating Thursdays** at **7pm**. This month the Thursday knitters will meet on **10/9 and 10/23.**

Preschool Story Times continue at 10:30am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and also at 2pm on Tuesdays. Joyce Miller has some wonderful crafts and stories to share this month!

Wednesday @ One Cinema resumes on **October 1** from 1pm – 3pm. This month we will enjoy films starring Drew Barrymore: **Fever Pitch** (10/1), **Blended** (10/8), **Music & Lyrics** (10/15), **Ever After** (10/22) and **Never Been Kissed** (10/29). Popcorn provided.

College 101 for Parents – Thurs., Oct 2 at **7pm.** Brentwood resident **Virginia Knutson** will share her tips for navigating the college process based on her own experiences. This program will be especially helpful for parents of high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Handouts and great advice provided!

Ladies & Gents Night Movie will be held on Thursday, **October 9** at 7pm. We will be showing this summer's hit "**Chef,**" the story of a chef who loses his restaurant job and starts up a food truck.

Friday Night Family Flick will be held on **October 17** at 6:30pm with "**Mr. Peabody & Sherman**," rated PG. As usual, we will provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottle.

Don't forget the **Friends' Scarecrow Festival** from **1:30pm to 3:30pm** on **October 25**!

Meet the local Candidates for NH District 23 Senate and House of Representatives, for Rockingham County Attorney, and for the area Floterial Represent-ative on **Monday, October 27** at 7pm at the library. Many thanks to Dick Chamberlain for moderating this event.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on Monday, **October 27** at **7pm.** Copies of the selected title are available at the library.

The **Trustees** will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, **October 15**. Public is welcome to attend.

Please note that **the library will be closed** on Monday, **October 13** for **Columbus Day**.

Save the date: Nov. 7 at 7pm for **Eyes on Owls**! Help us welcome back (live) owls of all shapes and sizes. A fun and educational program for all ages.

Check it out @ your Brentwood library -- **NH's 2014 Library of the Year!**

Betsy Solon, *Library Director*

Friends of the Library

The Friends would like to extend much deserved congratulations to the librarians and the Trustees for winning the 2014 New Hampshire Library of the Year Award. We are very fortunate to work with such a dedicated group of individuals who strive their hardest to make this such a great and welcoming library.

Calling all Scarecrows --- or at least some creative scarecrow makers. . . .

This year's festival will take place on Saturday, **October 25 from 1:30-3:30. T**here will be light refreshments being handed out as you walk among the scarecrows. This year is a special year as the State of NH will present the librarians with their Library of the year award. We would love to see a lot of scarecrows this year, so get your creative juices flowing. You can pick up your stake at the library with $5 refundable deposit. We will have activities for the kids, a costume parade and the judging of the scarecrows.

Don't forget to check out the passes board. A beautiful place not to be missed is the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. With live animal exhibits, education programs and lake cruises, you will enjoy a fun filled day with plenty to do. The Science Center is open until November 1.

We are always looking for new people to join our group, so if you have some ideas for what you would like to see at the library come join us. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 8 at 12:30.**

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events simply email marybartlett76@yahoo.com and we would be happy to add you to our list. We do not share this information with anyone else.

Cheryl Scott

Blue Jackets--Gold Standards--Ignite the Spark for Agriculture

Elise McNaughton and Danielle Woodman of Brentwood hold up the traditional FFA blue corduroy jacket.

I am sitting at the Baltimore/Washington International airport, awaiting our connecting flight to Louisville, Kentucky, where I will be overseeing 15 New Hampshire FFA members representing our state. My students are talking to yet another person who has asked them about their blue corduroy jackets. As I sit here, in listening distance, I can see why so many people are asking them about their blue corduroy. The students look extremely sharp, professional, and worth taking a third glance at, in their official dress (affectionately called OD.) I have seen other members of the National FFA from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts make their way to connecting flights as well.

I do not interrupt my students as they talk to the public about their jackets, their purpose, their trip, their excitement. I only watch and listen, but am ready to provide assistance if need be, if the questions get too tough. They are doing just fine with questions such as: What about the blue corduroy? The blue in the FFA is an actual color called National Blue and as for the jacket, in 1933 the Fredericktown, Ohio FFA Chapter was sending their band to perform at National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Lintner, who has ties to the chapter, wanted the band to look nice and had the jackets made and given to the boys. The jacket caught the attention of all who saw it and soon it became part of the official dress for the FFA. Eighty years later the jacket has become the most recognized symbol of the organization--with 70,000 jackets made each year.

Another person asks: "The back – tell me about the back – I can see your state and school but what is the big circle in the middle?" Centered in the middle of the back of each jacket is a large emblem. Those who look quickly would just say it is a circle, but if one looks for a minute you can see the outline of a cross section of an ear of corn –- not a circle. Corn is the only crop grown in all 50 states and is the symbol of unity among members. Throughout the emblem you can see a plow for strength and working with the land, the rising sun -- opportunity and progress, an owl for knowledge, the eagle for the freedom. The words Agriculture Education and FFA signify the combination of learning and leadership. The embroidery is all done in gold, the color of corn, and symbolizing that FFA Members strive for the highest standards possible.

In less than two hours we will land in Louisville, Kentucky, for the 87th National FFA Convention. My students will no longer stand out. Instead they will be lost in the sea of blue -- 56,000 blue corduroy jackets will take over Louisville for five days. Of course there will be people who ask about the blue jackets -- but instead the questions will be, "Turn around so I can see your home state." "Sign my convention book," "What is your chapter like?" What do you do in New Hampshire for agriculture?" "What is your career development event?" "What is your supervised agriculture experience?" All of this will go on for five days -- and my students plus the 55,985 others will be setting the future path for where agriculture is going.

Anne DeMarco, *FFA Advisor*
Seacoast School of Technology

Grace Ministries International Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Grace Ministries International will celebrate its 30th Anniversary with four days of events from Thursday, October 9 through Sunday, October 12.

Worship services will take place Thursday and Friday at 6:30, Friday and Saturday from 9 AM–12 noon, and Sunday at 10 AM. Participating pastors will be John and Jane Fillmore, Dan Moore, Lynn Lucas, and Stephen and Florence Mwangi who will Skype from Africa.

A concert by The Blackwood Brothers will take place **Saturday evening October 11 beginning at 6:30** pm. For more information about the Blackwood Brothers visit the church's website at www.gracemi.org.

All events and services during the Anniversary Weekend are free and open to the public. Grace Ministries International is located at 263 Route 125, Brentwood. For other information call 642-7848 or email gmi@gracemi.org.

Brentwood Recreation News

2014-2015 YOUTH BASKETBALL

Coed teams: **Kindergarten and 1st-2nd Grade**
Travel teams: **Girls: 3rd–8th** and **Boys: 3rd--8th**

Kindergarten: Saturday mornings, Swasey gym, as a group, 1 hour. 30 minutes skills, 30 minutes game.

1st and 2nd graders: Saturday mornings, Swasey gym, in teams. 30 minutes skills and fundamentals, 30 minutes a game with hoops lowered. Open gym night for additional playing time optional, offered twice a month.

3rd-6th graders: home games at CMS gym, Stratham. Practice 1 night/week, gym and day TBD.
Travel required: Stratham, Greenland, Brentwood, Newfields, North Hampton, East Kingston.
Objective: Individual skills, fundamentals, simple team plays, defense, working together as a team, sportsmanship.

7th- 8th graders: *Teams will play in the Lamprey River League.* **Practice:** 1 night per week, Days TBD starting mid-November. **Season approximately 12/6 – 2/21.** Games played primarily Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Home games played at the Talbot Gym in Exeter.

Registration cost:
K-2nd ($45) 3rd- 6th ($75) 7th-8th ($85)
(Families registering three or more players - first two children at regular fee, $20 for additional children)
Sign-up online or through the Recreation office.
Deadline is October 24.

WEST COAST SWING DANCE Classes

Whether you're a beginner or an amateur dancer, West Coast Swing is a dance that will perfectly fit you! An offshoot of another dance called Lindy, it can be enjoyed in small spaces because of its 'slotted' nature. The lady dances forward and backward along a single straight line on the floor while her partner stays in one place. No partner required to take the lesson. *Instructor Karen Graham is a member of the World Swing Dance Council and Fast Dance Association. Dancing West coast Swing since 1966, teaching in Vermont and New Hampshire.*

Wednesdays October 1, 8, 15, 22 6:30pm-7:30pm
Session Cost: $40/each $75/couple Drop-ins welcome to come at 7:30pm at $15/class. Sign-up through the Recreation office or online through our website.

Join Us at FOXWOODS CASINO!

Join us on Monday, October 20
Experience "the wonder of it all" at the beautiful and fun Foxwoods Resort and Casino in southeastern Connecticut. Passenger receives a bonus package worth up to $34 at the casino upon arrival. Enjoy coach bus transportation with coffee and donuts for the ride down and a snack on the return trip. **Cost is $35. Bus leaves the Brentwood Recreation Area at 7:30am and returns approx. 7:30pm. Please call the Recreation office by October 13 to reserve your seat.**

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE COURSE

: A one day event to increase your awareness, help you avoid dangerous situations and empower you with simple escape techniques. This 4 hour class includes elements of basic safety that can help a woman recognize possible danger before it escalates into physical attack. Learn to defend yourself. Bring a friend and join us!
Saturday, November 1 (changed from Sept. 27)
11:30am-3:30pm Cost: $10. ***Brentwood Community Center.*** *Some of the topics covered:*
Situational Awareness Action vs. Reaction drills
Time/Space distance for defense/protection
Stance and Balance Take Downs and Escapes

MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on **Thursday, December 4th, 7:30-9:00pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter. Sign up through the Recreation office or online by October 30. Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website. **Cost: $80**/10 weeks.

YOUTH PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday Evenings September 24 – November 5
Swasey School Gym --Girls and Boys 3rd – 5th Grade
Cost: $10 for session. Kids will learn rules of the game, work on skill development and participate in scrimmages. Register online or through the Recreation office.

YOGA & NUTRITION CLASS

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm
Offered by Alicia Rossman RND, RYT owner of Let's Get Movin'! Offered for adults (kids 10+ are welcome to join with parent). Class starts with nutrition education, followed by movement to help strengthen and stretch the body, improve balance and flexibility, Beginners welcome! Registration is ongoing; you can join at any time. **$64/ eight weeks** Drop-ins always welcome at $10/class. Register at class. www.letsgetmovin.com

SENIORS **Join us for Chair Yoga! 10:00am**

EVERY Tuesday! Brentwood Community Center. This gentle movement helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance. You will gain strength and confidence and feel better with the support of others around you! No experience necessary. Class is FREE.

RECREATION WEBSITE

See our Recreation pages, on the town website www.brentwoodnh.gov for current programs and events. Forms are available to download for your convenience.

Margaret Dullea

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm

Swasey Central School Update

We've enjoyed a great beginning to our school year and below you can read about some of the exciting things going on in our school. Please look for our website online to stay up to date. – http://scs.sau16.org.

There is no longer NECAP testing for students in October. In the spring of 2015, students in Grade 3-5 will take the Smarter Balanced test in Language Arts and Math. This is the initial year for this assessment. Students and staff have seen the format through practice tests that are available online. We have also participated in the SBAC field test, which helped to shape the protocols of this new assessment. Please go to this website for access to practice tests. http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/.

Excerpts from the Swasey School website

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students spent the first few weeks getting to know all of our friends. Following the Responsive Classroom Model, kindergarten students practiced a variety of routines, developed classroom community rules, and shared their hopes and dreams for the coming year. Fall weather will bring many exciting experiences to kindergarten. Literacy, science, and math activities will be related to seasonal topics such as apples, pumpkins, and harvest time. We are looking forward to our first Swasey field trip to the Brentwood Mary E. Bartlett Library.

First Grade

First grade is learning new routines like calendar, rods, and tallies. We are meeting new friends and learning about them. We are working on a safety unit and the Brentwood Fire Department will be coming in to visit the first graders. The children are thinking about their hopes and dreams for first grade. We are developing classroom rules together. We will be starting small moment's stories during writing time. We are reading every day as a group for guided reading and doing quiet reading during self-select reading time.

Second Grade

We will lead off our school year with a study of life cycles as we observe the metamorphosis of butterflies in our classrooms. Our investigation will culminate in a field trip to The Butterfly Place in Westford, Massachusetts in early October. We are looking forward to participating in the 2014 O.R.E.O Project (Our Really Exciting Online Project), which uses Oreo cookies as math manipulatives! The students estimate how many Oreos they can stack before they tumble and, after two attempts, record their best effort. Yes, we get to sample some extra cookies after recording our results! The beginning of second grade is a time to discuss and implement the routines and guidelines of Responsive Classroom. We start the day with our Morning Meeting and begin the process of getting to know one another as we work to create rules and expectations for the year together. Hopes and Dreams are discussed, guided discoveries of classroom materials are held and we establish a common language as we create our second grade classroom communities. We're looking forward to a year of learning, caring and creating.

Art

As we begin the new school year at Swasey Central School our students have been excited to find their artwork on the walls in the Back to School Art Show. It is a colorful and fun way to kick off the year! All of our Swasey artists will be creating an art portfolio to hold the masterpieces they will create this year. We will also be celebrating International Dot Day by reading our book of the month, The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. In The Dot, Vashti learns how to make her creative mark on the world. Our students will then make their own mark on the world by creating a unique dot. All the dots will be assembled in a whole school installation.

Music

As we settle into the new school year, grades 1 & 2 learn welcome songs, and we have name game songs that assist us all in getting to know each other. Grades 3 & 4 share something special from the summer with a drumming activity, and grade 5 works at building community by learning a Colonial cup passing game. As we move into the fall, the percussion instruments appear and all grade levels will be adding instruments to fall or Halloween songs…they LOVE playing the instruments!!!

And speaking of instruments, Randy Armstrong will be coming to Swasey the beginning of October to perform a concert of World Music on instruments from around the globe followed by a week residency where he will be working with the individual classes doing west African drumming and ensemble playing; a perfect tie in to Responsive Classroom as it relates to building community within the first 6 weeks of school !

***Ron W. Kew**, Principal*
Swasey Central School

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35 Years Ago in the *Brentwood Newsletter*

Progress has been made on the landscaping of the area around the Town Office Building. Early in September, 14 young pine trees, donated by Mitch Michaud from his land, were transplanted to the stream area by the road. On September 22 the first loads of bark mulch were deposited on the banks. . . . Several townspeople have indicated they will donate bushes or shrubs from their property to the Town Office landscape.

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[The Town Office opened for business Jan. 29, 1979.]

Brentwood Gardeners

The Gardeners were glad to meet again after their summer break. Each member told about the best and/or the worst thing with their gardens this year. There was both happy agreement and sympathy around the table.

They also learned about a special wooden planting bed, raised two feet off the ground, that was installed this summer in the Swasey Central School courtyard, courtesy of the Dillon family and the Gardeners. This will enable children who are in standers or wheelchairs to plant flowers and vegetables while others are planting the ground plots. Sheila Lane, the Swasey teacher who supervises the courtyard activities, worked with us on this special project.

Next, with Ann Dillon leading at the flip chart and marker station, the members discussed what they wanted for programs in the coming months, and who would arrange for each one. The programs are listed in the Fall Gardeners Newsletter that members will soon receive. Extra copies are at the Town Office and the Library. Anyone who is not a member may pick up a copy, come to a program, and join us at any time!

The October meeting will take place **Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall of the Pilgrim Church on Middle Road. The program will be on "Herbal Skin Care," including making your own products with your own herbs.

For more information call the co-presidents Torie Freeman, 778-2748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau

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Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will meet at the Brentwood Community Center on **Wednesday, October 22.** Luncheon will be soups and salads. Members are asked to bring one or the other, and arrive at 11:00 am for set-up and social hour.

The short business meeting will begin at 11:30, after which the soup and salad buffet will be open. Following lunch members will enjoy the entertainment, which is still to be determined.

The Seniors always welcome new members, including those who are not residents of Brentwood. For information please call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Holiday Fair

The **First Baptist Church** on the corner of North Road and Rte. 125 will hold their annual **Holiday Fair** on **Friday, November 7 from 3-6 pm and Saturday, November 8 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**.

Handicrafts, Food, Jewelry, Next to New and White Elephant tables will be available.

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Rosalie E. Stevens** of South Road, who died at her home on September 24, 2014. Born in Boston, she grew up in Stratham and lived in Brentwood for over 55 years. She worked for many years as the Emergency Room Unit Coordinator at Exeter Hospital and later in Dr. Peter Meneghin's private practice.

Historical Note

The year 1727 was remarkable for a violent and extensive earthquake which commenced on the 29th of October, A.M. It was announced by a loud and alarming noise; this increased until the shaking began, which continued three minutes. Cellar walls were broken in, and chimneys were thrown down, but no houses were destroyed. Smaller shocks were felt for several months afterward.

Brentwood's 225 Years, 1742-1967 – page 117.

The New Crawley Falls Bridge

The town enjoyed a quiet milestone last week when the Crawley Falls Bridge opened to traffic on September 26, 2014. It had been under reconstruction since April. Town Clerk Phyllis Thompson and Norman Lemoine were the first residents to drive across it.

There were surely bridges at Crawley Falls from the very early days. Brentwood was incorporated as a town in 1742, but settlers had been living, farming and milling here for 100 years before that. The rapids at Crawley's Falls were the site of the earliest mill activity in town. We can assume that those who were industrious enough to establish mills and dwellings in the vicinity also managed to bridge the river.

However, the first recorded reference we have is in 1772. As noted on page 72 of *Brentwood's 225 Years 1742-1967,* "On April 13, 1772, Brentwood voted to rebuild Crawley's Falls Bridge or that part of said bridge that was carried off by the waters in the freshit [sic] which happened on the 10th of April. . . All to be speedily done and finished for the use of his Majestys good subjects."

Just 14 years later, "After a late freshet in 1785, the bridge was taken up September 8 and rebuilt in time to pass over it October 10. It was voted: that each man may work out his rate [his taxes] at two shillings per day."

It's hard to believe that the 1785 bridge endured for 156 years without repairs. Until more references are found, however, we can only refer to the above town history, which states: "The foundation for the wooden bridge is still intact with the new cement bridge replacing it in 1941 at a higher level. The new bridge was erected at a cost of $1800, the tunnel for the mill waters was filled in by the state." (page 72)

In 1941 Crawley Falls Road was still part of Route 125, the major north-south highway in this part of the state. The portion of the current highway that starts at the north end of Crawley Falls Road and ends below South Road was just fields, farms and forest, crossed only by the existing east-west roads of our town, North, South and Middle (Route 111A). For all those early years, all the north-south traffic of the times passed along Old Route 125, or Crawley Falls Road as we know it today, and the bridge at Crawley Falls. Of course the vehicle traffic wasn't what it is now. For some 200 years it was horse- and oxen-drawn carriages, coaches, carts, and sleighs, and then the early cars and trucks up to the 1950's. But there were also many herds of cattle and other livestock that traveled the highway, headed to Boston for sale. The Crawley Falls Bridge carried it all.

The major construction that transformed Route 125 into a modern highway occurred in the mid-1950's. If the new highway had followed the path of our Crawley Falls Road, a number of houses and buildings would have been demolished – including the Fire Station, which had just recently been built. And so the loop of Old Rte. 125, running parallel to the new 125, became a quieter version of its former self.

The bridge and the Exeter River didn't change. The river continued to have "freshets" and floods and threaten the bridge from time to time. Untold hours of patchwork with sandbags and other methods of shoring up managed to keep it open through the years, but the basic structure was getting more fragile all the time. 1941 to 2014 – 73 years is not too bad for a busy little bridge. The construction cost of this one: $801,925, under budget by $28,044. The cost to the town, 20% of the total, or $160,385.

Linda Rousseau

Ham & Bean Supper

First Baptist Church of Brentwood
Saturday, October 11, 2014 5:00-6:30 PM

Hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls
Homemade pies!

Tickets at the door: Adults $7.00
Children under 10, $3.50 Under 6 – free

Corner of North Rd. and Route 125

Pilgrim Church Harvest Supper

Pilgrim Church's 47th Annual Harvest Supper will be held on **Saturday, November 1, 2014**, at the Swasey School on Route 111A in Brentwood. There will be seatings at **4:30** and **6:00**. The all-you-can-eat Roast Turkey Dinner will be served family style and will feature turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, butternut squash, and a wide variety of HOMEMADE PIES for dessert. Make this delicious meal your family's night out. Tickets will be available at the door, but for your convenience, advance tickets may be purchased as follows:

In Brentwood - at Brentwood Country Store (Lindy's) on Route 111A.
In Kingston - Carriage Towne Market (next to the Post Office).
In Exeter - at Arnold's Bakery Store on Lincoln Street.

Reservations for tables of six or more can be made at 642-4597.

The price will be **$12 for adults and $7 for children under ten.**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct.	6	School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School library
		Trails Committee -- 7:00 pm, Town Office
		Firemen's Association – 7:00 pm, Fire house
Oct.	7	Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
		Brentwood Democrats – 7:00 pm, 84 South Road
Oct.	8	Friends of the Library – 12:30 pm, Bartlett Library
		Wednesday @ One cinema – 1:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "Fever Pitch"
		Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Oct.	9	**Ladies & Gents Movie** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "Chef"
		Grace Ministries 30th Anniversary weekend begins, 6:30 pm. See page 5.
Oct.	11	**Ham and Bean Supper – 5-6:30 pm, First Baptist Church, corner North Rd & Rte. 125.**
Oct.	14	Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Oct.	15	**Wednesday @ 1** cinema – 1:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "Blended"
		Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
Oct.	16	Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
		"**Gathering Family Stories" – Jo Radner, 7:00 pm,** Historical Soc. Museum
Oct.	17	**Family Flick – 6:30 pm,** Bartlett Library, "Mr. Peabody & Sherman"
Oct.	21	Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
		Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
		Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Fellowship Room, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road
Oct.	22	Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Community Center
		Wednesday @ 1 cinema – 1:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "Ever After"
		Flu Clinic – 2:00-2:30 pm, Town Office. See page 1.
Oct	25	**Scarecrow Festival – 1:30–3:30 pm,** Bartlett Library
		Library Presentation, "Library of the Year" – 3:00 pm, Bartlett Library
Oct.	27	Candidates Night – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
		Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
Oct.	28	Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
		Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
		Brentwood Democrats – 7:00 pm, 52 Stevens Drive
Oct.	29	Wednesday @ 1 cinema – 1:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "Never Been Kissed"
Oct.	31	**Trick or Treat night, 5:00-7:00 pm.** Residents have porch light on if ready for visitors.
Nov.	1	**Pilgrim Church Harvest Supper – seatings 4:30 and 6:00, Swasey School**
Nov.	3	School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
		Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
		Firemen's Association – 7:00 pm, Fire House
Nov.	4	Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building

The public is welcome at all above events

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