



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

July 1993

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION!!



Saturday, July 3

9:00-10:00 5km Road Race, Town Hall

-9:00 Registration \$10

-10:00 Race Start

9:00-3:00 ABWM Church Fair, Baptist Church
Luncheon, White elephants, Books, Bakery,
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- Baptist Church - (Free)
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11:30-3:00 Luncheon - Baptist Church

1:30 Mad Hatter's Parade - Baptist Church
(Form at Children's Table)

3:00 Raffle Drawing - Baptist Church

4:00 Firemen's Parade - Main Street

4:00 Midway Opens - Brown Shattuck Field
Games, Food, Boy Scouts, Eastern Star,
& Vendors

5:30 Firemen's Famous "Bar-b-que"
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5:00-dark Musician Entertainment & Square
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Rain Date: Sunday, July 4

(Church Fair starts at 10:30 am)

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Community Development Block Grant finally a reality, by Suzanne C. Vitale

After almost two years of negotiations and much anticipation, the fruition of the Community Development Block Grant is about to be realized.

The Town of Bradford will soon finalize and sign the contract with the Capital Regional Development Corporation, who will administer the disbursement of the \$350,000 grant. \$335,000 will be loaned to the New Kearsarge Corporation (NKC). No money will be transferred, however, until all delinquent property taxes (approx. \$70,000) have been paid to the Town.

In the contract, NKC is directed to expend the loan funds within twelve months, by using up to \$235,000 for machinery and equipment and up to \$100,000 for building improvements. NKC agrees to occupy the property for at least five years and to operate a wood product manufacturing facility. The loan is secured by liens on the machin-

ery, land and buildings, as well as personal guarantees from the principal owners of NKC.

Repayment is on a five-year schedule with 10% interest on the outstanding balance.

\$6,000 of the total grant monies will be paid to Capital Regional Development Corp. for their services. \$9,000 will be retained by the Town for local administrative costs. These include an audit of the grant, the cost of preparing an environmental overview (to be produced by Central NH Regional Planning Commission), legal and advertising costs, and an administrator to monitor and oversee the grant repayment process.

The Town advertised for proposals for an administrator and received two responses. At their June 21st meeting, they selected the low bid, presented by Provan & Lorber on behalf of Ken Ortmann.

Once the contract is signed and the grant process underway, the next step facing the Selectmen is to finalize the statement of loan policy for the Bradford revolving loan fund to enable the Town to re-loan monies received in payment from NKC.

Town Forum on long range planning to be held July 7

The Bradford Voters Coalition will hold a summer Town Forum on July 7 at the Town Hall to discuss the topic of long range planning. Exhibits and refreshments will be available at 7:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

"Vision, Not Division" is the theme of the evening. Presentations will be made by Dick Perron, discussing the history of the town's master plan; the Planning Board, discussing what's needed to update the master plan; and Glen Mayo, integrating the Facilities Committee findings.

Jon Steiner will moderate the program, encouraging questions and discussion from the audience. The goal of the evening's

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ERROR OF OMISSION

In the flyer inserted into this issue, the Sunday breakfast hours are 8:00 to 10:00.

Fourth of July Pie Sale-abration

The Bradford/Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool will hold its annual Pie Sale in front of the Bradford IGA on Friday, July 2, and Saturday, July 3, starting at 8:30 am!

We will be selling pies and breads. Please show your support for the children and enjoy one of our famous **HOMEMADE** treats! -Donna Marr

Public meeting discusses Facilities Committee report

On Wednesday, June 9th, a public meeting was held at the Town Hall to provide information to the community concerning the report of the Facilities Committee. Chairman Glen Mayo reviewed the report, including its recommendations and assessment of the current condition of the buildings they had been tasked to study: the Town Hall, the library, and Central School.

He reviewed the five-year recommended reuse plan, which involves moving the town administrative offices to the Central School. He emphasized that this was only their recommendation.

The recommendation which generated the most discussion was the establishment of a permanent facilities committee. Questions were asked concerning its responsibilities and make-up. Library trustee Janet Sillars stated that the library has a unique status, independent of the Selectmen.

At the end of the evening, when Mayo asked for a sense of the attendees opinion of the recommendations, there was general support for the changes offered by the committee. The next step is to request the Selectmen to act on the plan by appointing a permanent facilities committee.

Awards presented to Bradford K.R.E.S. students

The annual awards assembly was held at Bradford's elementary school on the last day of school, June 21. Students receiving recognition included:

CITIZENSHIP: Nathaniel Chadwick, Emily Kennedy, Rebecca Barker, Tony Salera, Jessica Whitman, Leela Burdick, Matthew Hall, Christopher Branham, Becky Simpson, Tami Fitton, Christopher Sampson

MATHEMATICS: Jacob Cybulski, Timothy Sias, Hattie Johnson, Margaret Calvert, Bryan Ames, Sarah McLeod, Casey Bellman, Brian Caravan, Amelia Szymkowicz

LITERARY: Graham Hoffman, Sarah Payson, Abigail Brown, Brandon Curry, Tara Alibrandi, Vanessa Hall, Tyler Justice, Joshua Russell, Wess Bennett

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Report from the town clerk and tax collector

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TOWN CLERK:

June 6. Nicholas James VanderWerff and Brenda Odessa Guiforro Ortiz were married.

June 12. Nicholas Philip Stamas and Kimberly Ruth Hart were married.

June 21. Andrea Marie Fortune was born to Samuel and Christina Fortune.

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- Heather Jane Beaton, UNH
- Jessica Elizabeth Byfield, UNH
- Isabelle deCambry, returning to Belgium
- Jesse Daniel Griffin III, Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, Orlando, FL
- Rachel Anne Herman (National Honor Society), St. Michaels College, Colchester, VT
- Jodi Elizabeth Lalla (National Honor Society), UNH
- Summer Dawn Sargent, Hesser College
- Sarah E. Smith, New England College
- Michael Robert Thompson, University of Maine, Farmington
- Kristy Lee Willett, working
- Alexandre (Sasha) Alexandrovich Zouev, returning to Russia

Recycling telephone books

The Bradford Transfer Station has set up a box for residents to discard their unwanted telephone books. Merrimack County Telephone will pick up and recycle the books.



A scene from the Bradford Hysterical Players' forthcoming melodrama. Dora, The Maid (Sue Vitale), urges on Sir Percival Glyde, The Villain (John Signorino) in his attempt to demean Walter Harrright, Our Hero (George Beaton), while Gentle Marion, The Niece (Mary Dayton) tries to avert tragedy. Performances July 16 and 17 at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse.

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The family of Anne and Bernard Woods would like to thank all those who attended the graveside services on May 21, 1993 for their many kind expressions of sympathy. It meant a great deal to us to know how well they were remembered. They spent their happiest years in Bradford and had many fond memories of their time there.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph P. Jansen

Joseph P. Jansen, 32, of Steele Road, Bradford, died June 21 on Nantucket Island, a place he had always wanted to visit.

He was born in Elmira, N.Y., the son of Ann Marie (Mickle) Nolan and the late Richard M. Jansen.

Jansen graduated from Horsehead High School, Elmira, N.Y., and attended the University of Colorado, where he majored in music.

Most recently he worked for Silver Bear Tree Service. He was an accomplished musician who played the drums with various bands throughout the Northeast. Those who knew him were touched by his ability to live life to the fullest.

He leaves his wife Louanne; his two stepchildren, Sarah and Ian McLeod; his mother, Ann Nolan of Erin, N.Y.; two brothers, John Jansen of Elmira, N.Y. and Michael Jansen, of Bath, N.Y.; and a sister, Colleen Carlton of Waverly, N.Y.

A memorial service was held June 26 at the First Baptist Church of Bradford with The Rev. Joyce Ditlevson Lawlor officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oncology Unit at Dartmouth Medical Center or to Joe's children to assist with their higher education.

Don't forget to buy tickets for the Country Luncheon at the Center on July 18.



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Shirley L. Smith

Shirley L. Smith, 63, of Brooksville, Fla., and formerly of the Bradford-Warner area, died May 31 at her home.

Born in East Hampton, Mass., she moved to Florida seven years ago from New Hampshire.

She was the former owner of the Bradford Junction Restaurant in Bradford and of the Warner Variety Store.

She leaves her husband, Edward Smith, of Brooksville, Fla., two sons, Stephen Smith of Contoocook and James Smith of Chichester; five daughters, Gail Gordon of Loudon, Laurie Ansart of Newbury, Kathy Poole of Brandon, Fla., Mary Brown of Franklin, and Diane Hines of Windsor; three brothers, Leonard Lucier of Albuquerque, N.M., Harry Lucier of Boston, Mass., and Dennis Lucier of Dracut, Mass.; a sister, Doris Martin of Manchester; and twelve grandchildren.

Burial took place in the Contoocook Village Cemetery.

William E. Perkins

William E. Perkins, 47, of Apple Blossom Lane, New Fairfield, Conn., died Sunday, June 6 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, after a sudden illness.

Mr. Perkins was born in Waterbury, Conn. on Aug. 4, 1945, the son of the late Carleton H. and Hazel (Lynn) Perkins. He grew up in Bradford and graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner in 1964.

He received his A & P License from East Coast Aero-Tech in Bedford, Mass. Mr. Perkins had lived in New Fairfield, Conn., for the past five years, previously living in Lebanon for 11 years.

He had been employed as the chief of aviation maintenance for Connell Limited Partnership in Boston since January. From 1987-1992 he worked for Falcon Jet Corp. in Paramus, N.J., as a technical support representative, and from 1977-1987 he was chief of aviation maintenance for AMCA International in Hanover.

Mr. Perkins attended the First Baptist Church of Lebanon and had been a foster parent.

He was a member of PAMA (Professional Aviation Mechanics Association); WAMA (Westchester Aviation Mechanics Association); the National Business Aircraft Association; the Canadian Aviation Mechanics Association, and had been Moderator of the Falcon Jet Annual Worldwide Seminar.

Survivors include his wife, Eurette (Harding) Perkins of New Fairfield, Conn., four children, William M. Perkins of Danbury, Conn., Brenda K. Perkins of Danbury, Conn., Robert C. Steele of Danbury, Conn. and Amy E. Campbell of Fayetteville, N.C.; a granddaughter, Alexandra Eurette Campbell of Fayetteville, N.C., his mother and stepfather, Hazel (Lynn) and Classen Perkins of Concord and Venice, Fla.; a foster son, Donald F. Campbell, Jr. of Fayetteville, N.C.; three sisters, Nancy Battles of Venice, Fla., Lois Loomis of Concord, Joyce Teele of Bradford; two brothers, John Perkins of Plymouth and Gary Perkins of Bradford; four stepbrothers, Charles Perkins of Santa Barbara, Cal., Donald Perkins of Norwalk, Conn., Robert Perkins of East Granby, Conn. and Thomas Perkins of Jackson; nieces, nephews and cousins.

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- Craft demonstrations and sales: spinning and weaving, buttermaking, honey and wax products, quillcutting, knitting and crocheting, basketweaving, rug braiding, cheese-making, flax spinning, maple syruping, and others
- Tours of 1838 Church, Graveyard, and 1793 Schoolhouse
- Food: Three R's Hot Dog Stand, E. Washington Rd Gang lemonade and switchell stand

Friday, July 16

7:00 pm Militia arrival and set-up

8:00 pm Melodrama

Saturday, July 17

10:30 Opening Ceremonies

10:00-3:00 Schoolhouse activities

11:00, 12:00, 1:00 Spelling Bees

3:00 Magic show

8:00 Melodrama

Sunday, July 18

8:00 Breakfast at St. Peters Masonic Lodge, Main Street

11:00 Church service,
Union Congregational Meetinghouse, Bradford Center - Costumed recreation of 1830's service

12:00, 1:00 Country Luncheon under the tent, two seatings

1:00 New London Bellingers in the Meetinghouse

To benefit Bradford Historical Society and Union Congregational Society

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Summer courses offered by LINEC at New England College

LINEC, the Learning Institute of New England College, is offering several summer courses. LINEC is a membership-based program operating to: educate, enhance life, entertain both retired and younger adults who can attend day studies. For membership information, contact Erin DiBello at 938-2683. Summer term courses include:

- An Ingmar Bergman Festival. Fridays, July 9, 16, 23, 2:00-4:30; Marie Tolander, instructor
- Grandparenting. July 12-16, 10:00-noon; Evelyn Pitcher, instructor
- Good Nutrition is Forever. Mondays, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 10:00-noon; Beatrice Trum Hunter, instructor
- The Survivor in Us All. Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 6 - 29, 10:00-noon; Erna Rubenstein, instructor
- LINEC Writer's Group. Wednesdays, July 7-28, 10:00-noon. Those who have written or aspire to write may gather to share materials for mutual critiques and encouragement.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, July 10th 9:00 - 5:00
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Conservation Commission plans work at Pearl Town Forest

After consulting with two foresters, Brooks McCandlish and Tammarra Van Ryn, the Conservation Commission is planning to cut some trees in the Pearl Town Forest. The purpose of the cutting will be to improve the wildlife habitat and to create better growing conditions for the trees. Brooks and Tammarra will write up a contract with the specifics of the job for bids.

No work will be done in the back of the property, except to mark a trail along the brook to a scenic viewpoint. When the thinning has been completed, grass will be planted on skidder trails to provide browse for deer. Cutting in the late summer will give pine seedlings a chance to sprout for next year's growth.

Early next fall we'll have a work party to clean out brush from around the apple trees along West Road. This should make the apples more plentiful and provide food for many kinds of animals. We will also demolish and remove the two small buildings near the road.

In July, the Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, the 15th, instead of Tuesday, the 20th, at Tillie Wheeler's at 7:30. —Amy Blitzer

Congratulations Graduates!

Christine Lasher, daughter of Larry and Ruth Hall, graduated from Wheelock College in Boston with B.A. degrees in social-work and human development. She was on the Dean's list and joined the National Honor Society.

Rory Mather, son of Tom and Nancy Scribner, has graduated from Stanford University with a B.S. degree with honors in Symbolic Systems.

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Pastor Joyce presents Dr. Edythe Craig with a bleeding heart plant in honor of her outstanding work for the church and community.

Edythe Craig honored as outstanding church member and Bradford resident

Dr. Edythe Craig, outstanding First Baptist Church member and Bradford resident, was honored at the ABWM annual meeting on June 1. Edythe is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church, sings in the choir, and serves as the Financial Secretary, the ABWM Vice President of Missions, and is on the Finance Committee of ABC-VNH. She is Vice President of the Women's Christian Guild. She has been a member of the Grange for over 50 years, is Master of the Sullivan County Pomona Grange, and is Secretary of the Sunapee Lake Grange. Edythe is also a Trustee of the Trust Funds for the Town of Bradford and is Treasurer of the Union Congregational Society of Bradford Center.

Dr. Craig is a Doctor of Osteopathy and serves as a physician at the Maxfield Clinic in Newport, where she works two days a week.

She and her husband, Parker, are the parents of four sons. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In keeping with our theme, Rooted for Ministry, Edythe was presented with a bleeding heart plant. —Marcia Strout

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Committee studies funding alternatives for School District

by Kathleen Bigford

What? It's not March! Why should we be thinking about school budgets? As you ponder your July tax bill, remember that the task of finding a fair way to raise money to educate the children of the Kearsarge Regional School District is a difficult one.

For the past several years, a majority of the voters in the district have said they want to change the present taxation scheme. However, change has not been possible because more than a majority of voters are needed to bring about this change.

The last major effort to modify the District's tax procedure was made in 1992 at the annual District meeting. A proposal was voted on that would change the amount each town would pay to the District. Since two-thirds of the voters did not vote for the proposal, it did not pass. This proposal would have reduced Bradford's school tax by \$500,000. Less than 50 Bradford ballots were counted at this meeting.

In July of 1992, the Town of New London called a special town meeting to decide if it should withdraw from the District. At this

meeting, a group, which would later become known as the Ad Hoc Committee, agreed to "conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of New London from the Kearsarge Regional School District." The Committee was and still is made up of volunteers from most of the District's seven towns. Membership is open to anyone interested.

After seven months of studying the issues, the Ad Hoc Committee found that it would cost New London about \$3.8 million per year to operate its own school. Also the State of New Hampshire Department of Education would probably not grant a request from New London to withdraw from the Kearsarge District primarily for financial reasons. The State requires that, in order for a district to dissolve, the following conditions must exist:

- The resulting school systems must offer curriculum substantially equal to what was available in the pre-existing district;
- High schools in the new district must be no smaller than 150-200 students; and

- The remaining district must not be financially encumbered by the separation. Furthermore, even if New London were able to obtain State approval, the voters of the entire District would need to pass the proposal at an annual meeting.

With this in mind, the Ad Hoc Committee concluded that it would not be suitable for New London to withdraw from the District.

Since the 1993 District meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee has been meeting twice a month. The goal of the committee is to find and present to the voters of the District an equitable way to fund education. The committee feels there is a district-wide desire to provide quality education and to find ways to improve it if possible. After lengthy discussion about which to look at first -- funding or quality of education -- the committee decided to focus on finding solutions to the funding problem.

To be continued in August. If you are interested in working with the Ad Hoc Committee, please contact Howard Hoke at 526-2484 or Kathleen Bigford at 938-5104.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

In June, the ZBA discussed Frank and Carol Cullinan's application to open a used bookstore in a garage adjacent to their home near Mountain Lake Inn. A special exception was required because the business is in an accessory building. A joint public hearing with the Planning Board was held on the application on June 15. The application was approved after a brief discussion.

Bob Selig of Selig's Tire Center returned to the ZBA to appeal the decision of the Planning Board to require a site plan review. In May, the ZBA determined that his plans did not require its approval because no new use was planned. However, when he met with the Planning Board, they requested a site plan review. The ZBA responded to his appeal request by stating that it did not have the power to act on this matter; only the Superior Court could grant his request.

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**Book Review,
by Pauline Dishmon**

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Off The Beaten Path
by Barbara and Stillman Rogers
The Globe Pequot Press, CT 1992
Available at Brown Memorial Library

This guidebook to unique places, divided into regional sections, is the perfect reference for families and individuals who seek adventure and history.

Those who enjoy the outdoors will want to explore woodlands such as the Fox State Forest in the Hillsborough area, a 1448-acre area containing exotic trees.

Visitors can view the Madison Boulder, situated off Route 113 between Conway and Madison. This is the largest known example of a glacial erratic in New England. Geologists believe this boulder, 83 feet across and weighing 5,000 tons, came from Mount Willard, 25 miles north in Crawford Notch.

At the Fairfield Llama Farm in Freedom, leisurely guided treks with llamas carrying lunch and cameras are available.

The authors point to the Temple Mountain Ski Area as one of the best places for children to learn to ski. Rentals and special beginners' packages are available, along with chili at a slope-side lodge.

The Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner is featured, along with the Abenaki Encampment and Shop in Cathedral Woods in Intervale. Stephen Laurant, son of an Abenaki chief, relates Abenaki folklore and continues to carry on a project of his father, the writing of a dictionary of the Abenaki language. Both the Abenaki and Kearsarge shops feature baskets, beadwork, pottery and Indian culture publications.

Those who are drawn to covered bridges will want to rush to Bath where there are three, one so long that motorists are asked to turn on headlights as they enter; there are also three in Swanzey over the Ashuelot River.

A special feature of the book is that the authors, in many cases, provide telephone numbers and prices.

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From the Office of Congressman Dick Swett

The past month has been a busy one for Congressman Dick Swett and the rest of Congress. Events have ranged from votes on President Clinton's reconciliation package to giving high school and college commencement speeches.

For the last month, Congress has been debating the budget/deficit reduction proposal. Congressman Swett was one of only 38 Democrats who voted against the package. Congressman Swett, the state's only Democrat, voted against the Clinton reconciliation package because of disagreement in two areas: the increase in middle-class taxes (especially the BTU energy tax) and the lack of more spending cuts. Swett met personally with the President a number of times to urge further spending cuts before tax increases.

Swett expressed his views by saying that it is most important "to implement spending cuts first before tax increases on the middle class. There are two main reasons why this

is important. First, much of the Presidential campaign was spent talking about protecting the middle class, the segment of society that always seems to be forced to saddle the economic burdens of our country. While the upper income citizens saw their wages and wealth grow by 72% or better over the last ten years, the middle class saw its real wages decline. That has a lot to do with the reason why middle class Americans are so dissatisfied with how the government operates. If we could hold the middle class harmless in this first round of budget negotiations, we would go a long way towards rebuilding their confidence in the country. That would help the President a great deal.

"Second, if at this time, the elimination of the tax on the middle class (in other words, the removal of the BTU tax) could be accomplished by replacing the \$70 billion of revenue with an equal amount of spending cuts, then not only the middle class, but the rest of America would begin to believe that the government was serious about reigning in its excessive and wasteful spending. To back up my commitment, I sent the President a list of some 106 cuts, totalling over \$330 billion, to choose from, including programs that would affect the State of New Hampshire."

In May, Congressman Swett held a conference for high-tech firms to assist them in getting defense conversion funds. Over \$1 billion in conversion/high-tech funds will become available over the next year.

Swett recently announced the opening of the first-in-the-nation NASA outreach office in Nashua. He worked for a year to develop the office, which will help New Hampshire and New England firms compete for NASA's \$10 billion in contracts. Swett is a member of the Science, Space and Technology Committee.

Congressman Swett had the pleasure of speaking at a number of college and high school graduations over the past month. The schools included Franklin Pierce College, Daniel Webster College, Lebanon College, Hollis High School and his alma mater, Laconia High School.



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Responsibilities of library trustees determined by state statute

Because of questions raised in several public meetings recently concerning the town's responsibility for the library and the library trustees' responsibilities, The Bridge asked Trustee Janet Sillars to provide with some information to help clarify the issue. She noted that in 1892 the town voted to establish the Brown Memorial Library as the town's public library, in accordance with New Hampshire State Law. That law, RSA 202-A, is excerpted here. For more information, consult the entire statute at the library.

202-A:6 Library Trustees. The library trustees shall have the entire custody and management of the public library and of all the property of the town relating thereto, except trust funds held by the town.

202-A:11 Powers and Duties. Except in those cities where other provision has been made by general or special act of the legislature, the library trustees of every public library in the state shall:

- I. Adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for its own transaction of business and for the government of the library;
- II. Prepare an annual budget indicating what support and maintenance of the free public library will be required out of public funds for submission to the appropriate agency of the municipality. A separate budget request shall be submitted for new construction, capital improvements of existing library property;
- III. Expend all moneys raised and appropriated by the town or city for library purposes. All money received from fines and payments for lost or damaged books ... shall be used for general repairs and upgrading, and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment, shall be held in a nonlapsing separate fund and shall be in addition to the appropriation;
- IV. Expend income from all trust funds for library purposes for the support and maintenance of the public library in said town or city in accordance with the condition of each donation or bequest accepted by the town or city;
- V. Appoint a librarian who shall not be a trustee and, in consultation with the librarian, all other employees of the library and determine their compensation and other terms of employment.

Ann Hallahan named Sunapee Region "Realtor of the Year"

Ann C. Hallahan was honored recently by the Sunapee Region Board of Realtors when she was named "Realtor of the Year." Her award will be presented during their annual meeting on July 22.

This award places Hallahan in competition for "New Hampshire Realtor of the Year." The award is based on established criteria, including having high principles, faithfulness to laws and regulations of the Realtors' Code of Ethics and the local Board, and for furtherance of principles of good real estate practice among other brokers and the general public. In addition, the winner should participate in local board activities, civic activities, state association activities, and have business accomplishments.

Hallahan has served as chairman of the Sunapee Region board's Professional Standards Committee since 1990 and has been in business here for ten years. She noted that her focus is four area towns: Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, and Warner.

A Point of View
by Luanne Mayo

There is one great reason to celebrate becoming 60 ... you are eligible to go on Elderhostel trips. For you kids, Elderhostel is a learning/pleasure organization for Seniors. We were truly privileged to attend a two-week session in Rome - during black fly season. We studied the ancient civilizations who had populated what is now Italy.

It occurred to me that we really don't learn from others' mistakes and lassitude. We spent a day in Ostia, and I was struck by its similarity to Bradford. Ostia was the main port for Rome for hundreds of years. Then the estuary silted up and this treasure of many civilizations and cultures died. No one planned for the future ...

Bradford certainly has a parallel. When the railroad came into our town, the old Meetinghouse was moved, a new church was built, and Bradford Center declined. Then the railroad died too.

Any number of folks in Bradford will tell you that they do not want progress or change in town. In fact, they wish it would go back to the "Old Days."

... Well, listen up ... it never happens that way. Towns die and life moves to more vibrant places. Without industry and a plan for growth and an ever-expanding tax base, NO town survives. Decline sets in, convenience stores and junk yards spring up like weeds, home values inch down, and those who can afford to, move out.

There is an opportunity in July for each of us to hear and participate in future planning for our town. There will be a Town Forum at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm on July 7. Shouldn't you attend?

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Legislative update, by Jon Steiner

There are now nearly 300 new laws, dealing with everything from making stalking a crime to establishing a \$20,000 reward for the capture and conviction of former Newport District Court Judge John Fairbanks.

Town Meeting may get a little shorter thanks to Chapter Law 176. Remember those warrant articles we pass year after year that authorize the Selectmen to accept money and the like? Well next year, if we pass them just once more, they will stay in effect for subsequent town meetings.

School Meetings may get a little longer thanks to Chapter Law 218. This law gives the School Board authority to hold the District Meeting in several locations in 1994 and 1995, if the Board so decides. Funding for this measure was defeated at the last District meeting.

Are you a registered Independent who has to declare a party to vote in a primary election, then make a special trip back to Town Hall to switch back to Independent status? Chapter Law 193 will allow you to switch back right at the polls. After you finish voting, you'll need only to fill out a form and

leave it with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

If you own a dog, it will cost you more to license it, thanks to Chapter Law 220. A neutered male or female will still cost \$4.50, and unneutered dogs will cost \$7.00; but, in either case, you will pay an additional \$2.00 animal population control fee, which will be given to low-income people to help them pay for neutering their pets.

Don't write a bad check to pay for your dog license, or for any other reason. Chapter Law 215 raises the minimum charge for bouncing a check from a violation to a misdemeanor.

If you have a permit for carrying a loaded weapon, you will need to renew it every four years, rather than every two. However, Chapter Law 203 also raises the four-year fee from \$4 to \$10.

Placing manufactured housing on your property while you rebuild a home damaged by disaster will be allowed for up to 12 months, thanks to Chapter Law 158.

Nevertheless, it must still meet water and sewer requirements.

Leaving your bob-house out on the lake past April 1 will cost you more than a sunken bob house. Chapter Law 236 suspends for one year the fishing license of anyone who leaves his or her bob house out past this date.

With so many far reaching pieces of legislation passed this year, no doubt some of the new laws will affect you. If you have an idea for a law that will correct some evil or do some good, contact our area Representatives and Senator. Bradford's two House members are Thea Braiterman (428-7064) and Barbara French (428-3366). Our Senator is David Currier (428-3579). Now is the time to plant the seeds for next year's session.



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Trail developed at Bradford Bog, by Phyllis Wilcox

This is another in the series of reprints of articles written by Phyllis Wilcox for the Concord Monitor. This one was printed in 1977. We thank the Monitor for permission to reprint Phyllis's series of "snapshots" of Bradford.

This summer the Bradford Conservation Commission has been working to make a unique bog available to the public. The Bradford Bog, located near the East Washington town line, supports an unusual stand of White Cedar and carnivorous plants.

Miss Debra Dunlop, bog reclamation director, has been working under a 20-week grant, Title VI Special Project, funded by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

She has developed a trail in addition to thorough research and study of the bog's contents.

A bog, in literature, is generally pictured as menacing or haunted.

"Bogs have such unique flora and fauna," said Miss Dunlop. "I knew about the Bradford bog and always wanted to do something about it. It's a dream come to life for me to have had a part in this work."

Miss Dunlop, who lives in Bradford, graduated from New England College with a major in biology and has had a long and abiding interest in botany. She would like to see the start of a program of weekly walks through the bog and other nature sites in the Bradford area.

She explained, "Bogs are usually formed in kettle holes or glacial ponds. A piece of glacier broke off from the main mass — created a depression and filled up with glacial water. Pioneer plants like lichens moved in — then organic materials and plants moved in and plant succession began."

The Town of Bradford acquired the bog in 1971 as a gift from the New England Wildflower Society. The Society purchased the land in 1961 as a sanctuary for the White Cedar — *Chamaecyparis thoides*.

Geographically, this tree is found in coastal swamps and bogs from Maine to Florida. The Bradford bog supports one of the most northwesterly stands of trees in its range.

"The White Cedar's durability and straightness of wood made it a desirable cutting tree in the past for fence posts and guard rails," explained Miss Dunlop. The wood is very light — more than twice as light as oak.

The project's aim is to protect the White Cedar from cutting by humans or beavers.

The unique habitat and flora of the bog are due to the extreme acidity of the water. "It is so acidic," Miss Dunlop said, "that bacteria cannot survive and little decomposition takes place. Therefore few nutrients are available for plant growth.

"However," she added, "some plants have adapted to the limiting factor and acquire nutrients in specialized ways. The pitcher plant — *Sarracenia purpurea* — and the sundew — *Drosera rotundifolia* — trap and digest insects for a source of nutrients."



The low lying pitcher plant attracts insects to a liquid-filled cavity within its tubular leaves. Colorful and elaborate veins or honey guides direct the insect down into the leaf cavity where stiff downward pointing hairs trap it.

The sundew plant operates somewhat differently. "An insect landing on a leaf finds itself tangled in sticky glandular hairs. The more it struggles — the more trapped it becomes — eventually it dies. Then digestive enzymes act upon it," said Miss Dunlop.

A walk through the bog reveals an area rich in wildlife. There is an absolute stillness — intensified by the occasional call of a bird and the wet sogginess of the sphagnum moss underfoot. Many species of warblers, woodpeckers, white-throated sparrows and red-shouldered hawks may be observed.

Wildcat or bob cat markings are clearly evident on the newly laid board trail with acid-loving plants like: bog rosemary, leather leaf, high bush blueberry, laurel, pepper-



mint and others growing in the sphagnum moss.

According to Miss Dunlop, another area of interest down the road from the bog is the site of the old Bradford Mineral Spring and Hotel. In the early 1900's, people arrived by stage coach from local railroad stations, seeking the alleged medicinal benefits of the spring water — reputed to have a unique mineral content.

Viewed today, the spring house is in a dilapidated state and surrounded by water. She said the site can be viewed from a canoe via

the Bog Brook, entered from the road.

Many area residents have contributed to the "Bog" project, according to Miss Dunlop. Duane Bishop of Henniker Hardwood Pallete donated slab wood for the walk. Earl Nichols of Warner Lumber donated wood and Eugene Schmidt and Clarence Wheeler of Bradford helped with the nature trail.

Bradford's Bog is supported by the Bradford Conservation Commission. Further information may be obtained at the Bradford Selectmen's office. Miss Dunlop will arrange guided tours.

Directions to the Bog are as follows: start at the covered bridge off Route 103 in Bradford — follow Center Road about 2 miles to Bradford Center. Make a right at this intersection. Follow the road for about 1.8 miles, make a left onto the East Washington Road. Follow for 3 miles to a parking area on the left. The bog is one-quarter mile from the road.

Facilities Committee Report

The report of the Bradford Facilities Committee, after the public hearing on June 9th, is being recommended to the Selectmen for implementation. The committee, in a letter to the Selectmen, has suggested a modification to one of its major recommendations.

A permanent building facilities committee was originally proposed to have the responsibility of "reviewing and approving any proposed repairs, alterations, remodeling and renovation of any of the facilities owned by the town." It is now proposed that the permanent committee be required to "review and recommend to the Selectmen, prior to their action, any work on new or existing facilities, owned and/or funded by the town."

The original committee was in agreement with the comments made during the public hearing that the terminology included in the report was inappropriate. The power of approval, for this type of appointed assistance committee, is vested only with the Selectmen. A change in our governmental structure would be necessary to vest more power with the proposed committee.

With this correction, the concept: i.e., that there be an agency with the responsibility of reviewing any work either needed or proposed for town-owned and/or funded facilities, ensuring that the work is compatible with other work being proposed, and assuring that the work is based on a consistent, coherent policy.

It is hoped that as soon as the Selectmen act upon the revised proposal and appoint a permanent building facilities committee, the work authorized at this year's town meeting may be scheduled. A suggested list of members for the permanent committee has also been furnished to the Selectmen for their consideration.

The original Facilities Committee remains convinced that the current approach to the repairing, altering, remodeling, renovating and constructing of town facilities is not what is needed for the future of Bradford.
-Glen Mayo



Church News from Pastor Joyce

The July 3rd ABWM-sponsored church fair tops the chronological list of special activities for this month. This day-long fund-raising event begins at 9:00 a.m. on the church grounds. Adults will appreciate the diversity of home-made and home-grown goods available. Highlights for children include a performance by the Red Wagon Caravan Puppeteers and a Mad Hatter's Parade.

"Living in God's Creation" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School program, which will be held July 12th through 16th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The program is designed to help children celebrate God's creation and to remember the responsibility and privilege each person has for caring in a living, respectful manner for all that God has created. It encompasses a diversity of activities, including music, worship, Bible study, arts and crafts, games and refreshments. All children in the community enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate in this free outreach ministry. For details, please contact Joyce Teele at 938-2172 or the church office at 938-5313.

On July 18 (in concert with the Bicentennial Bradford Schoolhouse Celebration), we will gather for worship at 11:00 a.m. at the Union Congregational Society Meetinghouse in Bradford Center for an old-fashioned service conducted in Colonial fashion. (There will be no service in our sanctuary that day.) A Country Luncheon, co-sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society and the Union Congregational Society, follows with reservations required.

On July 25, another special worship service is planned. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., we'll celebrate the Christian year through word and song, singing favorite hymns from Christmas, Easter, etc., and listening to familiar words of Scripture usually reserved

for those holidays. It's a moving service not to be missed.

Work on the Fisk House continues. Volunteers are needed to help out with the scraping, sanding and painting stage of the renovation project. If you'd like to offer your services, please contact either Perry Teale or Dick Whall.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to countless persons in the community who have readily responded to the needs of others in times of crisis. I especially wish to thank the staff at the IGA for their support. It's a gift to be part of a community where people look out and care for one another as they do here in Bradford. Having journeyed together through some rough times (a number of deaths) over the past several months, let us take time to celebrate the special occasions and joyous moments which are as yet at hand! It's time to play!! Quoting a mug that I recently purchased: "Playfulness is a gift from heaven. Accept the gift and have fun today!"

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Summer is here and now it's "kid's time" - time to play baseball, soccer, swim, camp, maybe ... relax. Moms, what else is there? Music practice, a little tutoring on the side, see a special movie, have kids over to eat, to sleep, out in a tent. Then it starts to rain and you think "We'll never do this again." And the following week, they ask, "Can we?" Relax, moms, two weeks of vacation are gone - already?

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2 C fresh berries (fresh really are best)	
1 C flour	1/2 C sugar
1 tsp baking powder	1/4 C margarine, melted
2 egg whites	1 tsp vanilla

Lemon Cream filling

1 1/2 C plain low or non-fat yogurt	
2 Tbsp flour	1/2 C sugar
2 slightly beaten egg yolks	1 slightly beaten egg
1 1/2 tsp finely shredded lemon peel	1 tsp vanilla

In mixing bowl, stir together 1 cup flour, the first 1/2 cup sugar, and baking powder. Add margarine, the two egg whites, and the first teaspoon vanilla. Mix well with mixer.

Spread the batter in the bottom of a 9" greased springform pan; sprinkle with the two cups berries.

For filling, drain excess liquid from yogurt. Measure yogurt, then place in mixing bowl. Sprinkle with the 2 tablespoons flour. Add remaining sugar, yolks, whole egg, lemon peel, and remaining vanilla. Beat until smooth; pour over berries.

Bake at 350° for about 55 minutes or until center appears "set" or firm. Cool 15 minutes. Remove sides of pan. Cover, chill until serving time, up to 24 hours. So you can make this a day ahead. Remove bottom of pan, if desired, and place on serving platter. Sprinkle more berries on top, if you wish.

This takes a little time, but it's well worth it.

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie



July brings the summer reading club. Sign-up begins Wednesday, July 7th. "Together Is Better ... Let's Read" is our program theme this year, co-sponsored by the American Library Association and McDonald's. Guidelines for the reading club are available at the library.

Also on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, July 7 - August 11, we have planned a variety of activities. Stories, discovering textures, stencils, pop-ups, are some of the avenues we will explore. Club members will be asked to make a character or picture from one of their summer books. We look forward to lots of fun.

The hottest books at the moment are *The Client*, by Grisham, and *The Bridges of Madison County*, by Waller.

We will issue Card #700 this month! Not bad for a library our size. We are a town of readers ... something to be proud of.

One day during the first week of school vacation, a student who is really into reading this year, bounded up the steps with his list of what he wanted to read this summer. He left with three books, happy as could be. That made our day!

If you want to be part of this wonderful world of books, set aside time for yourself, and become a real part of YOUR library.

Books recently added

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In and About the KRSD

School is out and summer has begun. A transition that brings joy to most hearts, along with "what is there to do now?"

Catching up with the middle school brings to mind the exciting and rewarding Asian Fair presented on June 16th by the 7th graders. The entire grade was involved with projects reflecting events in the Asian arena, including costumes, models, written presentations, and foods that one might find while traveling in that part of the world. The goal was to encourage creativity within an interdisciplinary framework. Well done!

Also a "well done" to those students who put that extra effort in at the middle school and were recognized with honors. From Bradford, these include: High honors, Sara Kennedy and Spencer Scheffy; Honors, Brad Buchar, Kevin Donahue, Jonathan Garcia, and Chris Smith; and with Effort honors, Jennifer Garcia, Sara Marquis, and Travis Whitman, all from the 6th grade. From the 7th grade, Jessica Gilman, Jesse Hoffman, Ariel Scheffy, and Tucker Szymkowitz, Shane Wadleigh, and Corey Weil made Honors and Jocelyn Looney is recognized with Effort honors. The 8th grade honor roll includes Stephanie Freyler, Tim McKenna, and Matthew Riley. If I missed anyone out there, please let me know!

The School Board met twice in June. On the 17th, Richard Petrin, Business Administrator for the district, advised the Board that phase one of the athletic field development study at the high school has been accomplished with volunteer help. This should reduce the projected cost of \$30,000 by about \$10,000. One third down, by calling on the rich pool of talent in the district, another third to go. The Board voted to re-bid the stop-loss portion of the health insurance that was projected to be increased by \$45,000 for the coming year.

The bids for phase one of the computer program, which will basically complete the middle school lab program, were discussed. Two bidders withdrew and a third was disqualified, leaving Computer Mart, who will be awarded the contract, provided that an upgrade in basic units from the Mac LC III to a later model, the LC-520, is included. The LC-520 has the advantage of being completely integrated, creating a workstation more suitable for school use, and is offered at a price that reduces their bid by approximately \$5,000.

Staffing at the elementary schools and for the special education program was laid out by Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Lizotte, princi-

pals at the District's elementary schools, and Marie Wolfe, Director of Special Education. Based on the projected number of students, Simonds will be staffed at last year's level and Sutton will be staffed with the extra teacher in accord with the annual meeting directive.

Mr. Polisen, middle school principal, provided background for the proposed Mentor Program, but action was postponed until the next meeting. The Mentor Program is designed to provide advanced work in various disciplines for students capable of scholarship beyond their grade level. The intent is to sustain interest in learning.

Although Dr. Jean Richards' duties as Superintendent do not officially begin until July 1st, she sat with the Board at the meeting on the 24th. Highlights of that meeting included the assessment process for the Mentor Program, presented by Mr. Polisen. The program was approved as a pilot project for one year. To date, eleven students have signed up.

Mr. Petrin announced that a consultant has been selected to aid in the health insurance bid process. A preliminary review of the Board's goals and objectives followed.

The next open Board meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 7:30 pm at the high school. A non-public session will be held on July 22. - Dick Keller

July

The butterfly and the bumblebee
Are busy with their task.
Weather of midsummer fills to overflowing,
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The Friends annual membership drive is underway. Support of the Friends ensures continued programming of events such as children's activities, crafts, and discussion groups. Member contributions this past year enabled us to give the library passes to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and The Currier Gallery of Art.

Please remember that your "support" can be given in at least two different ways. Financial support is always appreciated (family membership, \$6; adult member, \$4, student/senior, \$2). Just as important is volunteering some time. We need volunteers to help organize Friends' activities.

We look forward to a year of new beginnings. Plan to attend our September 22 Annual Meeting to vote for the slate of officers and to hear a special presentation, *Brown Memorial Library—The Next 100 Years: Present Conditions and Future Plans*.

—Audrey V. Sylvester



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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Tom Wilkins, founder of Silver Bear Tree Service, takes care of trees. As a licensed arborist, he is trained to diagnose their diseases and to manage all phases of their care—from fertilizing, to pruning, lightning protection, transplanting, and tree removal. During these hard economic times, tree removals have dominated his work.

Tom has loved trees all his life. As a child, he frequented his grandmother's Connecticut home which he described as "landscaped to a 'tee.'" Tom's early mentor was the groundskeeper. After watching the local tree company prune some of his grandmother's trees, Tom applied for a job with the company. Tom turned down the job offer when the company required that he cut his hair. Tom has since enjoyed the freedom of his convictions.

A 1970 graduate of New England College in marketing and management, Tom took postgraduate courses to learn his profession. He has never been afraid to change his work methods when he is persuaded by another point of view. He recalled an especially hard lesson. While talking to a group of arborists at a state forest where Tom had proudly done work, the visiting speaker used Tom's pruning cuts as a bad example.



Tom was furious. He brought his whole crew with him the following day to debate the point. The lecturer patiently made his case by explaining pruning had cutting limits which, if they exceeded, a tree's natural ability to compartmentalize (commonly, but erroneously called "healing"), would be hampered. He substantiated his claims with scientific evidence from thousands of trees. Tom changed his way of doing things that day.

Silver Bear took its name during a playful word exchange between Tom and an old high school friend in a record store. Tom jokingly said that the name had nothing to do with himself, but noted that the silver in his hair did come later and so did the bears (the bronze and nickel hood ornaments, made by Bradford sculptor Amy Blitzer, that are the trademarks of his black trucks).

Tom sometimes encounters animals in trees. While trying to rescue a cat, treed for a week, he watched it leap off the top of an 80' hemlock tree, bounce through the branches, and run off unharmed. Tom now uses a bag and gloves to assist frightened animals.

To restore body and soul, Tom takes Native American survival skills and philosophy courses in the New Jersey Pine Barrens. He also trains his four-year-old Airedale Terrier, Nicholas, in specialized Schutzhund tracking, obedience and sport protection techniques. Proud of the dog's ribbons and trophies, Tom reported that Nicholas was only the second Airedale in the United States to be titled, a Schutzhund III. Tom studies Karate and plays his grand piano.

After 18 years in the business, Tom still loves his work. He said, "Trees teach you what you should do. I still have to keep up to date with short courses. My view now is the least amount you do to a tree, the better." He recently made a tough decision to stop spraying, a method he can no longer justify because of the harm to wildlife and the environment.

Tom is a member of the New Hampshire and National Arborist Societies and the International Society of Arboriculture. His tools include chain saws, climbing saddles, spikes (only on dead trees), a chipper, grapple, stump grinder, 40' crane truck and, he commented, "Always, new ropes, because our lives depend on them."

What does a tree man do on a day off? Climb a tree, of course! Tom recalled climbing his favorite tree, the tallest Bradford Pine, which measures 138'. Enjoying the challenge in his work, he said "Tree climbing is just technical enough to keep me focused." "You just don't climb trees," he cautioned, "You have to focus or you'll get hurt."

GARDENING

by Fred Winch

July brings the fruits of the gardener's labors to the fore - one goal is to have fresh peas from the path for the Fourth of July. When I was a kid, we used to scabble in the potato patch for golf ball sized new potatoes to go with those peas. That is probably a forgotten custom since the supermarkets feature California red potatoes these days (for 39 cents a pound!). But somehow they are not the same, and in my garden an impossibility this year due to the late spring.

Of course lettuce has been coming on, as has spinach and radishes, which are early crops. Beet greens and swiss chard have greened many tables, as well.

July will see a big change in the main crops. Peppers should be budding (or even blossoming) by now. Tomatoes of many varieties have golf ball sized fruits on some plants. Eggplant, especially the saver varieties, are budding up nicely now. All three of these vegetables are heavy feeders. Nitrogen must be applied in order to keep the plants producing; there are many "tomato foods" available at the farm stores. Moisture is another requisite for good crops. Irrigation this month is indicated, as the Concord weather office tells us daily that we are approaching a 4-inch shortage of precipitation for 1993. An old-time practice was to put a couple buckets of hen manure in a 50-gallon tub, fill it with water, then dip of a half-bucket and dilute it to a bucket of rich nitrogen liquid, and apply it to the plants. Irrigation and plant food in one shot ... but these days, who has hens?

Today porous hoses help the water situation and raise the humidity, which is essential for the pollination of the peppers and eggplants. Of course, the other needed item is a good supply of bees. With all the clover blooms right now, they may be busy in the clover fields! Tomatoes do not need bees as much as most other vegetable crops. Wind will jar the blooms and this jarring triggers the stamens to release pollen - self pollination.

Many folks find that early in the season, the squashes bloom, but pollination does not occur because there are few male flowers at that time (male flowers do not have a miniature squash behind the bloom). You can take the place of the bee - pick the male flower in full bloom. Remove the fleshy part of the flower and apply the pollen to the pistil of the female bloom - thus an early squash!

Iris have bloomed. Now is the time to remove the spent flower stems. Three or so weeks later, if you have not rehabilitated your iris bed and removed grass and weeds, it is time to do the job. Dig out the iris, clip the leaves to about 3 inches in length and select a vigorous tuber for replanting. In replanting, it is not a job which must be done the same day the plants are dug. Let the tubers partly dry, carve off any wizened or partly rotted sections of the tuber. Then plant in a prepared bed with the tuber not any deeper than half way into the soil. That is necessary for good blooms next year. In a couple of weeks, new leaves will appear.

The first week of July is the time to seed your fall crop of broccoli and cauliflower. This may be done in beds in the garden. Seed sparsely, then when the seedlings are 2 1/2 to 3 inches tall and vigorous, plant them out in rows (or beds) about 12 inches apart. The bed is improved by a good application of compost or manure.

The gardeners diet begins to change in July. Beans follow peas, squash is an everyday veggie, chard and beets become staple items and the gardener keeps his eye on his tomatoes - watching for that first fruit which makes the whole year a success. And finally, as the season progresses, you can pick a choice fruit and enjoy it - right there in the garden - the payoff 1993!

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FORUM, continued

events is to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of long range planning so Bradford will grow as we the residents would like. The voters will be faced in the near future with requests for major capital items, including a fire truck, ambulance, addition to the library, and funding of repairs and renovations to town buildings. To make wise and informed decisions on these matters requires having both "the facts" and "the big picture."

At 7:00, exhibits will be on display, including Barbara Gilmore's painted maps, the analysis maps prepared for the master plan, the master plan, the Road Committee's annual report, the Community Cornerstones display, and material from the Conservation Commission. If there are any other town-related materials that anyone would like to display during this forum, call Tom Scribaer at 938-2286.

Jet ski bill defeated in State Senate

By a margin of one vote, the New Hampshire State Senate defeated the jet ski bill. The bill would have allowed "personal water craft" (i.e. jet skis) to be legal on some New Hampshire lakes. The bill may not be brought up again for two years.

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This four-day seminar will cover the ecology and natural history of Lake Sunapee, freshwater biology, and water quality monitoring. It will also investigate conservation and land management issues involving the lake. The program will include boat rides on Lake Sunapee and field work. This course is designed for lakeside residents, concerned citizens, and anyone interested in the ecology and protection of lakes. Fee: \$100; \$90 for SPNHF and LSPA members. Call 763-5958 to register.

Sunset Slide Show Series

Friday evenings, July 9-30, 7:00 pm

John Hay Land Studies Center, Route

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Sponsored by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

Come enjoy the sunsets by the lake with evening slide shows. Topics cover New Hampshire conservation efforts and local history. Free admission. Call 763-5958 for more details. The program schedule includes:

July 9 - Pickeral Cove Forever. The true story of a group of everyday citizens who rallied to protect their lake from unwise development. Presenter: Geoff Jones, Society for the Protection of NH Forests

July 16 - Land for New Hampshire. The ambitious land conservation partnership between the Trust for New Hampshire Lands and the Land Conservation Investment Program ends this summer with over 100,000 acres of land protected forever. Presenter: Sarah Thorne, Trust for NH Lands

July 23 - White Mountain Lure. This multimedia slide show portrays the fascinating history of the White Mountain National Forests and investigates some of the issues facing it today. Presenter: David Anderson, Society for the Protection of NH Forests

July 30 - Newbury Historical Tour. Take a trip back in time to visit the grand hotels, picturesque steamboats, and summer estates of yesteryear. Presenter: Tracy Messer, Newbury Historical Society

Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

Instruction and participation in the arts is really happening for children in New Hampshire this summer. Each year more and more talented artists reach out to share their craft with children. Classes are being offered through such prestigious New Hampshire institutions as The Currier Gallery of Art, League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, and Concord Community Music School. Locally, the Library Arts Center in Newport, Fiber Studio in Henniker, and Country Quilter in Hopkinton also have classes scheduled for July and August. Here's a brief list.

At Library Arts Center, Newport, telephone 863-3040:

POTTERY CLASSES. Sculpting with clay, potter's wheel, and hand building work. Thursday, 8/8-9/5. 10:00-11:30 or 12:30-2:00. Ages 7-14, \$30. Donna Treat Moul, certified art teacher, instructor.

ART AFIELD. Explore drawing, painting, solar graphics, and stone rubbings in this mixed media class exploring the arts and nature. Tuesdays, 7/6-8/3. 10:00-11:30 or 12:30-2:00, \$30. Donna Treat Moul, instructor.

LOOK AT ME! One-day workshop to learn about portraiture and produce a matted self-portrait using a variety of media. Wednesday, 7/14, 9:30-noon. 8-12. \$12. Paula Dorr, instructor.

JAPANESE BRUSH PAINTING. Introduction to Japanese culture and learning to write words in Japanese with brush strokes. Friday, 7/23, 10:00-noon. 8-12. \$15. Aya Itagaki, author and distinguished Sumi-e painter, is the instructor.

IMPRESSIONS. Study famous French and American Impressionists and produce a project using mixed media. Wednesday, 7/28, 10:00-11:30. 8-12, \$10. Kit Hawkins, who trained at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, is the instructor.

ART WITH ANGLES. Explore Cubism with Kit Hawkins inspiring a mixed media creation. Wednesday, 8/5, 10:00-11:30, 8-12, \$10.

At The Fiber Studio, Henniker, telephone 428-7830:

FIMO DESIGN FOR YOUNG ADULTS. One-day workshop on 7/29 for ages 12-17, using Fimo clay to make jewelry, beads, barrettes, animal sculptures, and more, with this beautiful multicolored clay. Fee is \$30 and \$10 materials fee. Debbie Gile, instructor.

At the Country Quilter, Hopkinton, telephone 746-5521:

LOG CABIN QUILT WORKSHOP. Make a lap-size log cabin pattern quilt. Ages 8-13. Choice of July 13-16 or August 17-20, 10:00-4:00. Bring your own lunch and materials (rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat). Fee is \$45, includes choosing your own fabric at the Country Quilter store. Marilyn Hancock, instructor.



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Volunteer Audrey Sylvester takes her turn with the tape measure at the SOS! training session in Concord.

Save Outdoor Sculpture! project begins

The New Hampshire Save Outdoor Sculpture! project officially launched its campaign to inventory NH's public outdoor sculpture as more than 40 volunteers assembled in Concord for the project's first training session on June 5. Harvard University Art Museums Conservator Henry Lie guided volunteers as they practiced describing, measuring and recording the condition of statues of Daniel Webster, John Start, John P. Hale, and Franklin Pierce in the State House yard.

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June Selectmen's meetings

June 7. The Budget Committee met with the Selectmen to review the status of town expenditures. The cash flow is better than last year, reported Secretary Kathy Russell, with tax receipts significantly higher than last year. And the school district has been paid through April.

The Selectmen were asked to explain their expenditure of the \$19,000 appropriated by warrant article for the purchase of a truck. Pickman said that \$4,000 had been spent to repair the old truck. Frey then noted, "The town is still short one truck." When Battles commented that they couldn't spend more than they had, Bud Morse responded, "When the town voted to purchase new equipment, they don't want it spent on repairs."

The Budget Committee questioned Selectman Battles concerning his bill to the town for \$6,900 in loader work during the March blizzard. Battles began by explaining that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) had notified New Hampshire towns that it would reimburse the towns for all public service costs incurred during the 5-day period of the storm. However, after the total \$13,000 in expenses was submitted, only \$3,800 was reimbursed. When he described his participation, he said that Road Agent Anderson hired him to use his loader to push back the snowbanks on Cressy Road because all the other loaders in town were busy.

The discussion grew heated as Budget Committee members questioned the process involved with Selectmen performing contract services for the town. Pickman's installation of the Town Hall furnace and Battles' inspection of town vehicles were discussed. Chairman Frey expressed concern about the issue of conflict of interest. Pickman stated that the town's attorney, Tim Bates, had been consulted on this issue. He quoted Bates as saying that the Selectmen are in business too and have a right to earn money.

Police Chief Al Grindle appeared to request action on posted speed limits in town. He would like Fairgrounds Road, West Road, and Center Road posted at 30 MPH and all other town roads posted at 25 MPH. On the Route 103 segment between the stop lights, he would like the speed limit to be 35 MPH for the entire distance. Presently, a 200-yard section is 45 MPH. The process for changing a speed limit on a state highway involves requesting action from the State. The Selectmen approved his requests.

June 14. No meeting.

June 21. The Selectmen's meeting began with a public information meeting concerning the status of the gas leak problem at the Bradford Marketplace site. State officials were in attendance, but the overview was presented by Brian Cote of Groundwater Technology, Inc. (GTI), the company hired by owner Karl Salathe to complete the site assessment, remediation and final closure. He noted that the objective of the process was to restore the aquifer to its original condition.

Cote gave a thorough description of the process, complete with map overlays to show the gas migration. He noted that the remediation steps cannot be determined until the site assessment has been completed. They expect to submit a plan to the state in August.

Cote noted that air monitoring at Lake Sunapee Savings Bank had shown that the air quality had stabilized. The bank received a letter from the state informing them that the air quality was at a safe level and the bank could be reoccupied. Betty Ramspott, branch manager, announced that the bank would reopen on Thursday, June 24. Meanwhile, the air will continue to be monitored there regularly.

Selectman Pickman noted that plans were underway to repave that portion of Main Street in September. Cote commented that, until the site assessment had been completed and a plan determined, there was no way to know whether Main Street would be affected.

In other business, Road Agent Andy Anderson discussed bids received to repave Main Street. It was noted that the work would be done after Labor Day. A discussion of whether the work should be postponed until after the gas contamination clean-up work had been completed resulted in their deciding to wait to make a decision until after receiving the August final report. Pickman suggested that Anderson inform the bidders that there could be a delay.

Anderson discussed other roads to be worked on over the summer. Selectman Keller asked Anderson whether there was a plan for road work and whether the road crew was following the recommendations of the Road Committee. She received no response.

It was noted that County Road, a class 6 road, had received a significant amount of repair work, while Forest Road, a class 5 road, is in need of repair. Anderson stated that Forest Road required more extensive work than the crew was able to handle this summer.

Selectmen's meetings, continued

The library trustees then met with the Selectmen to discuss their letter requesting that responsibility for managing their funds and paying bills be returned to the trustees. At the suggestion of the Budget Committee two years ago, the town had agreed to generate the checks for library bills. At that time, the Budget Committee felt that there was a lack of availability of information concerning how the library was spending the funds it received from the town.

Library trustee Janet Sillars was asked if the trustees also wished to generate the library paychecks, a service provided by the town for about 10 years. She said the trustees would discuss that issue and let the Selectmen know later. The Selectmen agreed to return control of the library's books to the trustees, effective at the start of the next fiscal year, January 1, 1994.

Sillars then stated that she wanted the Selectmen to know that she had made an error at the Facilities Committee public meeting on June 9. She had consulted with the state attorney general's office and learned that the trustees, not the town, are responsible for the care of the library building. Sillars said that state law establishes the independence of the library management from town government. She informed the Selectmen that the library had established a building committee and was working on expansion plans. Pickman told her that should repairs be needed on the library building, the trustees should apply to the Selectmen for money to cover the necessary expenditures.

Beth Bell presented the Selectmen with a petition requesting that work be done to repair Forest Street. Selectman Battles said the board knew of the condition of the road, but that the repairs would cost more than was available at this time. Bell noted that this was the third petition presented by area residents. Selectman Keller responded that state law requires Selectmen to respond to a petition. The RSA requires that the road be posted and a plan be developed to correct the problem. All agreed that they would follow their legal responsibility.

Perry Teele noted that he is inspecting a large number of junk cars. Once he submits a written report, he asked the Selectmen to make a decision and take action on the matter. The board agreed. The sawdust pile at Colonial Stair was discussed. Several requests for its removal have already been made. Selectman Battles said he would speak to them the next day.

June 28.

The Ad Hoc Committee on school funding met to elicit from the Selectmen their views

**BRADFORD'S JULY 4 CELEBRATION
WORD CIRCLE PUZZLE
by Pauline Dishmon**

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FAIR	
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FIREWORKS	
FLAGS	R C G I R G S U H A O
FLOATS	
GAMES	E S X A O O R S X P L
GIRLS	
HOTDOG	L T P D L T W D Y M L
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PARADE	I A T S E F Y E U O A
PARK	
QUILTS	S O C R A F T S R D B
RELISH	
SIRENS	H L I X I N I R T I X
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of KRSD's school funding and the "effort to pay" characteristics of the Bradford tax base. They are questioning the Board of Selectmen in each of the seven KRSD towns. They will compile these surveys with additional information to develop a fair and understandable method of funding district school costs. Once they have written their proposal, it will be presented to the joint Selectmen for their approval. The Selectmen's final comment to the committee was "good luck."

Parker McCartney presented a proposal to establish a Safety Committee in Bradford. The Board agreed that a safety committee was a good idea and asked him to return with a suggested list of members.

Ken Ortmann presented a revised contract for the block grant administration. The Board signed the contract and discussed his immediate activities. According to Ortmann, "It's time to get moving." He plans to meet with New Kearsarge Corp. immediately to review their plans and schedule. He explained that the bureaucratic complexities of a federal grant can result in criticisms of the program. His goal is to ease the process and create a cooperative atmosphere. He offered to present the Selectmen

with a monthly report to keep them informed.

Glen Mayo, chairman of the Facilities Committee, presented the committee's final recommendations concerning the establishment of a permanent facilities committee, including a list of possible members.



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Sunday, July 4

Rain date, Fourth of July celebrations

Jazz Express free concert, Newport Common, 6:30

Monday, July 5

July 4th Holiday

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, July 6

ZBA, 7:00

Wednesday, July 7

Town Forum on long range planning, Town Hall
Exhibits and refreshments, 7:00
Discussion and presentations, 7:30

Thursday, July 8

KRSD School board meeting, high school, 7:30

Friday, July 9

Whist, Town Hall, 7:30
benefit Bradford Historical Society

Sunday, July 11

The Mad Bavarian Band, free concert, Newport Common, 6:30

Monday, July 12

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, July 13

Planning Board, 7:30

Thursday, July 15

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Friday, July 16

Melodrama, Bradford Center Church, 8:00

Saturday, July 17

Bicentennial celebration, Bradford Center, 10:00-5:00

Melodrama, Bradford Center Church, 8:00

Sunday, July 18

Bicentennial celebration, Bradford Center, 10:00-4:00

Country Luncheon, 12:00, 1:00 (reservations required)

Hillsboro Classic Mountain Bike Race comes thru Old Bradford Center, noon.

New England Barbeque Brass, free concert, Newport Common, 6:30

Monday, July 19

NO Selectmen's meeting

Friday, July 23

Whist, Town Hall, 7:30
benefit Union Congregational Society

Sunday, July 25

Cleveland Metropolitan Brass Quartet, free concert, Newport Common, 6:30

Monday, July 26

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Wednesday, July 28

Bradford Historical Society, 7:30

To list events for the month of July, call Lou Signorino at 938-2608.

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