



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

September 1995

Town Hall to be painted

Community service ... we all know what it means ... volunteering in a local activity that benefits our town. September 9 and 10, Bradford will be on the receiving end of a community service program that "benefits the community" in its broadest terms. The town hall will be painted ... and the only cost will be for materials. The painters are participants in the Merrimack County Adult Diversion Program. They are "working off" their debt to society, incurred when they were caught committing a felony. But Leigh Freire, director of the program, describes its purpose as much broader than just serving time without going to jail. It's about using an individual's mistake to benefit that individual, the community, and "society."

Several years ago, Michael Johnson, Merrimack County Attorney, saw the need for a program that provided an alternative to jail time for certain offenders. He watched individuals going through the court system who were first time offenders and who, with a little guidance and training, would

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Perry Teele resigns as building inspector/code enforcement officer

At the August 28 Selectmen's meeting, Perry Teele announced his resignation as Bradford's building inspector and code enforcement officer. He said he'd like it to take effect September 30, but will continue until a replacement can be found. Anyone interested in his part-time position may contact the Selectmen's office for further information. Qualifications will include experience in the building trades and a knowledge of the BOCA building code and local and state ordinances.



More than forty artists displayed their works at the Bradford Artist & Artisans Exhibition, held August 12 and 13. Coordinators Amy Blitzer, Audrey Sylvester, Marion Klein, and Marj Messer greet guests at the artists' reception on Sunday afternoon.

Gravel pit application still under consideration

During the month of August, the proposed gravel pit on Center Road was discussed, debated, defended, toured and criticized. But a decision will not be announced until the September 12 Planning Board meeting, at the earliest.

On August 1, the ZBA held a public hearing to discuss Charles Kaye's application for a special exception. His representative, Bob Stewart, Jr., of RCS Design, described the proposed commercial operation in meticulous detail. Questions were asked by the many abutters and residents in attendance. One of the conditions that must be met for a special exception is to prove that the operation is "not detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood." Stewart said that erosion control and appropriate buffers satisfy that requirement. Neighbors disagreed, with Audrey Sylvester commenting that the gravel pit would be "more injurious to the neighborhood than anything but a bomb." Concern was also expressed about the integrity of the river, property values, the length

of time the pit would be open, and the effect of noise and dust on the quality of life in the neighborhood, particularly with so many area individuals working at home during the day. The ZBA discussed the issues and approved the special exception unanimously, attaching two conditions: hours of operation to be 7:00-5:00 weekdays, 8:00-1:00 Saturdays, no Sunday operation; Marshall Hill Road not to be used.

August 8, Planning Board and Conservation Commission members were given a tour of the proposed gravel site. Concern was expressed over preventing any erosion affecting the river, particularly with the proximity of the trucks' path to the river.

August 16, the Road Committee discussed the town's urgent need for local sources of gravel, particularly good quality crushed gravel. According to road agent Andy Anderson, the town uses 4,000 yards of gravel a year. They are presently trucking it

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Bradford and Warner schools have new principal



"Thrilled about starting" is the way Sharon Knapp put it in taking over the reins as principal of Bradford and Simonds elementary schools. Sharon comes to the Kearsarge District from Bluff Elementary School in Claremont, where she has been principal for the past four years. With a background of twelve years in positions as principal, preceded by seven as an elementary school teacher, she brings considerable experience to the new assignment. Knapp received her Masters of Education from the University of Vermont, majoring in administration and planning. Her B.S. degree was from Castleton State College in Vermont, with a major in elementary education and a minor in early childhood education.

The Knapp family lives in Sunapee and includes Sharon, her husband Jeff, and their 2 1/2 year old daughter, Taylor. Sharon's special interests, besides her family, are walking, skiing, reading, interior decorating, dancing, tennis, and not the least, teaching.

Don't hesitate to stop in to welcome our new principal.

Legacy in Bradford

Moon Mountain Arts Film Series

September 27, 7:30
Baptist Church

Bradford-Newbury Workshop resumes with fall schedule

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop resumes its monthly meeting schedule on Thursday, September 14, with a legislative update by Bernie Lamach. Bernie has spent an involved first year in the legislature and will brief us on his special interests and current items before the House. He'll also give us a rundown on his recent trip to Quebec, where he toured the Quebec Hydro facility to determine if it might be a future source of power for New Hampshire.

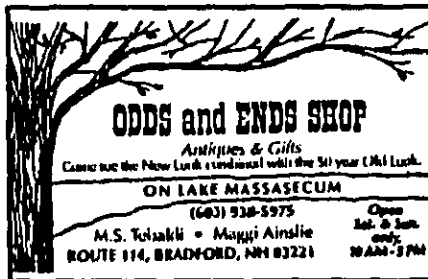
The Workshop is a local group that meets once a month, usually the second Thursday of the month, at the Friendship House in S. Newbury. Members and friends come together to work on projects for the community and to learn, educate, and share ideas with one another. The meetings are open to everyone.

From 11:00 on, we'll work on our own projects this month; brown bag lunch at noon, with beverage and dessert provided. The program will begin at 1:00. Everyone interested in the important issues facing New Hampshire this year is encouraged to attend.
—Clare Bensley

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Flea Market and Harvest Fest to benefit Center Meetinghouse

On Saturday, September 16, 9:00-2:00, a FLEA MARKET and HARVEST FEST will be held on the green at Bradford Center to benefit the Center Meetinghouse. Many dealers and organizations will be selling their very "best" stuff. Gardeners will be selling fresh produce and plants. Other homespun items will be available. Naturally, there will be delicious goodies to go with your coffee; hamburgers and cheese burgers topped with fresh slices of tomato and humble hot dogs with Bradford's best bread and butter pickles. Come early for the best selection.

There is still room available for anyone who would like to have a table. A tax deductible fee of \$10 reserves you a place. You don't think you have enough good stuff? Ask a friend or neighbor to join you. This is an ideal time to make room for your car in the garage! A consignment table is also available for those with only a few good items in their garage or basement. 20% of the sale proceeds go to the Meetinghouse fund. The same goes for those who have too many zucchini, cukes, cherry tomatoes, or other fresh produce in their gardens. Sell on consignment or take a table. Donations of all types will be gratefully accepted!

For more information, including where to drop off things if you're going to be away, call Jane Dumais, 938-5082. Rain date is Sunday, September 17.

Dick Violette to be featured speaker

On Wednesday, September 6, Dick Violette, CEO of Merrimack County Telephone, will give a talk about the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Warner. Dick was one of the original 23 members who set up the Warner camp in June 1935. The Warner CCC worked throughout the area, including building Kearsarge Mountain Road, building facilities at various state parks, fighting forest fires, and helping to clean up following the hurricane of 1938. His talk is being presented at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Peter Ivanoff and Ellen Lettvin were married August 26.

Peter Lavallee and Adrienne Vagi were married August 26.

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR

The office will be closed on September 4 for the Labor Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5. The office will open at noon on Tuesday, September 12.



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Early deadline for October issue

Because October 1 falls on Sunday, the *Bradford Bridge* will publish on Friday, September 29. Please submit articles by Sunday, September 24.

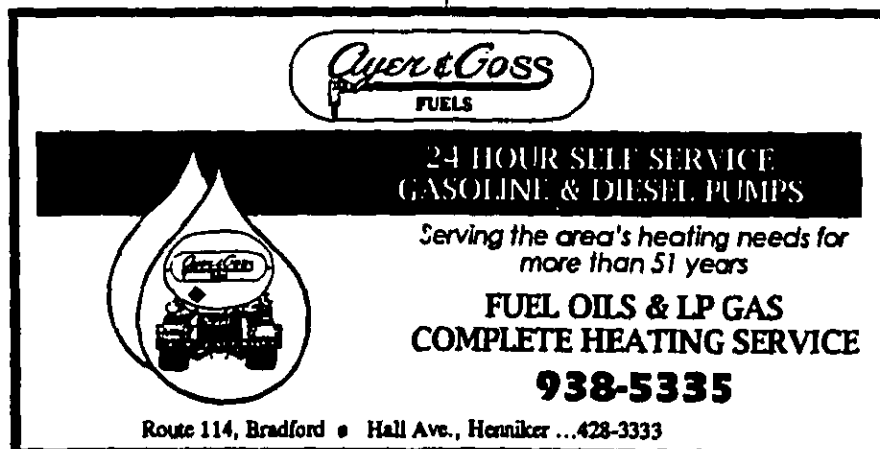
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**Film and video series resumes
September 27**

Purdy's Station, a film written and directed by New London filmmaker, Don Coonley, will be presented by Moon Mountain Arts on Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 pm, at the First Baptist Church. Mr. Coonley will show his one-hour film and discuss his work.

Purdy's Station is based on an historic incident which occurred in 1859 Connecticut, involving a link in the Underground Railway during a smallpox epidemic. Jerusha Moore, a young schoolteacher, accidentally encounters Purdy, a local black farmer who is hiding escaped slaves in an abandoned mica mine. The film explores Jerusha's conflict between her conscience and her career as her life becomes more deeply involved with those around her.

Purdy's Station was awarded High Honors in New Hampshire's First Ever Film & Video Exposition. It received two regional Emmy nominations in 1992 and was awarded the Bronze Apple (chosen from nearly 1,500 entries) by the National Educational Film & Video Festival in 1993.

Don Coonley has been Director of Communication Studies and professor in Humanities at Colby Sawyer College since 1989. In 1994, he received the college's Jensen Award for Teaching Excellence & Campus Leadership. Prior to moving to New Hampshire, Coonley was the founding chair of Media Studies at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut.

The series will continue on October 17 with Tom Tosi of Weare, who will show two short gothic horror tales, *October Garden* and *Warm Flavorless Gelatin*.

The Film & Video Series is made possible by a generous grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Sponsor of the series is MCT Cable, which is providing "state of the art" projection equipment. The First Baptist Church is wheelchair accessible and has assistive listening devices available. Tickets are available at Dodge's and Family & Friends Garage. Series tickets are \$10. Single tickets are: adults, \$4; students, \$2.



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**Fred Winch receives Cornell
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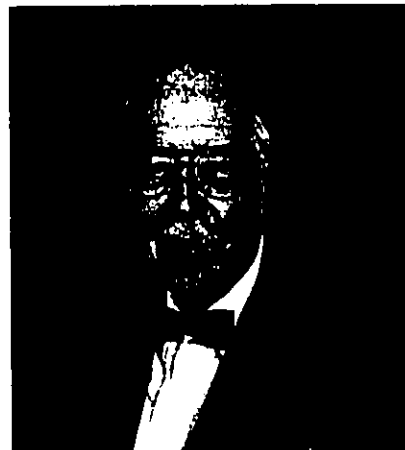
Fred Winch is among seven recipients of the 1995 Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award. The award will be presented during Homecoming Weekend festivities on September 23. Fred received an M.S. degree from the college in 1937.

Maple syrup and the name Fred Winch are synonymous in New York State. Serving as the state's Extension Forester for more than 30 years, Fred almost single-handedly established the state's maple syrup industry.

Fred joined the college as an extension instructor in 1943 and was later appointed assistant professor and then associate professor. He used his wide knowledge of maple syrup production and marketing to help establish New York as a major producer of maple syrup. Every year, he conducted more than a dozen "Maple Schools" in the state's maple-producing areas. An experienced forester specializing in woodlot management, he also worked extensively with Christmas tree growers throughout the state.

At Cornell, Fred held a number of positions, including director of Arnot Forest, associate director of Cooperative Extension, and acting chair and extension leader of the Department of Natural Resources. Over the years, he acquired a wide reputation for his efforts in public forestry education and his teaching of young people, especially through 4-H and Future Farmers of America.

Retired since 1975, Fred now lives in Bradford, N.H., where he has continued to vol-



unteer his time to many college and community activities. He helped reestablish the Cornell Club of New Hampshire in 1979 and has since served as its director. He also has been active on several committees, including the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network, through which he has recruited a number of outstanding high school seniors for the college.

In Bradford, Fred served as selectman for six years, and is active in the Bradford Baptist Church and many organizations, including the Historical Society and the Bradford Voters Coalition, and he writes a monthly gardening column for the *Bradford Bridge*. He also has organized joint activities with the Cornell Club, the Audubon Society, the Society of American Foresters, and the Governor's Committee on New Hampshire in the 21st Century.

Tidbit for Lettvin concert goes ...

The familiar piece played by Ted Lettvin as the finale at the August 5 concert was Beethoven's Appassionata Concerto, the first movement, allegro non troppo.

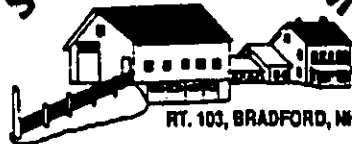
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OBITUARY

John L. Hopkins

John L. "Roy" Hopkins of Center Road, died at home on August 2.

A native of New York, he was born in Yonkers, NY, the son of Christine (Kunz) and John K. Hopkins. He attended Wagner College and graduated from New York University. He worked for Republic Aviation Corp. as parts plant superintendent, and in their Farmingdale, NY, and Evansville, Ind. facilities. He and his family resided in Bayport, NY.

A sailing enthusiast, he served on the board of directors of the Sayville Yacht Club, Blue Point, NY. He was a life member of the Lafayette Lodge F&AM in New York City and attended St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville.

Moving to New London in 1964, he owned and operated Cole's Marine on Lake Sunapee. He then moved to Bradford and worked for Structures Unlimited in Bow.

He was a member of St. Peter's Lodge F&AM, Bradford, and the First Baptist Church, Bradford. He also served on the board of directors of the Union Congregational Society.

He is survived by his wife, Marion (Lang) Hopkins; a daughter, Pamela Manus of Contoocook; three sons, Timothy Hopkins of Greensboro, NC, and Daniel Hopkins and Kevin Hopkins of Seattle; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Gary B. Lynam

Gary B. Lynam, 39, of West Road, died August 17 at New London Hospital.

He was born in New Bedford, Mass., the son of Helen (Bagley) Lynam and the late George H. Lynam. He graduated from New Bedford Vocational School. He lived in New Bedford until moving to Bradford 12 years ago.

He worked as a machinist with New Bedford Gear and was also a carpenter. He had previously worked for Tilo Roofing Co. in New Bedford, and at the New Bedford docks.

He had been a professional weight lifting trainer and enjoyed fishing and camping.

He leaves his mother, Helen (Bagley) Lynam of Bradford; a brother, Gordon Lynam of Bourne, Mass.; three sisters, Gloria Cynar of Rochester, Mass.; Judith Yeary of Plymouth, Mass.; and Debra Charpentier of Bradford; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was pre-deceased by his father, who died in 1984, and his maternal grandmother, Lena L. Bagley, who died in July.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford.

Letters

To the editor:

Several weeks ago, I found myself in the unfortunate position of having a "crashed" computer. As much of our business information was in the computer, I found myself in the unenviable position of reprogramming a substantial amount of information. My biggest problem was access to a computer while ours was being repaired.

My son reminded me of the new computer at Brown Memorial Library. Much to my delight, I was able to use a better computer than I was accustomed to. How fortunate for our town that the Payson family has donated this computer for our use. It certainly saved the day for me, and it is a real asset to our library.

Mary Beth Fenton

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Bradford Women's Club news

The Bradford Women's Club will kick off its 1995-96 season with a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" on Tuesday, September 19, at 1:00, at the home of Nancy Hibbard on Pleasant View Road (yearbook date is wrong). This special meeting is to welcome new members: Maggi Ainslie, Lynn Betz, Joan Lucas Pickman, Lucy Pittera, Barbara Vannata, Pat Lubrano, Caroline Verity, and Caryl Walker. Come to the meeting wearing your funniest, silliest, most original or prettiest hat and enjoy a hilarious afternoon. Hats will be judged by Marion Hopkins, a member and well known dog show judge. This is an entertaining way to start off the season ... you won't want to miss it.

President Jane Lucas will discuss plans for our November fair. Committees have been at work during the summer, but there is still much to be done. Participation is key to the success of the fair. Workshops have been scheduled for the month of September [check the calendar on the back page]. Please call ahead if you are coming. If Wednesdays are inconvenient for you, perhaps you could make something at home. Call Jane Lucas to let her know or to find out what you can do.

The new yearbooks have been distributed, with an update letter from the president. Any new members who have not received their copies should call Jane at 938-2570. The schedule of meetings and programs are listed. Times and places vary. This little book is our "bible." If you have not read it yet, please do, including the announcements on duties and obligations of BWC members. Oops! I'm late, I'm late for a very important date September 19th! See you there.
-Lou Signorino, Publicity

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Take a fall Walkabout hike along the local Greenway Trail

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

You don't have to drive two hours to the White Mountains for a rousing hike. Blue sky overhead, lush green maples and oaks, squirrels, frogs, and oh, the smell of crisp, cool fall air, are part of the delights and wonder you may experience this month on the 1995 Walkabout. And it's all local. You'll be in Warner, Wilmot, Andover, Sunapee and New London, depending on which hike you choose. Sponsored by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition, Walkabouts will be held on the weekends of September 16 and 30 and October 14 and 28. Each day features half and/or whole day hiking opportunities, led by experienced coalition trail leaders. Roads, fields, wooded trails, backwoods and mountains will be crossed. Trail maps will be provided, and provisions will be made for both fast and slow hikers.

A group of citizens interested in land protection started the S-R-K Greenway Coalition. Mary Lynn Ray, Debbie Stanley, Wade Weathers, Paul Grevstead and Sylvia Bates formed the group. The Coalition maintains forty miles of trails that connect Mounts Sunapee, Kearsarge and Ragged. The trails form a loop around the three mountains on private land, through town centers, in addition to protected forests. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and advice from the National Park Service, along with hours of volunteer time, have helped.

I hiked on the 1994 Walkabout with a few friends. We met our starting group at New Canada Road in Wilmot. We had left a second car at our final destination by Pleasant Lake in New London. It was a scenic nine-mile hike, led by three S-R-K Coalition Trail leaders: Bill Best, Dan Allen and Dick Martin. They were knowledgeable, experienced hikers who were pleasant to walk with and knew the area well. We hiked up steep inclines, along side of rolling farms, into Wilmot Center, and meandered through the Langanou Forest toward New London.

When we arrived at our final destination in New London last year, our group had grown considerably along the way ... in true walkabout style. As we approached our car, we realized that our key had been left inadvertently in Wilmot. Oh, no. This however was not to spoil a wonderful day. A couple from New London had just pulled up in their car to join the walkabout group. When they heard of our dilemma of being stranded with no car, they very generously offered us their car and keys. We happily accepted. Do these acts of kindness and generosity still happen in America? Yes, they do - especially in New Hampshire. We returned their car an hour or so later to the same spot, keys under the mat, fresh bag of bagels and words of thanks on the front seat. The most generous couple were off on their Walkabout and three grateful hikers went home.

Needless to say, I'm planning to join the group one day this month. They are a congenial, polite, interesting group of people to spend a crisp fall day with. Oh yes, and trustworthy too! Bring a lunch, plenty of water, a windbreaker, wear hiking boots or comfortable running shoes and join the 1995 Walkabout.

Here's the Walkabout schedule:

On Saturday, September 16, a long hike (20 miles) from Proctor to Chalk Pond will begin at 7:30 am. An 11-mile hike, from Proctor to Kearsarge Regional High School, will begin at 8:30 am. For information, call Bill Hoffman at 735-5827.

On Sunday, September 17, a 9-mile hike from the high school to Chalk Pond will begin at 8:30 am. Call Don Davis at 927-4925 for information.

On Saturday, September 30, a long hike (17 miles) from Chalk Pond to Sunapee High School will begin at 7:30 am. Call Dick Martin at 763-2464 for information. A 10-mile hike from Chalk Pond to Province Road will begin at 8:30 am. Call Ken Ames at 938-2589.

On Sunday, October 1, a 7-mile hike from Province Road to Sunapee High School will begin at 8:30 am. Call Ruth White at 763-4893.



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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

A most interesting feature will open the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter's fall program. The renown "Loon Ranger," better known as Herb Cilley, will present a video program on loons in New Hampshire on Friday, September 8, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. He will include his popular Bow Lake loons in Stratford.

Herb Cilley is a noted loon conservationist, having been featured in *Yankee* magazine and on NHETV. He reports that one loon pair became so accustomed to his presence, they allowed him "baby loon sitting" privileges so they could go fishing.

For more information on this endearing program, call John Robie at 938-2057. All chapter programs are open to the public and refreshments are served. This meeting will also provide folks with the opportunity to return to chapter librarian, Amy Whitlock, books borrowed last spring.

On Saturday, September 23, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a field trip, "Concord Birding 'Hot Spots' by Car." Participants will be looking for end of season and migrating birds. Birder Amy Whitlock will meet participants at 8:00 am at Warner Park and Ride, I-89, exit 9. Bring binoculars. This event is a good opportunity for beginners to sharpen their birding skills, as well as for the more experienced to note unusual sightings. Call Amy at 927-4532 for details.

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Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

All the women in the church (member or friend) are invited to join the American Baptist Women's Ministry for a pot luck supper on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:00 pm. Women are invited to bring a casserole, salad or dessert, along with its recipe (several copies, if possible) for a recipe sale.

The first meeting this season of the Women's Christian Guild will be held on Friday, September 8 at 1:15 pm. The theme will be "Summer Reprise." Members are asked to bring a memento from a summer activity to share. The annual trip to the County Home in Boscowen will be September 13 at 8:45 am. Cookies will be needed to pass out at the birthday party.

An adult baptism class will begin on Sunday, September 10, noon to 1:00 pm, in the Fiske House. We will be studying Douglas Beyer's *The Family of God: A Handbook for Adult Disciples of Jesus Christ*.

The Board of Christian Education will hold a brief meeting on Saturday, September 16, 9:30-10:00 am. From 9:30-noon, they will be painting, redecorating (posters, etc.), cleaning and sprucing up the Sunday School area in preparation for Rally Day.

Youth groups will meet on Sunday, September 17. Grades 4-6 will meet 2:30-4:00 and grades 7-12 will meet 4:30-6:00 in the church vestry. We have some exciting games planned and some time will be spent planning activities for the coming year.

Our support group will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 7:30-9:00 pm, at the Fiske

House. *The Road Less Travelled*, by M. Scott Peck, will be our book of study.

Bible study will start Thursday, September 21, from 7:30-9:00 pm, at the parsonage. We will be exploring the origin of the Bible and the Book of Genesis. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Rally Day is September 24. Sunday School begins at 9:00 am and the worship service will begin at 10:30 am. (Note the time change. Worship will be at 10:30 from now until the spring!) A delicious brunch will be served after worship.

We celebrate the presence of two angels in our midst this month (written by Debbie Lamach). Chris and Karen Way have earned our accolades in a number of different "ways." (no pun intended) Karen is a regular member of our choir; however, she is presently on sabbatical until Ethan is less dependent upon her. Both Karen and Chris have participated in our annual variety show, worked on the church fair, and they are both terrific assets when it comes to putting on a church supper.

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

As promised last month, I want to comment on initiatives I've started for consideration during the next legislative session. All are the result of constituent requests or problems. As the next session is expected to have a heavy load and it is costly to process bills through the State House, I've attempted to limit my focus.

1. LSR 96-2154 to require state agencies to file both electronic and printed copies of rules or rule changes with the State Library. The intent is to have a source of public access for information on proposed rules or changes. Presently, one must either subscribe to the "Rules Journal" or be in constant contact with agencies. Hopefully, this will improve public access to the process prior to passage.

2. LSR to repeal the provision to refund a 1% portion of the collected road toll tax to the retailers of gasoline. The original intent of the refund was to compensate merchants for "shrinkage" from spills or vapor release when transferring fuel. Now with the mandated Stage I and Stage II vapor recovery, this loss has been eliminated. Therefore, the compensation is counter-productive. Passage of this bill would retain more than \$600,000 annually in the state treasury.

3. LSR 96-2156 to define the difference between a "custodian" of hazardous waste and a "generator." The state currently applies a fee for anyone who has or transports hazardous waste, regardless of stated involvement or not in the costs of cleanup or disposal. My initiative would eliminate a perceived disincentive for the average person who is responsibly trying to deal with hazardous waste.

4. An amendment to permanently allow towns or school districts to choose the "place" or "places" they wish to hold annual meetings. Two years ago, a bill was passed to allow a trial period for Kearsarge to hold annual meetings in several locations, if inter-actively connected, to avoid overcrowding at the high school. The trial period is about to expire, so this measure would make it permanent for all districts if they so choose. With 7500 voters in the Kearsarge district and the largest building having a maximum capacity of 2000, this is important for public participation in the process.

5. An LSR to allow for methadone treatment by properly qualified medical personnel to aid prenatal treatment of crack addicted mothers. Currently New Hampshire is the only state that does not allow this treatment.

6. Coordinating with public health services a rule change to define and control food service licenses. Current rules are outdated, do not adequately categorize establishments, and do not relate fees to be consistent with risk.

I welcome inquiry from constituents on any of these initiatives or of other concerns.

We will be meeting for a brief session in October to hear the Health and Human Services budget and reorganization plan as presented by Commissioner Morton.

From my standpoint, I will be analyzing the budget cuts to make sure they are not a transfer of costs to local cities and towns. Cuts that result in greater costs later or are cost shifts are not valid. Efficiency and productivity in the delivery of services are desirable.

Ideally we have all heard the expression that "the best government is closest to home," and I believe that it is true as long as citizens endeavor to stay informed. With today's electronic media, radio, TV, and our daily schedules, it is easier to stay informed on the national level than locally. Most people know more of what is going on with the O.J. trial, or with presidential candidates, than what our selectmen or representatives are doing. In this area, we are fortunate to have the *Bradford Bridge* and the *Inertown Record*, but they are periodicals and are not piped into our living rooms each evening as is TV.

For good government to work locally, we need to actively stay informed on issues and be involved. We cannot call for change and then walk away when the opportunity is there to affect change.

I thank you for the readership of this column and welcome your direct inquiry also, as space does not allow full coverage on all issues. Study committees and constituent inquiries continue even though we are not "in session."

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Bradford Historical Society notes

The Society enjoyed a Box Supper Auction and Sing-a-Long at the Center Schoolhouse Common in August. Members of the Raymond Historical Society, who were vacationing in the area, dropped in and joined us. Though our numbers were few, the weather was perfect, the food was fantastic, the cause was enriched, and everyone had a great time. Our thanks to Lou Rule who makes every party a success.

On Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30, the Historical Society will join Moon Mountain Arts at the Baptist Church for the presentation of a film by Don Coonley of New London. *Purdy's Station* won High Honors in last year's NH Film and Video Exposition. The film deals with a documented encounter in the Underground Railroad in New England. Members of the Historical Society will enjoy FREE admission to the screening. Refreshments will follow in the church vestry.

A program plus on Saturday, September 30, at 2:00! Society members and friends will gather at the Center Schoolhouse and tour historic sites along Rowe Mountain Road. We will carpool some and walk a lot, so wear stout shoes. Amy Blitzer will guide us, Beth and Bob Bell will take us to the Offin French grave on their property, and from there we head downhill. Hope for a good day; if it rains, we will cancel and schedule the trek for another year. For further information, call Amy at 938-5952 or Nancy at 938-2301.

The Historical Society is compiling a list of the oldest houses still in existence in Bradford. We plan to identify and officially note all of those built before 1800. Thereafter, we will be recording those houses built between 1800 and 1850. If you live in such a house or know of one, please drop us a note to P.O. Box 551 or come in to the Society Headquarters on any Saturday afternoon between 1:30 and 3:00. --Nancy Hibbard

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Harvest Moon Festival at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum

Tepees, drums, singing, storytelling, and bow and arrow demonstrations ... where can you find all that? At the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum's Harvest Moon Festival on Sunday, September 10, 10:00-4:00. Performers and demonstrators will be celebrating the Native American way of life. Craft demonstrations include dreamcatchers, medicine bags, baskets, wood carvings, and drums.

The people working on these traditional Native American crafts can give you the history of the crafts, what the items are used for, and how they became involved in the crafts. Many are Native American. The tribes represented at the Festival include Micmac, Wampanoag, Abenaki, Poconocket, and Missiquoi-Abenaki.

This event is designed to appeal to all ages. Children may participate in traditional Indian games, such as rattlesnake, hoop and pole, corn-cob toss, and lacrosse. An Abenaki storyteller from Vermont, Wolfsong, will tell stories at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00. Wolfsong comes to us through the generosity of the Concord Savings Bank, which is sponsoring his program. At noon and 2:00, Kathy Lowe, from New London, will sing original songs about the environment and nature. Pony rides will also be available for an additional fee.

The Four Winds Singers will drum and sing throughout the afternoon. During their performances, Native Americans dressed in regalia are invited to dance.

In addition to the special programs, regular exhibits will be enhanced for the festival. Medicine Woods is a self-guided trail with plants that Indians used as dyes, foods, and medicines. During the festival, there will be guided tours every half hour. Normally the museum exhibits can be viewed only during a tour. But September 10 is one of only two days during the year when the exhibit area is open for viewing. Take this opportunity to really study those baskets, pottery, birchbark containers, or whatever items you wished you had more time to view.

During this year's Earth Day celebration at the Museum, the idea was expressed that every day should be earth day. In recognition of this concept, the Museum has invited representatives from organizations such as Nature Conservancy, NH Lakes Association, and Merrimack River Water Shed, to be on hand with exhibits and literature. Come discuss what they have done and what you can do for the environment.

Come to Warner on September 10 and take part in the Harvest Moon Festival. Admission is free to members (show your cards), \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 6-12. Native Americans in regalia will be admitted free. Food is available. Please do not bring any pets; only service animals are allowed.



Bradford Country Square Dance Club - free fun nights and fall frolic

The Bradford Country Squares will host two free fun nights on Thursdays, September 7 and 14 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. Everyone is invited to come and bring friends to share in the fun! Casual dress is suggested, but wear your most comfortable walking shoes! Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 927-4956 or 526-4634.

The "Fall Frolic," a Plus Level square dance with A-1 Star Tips, will be held on Saturday, September 23, from 8:00-11:00 pm at the Town Hall. Skip and Betty Ann Brown will be the caller and cuer. Admission is \$8.00 per couple. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 924-7682 or 927-4454.

Modern western square dancing is a worldwide activity, characterized by a smooth shuffling walk to music. Anyone who can walk can do it! The music includes modern beats and melodies which attract the young and old alike. Square dancers are your friends and neighbors, from all walks of life. Anyone interested in a healthy life style, good fellowship and fun should try it. Square dancing is "Friendship set to music." -Grete Rule

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Brick mill a reminder of bygone era by Clare Bensley

The beautiful old brick mill at the corner of West Main Street and High Street has served many purposes over the years since it was built, circa 1805. Its latest transformation has been into a residence suited to comfortable, contemporary living.

Built from clay dug and fired into bricks by John Gregg of South Sutton, it first served as a grist mill, enabling local farmers to have their grain ground in town. Before the mill was built, grain had to be transported all the way to Hopkinton ... rather a long haul by horse and wagon over primitive dirt roads.

Before the mill was built, Nathan Andrews (brother-in-law of John Gregg) was granted permission to build a dam and construct a mill on the brook leading from Gillingham meadow. This created Todd Pond. The spillway over the dam (not the original) can be seen when driving past the mill. It is said that, during a depression, the Andrews brothers refused to take payment from those having a difficult time.

The site appears to have operated as a grist mill until 1897, when a dynamo was installed to produce electricity. Rights to a reservoir were acquired in 1905 so that a constant water level could be maintained. This reservoir, Loch Lyndon in Newbury, still exists and rights to the water are controlled by Stanley Brown. In 1900, Cyrus Hadley took over the electric company from J. Edgar Marshall. He rebuilt the dam and, in 1926, sold the business to the New Hampshire Power Company.

Carl Milner took over after the 1938 hurricane and, with his brother Howard, rebuilt the present dam and penstock in 1946. Since Milner's time, the mill was used for manu-



facturing games and wooden boxes for electronic equipment, under the ownership of Edwin Westerberg, who bought the mill in 1953. Robert Ward, a sculptor and owner, worked there in the '60's and also ran a commune.

The present owners, John and Ruth Ann Harris of Brookline, Mass., have delightfully restored the mill, retaining much of the heavy equipment and maintaining the original clay brick on both internal and external walls. The wooden beams are unbelievably grand, obviously having been hand carved from virgin timber. Nothing has been lost in restoring the site; its present use befits one of Bradford's finest landmarks.

Walk-a-thon

"I'll have a Dog House Special." "Make mine a Super." "How about a Puppy with the works?" These were the orders reverberating across Webb's field August 19 and 20. The occasion was the third annual Walk-A-Thon, sponsored by the Bradford Rescue Squad. The portable version of Pat Rooney's Dog House sold the familiar burgers and hot dogs ... with Estelle Rooney's famous barbecue sauce. The event was held over two days, with squad members walking on Saturday and others on Sunday.

Squad members would like to thank the following people and businesses who donated supplies: Estelle Rooney, Appleseed Inn Restaurant, Ayer & Goss, Bradford Crossing, Donut Factory, Cricenti's Market, H & H General Store, Pizza Chef, Verondale Market, Colonial Pharmacy, Bradford IGA, Profile Coffee of Claremont, Vicki's Country Florist, and Doug Webb.

Thanks to all who supported the Walk-A-Thon with pledges and enjoyed a meal at the Dog House ... the Rescue Squad was able to clear more than \$3,000.



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In and About the KRSD, by Dick Keller, Bradford School Board Rep

Not that a reminder is needed, but school starts on September 5 and with it, once again, the end of summer's relaxation and fun. Whether students are moving up into the next grade or coming to school for the first time, there will be the anticipation of change and of, I hope, the excitement that education offers.

Students will notice some changes that have taken place over the summer, particularly in the administration at the Middle School and Bradford and Simonds Elementary Schools. Carlton Fitzgerald will be greeting sixth graders as he takes over as principal at the Middle School and Sharon Knapp will do the honors at Bradford and Simonds, as she assumes her duties as principal in both schools. Knapp comes to the district from Claremont, where she has been principal at Bluff Elementary School for the past four years. She brings with her seven years of teaching at the elementary level and twelve years as principal.

Superintendent Richards and several board members were off on an outing at Castle in the Clouds on August 9 to meet with other superintendents and board members at a conference sponsored by the NH School Boards Association. The purpose of the gathering, in addition to the usual interchange of ideas, was discussion on topics that ranged from board/superintendent relations, evaluation

processes, parliamentary rules, and non-public sessions.

At the meeting on the 10th, Erle Blanchard was appointed to fill the New London seat vacated by the resignation of Bill Steel.

At that meeting, Chairman of the Joint Boards of Selectmen J.D. Colcord and selectmen Kemper, Bean, King, Whittaker, Keller, and Signorino discussed a positive approach to dealing with school district issues. Key concerns were overcrowding at the high school and the desirability of long range plans so the voters will have a better idea of other potential building needs over the next five years. Would the addition to the high school fill the combined needs of a high school/middle school should New London continue to pursue withdrawal from the district? Questions were also raised about the design process. Colcord stressed the success of the Joint Boards in working toward the apportionment agreement as an example of how the district can work together to satisfy its goals and needs. The response of the School Board was positive and the help and support offered will be welcome.

Mini-grant recipient Melody Brown offered the meeting attendees an outline of her Brown Bag outreach program (described in June 1995 *Bridge*). Through Chapter II federal grants, teachers receive a \$200 stipend to-

ward professional development of current curriculum. Peter Shaginaw's grant dealt with integrating algebra with physical science as part of his high school curriculum. He provided an outline paper of his work.

A hearing before the Public Employees Labor Relations Board, scheduled for August 22, was cancelled and will be rescheduled. This hearing is based on an unfair labor practice filed by the Kearsarge Regional Education Association on behalf of the unified arts teachers at the middle school, who are seeking additional remuneration over and above their salaries for having been assigned teaching duties of 6 periods vs. 5.3 periods in the course of the teaching day. The assignments took place in March 1995. Since the day itself had not been extended, nor other terms of the contract abridged, the administration, with School Board backing, views this assignment as a management prerogative. It is hard to think that these teachers would seek a reduction in salary if the teaching assignment was reduced.

The School Board meeting on the 24th began at 9:00 am with a review of bids for the District's stop-loss health insurance. The Board approved continuing with our present broker, Henry Karas, who was the low bidder.

The prime purpose of the all-day meeting, however, was to focus on a critical self-evaluation of the Board relative to its varied functions, to review progress in reaching last year's goals, and to consider goals for the coming year. The theme of being "Second to None" is formidable, but Kearsarge has the potential in its students, staff and interests.



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State House News

by Marcia Keller

Correction: The effective date for Chapter 243, dealing with the timing and effect of an appeal to the zoning board of adjustment was misstated in last month's *Bridge*. These clarifications do not take effect until January 1, 1996.

Both Ch. 53 (HB 141, effective 7/8/95) and Ch. 164 (SB 2, effective 7/31/95) provide options for conducting some or all municipal and school business by official ballot. The fact that two bills were passed means the details of each need to be reviewed before either one or the other is seriously considered. Both laws are "enabling," meaning a town or school district may choose to adopt the provisions or choose to continue operating as is. The term "official ballot" refers to the process by which most towns elect officers each year. The main objectives of extending the official ballot to other aspects of local business would be extended polling hours, voting within the privacy of the voting booth, and the ability to cast absentee ballots.

Chapter 53 allows a town or school district to use the "home rule" charter approach to design its own system. The details are wide open and up to each community's discretion. The law says that any charter adopted must specify "with precision" what types of questions will be on the ballot, how the budget would be finalized if the ballot vote rejected it, public hearing processes, procedures for

transferring funds during the year, and procedures for balloting at special meetings.

Chapter 164 enables a town or school district to use the official ballot for all warrant articles and requires a 3/5 vote for enactment. If enacted, the details are spelled out in the law: two sessions - open discussion meeting in March with the possibility to amend. The second, in April, preceded by an informational hearing if any amendments were adopted, for the day-long official voting, including the absentee process. If the operating budget were defeated, the previous year's budget would take effect, unless selectmen or school board chose to hold one special meeting to try again to adopt a budget. The special meeting would also have two parts - a discussion/amendment session and the official balloting.

To fully understand these and any other newly enacted laws, copies of the bills should be obtained for review. Many of them go into effect soon after passage and in most cases before the Cumulative Supplements to the Statutes are in print. Copies of bills, by Chapter Number, can be ordered from the NH State Library at 271-2239 for 20 cents per page or for \$1.00 per bill from the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA), P.O. Box 617, Concord, NH 03302-0617.

Best in Show award at Craftsmen's Fair won by Conrad Szymkowicz and Thomas Meyers

A collaborative work titled "Marquart," by woodworker Conrad Szymkowicz of Bradford and Thomas Meyers of Antrim won *Best in Show* at the Living with Crafts exhibit at the 62nd Annual Craftsmen's Fair, held at Sunapee State Park August 5-13.

"Marquart" is a mahogany and laminated glass panel 57" wide by 65" tall. It features random areas of transparent glasses illuminated from behind, set in a field of reflective glasses which respond to variations in ambient light.

Szymkowicz and Meyers also received the Edith Grodin Collaborative Award for a mirror/wall piece in walnut, curly maple, mirror and laminated glass.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

On one of the hottest days in August, BML's summer programs came to a close. The Summer Reading Club certificates were given out and popsicles were the order of the day. Thanks to the Applesed Inn and Books by the Lake for their coupons. The following volunteers hosted our Wednesdays at One program: Eileen, Chris and Danny Small, Emily Kennedy and Elsa Weir, Carol and Lyndy Belliveau Byam who also presented the P.J. Bedtime Stories on Monday evenings. Many thanks to all who made our Wednesdays so special.

New books recently added:

Dangerous to Know, by Bradford

Lightning, by Steel

From Potter's Field, by P. Cornwell

Beach Music, by Conroy

Uncommon Sense for Parents and Teenagers, by Riera

Loch, by Zindel

Really Rosie, by Sendak

What Hearts, by Brooks

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First Annual Puttin' Up Day at Muster Field Farm

On Sunday, October 1, the Sutton Muster Field Farm will hold its first annual *Puttin' Up Day*. According to Director Jean Bradley, "Our farm is producing an impressive harvest this year and we are going to celebrate!"

The Farm Stand will offer seasonal vegetables, including pumpkin, everlastings, and Muster's Potpourri. The Country Store will be brimming with jams, jellies, chutneys, pickles, local crafts, collectibles, antiques, weaving, and other fancies. Harvest pumpkins will be carved by local artists.

Handmade crafts will be displayed in our vintage farm buildings. Strolling minstrels will provide entertainment.

Bring your own harvest for a Giant Vegetable Contest. There'll be a Jack o' Lantern Walk at 5:00.

Souper Sunday Supper will be served beginning at 3:30. Harvest soups, chili, bread and dessert will be served. Dine in our church sheds or take it home...prices are reasonable.

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In the fifties and sixties, the cry was: "Longer, lower, wider." Art and style were the reigning kings of an industry. Driving this year's model was so much better than driving last year's model. It was a sign, a symbol, of success (theirs, not yours).

Well, it's the nineties now. Art's gone back to school and become an engineer. Style's moved to the coast and finally, after reaching the bottom of the wind tunnel, enrolled in a 12 (cylinder) program. Folks have learned how to "push" envelopes instead of steaming them open to see what's inside. What sells now-a-days to a sophisticated public is real live technical advancement. (We finished Windows '92 three years behind schedule. How do we market that?) Ah!

What follows is a short list of technical advances in the automotive world. Advances that can give "recycling" a whole new meaning.

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by Chris Chomitz

- Variable valve timing. A concept to extract that last ounce of efficiency from modern small engines ... first appeared on an early 60's Triumph (Dolomite Sprint. Catchy name?)

- Distributorless ignition. One coil per spark plug. Hmm ... Model T.

- Platinum, now used in extended-life spark plugs, was once used as a "hot wire" ignition system in the very earliest gas automobiles.

Those who do not know history ... are able to repeat it, and call it their own.

Note: The original style air-cooled, rear-engined Volkswagen (a truly remarkable automotive advancement) is still in production in Mexico. After fully one hundred years of automobile production, they still haven't got the bugs out.



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**Lake Sunapee conquered by
Bradford's Tammara Van Ryn**

Residents on Lake Massasecum may have seen strange images from their kitchen windows this summer. As the morning mist rose from the lake, rhythmic motions could be spotted near the shore. One cottage owner said she saw what she thought was a strange bird trying to fly.

No strange bird ... it was likely the arms of Tammara Van Ryn, Conrad Szymkowicz or John Forgiel as they swam the waters of the lake for their morning workouts. Starting as early as six a.m. and continuing until 7:00 or 8:00, the three swam throughout the summer. "Massasecum in the early morning light is a special place. When the water is calm, there is nothing like it," said Van Ryn.

For Van Ryn, the workouts were preparation for swimming the length of Lake Sunapee. On August 27, she and Tracy Lombardi of Loudon, swam the 8.1 mile lake from Georges Mills to Newbury Harbor. With wind, waves and rain, the four hour and fifteen minute swim was "grueling," Van Ryn said, "but the sense of accomplishment was worth it."

**HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from
from the Kearsarge Independent,
selected by Sandy Wadlington**

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. Mr. Jesse Marshall, now in his 83rd year, milks his cows, cares for his farm and garden and now is preparing his stove wood for winter. Not a gray hair in his head and a nice set of teeth that nature provided for him. He says no wigs, no false teeth, and no false horses or bicycles around him. Where is the young man of today that could take his place? You will see him in the field before 7 o'clock in the morning.

FIFTY YEARS AGO. Bradford Central School opened on Thursday with the following teachers: grades 6, 7, and 8, Mr. Vernice Dwinells, principal; Mrs. Charlotte Hall, grades 3, 4, and 5; and Mrs. Estelle Stears, grades 1 and 2.

The William A. Carr place was recently sold to U.L. George of Sunapee.

Wednesday of this week completes the moves for the season in Bradford Town Hall.

**...and Bradford Historical Society
materials, selected by Mildred Kittredge**

Late August 1899. There was a narrow escape from fire at the Bakery Saturday evening. The heat from one of the lamps burned the timber so that the hook became loosened and let the lamp down into a show case. The burning oil made quite a blaze, Mr. Carr putting it out with his fire extinguisher. Some pies and cakes were destroyed.

September 1899. Waterworks are under consideration: A Mr. Basford from Boston has been trying to interest our citizens in establishing a water precinct.

Mr. Sylvester of Massachusetts arrived in town on Saturday with the much-talked-about horseless carriage, and dined at the New Bradford on his way to Brattleboro Fair. It was of the Stanley make and worked its way through the street in a very easy manner. Mr. Peaslee was invited to ride and reported it was very easy and enjoyable as they skipped down the street at the rate of 15 miles per hour. It is the first time a carriage of this kind ever visited this place.

1899. Prolonged whistling by early morning trains is disturbing the slumbers of some villagers, but they should remember it is one of those things that indicates Prosperity.

1945. The Bronze Star medal has been awarded to Cpl Leonard Harold Bullock for meritorious achievement from Nov. 15, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1944 in France. Overseas 19 months with five battle stars to his credit, Cpl. Bullock wears the Purple Heart.

His citation reads: "Bullock performed many heroic and courageous acts in conjunction with reconnaissance work and exhibited great skill and initiative. ...[he] was instrumental in actual construction of two Bailey bridges and numerous other engineer operations during the period. ...The rapid completion of another Bailey bridge across the Blies river at Fraunberg, France, made it possible for tanks to relieve and support forward elements of the 25th Infantry division on their initial drive into Germany. ...Bullock has on many occasions shown an absolute disregard for his personal safety in order to accomplish the missions assigned to him."



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Selectmen's meetings in August

August 7 Grzelak & Co., town auditors, reported on their 1994 audit. According to Steve Grzelak, last year's "qualification" was resolved, and this year's report received a "clean opinion." As of December 31, 1994, the town had assets of \$997,000 and was debt free. He mentioned that the DRA now encourages towns to carry a surplus of around 10% to cover contingencies. Bradford had less than a one-month's cushion, so he recommended retaining a larger surplus into the next year.

Selectmen discussed the Town Hall painting project, scheduled for September. They had asked the Merrimack County Diversion Program to include it as a community service project. Program staff agreed and scheduled the job for the weekend of September 9 and 10. The only cost to the town will be for paint, equipment, and renting ladders.

At Kathy Russell's recommendation, Selectmen agreed to adopt uniform abatement procedures, as outlined in a state statute. Those applying for a tax abatement must fill out an application within 60 days of the date the final bill was mailed. The town's assessor will then be able to handle all requests at the same time, instead of sporadically throughout the year, ensuring consistent records.

Selectmen discussed proposed changes to the revolving loan policy. A public hearing will be held on the matter September 11, 7:30.

August 14 No Selectmen's meeting.

August 21 Kathy Russell reported that Niel Cannon is still not supplying the town with monthly reports on the status of the CBDG loan payback. She was asked to write a letter to Cannon requesting regular reports.

Colin Fay, of Blaisdell Hill Road, met to discuss his right to install a sign saying the road is closed. Selectmen informed him that only action at town meeting can close a road and he may only put up a sign on his property. He challenged the Selectmen's understanding of what portion of Blaisdell Hill Road is actually in Bradford. Selectmen agreed to take action to determine exactly where the town line is.

Glen Mayo asked the Selectmen to determine whether or not to accept the donation of a trust fund in the name of his parents. He and his brother had first offered the money, originally \$2,000, in 1985. No action has been taken over the years and today, with interest, the total is \$12,000. The purpose of the trust fund would be to fund non-school recreation programs for town children. However, Mayo asks that the Trustees of the Trust Funds have flowers placed on the graves of his parents in Springfield, Mass., each year on Memorial Day. Both Selectmen and Trustees have expressed concern over this provision, believing that if it were forgotten some year, it would void the trust fund.

Selectmen considered extending health insurance benefits to part-time town employees. After lengthy discussion concerning the terms to be offered, they agreed to make a decision on the 28th.

Selectmen discussed who has authority to sign a contract binding the town. Town policies do not clearly state that authority to sign all contracts that bind the town rests with the Selectmen. This wording will be added to the town's purchase order policy and be discussed at a public hearing on September 11.

Selectman Marcia Keller spoke to Bob Barry, NH Dept. of Transportation, concerning the bridge on Fairgrounds Road just before West Road. He agreed that it qualified under the state's emergency repairs provisions. Engineers from Hoyle Tanner will inspect the bridge on the 22nd and make recommendations.

Road agent Andy Anderson expressed concern over the procedure required to approve gravel pits for town use. He believes that the onerous requirements will eliminate some who might otherwise be willing to provide the town with gravel. Selectmen agreed that when a location is determined, they will initiate the ZBA application, believing that the costs incurred in the application process would be less than the cost of purchasing gravel from outside Bradford.

August 28 Code enforcement officer Perry Teele discussed progress on cleaning up junkyards in town. He said he was impressed with the response from owners when they were notified of his inspection visit. Only one of the six had not made significant progress. He will continue this process with another six junkyards.

As Planning Board Chair, Teele asked the Selectmen for their cooperation in having the Planning Board conduct a test prior to its September 12 meeting on the gravel pit application. He wants to use a decibel meter to measure noise from the gravel pit. He asked if the Selectmen would authorize the road crew to spend two to four hours using a loader and trucks at the pit while he takes measurements. They agreed, providing the town receives the gravel in return. The test will take place some weekday morning between 7:00 and 11:00. The public will be notified in advance.

Health insurance for part-time employees was discussed. The board tentatively agreed to provide the same coverage as for full-time employees, 75% town payment, 25% employee, pending budget committee approval. There is no money in the budget this year, so the coverage would take effect following approval at town meeting.

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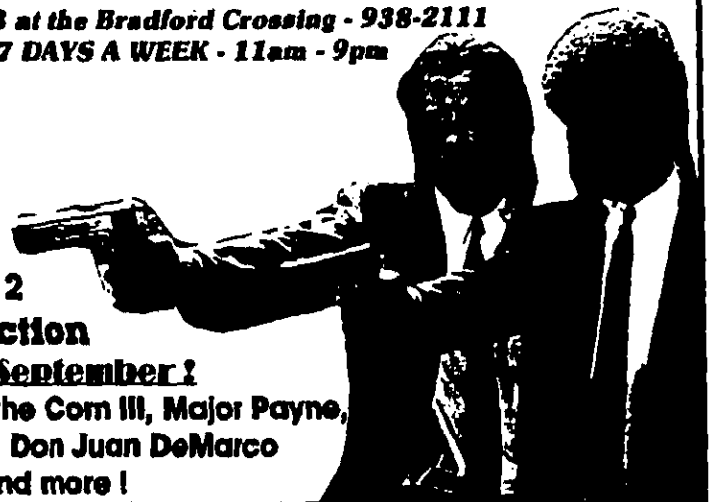
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probably never repeat their crime. In 1991, his office received a four-year federal grant to establish the type of "diversion" program he had envisioned.

Today the program carries between 50 and 55 "participants," individuals carefully screened over a four-week period. To be referred to the program, the crime they committed had to have been a felony, it was non-violent and non-sexual, and they were first-time offenders. They are evaluated by a substance-abuse counselor, a social worker, and the program's coordinator. The contracts are tailored to the individuals, the crime, and their needs. Every contract includes a minimum of 800 hours of community service, a tour of the NH State Prison, life skills workshops, and participation in a progress group. The life skills workshops are the training component of the program. Participants may select from a wide range of workshops, including resume writing, balancing a check-book, parenting, and nutrition. Freire commented that they are lucky to have the benefit of the UNH Cooperative Extension, which provides the program with many life skills teachers.

She said that many program participants lack the understanding that they are part of a larger community, that they are responsible to others and for others. So they have developed a component called Progress Group. Groups of 10-15 participants meet with a social worker for 15 weeks to learn communication skills, problem solving, goal setting, getting along, where to turn to for help.

Freire said the strength of the program is that it is "grassroots." It is unique and they can tailor it to meet needs as they see them. In addition to a staff of four and the volunteer help of student interns, the program has a Community Advisory Board of about 30

individuals. Board members provide a wide range of help, from contributing to policy decisions to reviewing each participant's progress every three months. Freire noted that the Board is always looking for new members and anyone interested in volunteering may call her at 796-2390.

The community service portion of the program is coordinated by Tamara Saxby. She said that a lot of their requests, like this one from the Bradford Selectmen, are for painting because it is so labor intensive. Painting projects include the Kimball-Jenkins Estate and the Henniker Historical Society building. But projects vary widely, from putting on hay rides to groundskeeping. With a smile, Saxby said they even provided security for antique cars during Concord Market Days' Cruise Night.

Both Freire and Saxby described the program as close-knit, with the participants having fun while working on the projects. It appears as if the positive attitude of Freire and Saxby is one of the strengths that makes the program succeed. But they've also learned that it's important to get participants through the program and out. Some had lingered, staying more than two years. Now their goal is to graduate participants within 12 to 18 months.

When asked about the program's success rate, Freire said it's too early for statistics. So far, no one who's gone through the program has been caught committing another crime. But ... some do get hooked on the work. Two of the Bradford Town Hall painters are program graduates. They're volunteering more of their time to paint because "they know they're needed." Now that's community spirit.



BOOK REVIEW
by Pauline Dishmon

THE PRIVATE WORLD OF DAPHNE du MAURIER

by Martyn Shallcross
St. Martin's Press, NY, 1992
Available at Brown Memorial Library

The author of this book met Daphne du Maurier in a shop at a small picturesque fishing village while on vacation in Crete. He was sixteen and in the company of an aunt. At the time, he had no idea of du Maurier's fame. They were soon on a first-name basis and he was invited to visit her if he was ever in Cornwall, the setting for most of her literary works. Some years later, before beginning a British cabinet-level post, Shallcross and his aunt journeyed to Cornwall and visited the author at her Menabilly home. They remained lifelong friends.

Daphne du Maurier was the second of three daughters of the actor Gerald du Maurier and actress Muriel Beaumont. Daphne and her sisters, Angela and Jeanne, were raised in an upper-class environment, with servants and tutors. Daphne enjoyed this kind of living throughout her life.

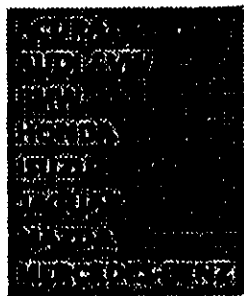
She was an avid reader and a bit of a loner who disliked the limelight. Besides Cornwall, writing and walking, she loved the sea and boating. The greatest of her romantic liaisons was Frederic Browning, a Grenadier Guard officer, whom she married in 1932. The couple had three children who spent much of their time with nannies.

Shallcross describes events surrounding du Maurier's books which were made into films or stage plays. She didn't like Alfred Hitchcock's rendition of *Jamaica Inn*, but was fully satisfied with *Rebecca*.

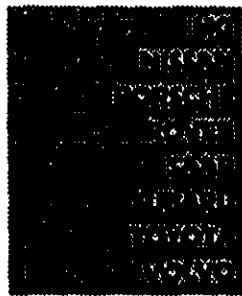
Margaret Forster's 1993 book, *Daphne du Maurier: The Secret Life of a Renowned Storyteller* is another biography of du Maurier. Her version combines personal biography with literary product, as does Shallcross's. But because Shallcross had access to du Maurier's personal letters, he provides greater insight into her psyche, motivations, and actions. A fascinating character.

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Wetlands Report presented to Town

The Bradford Conservation Commission has spent the past four years compiling an exhaustive report evaluating wetlands in Bradford. They presented a copy of their completed work to the Selectmen in late July. *The Report of Wetlands Evaluations using the New Hampshire Method* is available to the public at the library.

The purpose of the report is twofold. The first is to inventory wetlands in Bradford, an important part of the town's natural resources, for inclusion in the new Master Plan. Wetlands are valuable to Bradford. They protect our clean water supply, help control flooding, and provide important animal habitat. Because they usually have low-growing types of vegetation, they provide some of the best views of surrounding hills.

The second purpose of the evaluation is to determine whether any of Bradford's wetlands are significant enough to the town to warrant "prime wetland" status. This would be a wetland that has an especially high value to the town for its size, location, unspoiled condition, fragility, erosion control, or other important characteristics. This designation gives a wetland special consideration from the State Wetlands Board. The conservation commission must prepare a written report and maps of proposed "prime wetlands" in accordance with the rules of the Wetlands Board. The first step in this process was to make a comparison and evaluation of all major wetlands in Bradford. Twenty wetlands of more than ten acres were studied, though some smaller ones could also be important due to their location or other special features.

The evaluation used is the "Method for the Comparative Evaluation of Nontidal Wetlands in New Hampshire," published by the NH Department of Environmental Services, 1991. The "New Hampshire Method" is based on the concept that, from the town's point of view, the value of a wetland needs to be judged on a local level. The New Hampshire Method is used for wetland evaluation and comparison, not for delineating a wetland's precise boundaries.

The inventory process was begun in 1992 when John and Amy Blitzer, Kathleen Bigford, Ann Eldridge, John Robie, and Will Kranz took courses on how to use the New Hampshire Method, offered by the NH Audubon Society. The group then began making field trips to each wet area in town, followed by office work consisting of mapping and writing impressions of the sites. Doris Tremblay and Jane Lucas joined in 1993 and became valuable members of the team ... and the official photographers. Perry Teele, Tillie Wheeler, Larry Schultz, and B.J. Hall joined some of the field trips. At least three "regulars" were on each trip to keep the standards consistent. During the last

THEN AND NOW

by Sandy Wadlington, photo from Steve Hansen



In the upper photo of Battles Farm, taken in the late 1880's, summer guests are enjoying the quiet country life in Bradford. Since 1971, Joe Battles has conducted a trucking and grain business at the farm.



year of the project, UNH students from the Community Environmental Outreach Program (CEOP) helped to compile the information into a book.

Bradford's wetlands are a wonderful natural resource, not just wet areas full of mosquitoes and snapping turtles. We hope that residents will be interested in learning more about them. If you don't feel like plowing through our lengthy study, there is a pamphlet available at the town hall.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I made this dish for a barbeque. I knew it was a winner when everyone asked for a copy of the recipe! It feels good to use those enormous zucchini that hide in our gardens!

It's that time again ... back to school! Exciting and yet a little apprehensive for all. This year, not only a new school year and a new teacher, but also the arrival of Sharon Knapp, Bradford Elementary School's new principal. I wish all of you ... students, teachers, and principal ... happiness, pleasure and success in your new endeavors.

Baked Zucchini

- 4 large tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 14-oz can crushed tomatoes
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp dried mint (optional)
- 6 cups zucchini, grated or sliced 1/4 inch thick (1 grated mine)
- 2 med onions, sliced
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 oz feta cheese, crumbled
- 1 Tbsp margarine

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine fresh tomatoes, canned tomatoes, garlic, oil, sugar and spices in a large mixing bowl. Grease a 9 X 13 X 2 inch baking dish. Layer zucchini, tomato mixture, and sliced onions in dish. Sprinkle feta cheese, then bread crumbs, on top. Dot with dabs of margarine. Bake for 45 minutes or until squash is tender.

Blue News ... Report from the Police Department

by Kathy Grindle

Two new officers have been hired by the department ... Thomas Wade and Kristofer Dupuis. Along with Richard Simmons, they will attend the part-time Academy this month at UNH in Durham. With the addition of the new officers, the PD is now up to its fully staffed level.

All government paperwork has been completed and the department should be receiving its first payment on the COPS FAST grant. The first check will be a reimbursement for costs already incurred, then advance payments for salary and benefits should begin.

French's Park has been cleaned and the Jones Road bridge painted by individuals required to fulfill community service obligations. French's Park has also had an area designated for handicapped accessibility. The area includes parking and a picnic table and is located at the lower beach level.

Total number of incidents for the month of August, through the 27th, was 125. This included: 32 assists to rescue, other departments, etc.; 15 unsecured premises, 9 animal complaints, 4 alarm activations, 3 suspicious persons, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 thefts, 2 domestic assaults, 2 disorderly conduct, 2 criminal mischief/vandalism, 2 drug possessions, and 1 suicide. We also issued 13 parking tickets, 26 summonses, 43 warnings, and arrested 4 individuals.

Representative Lamach addresses Bradford Business Association

by Sherry Chomitz

At the Bradford Business Association meeting, held August 21 at the Bradford Inn, Representative Bernie Lamach told the membership that there were "things going on" in the legislature that affect state businesses. "There is something for everyone," said Lamach, "from ferret-lovers to fishing licenses to insurance." Lamach stated that "for government close to home to be the best government, the electorate needs to be informed about what's going on at that local level."

Other business included Perley Strout's report on the progress of the Business Visitation Program. Twenty surveys have been completed and the state is very interested in our project. The membership was urged to return completed surveys as soon as possible.

The BBA is now sponsoring a Community Improvement Recognition Program, which commends area residents and businesses for visible improvements to their properties. An individual each month will be so recognized; if residents wish to nominate someone, they should contact President Debbie Lamach.

The third Adopt-a-Highway cleanup will take place at the end of September or the beginning of October. Volunteers are requested to contact chairman Bob Schneider.

Upcoming activities this winter will include the annual residential and business holiday decorating contest, with three prizes, and an as-yet-to-be-determined "winter program."

The next meeting will be held on September 18 at the Applesced Inn at 7:00. Speakers this fall will address marketing in a variety of approaches.

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from Henniker Sand & Gravel. Selectmen discussed the permitting process that towns must go through, commenting that when the town is the only hauler, the process is not as complex. However, according to town attorney Tim Bates, towns are not exempt from zoning requirements. When the gravel is being hauled from non-town-owned property, responsibility for reclamation must also be addressed.

August 22, the Planning Board held two public hearings on the proposed Kaye gravel pit, the first, acceptance of the application as complete, and the second, to receive public comment on the details of the application. Stewart reviewed the application and answered many questions from an audience that numbered more than forty. With an estimated total volume of 240,000 yards of gravel on the site, he was asked how much would be mined each year. He said it depended on the market, but would probably be around 20,000 yards. This would mean applying for an extension to the permit, which is good for only two years. He said that volume of gravel would require 10-15 trucks per day, using 14-yard trucks. He emphasized that the reclaimed land would be pasture, which he felt would be a benefit to the neighborhood. After more than an hour of discussion, the Board accepted the application on condition that orally presented information be typed and added to the application.

The public hearing on the merits of the application began with Stewart going over the plans, explaining elevation details and erosion control. Brooks McCandlish, representing the Conservation Commission, expressed concern over the impact of the gravel operation on the Warner River and the aquifer. He recommended moving back activity closest to the river an additional 25 feet and that topsoil storage be moved away from the river. He asked that the Conservation Commission be given permission to conduct periodic inspections during the gravel pit's operation. When asked what equipment would be used, Stewart said normal operation would involve dump trucks and a loader, but a crusher might be required. When neigh-

bors expressed concern over the noise generated by a crusher, he responded that if it were a problem, there would be no crushing on the property.

Residents living near the now-inactive gravel pit off Water Street said they had been told that that pit would be reclaimed and it is still unsightly. How could they believe assurances that the Kaye pit would not be abandoned? Chairman Perry Teele responded that the town would hold a bond which would pay for reclamation if it were not closed acceptably. Concern was then expressed about the amount of the bond and whether it would cover the cost of reclamation.

The topic of the benefit to the town was raised. There is a cost savings from purchasing gravel locally, but no other benefit to the town ... no reduced property taxes, no increased employment. Residents asked that Planning Board members weigh the pros and cons of this pit's benefit to the town. Member Tamara Van Ryn responded that everyone has rights, and that residents should have faith in their elected officials to balance the rights of the town and the rights of individuals. At 11:00 pm, Chairman Teele recessed the meeting. The public hearing will resume on September 12 at 7:30.

August 29, the ZBA met to consider two applications for a rehearing of its decision to approve the special exception. Prior to deliberating on the appeals, the board discussed a letter from Bob Stewart, Jr., requesting Tom Scribner's resignation from the ZBA. The matter of what constitutes a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest was discussed. The Board voted not to ask Scribner to step down.

The issues raised in the applications for rehearing were discussed. Board members reviewed each application, based on the requirement that it must provide new information or expose a technical error in the original hearing proceedings. For each application, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request.

Forest Society's Conservation Institute begins fall classes

Last year, more than 1,400 adults learned about New Hampshire's forests through the New Hampshire Conservation Institute, the education arm of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Fall courses begin in September. Highlights include hands-on classes in general forest ecology, a series for landowners about working with your woodland, and several workshops covering trail maintenance and design, careful forest management, land protection, and building advocacy skills. To receive a copy of the Institute's Fall/Winter catalog, call 800-639-1931 or 224-9945.

Institute classes are focused on how New Hampshire's trees and forests affect our lives. Courses are informative and varied—there's something for almost every interest. For example, the semester begins on Tuesday, September 6 with Introduction to Forest Studies, an eight-session course about the natural dynamics of forest ecosystems. This introductory class is being offered at three locations: on Wednesdays at the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock starting on September 6, evenings at the UNH Thompson School in Portsmouth starting September 20, and at The Rocks in Bethlehem starting September 27.

Working With Your Woodland, a six-session course for landowners, explores relationships between harvesting wood products, improving wildlife habitat, protecting biological diversity and water quality, preserving scenic resources, and expanding recreational opportunities. As part of the course, Chris Lincoln and Brooks McCandlish will conduct timber harvest tours.

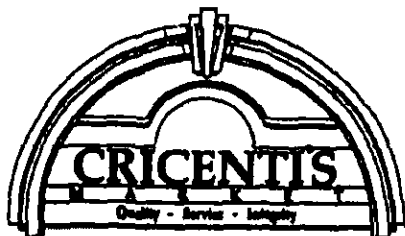
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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Labor Day, oh Labor Day - school is open, and it is time to think of fall, though summer is not yet gone. Short days are with us and, on September 21, night and day length will be equal - the autumnal equinox. We may have already had light frosts by then.

We have not been blessed with our "average" rainfall so far this year. Moisture shortage has curtailed many garden crops, reduced the blooming of garden flowers, and certainly reduced lawn mowing, as well as damaged sod. It has been a hard year on new plantings of perennials, shrubs or fruit and ornamental trees. July and August were both short on rainfall. Rain, when it came, was in heavy, short spurts which ran off as fast as it came. It is critical, at this writing, that such plantings receive frequent deep waterings until normal fall rains arrive and certainly well before freeze up in November. Leaf fall will probably start early, but the plants with good soil moisture will develop good roots and store food supply for next spring's growth.

In addition, newly planted material should be mulched to conserve moisture. Fortunately, many varieties of bark, chips, and other materials are available at garden shops. A high population of hungry rodents is evident and, with low food supplies, it would be best to use a coarse, loose mulch instead of straw or hay. Wire or plastic collars will further protect new trees and shrubs.

It appears that summer '95, with high temperatures and strong sunshine, has enabled planters of winter squash and pumpkins to have a great year. It reminds us that such crops were staples in the diets of the Indians of the southwest, and our summer was very similar this year. As harvest time arrives, we should have an ample, well grown crop. Storage is easy. Before a hard freeze takes the leaf cover, the mature fruits should be gathered, leaving the stem or "handle" with several inches of the vine attached. Store the harvest in a warm, dry place, under cover, with good air circulation, until a mature "shell" develops. In a couple of weeks, they will be ready to store inside. If you have a warm, dry, well ventilated room where temperatures remain around 50 or 55 degrees, such veggies will last till well into January. Some of the best keepers are Acorn, Delicata and Hubbard squash, if well matured.

The cooler weather makes us begin to think of carrots, beets, broccoli, kale and leeks for fall diets. We also will be harvesting the last of the eggplant, okra, peppers and tomatoes, which are frost sensitive. These can be used in the heartier meals, as cool weather pro-

motes more vigorous exercise, which increases appetites.

Some of that vigorous exercise should be garden cleanup. As the spent bean vines, cornstalks, tomato plants, and other garden debris is headed for the compost pile, the soil should be protected for the winter by a cover crop. The cover crop will provide erosion protection and will add a bit of humus to the soil as it is turned under come spring. Two common cover crops are cereal rye and rye grass; both are easy to establish. Rye grass gives the least growth to turn under but serves well to prevent erosion. Cereal rye, the ingredient in rye bread, is more vigorous and a heavier growth to turn under in spring. Either may be sown on loosened soil and raked in, preferably before oncoming fall rains.

In the meantime, perform your own rain dance, chant your own incantations, or otherwise satisfy the "rain gods" as the water table is low as well as the streams, and the wells of Bradford need recharging.



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Michael Bryant is the timekeeper and he must wind the clock once a week. At the end of July, the clock stopped running. He has scheduled a clocksmith to come determine what repairs are required.

Bryant has held the position since 1989, replacing Bud Morse, who was Bradford's timekeeper for 20 years. Prior to Bud, Alfred Ayer "wound it forever."

Bryant described the physical challenges of the job. After climbing a flight of stairs, he climbs a ladder to attic, then another ladder up in steeple. The clock's weights are crates of rocks which require lot of strength to pull up. The clock is set up both for automatic ringing, which occurs every hour, and for manual ringing for special occasions.



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Saturday, September 2

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, September 4

Labor Day, NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, September 5

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish and Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, September 6

BWC Workshop, Marlene Freyler's, 9:30 am

Library Trustees, library, 7:15

Thursday, September 7

Bradford Country Squares free fun night, Town Hall, 7:30-9:30

Friday, September 8

Share sign-up, Warner CAP, 10:00-2:00, 4:00-6:00

for information, call 456-2207

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
For the benefit of the food pantry

Saturday, September 9

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00

Sunday, September 10

Harvest Moon Festival, Mt. Kearsarge
Indian Museum, Warner, 10:00-4:00

Monday, September 11

Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00
7:30 Public hearings on changes to revolving loan fund policy and policy concerning limiting authorization of town contracts to Selectmen.

Tuesday, September 12

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30
Continued public hearing on Kaye gravel pit

Wednesday, September 13

BWC Workshop, Jane Lucas's, 9:30 am

PTC meeting, Bradford Elementary, 7:30

Thursday, September 14

Bradford-Newbury Workshop, Friendship House, S. Newbury, 11:00 am

KRSD School Board, New London Elementary School, 7:15

Bradford Country Squares free fun night, Town Hall, 7:30-9:30

Saturday, September 16

Flea Market and Harvest Fest to benefit Center Meetinghouse, at Bradford Center, 9:00-2:00 (rain date, Sept. 17)

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, September 18

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Business Association, Applesseed Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, September 19

Women's Club, Nancy Hibbard's, 1:00

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, September 20

BWC Workshop, Jan Pickman's, 9:30 am

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Friends of the Library, 7:30

O.E.S., St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Friday, September 22

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Benefit Bradford Women's Club

Saturday, September 23

Share pick-up, 8:30-10:00 am

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00

Bradford Country Square Dance Club "Fall Frolic," Town Hall, 8:00-11:00

Monday, September 25

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, September 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, September 27

BWC Workshop, Doris Tremblay's, 9:30 am

Moon Mountain Arts Film Series, Baptist Church, 7:30

Saturday, September 30

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00

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

Classified Ads

WANTED. Donated items for September 16 Flea Market and Harvest Fest. Call Jane Dumais at 938-5082 for information, including pick up and storage.

FOR SALE. Beckett Burner with full electronics. 3 years old. \$150 / B.O. Call 938-2667.

FOR RENT. Two-bedroom apartment on Main Street, Bradford; suitable for two adults. Partial heat, hot water, plowing, cable. Deposit and references required. Call 938-5425.

FOR SALE. Dorm refrigerator; works great. \$30. 938-5212.

FOR SALE. Two-piece bed set to use with your steel (Harvard) bed frame. 58" X 73" - like new. B.O. 938-2057.

FOUND. Kitten, one month old with dark tabby stripes. Found across from IGA. Call Rachel Brooks, 938-2127.

NEEDED. Used Sunfish sail in good condition. 938-2692.

HELP WANTED. With gardens and farm chores. Looking for individual who is energetic, responsible and can provide own transportation to farm on Blaisdell Hill Road. 4-8 hours per week through the fall. Call 938-2562.

FOR SALE. Used dining room set: table with 2 leaves & pads, 6 chairs, credenza corner cupboard. Call 938-2253.

WANTED. 2 trailer tires, 600 X 16. Call 938-2675.

FOR SALE. Pine rocker, \$35; hanging walnut lamp with cane inserts and large white globe, \$30; contemporary swivel recliner with wood footstool, peach, gold & beige stripes, \$60; custom-made large living room couch, beige and soft brown stripes, with coffee table, \$500; 80 gal. electric water heater, \$50. Call 938-2675.

To place a FREE classified ad, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692.