



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Meet Your Neighbor
Ted Lettvin
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

August 1996



The Independence Day Celebration ... parade, race, fair, barbeque, fireworks, and other events ... was a resounding success, according to all participants. Hats off to Mary Mitchell for a superb job organizing the parade. photo by Herb Tischler.

First phone call recreated

To commemorate its 100th anniversary, Merrimack County Telephone will recreate the first telephone call made between Sutton and Bradford on August 18. Participating in the event will be descendants of two company incorporators, Marjorie Montgomery, daughter of Harry W. Marshall, and George G. Wells II, grandson of George G. Wells.

The call will be placed at 2:00 pm between the Bradford Historical Society building and the Sutton Historical Society museum. An exhibit, arranged by MCT Chairman Dick Violette, will be on display in Bradford. All are invited to attend and are encouraged to wear period costumes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 14
7:00 pm, Library

A public meeting will be held to discuss the possibility of a combined library/town administrative office building, to be built on the site of the former Central School.

Summertime concert series

A weekend of three summertime concerts at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, presented by Joan and Theodore Lettvin, will benefit the Bradford Historical Society and Bradford Center Restoration.

On Friday evening, August 16, 7:30, a concert of classical music will combine the talents of Xun Pan, piano, Danwen Jiang, violin, Andrey Tchekmazov, cellist, with the piano virtuosity of Bradford resident, Theodore Lettvin.

A second concert will be held Saturday, August 17, at 7:30. The program includes encore performances by Danwen Jiang, violin (accompanied by pianist Carol Wong) and by Ted Lettvin.

Sunday afternoon, August 18, at 4:00, a matinee concert for young audiences (a family affair) will feature performances of both jazz and classical music by Greg Giannascoli, marimba, with an encore by Ted Lettvin.

Tickets for each concert are \$6.00 in advance, \$7.50 at the door. They are available through the Historical Society (938-2301) and at Dodge's. Subscriptions to all three concerts are \$15.

BBA Main Street series continues August 19 with Selectmen

The second in a series of discussions concerning business in Bradford, focusing particularly on Main Street, will be held on August 19 at 7:00 pm at the Church Vestry. The Board of Selectmen has been invited to meet to discuss their vision of the future of Main Street and ways in which town government can help foster a healthy business climate. The public is invited to attend and participate in these discussions.

At the July meeting, Lake Sunapee Bank President and CEO, Steve Ensign, presented his views on actions needed to revitalize the Main Street area. He talked about the need to develop a mission statement concerning the preservation of Main Street. That mission statement could include not only what we would like to see, but also a very important perspective ... what we DON'T want to see on Main Street. He went on to discuss the importance of developing a consensus on this mission statement throughout the community, one element of which is working with the Planning Board. He emphasized the importance of having a vision of the development of our business community, detailed in three, five and ten-year strategic plans. For this to be implemented, a timeline needs to be developed with interim attainable objectives. State involvement both in planning and in funding is important.

Ensign concluded by committing the bank to helping develop and fund a community survey. The survey would involve not only the existing businesses on Main

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Milfoil found in Lake Massasecum

Milfoil, a very aggressive aquatic plant, is a problem in New Hampshire lakes. Until this summer, Bradford lakes and ponds had successfully prevented its introduction. However, in late July, several milfoil plants were discovered in Lake Massasecum. As soon as it was identified, volunteers from the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association

(LMIA) spent several hours uprooting clumps of the weed. Shortly after that, two State Water Pollution Biologists, Ken Warren, coordinator of the state's exotic weed eradication program, and Walt Henderson, were joined by lake resident Walter Laudenslager, who donned scuba gear to continue the removal efforts. When the lake level, swollen by rain from hurricane Bertha, has returned to normal, state divers will return to assess the results and search for other locations that have been infested.

Aquatic plants are found in most of our lakes and most are a natural component of the aquatic ecosystem, providing food and shelter for fish and storing excess nutrients that would otherwise diminish water quality. Over the past thirty years, however, several "exotic" or non-native plants, milfoil in particular, have been found in twenty NH lakes. Milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) is a submerged green aquatic plant that can grow up to ten feet and, once introduced into a lake, can quickly spread to inhabit valuable shoreline and impair recreational activities.

The plants are transported from one lake to another by getting caught on the propeller or underside of a boat and being dropped

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OBITUARY**Amy G. Eldridge**

Amy G. Eldridge, 84, died July 25 at New London Hospital

Born in Mattapoisette, Mass., she was the daughter of James and Clarisa Mayhew Grunshaw. She lived in Boscawen for many years and Concord for four years before moving to Bradford three years ago.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Penacook and a former member of the Tri-State Collector's Club. She also belonged to the Capitol Rock & Mineral Club.

She is survived by four daughters, Maureen Eldridge of Concord, Virginia Robins of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Lucy Sargent of Bradford, and Linda Palmer of Concord; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Bradford Rescue Squad.

OBITUARY**Eleanor T. Wandres**

Eleanor T. (Gray) Wandres, 68, of West Meadow Road, died July 20 at her home.

She was born in Albany, N. Y., the daughter of Donald M. and Flora Ida (Harrington) Gray. She graduated from Hudson High School, N. Y., in 1947. She moved to Goshen in 1975 and to Bradford in 1978.

Her husband, Victor C. Wandres, a retired commander in the U.S. Navy, died in 1989.

Members of her family include two daughters, Victoria G. Faudree of Burke, Va. and Flora Ida H. Morrow of Moosup, Conn.; nine grandchildren and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon 03766.

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911 Update

In July 1995, E (enhanced) 911 was activated across New Hampshire, providing operators at the central dispatch center in Concord with the name, address and telephone number of anyone placing an emergency call. This enables the operator to quickly transfer the call to the appropriate agency for response - fire, rescue or police.

It is difficult to understand why anyone would not afford themselves this protection and make certain that the correct number is clearly displayed. Some towns have gone so far as to impose fines when house/business numbers are not in place by a set time. A recent survey of buildings in Bradford indicated that a majority, but not all, property numbers are posted. A few problems that were found include: when the mailbox is across the road, the number should also be on the building; when the house cannot be seen from the main road that serves it, the number should be at the road end of the driveway; when a driveway serves more than one building, all numbers served by the drive should be posted at the end of the drive.

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Eleanor Wandres died on July 20.

Amy Eldridge died on July 25.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S
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The office will be open for regular hours during the month of August.

Please remember to register to vote if you have not already done so. This is a presidential and gubernatorial year.

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Center Schoolhouse alumni reunion on August 28

The Bradford Historical Society will meet at Bradford Center on Wednesday, August 28, at 5:00 pm to honor the Center School alumni with a potluck supper and lots of reminiscing. We hope that Dick Violette (the busiest man in Merrimack County) will be on hand to talk about the 100th anniversary of the first phone call made from Bradford to Sutton - collect?

Allene Hamilton is chairing the event. Harriet Douglass will coordinate the potluck; call her (938-5314) on any Monday or Tuesday evening if you have questions.

The September meeting of the Society will be a tour of the Franklin Pierce House in Hillsborough. --Nancy Hibbard

Summer Splash square dance

A mainstream level square dance will be held on Saturday, August 17, 8:00-11:00, at the Town Hall. Casual dress. Caller, Yikes Cameron; Cuer, Elaine Lavoie. \$4.00 pp.

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by Chris Frey

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These young people work for the Community Resource Assistance Fire Team based in Laconia. They will provide three services to the department. 1. Identify and map all existing and potential water supply sites. 2. Provide technical assistance with installation requirements. 3. Analyze existing hydrants and recommend improvements.

If you see these people and have knowledge of nearby water sources, you are urged to stop and chat. If you have a site on your property or have questions about the program, call Chris Frey, the Fire Department's liaison, at 938-2630.

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In addition, you can cheer the walkers as they cross the finish line in the Walk-a-Thon. Better yet, get a pledge sheet from the IGA, Applesed Restaurant, or from a Rescue Squad member and be a walker yourself.

The Walk-a-Thon will be held on both days in conjunction with the "Dog House." All proceeds will go to support the all-volunteer Bradford Rescue Squad Ambulance.

This year also marks the 50th Anniversary of the "Dog House." So, come and join our celebration. Follow the signs from the Bradford Fire Station to Webb's field. Walk for the health of it ... eat for the fun of it!

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To the editor:

The trustees, staff and volunteers of the Brown Memorial Library would like to thank the townspeople of Bradford for their enthusiastic and generous support of the Library Thrift Shop. It has surpassed our expectations, both in fund-raising efforts and in overall goodwill. Marty and Sue Bunis have spearheaded this effort -- consisting entirely of donations and volunteers -- which has so far raised approximately \$2400. (There is an urgent need for bookcases, if anyone can spare them.)

Every day brings in new items, as well as buyers from out of town and out of state. There is something for everyone, so stop by and check it out. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 10:00-1:00, Saturday, 9:00-2:00.

Trustees of Brown Memorial Library

To the editor:

The Bradford Fire Dept. wishes to thank the following for their help in making the 4th of July Celebration a huge success: Battles Farm for the loan of a trailer for the stage, R. & R. Farm for their donation, Naughton & Son Recycling for the use of a dumpster, Bradford IGA, Ayer & Goss, and the assistance of the BBA and many volunteers, plus the members and former members of the Fire Dept. We also appreciate the efforts of Mary Mitchell in organizing the great parade and the cooperation and assistance of the Police and Highway Depts.

Special thanks to the expertise of the fire-works crew for putting on such a great display.

Parker G. McCartney
Physical Arrangements Chairman
4th of July Celebration

To the editor

The *Bradford Bridge* has been an excellent vehicle to inform its residents and to promote community involvement. It has increased our awareness of the diverse talents and contributions of its people, in addition to keeping us up to date on local events/programs. In the July *Bridge*, I read the Bradford Business Association article that invited all residents to attend the three-part guest speaker educational series with the theme of "Main Street ... the heart of the business community." I attended the July 15 meeting to hear Lake Sunapee Bank President Steven Ensign speak. He addressed the audience with the questions: What is the Bradford area now? What do you want Bradford to be? What do you NOT want Bradford to be?

He suggested that we create a collective vision, formalize this vision into a mission statement, then proceed with a detailed timeline of actions that will work toward our collective mission. This strategic planning process that Steve Ensign was speaking about is one that would be extremely beneficial for all of Bradford. Successful community development in a small town like ours includes bringing together all social and economic aspects of our community ... the public sector (town officials, town committees, library, school) and the private sector (businesses, civic groups, church, non-profit organizations, etc.) ... to address the big picture, the long range vision. This public and private partnership would create an agreed-upon collective vision, mission statement, goals, and strategic plan. Then the workload could be divided into details that match public, private and civic groups' areas of expertise.

This is a window of opportunity for us to create an integrated community plan in partnership. In partnership, we could see an exponential growth in our efforts and accomplishments in achieving all our community goals. I thank the *Bradford Bridge* for cultivating the communication network; I applaud the Bradford Business Association for organizing the educational series. And I challenge residents of Bradford to collectively bring together a public and private partnership to commit to a strategic planning process that would allow our vision of the downtown area to be a destination place for ourselves, our families, and the general public from other areas.

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Tree Farm tour on August 3

The Sullivan County division of the New Hampshire Tree Farm program will hold a tour of the Edward and Alice DeCourcy Tree Farm in Newport on Saturday, August 3 from 9:00 am to noon. The Decourcys have managed their property for the past fifteen years with the help of forester, Don Clifford of Newport.

The tour will showcase past forestry work that has been accomplished on this beautiful property located along the Sugar River. Don Clifford and the DeCourcys will be accompanied by Sullivan County forester, Stephen Wood, and local consulting forester, Chris Lincoln, to discuss timber management, wildlife management, and forest roads.

This free tour will take place at 423 Unity Road, Newport (approximately 2.2 miles south on Routes 11/103, south of the John Cain Golf Course). Watch for Tree Farm signs. Coffee and donuts will be served. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Chris Lincoln at 938-2794.

Reminder to Friends and Supporters of BML

Membership dues are due now. We encourage residents to become new members. Forms are available at the library.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

For the fifth consecutive season, Bob Vernon will lead the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter's field trip, "Birding at the Coast," in search of shore birds and waders at Seabrook, Hampton, and Rye, on Sunday, August 4. Birders on past trips have been rewarded with sightings of such early migrants as whimbrels, godwits, egrets, red knots, and once, a little blue heron. This trip is open to all interested persons.

Participants should bring lunch and binoculars, and meet Bob at Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89, at 8:00 am. For more information, call Bob at 526-6216. --Phyllis Curtiss

Summer services at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse

There will be two services in August at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. On Sunday, August 4 at 11:00, the Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will hold a service.

On Sunday, August 25, the First Baptist Church of Bradford will hold its service at the Meetinghouse at 9:30.

Remember, everyone is invited ... and encouraged ... to attend these services.

Flea Market and Harvest Fest coming September 14

Get ready for the fourth annual FLEA MARKET and HARVEST FEST, which will be held Saturday, September 14, 9:00-2:00. It will be held on the green in front of the Old Center Meetinghouse. Last year's response was outstanding. We hope once more to have many dealers, organizations and anyone with an overcrowded garage participate. If you don't think you have enough stuff, ask a friend or neighbor to share a table with you. Still don't have more than one or two "fleas" in your house? Make a donation to the Historical Society Table. September is a perfect time to divide your perennials or cash in on an over-abundant garden. These items were in great demand last year. Have a hobby? This might be your opportunity. Call now to reserve your spot. Those who sign up early get the best places. A tax deductible fee of \$10 reserves a place and will help paint the ceiling of the Old Meetinghouse.

This year we will have coffee and goodies EARLY for those who need sustenance while setting up or just browsing. The Grill will open at 11:00 with usual fanfare.

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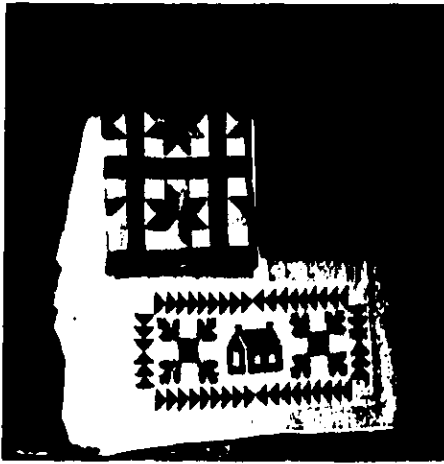
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Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

YOUTH NEWS. Our older youth group will venture to the Jigger Johnson campground off the Kancamagus Highway August 2 and 3. They will be camping, hiking, swimming and really "roughing" it in the great outdoors. Our younger youth will hike to Lake Solitude on Sunapee August 24 and enjoy a majestic view and picnic lunch.

FOOD PANTRY. The dedication of the food pantry will be held following the worship service (10:30 am) on August 18. The public is invited to come and see the results of the hard work of many volunteers. The pantry will open officially on Wednesday, August 21, 6:00-7:00 pm. The pantry will be open the third Wednesday of every month to Bradford residents who meet income qualifications. For eligibility or for food on an emergency basis, call the church office at 938-5313.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. An evening at Fenway Park is planned for Wednesday, August 21. Red Sox are playing the Oakland A's.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. United Directories will be coming to our church in September to take pictures of the church family for a directory. A committee is meeting with them on August 22 to make plans for the directory.

FELLOWSHIP. Many of us will travel to the New London Barn Playhosue on Friday, August 23, to see a production of Camelot.

WORSHIP. First Baptist will have its worship service at the Center Church on Sunday, August 25.

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach



Recently I was honored to be asked to serve on a task force that will study electronic information systems in our state government. This study committee was the outshoot of HB-1120 which I sponsored and was passed. As a member of the legislature, I have my home computer hooked up with the legislative information system. Status of bills, names of legislators and staff, and a rudimentary e-mail system are available under this system. I've used it many times to answer constituent questions on bills that I was not directly involved with.

My firm belief is that everybody's life is affected almost daily by state government, whether it's a hunting or fishing license, traffic laws, motor vehicle regulations, or the lottery.

HB-1120 began as I became aware of the many rules and regulations that are written so as to manage the laws that we daily encounter ... regulations of environment, health, administration of welfare, ethical conduct, and many others.

My original bill stated simply that "no rule or regulation will go into effect until and only after it had been made available to the State Library in both electronic and printed format." It's probably not surprising that all departments do not operate on compatible equipment and formats. The Legislative Information System is built around Wang equipment, which is not directly compatible with PC or Apple. Conversion programs must be used.

As we discussed the original bill, which the majority favored, it also became obvious that we needed more knowledge on the width and

depth of requirements of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, plus exactly what information would first be available. This gets us to an interesting dialogue of principles and procedures for balancing access and privacy.

Effective representative government has two prerequisites: citizens must have timely access to adequate information on which to base sound decisions AND the political body must have the functional ability to communicate with the citizens. To do anything less reduces the ability of citizens to be informed participants and invites abuse of power. Public access cannot be just an incidental function of government in a free society. It must be as central to the process as any other aspect of the governmental function.

Now having said all that, we have to consider the balance of public access to citizens' desire and need for personal privacy. Any time we open up information gathering efforts, we encounter the danger of access to otherwise confidential information. I'm not sure there is a completely satisfactory solution, but I'm gaining an equally strong position that we need to be vigilant as to the extent of information voluntarily given to both government and business.

In the meantime, I'll be working to find solutions that make sense and save tax money by allowing all branches of state government to better communicate with you and each other.

Notes from the Road Committee

The Board of Selectmen came to the July meeting of the Road Committee to discuss the process of selecting an engineering firm to provide designs for the next two bridges to be renovated under the state 80% aid program. Top three firms will be selected using the state's recommended rating system and reviewing references, then forwarded to the Selectmen for their final decision. The good news from the NH Department of Transportation is that the Legislature transferred \$2 million from the highway surplus account to the bridge aid account so funds will be available for Bradford's projects as soon as the design contract is finalized.

A state inspection of the new bridge on Fairgrounds Road identified several problems that must be corrected by the contractor before the project is considered complete and state funds paid out. The contractor has been notified of the necessary items.

In response to questions from residents on Oakdale Road about a schedule for repaving, Chair Bob Stewart Jr. reported that a drainage plan for one area of the roadway must be finalized first. Selectman Signorino said that discussions are underway with the owner of the property and that repaving cannot be considered until an agreement has been reached to handle the run-off at that location.

Recent heavy rains have clearly demonstrated that water can and does do great damage to our roads. Ditches must be kept clear to direct the water away from the travel surface and culverts open to carry water under the roadway. An example of preventive maintenance was the recent three-day period the NHDOT spent removing a beaver lodge from under Route 114. New fencing was installed at the mouth of the culvert in an attempt to discourage rebuilding of the lodge.

The Road Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Town Hall. Prior to the next meeting on August 21, the Committee will meet at 6:30 to conduct a dye test of water flowing at the intersection of Main and High Streets, in coordination with the Fire Department, as a first step in determining how to resolve drainage problems in that area. --Marcia Keller

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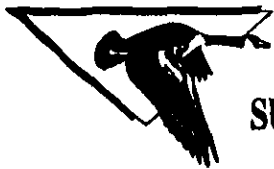


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The Rosewood Scholarship is presented to Benjamin Smith, son of Susan Smith of Rowe Mountain Road, Bradford, by Lesley Marquis of the Rosewood Country Inn. Ben will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham in September, majoring in political science and international law. The \$500 scholarship was a portion of the funds raised by the Inn at its annual Christmas Candlelight Tea held in December.

BBA, from page 1

Street, but also what changes the community would like to see and what additions the community might support.

The BBA's participation in the Independence Day celebration was a huge success. The BBA co-sponsored the Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored the Cow Flop Bingo, and entered a float in the parade. Thanks to Charlie and Janice Hewitt for their help with the Blood Drive, Glen Mayo for heading up the Cow Flop Bingo, and Perley Strout for donating the float, with driver Dick Marquis, overall clad Les Gordon, and gorgeous Lois Bradicich. There were many others who helped that day and we appreciate every one of them. Thanks again.

David A. Szymkiewicz wins trophy

David Adam Szymkiewicz of Bradford was voted "Best All Around Player and Most Sportsmanlike Conduct" at the championship baseball game in Claremont on July 25. David is the son of David and Laura Szymkiewicz of Bradford. David played on the Bradford-Newbury team during the regular season. He was chosen with Greg Alibrandi and Zachary Winslow to be on the Hillsborough team as part of the New Hampshire All Stars. David played in the Kearsarge Mountain League, Bambini (9-10 year olds). He played in both the Kearsarge All Star Tournament and the Claremont Tournament, with his team coming in third in both events. Well done David, Bradford is proud of you! --Suzanne Vitale

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Only the gravestones remain by Clare Bensley

Funerals were a great cause for celebration in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries! Christmas, if it was celebrated at all, was kept simple. There were no May Day or Memorial Day celebrations, and for many years little notice was taken of July 4th. Funerals, especially those of the rich and famous, were extravagant. Horses were decked out in glittering array; funeral carts were decorated with crests and coats of arms (which later served as home decorations), and whole communities turned out for the funeral and burial of a member, no matter if she or he had been rich or poor.

The craftsmanship which remains from this time shows creativity and perfection. A fine example of workmanship in wrought iron can be seen in the elaborate gate posts and fence which surround the Durell Cemetery on East Washington Road. Each hollow gate and corner post was made by fastening together four plates to form a column. These are in near-perfect condition today.

In many cemeteries, the carved marble gravestones are as fine and clear as they were when carved more than a century and a half ago. The ornate designs depicting bowls of fruit, upper bodies of angels, waterfalls, willows, etc. were typical of the Victorian Age. Their messages reveal a brief genealogy, philosophy and attitude toward life. Earlier gravestones, such as many found in the burial ground next to the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, were often shaped from local boulders that did not have the strength and durability of Vermont limestone (marble) that was used later. They scarcely show any ornamentation and the inscriptions are difficult to read, as they may well have been the crude work of a friend of the deceased. It's interesting to note that many stonecutters learned their craft as an outgrowth of wood carving.

Browsing these local cemeteries, one can enjoy a feeling of peace while perhaps heeding a few of the verses. Some issue warnings, others comfort with consolations or address a moral issue. The verses were said to "honor the dead and teach the living." Since many people could not read the verses on the headstones, carvings enabled all to appreciate the message.

This ghostly verse appears over and over, warning: As I am now, So you must be.

Funerals were important occasions for the community ... a chance for friends and families to get together for grieving and bonding. If relatives came from long distances, the gatherings could last several days. Everyone dressed in their finest clothing. Caskets were ornately or simply draped with flags, banners and replicas of the deceased.

Most of these trappings have been lost over the years, but the fine craftsmanship worked in stone and iron during the 18th century will survive for many years.



Ornate wrought iron work typical of the mid-nineteenth century encircles the Durell Cemetery on East Washington Road. Photo by Luanne Mayo.

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What is a ZBA?

The June *Bridge* listed some Bradford organizations seeking new members, so vital to the continuation of the strong volunteer spirit in this town. One example is the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) which needs an alternate member available to fill in when necessary. As an elected board, the ZBA makes the appointment to fill a vacancy.

Before you sign up, perhaps you'd like to know what the ZBA is and what it does. A ZBA has been described as a "safety valve" and is a required component of any zoning ordinance. The ZBA provides flexibility to ensure that strict interpretation of the terms of the ordinance does not deny reasonable use of land. Thus ZBA is a semi-judicial body and carries out its responsibilities in three distinct areas:

Administrative Appeals are requests for the ZBA to interpret specific terms or definitions in the ordinance. **Variations** are appeals to relax the requirements of the zoning ordinance, most commonly lot size, frontage or setback requirements. **Special Exceptions** are uses permitted only when specific conditions can be met by the applicant.

Over the seven years that the ZBA has operated, 70% of the cases presented have been requests for special exceptions, many of these based on the large number of buildings in place when the ordinance was passed that do not meet ordinance requirements. Alteration or enlargement of such buildings are handled as special exceptions.

The ZBA must carefully follow not only the requirements of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance, but also State law and standards set by the many Supreme Court decisions over the years. Because of the complexity of the ZBA's work, training is available and strongly urged for anyone interested in becoming a member.

If this sounds like a way in which you would like to serve your community, leave your name at the selectmen's office, contact Chair Erin DiBello (938-2683) or Marcia Keller (938-2877), or sit in on a ZBA meeting, held at the Town Hall 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. --Marcia Keller

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Democrats host Senate candidate

Richard Herman, Democratic candidate for State Senate, will speak at the Bradford Town Hall on Monday, August 5 at 7:30 pm. This is an open meeting and anyone interested in learning more about Democratic candidates is invited to come.

Herman, who has a master's degree in education, was a school teacher in the local schools for thirty years. Currently, he runs the Interlochen International Summer Camp in Winsor, where children from all over the world come to enjoy a summer of travel, sports and art. He also runs the Educational Conference Center.

He has served on the school board for ten years and the Winsor Planning Board for four years. In the past, he was very active in preventing the nuclear dump from being located in Bradford and Hillsborough. The Hermans' three children all attended local schools; his daughter is attending UNH.

As a State Senator, Herman would like to improve the quality of education in New Hampshire without spending more money. He will stress more parental participation and involvement in the process.

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Fitness Trail offers solitude near town

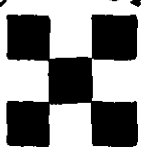
Did you ever hear someone speak of the Fitness Trail, but you didn't know where it was? It may come as a surprise to learn that it is close to Bradford's downtown area.

Running northerly from the end of Church Street, the Fitness Trail follows the old railroad bed for a distance of about three-tenths of a mile, ending at Gillingham Drive.

Along the trail are several exercise stations, where you can either test your stamina or just try for fun.

Adjacent to and just easterly of the trail, approximately two-thirds of the way through, is Whitman Park. Here inscribed on a large boulder is a memorial to Richard Whitman, former resident and Bradford businessman. The park was given by John A. Kelley, now of Warner, in memory of his friend and business partner. Before his death, it was Mr. Whitman's wish to create a recreational area on this site for the residents of the town to enjoy. Here, in season, a variety of wild flowers may be seen. So, if you are out walking or riding your bicycle and don't care to use busy Route 103, consider the Fitness Trail. It may be just what you are looking for.

In May Bradford eighth grade students and the Conservation Commission cleaned up the debris and trash along the trails. Many thanks to Gene Schmidt and Amy and John Blitzer for removing the debris and broken tree limbs to the transfer station.

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Warner Senior Center activities

The Warner Senior Center, part of the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program, serves the towns of Bradford, Warner, Webster, Sutton, New London, and Hopkinton with a wide variety of activities. The Warner Center serves daily lunches, with transportation provided as needed. Monthly luncheons are held in Webster, New London, and Hopkinton. Meals-on-Wheels are also delivered daily to area residents. The program is open to all individuals aged 60 and older.

Other activities include transportation to the Market Basket every Wednesday for shopping. Every Thursday, transportation is provided to Concord for shopping, doctor and dentist visits, and hairdresser appointments. Bingo is played every Tuesday and Friday.

August special events include a mystery ride on the 12th, which will include stopping for dinner. On August 21, beginning at 10:30 am, there will be a Barbecue at Elm Brook Park. And on August 26, a luncheon will be held at the Warner senior housing function room.

The entree items for lunches served at the Warner Center during August include: 1-BBQ beef, 2-Baked stuffed fish with white sauce, 5-Baked ham with raisin sauce, 6-Egg salad plate, 7-Meatball subs with onions & peppers, 8-Chicken Tahitian, 9-Cheeseburgers, 12-Filet of sole almondine, 13-Turkey ala king, 14-Spaghetti with meatballs, 15-Chicken salad, 16-Pot roast with au jus, 19-Missouri style BBQ chicken, 20-BLT, 21-Stuffed shells with meat sauce, 22-Ham & cheese casserole, 23-Meatloaf with gravy, 26-Cube steak with gravy, 27-Chicken parmesan, 28-Chef salad with ham, 29-BBQ beef, 30-Baked stuffed fish with white sauce.

For more information concerning these activities and/or transportation, call Bertie at 456-9200 between 9:00 and 11:30 am or after 1:00 pm.

Planning Board actions in July

Ted and Liz Young met on July 9 to discuss an addition to the Merrimack Farm Store. Issues of drainage and the requirements for a site plan were discussed. The Youngs were asked to show all surface drainage on the site plan, as well as the location of abutters' septic systems. After another discussion concerning whether all site plans should be recordable, the board waived the requirement for a topo and 2-ft contour for this site plan. Questions concerning whether the store is within the State's 50-ft right-of-way led to the Youngs being told to discuss the need for a special exception with the ZBA.

Joe Conway reported that Town Counsel's response concerning the Library Thrift Shop was that a site plan was required because the operation is dissimilar from the Library's normal activities. Chair Perry Teele said he had received a letter from the Library Trustees submitting their application for a site plan review. The Board discussed the issue of whether the Thrift Shop operation met the "temporary" standards of the zoning ordinance. They passed a motion stating that in this instance temporary was irrelevant to the site plan review.


The Board set August 13 for a public hearing on the proposed sludge ordinance, which will be added to the site plan review regulations.

The July 23 meeting was attended by only three Planning Board members, less than a quorum. Chair Perry Teele announced that the public hearing would be held, but that the board could take no actions.

The public hearing on the Louise Hall subdivision on Route 114 resulted in acceptance of the subdivision application; however, approval of the subdivision must wait for a vote by a quorum of members.

Joe Wilcox met to discuss options to enable him to move the Autocraft business to his new site prior to meeting all site plan requirements in order to vacate the Naughton barn as quickly as possible. Requirements to complete his site plan include erecting a stockade fence and planting trees to provide a buffer and clearing and grading an area for parking cars. In addition, septic and water need to be installed. Wilcox asked for a waiver because of the need to vacate his present garage. The Board agreed, after some discussion, that Wilcox could be allowed to move onto the site without water and septic so long as they are installed by October 1, and both the Building Inspector and Board of Selectmen approve.

Robin Sanborn, who has opened an antiques shop across from the former Village Mart, met to discuss the board's site plan requirements. She was asked to return to the next meeting with the application completed.



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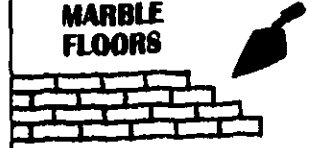
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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

My Dad lived a long, fascinating life filled with completed goals and love and joys. He died of emphysema after a extended, harrowing fight. It was traumatic for us who watched his health and stamina diminish. He had been a man for his time; a man with a delicious sense of humor and great compassion. His disease stole brain cells as it cut off his oxygen; he was connected to a life sustaining oxygen tank and fought to maintain his mental continuity. He never lost his lovely sense of humor or his joy in serendipity. I dropped in one afternoon for a visit. He had been having a marvelous time watching young King Arthur and his men in battle against a deadly foe. The whole scenario had taken place on the oriental rug at his feet. He knew he had been hallucinating and that he should have boosted his oxygen intake, but this had been a charming afternoon's entertainment. He did not win his battle.

When my mother reached her eighties, she moved to a Life Care Community and there met a very charming, gentle man who was very dear in his attention to her. This wasn't a romance; it was a friendship. Paul also had emphysema and we, in quiet desperation, watched him drown in his own juices.

My husband and I each have one brother. My brother's tiny dynamite wife died a year ago. It was one of the most agonizing deaths I've ever seen. She was fifty four years old. It was emphysema.

We are now on yet another death watch, as Glen's brother's wife is being consumed by cancer. She had been a life long smoker and it has caught up with her.

This certainly isn't a jolly scenario and I apologize for burdening you with it, but I find that I have a terrible need to tell it to my smoker friends. I watch some of these dear women pulling on cigarettes, women with young grandchildren, and I wonder if they will live to see these babies graduate from junior high or high school; if they will be around to see their granddaughters married. We as a nation have spent the last few weeks consumed by grief for the families killed in the senseless havoc caused by a terrorist's bomb. We watch as they pull pieces out of the sea. And some of us watch as our family members and friends light the fuses of their own destruction.



EXPOSED - The Lucas Gang, 1969

This is the crew who pulled off a great surprise birthday party. From the top, "Silent" Billy; "Who me?" Margee; "I did it and I'm glad," The Redhead; "Auntie" Val; "Mommy's baby," Jane; and "I don't look like my mom," Jenn; with friend Dougie.



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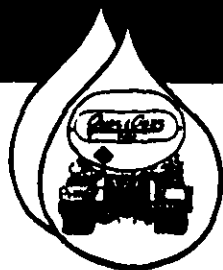
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5K Road Race was the largest ever

More than 200 racers participated in the Independence Day 5K road race, the largest group we've ever had. 55 trophies, plaques and prizes were awarded to participants.

The cannon went off on time, the participants ran hard, and we were able to recognize their efforts at the end. The awards were three deep, both male and female, in the following categories: ages 6-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+. In addition, prizes were awarded to the youngest, oldest, first Bradford finisher (M & F) 14 and under, first Bradford finisher (M & F) 15 and older, and largest participating family.

The first place winners (in the order they crossed the finish line) were:

Charlie Gunn, Henniker, first place
Bob Levoy, Laconia, 2nd place and 1st male 30-39

Mark Hudson, Sunapee, 3rd place and 1st male, 15-19

Jonathan Ashley, Sunapee, male 20-29

Randy Waterman, Sunapee, male 40-49

Joseph Conway, Bradford male 15 and over

Bill Springer, Keene, male 50-59

Amy Ireland, Concord, 1st place female

Elizabeth Patterson, Henniker, female 20-29

Amy Patenaude, Henniker, female 30-39

Casey Bellman, Newbury, male 10-14

Neal Jones, Bow, male 60+

Kathy Satter, Bedford, female 40-49

Sarah Snyderman, first Bradford female 15 and over

Jayna Huot, Newport, female 10-14

Sandra Robinson, Washington, female 50-59

Erin Morrissey, Hopkinton, female 15-19

Jim Thompson, first Bradford male 14 and under

Kelsie Brooke, S. Sutton, female 6-9

Ellen Hersh, Bradford, female 60+

William Hinman, Portland, ME, male 6-9

Laura LeBourdais, first Bradford female 14

and under. The youngest runner was 4-year-old Caroline Forgiel; the oldest was Addie Stewart. The largest family to participate was the Hinmans of Portland, Maine and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Next year we plan to have a few more prizes and increase our T-shirt number by at least 50%. In addition, because of our sponsors, contributors and participants, we will contribute at least \$300 each to the Bradford Fire Department and the Bradford Rescue Squad.

--Robert W. Wright Jr. and Marie Twombly

Meet Your Neighbor

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Ted Lettvin's life work was preordained by his mother who (even before he was born) had decided that he would be a concert pianist. Ted commented... "I'm going to fight with her?" The decision was never discussed. With such high parental expectations, Ted's early years were bound to be extraordinary--a life following an unusual behavior pattern. Ted's family stories are modern fairy tales.

Once upon a time, Ted's mother wanted to be a concert pianist. Her superstitious father (believing that she would not receive a decent burial if she were a performer) abruptly ended her hopes by cutting the piano strings with a knife. Ted's father had been an illiterate servant for a Russian princess. He was forbidden to learn to read or write. One day, the princess fell deathly ill. Ted's father ran five miles from the castle to town to fetch the doctor, who brought the princess back to life. In gratitude for her servant's help, the princess said, "You



have saved my life. What do you want?" Ted's father replied, "I want to learn to read and write." And so, the princess taught him reading, writing and philosophy, mythology, Latin and aesthetics. When the young literate servant emigrated to the City of Chicago, he earned a living distributing newspapers until he finished a law degree.

In the Lettvin household, life had an unusual rhythm. After

supper dishes were put away, Ted's mother conducted study hall for the children, who were expected to be at the top of their classes and earn full scholarships to college. Ted said, "We were not allowed to think of any other possibility." His earliest performances were family concerts. By the time he was nine years old, he had soloed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

When Ted met his future wife and partner, Joan, at a New Year's Eve party in Cleveland, he was head of the piano department of the Cleveland Music School Settlement. He described those years as extraordinary: "Everything was beautiful; I was learning to teach, playing concerts, and enjoying the pleasures of life." Ted and his family would relocate to the University of Michigan. In 1987, Ted was invited to Rutgers University, where he established doctoral and artist diploma programs and where Joan became Director of the Concert Bureau.

Ted and Joan illuminate their lives through family stories told with the familiarity of a devoted couple--he urging her to tell details of a story he's forgotten; she urging him to tell more stories. On their 20th wedding anniversary many years ago, Ted announced, "It's a tradition that a husband should give his wife stones for a wedding." Fearing a great or foolish expenditure, Joan remarked, "We never really do that sort of thing." His gift was two glacial boulders he had moved to the edge of a precipice with a view looking through the distant mountain ranges and overlooking Lake Massasecum--a place where you could feel like a king or queen." Joan still feels the thrill of looking out.

Ted and Joan first established their Bradford residence in 1961 when they claimed Joan's parents' house on Rowe Mountain as home. Ted's first changes were moving pianos into a shed. One day, Ted opened the door to find his prized Baldwin baby grand piano and upright Steinway on the earth below a collapsed floor. His Baldwin was special--a gift from the company. His only expense had been moving it from Keene--the cost of a half tank of gas, three blueberry pies and dinner for the Bagley brothers, who made the local delivery.

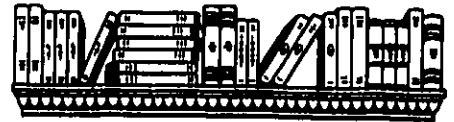
As a teacher, Ted advises his students to overcome performance anxiety by saying "When you play, all you can do is make mistakes; and if you make mistakes, so what? Communicate who you are, what you dream of, what is beautiful, and what is elegant. The Bradford Summer Concert Weekend offers his students performance experience. Ted added, "The concerts not only showcase artistic talent, but also the community's involvement in producing the concerts. Everyone helps."

The Lettvins love the town and its people. In an astute observation, Ted lovingly spoke of the town, "It's an uncultured place full of culture. Bradford's people have the ability to exist with each other, and yet develop their own way of thinking and dreaming. It's quite a place!"

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Report on Kearsarge Regional School District by Mike Hague, Bradford School Board Rep



BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

THE LESSONS OF LOVE

by Melody Beattie

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From the start, Beattie says *The Lessons of Love* isn't a grief book, although that is part of it. It's a book about opening the heart, living from the heart, trusting the heart. It's a learning-to-live-again book."

This book shines light on the trials of its author, a divorced woman who bore two children, a daughter, Nichole, and a son, Shane. Her story is not too dissimilar from yours or mine. All lives face disappointment, mistakes, pain, heartache.

Tender scenes surround Shane and his twelfth birthday. Nichole, 14, takes Shane skiing with her friends as her gift. Shane is delighted. Before leaving the house, their mother provides money for admission and ski rental for Shane. "Be home by six," she says.

The day was strange, Beattie recalls. Several oddities occur. One includes a movie on television about a fighter pilot who dies in a plane crash. Up till then she has thought little about death or life after death. The subject scares her. She looks at the clock. It's past eight. Later, a phone call discloses Shane has sustained minor injuries. In three days he is gone. Early in her grief, Beattie stops talking to God as she has done throughout her life.

As her story unfolds, Nichole confesses to using alcohol and drugs. She needs and wants help to stop. She expresses her guilt, her belief that Shane would not have died had they obeyed and been home at six. "I should have called you and gotten permission to stay longer." Beattie replied in a most loving way. "If you had called, I would have said yes." She works with Nichole, who overcomes her addiction.

In her healing process, Beattie spells out many lessons she learned. Here are two:

Love will never keep us from our destiny. It will lead us into it.

Love is the only thing in the world that cannot be lost because it's the only thing that's real.

Beattie is a best-selling author of many books, including *Codependent No More*.

L.D. Aides. The three Learning Disability aides at the Middle School will be retained for the coming school year as a result of your school board's vote at the July 18 meeting. But their job description will change so that they will be used as instructional aides for the cluster of teachers at each grade level, thus helping all students. In addition, the three special education teachers will each be assigned a grade level and join a cluster of teachers (previously they followed a group of students for all three years). By merging the talents of special education teachers and regular education teachers, we hope all students will benefit from the resulting shared expertise and knowledge. The details of this new model will be developed by the teachers involved, working with the principal, and the academic results will be reported quarterly to the board. These were the recommendations of a subcommittee set up to study the issue and their recommendations were adopted unanimously. Also under these recommendations, the aide at Bradford Elementary will also be retained and an aide added at New London Elementary, which had none. The aides will be paid for from savings from this year's budget.

New Teacher. The new teacher who will replace Sharon Robinson, who resigned last month, is Heather Sherwin. She graduated from Keene State and is working on her masters degree at Plymouth State. She has several years' experience as a teacher and acting principal and will be a second grade teacher at Bradford Elementary.


Charter Commission. On June 18, residents of the Kearsarge Regional School District voted to pursue the establishment of a charter commission for the purpose of creating a municipal charter to study how the school district's budget could be approved. It is time for anyone who is interested in serving on that commission to put his/her name on the ballot. You can do that by filling out the proper forms, available at the SAU building in New London (190 Main Street), at any town office in the district, or from me. The filing period closes on August 2; the election

is September 10. Again, your task would be to help draw up a plan for how the district would approve the school budget. It could be the same way we do it now, any variation of that, or a completely different way. One commissioner will be elected from each town, except two each from Warner and New London. The plan must be approved by the State before being put on the school district warrant for the March 1997 annual meeting.

KRSD 101. The Kearsarge Regional School District covers 450 square miles and is composed of seven towns: Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Warner, and Wilmot. The student transportation system is one of the largest in the state, with the buses traveling 380,000 miles annually. 4.4% of area families are below the poverty line and 40% of the district's population has college degrees (state average, 17%). Funding for the schools is derived from a formula based on average daily student attendance, as well as property values in each of the seven towns. Approximately 61% of local taxes are spent on public education. The district has six publicly supported schools, four of them community-based elementary schools (entry level to grade 5), one middle school (grades 6-8), and one high school. The district has no private or parochial schools.

The high school has about 540 students and has grown about 5% in each of the last three years. But there are much larger classes currently enrolled in the upper elementary and middle school so that projected enrollment in two years will be about 610 and in five years is expected to grow to 670. Average drop-out rate at the high school is 4.6%, with average daily attendance of 93%. Generally, about 60% of graduates attend college, another 11% attend other post-secondary institutions, 2% go into the military, and 27% seek employment. On a regular basis, 39% of the student body achieves honor roll status. This is just a little information about your school district. Have any questions or concerns, call me ... 938-2722.

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Selectmen's meetings in July

July 1. Selectmen agreed to review transfer station attendant applications and make a decision this week.

Bernie Lamach reported that the town had agreed to pay for the blinking light at the intersection of Route 103 and Main St. in order that the state not remove it. The account for this expense was selected for the retail wheeling pilot program. Selectmen agreed with Lamach's recommendation that the town continue using PSNH for this small account to avoid complicating the billing process.

Selectman Joe Conway reported that the parking lot and swim line at French's Park have been completed.

July 15. A public hearing by the Police Management Study Committee to solicit the public's assessment of the Bradford Police Department was the first order of business. With more than 20 residents in attendance, comments ranged from a few complaints about harrasing behavior to many more compliments about their professionalism and caring approach. Other comments included concern that their office space be improved, appreciation of the "small town" approach to handling issues such as animal complaints, and credit to the department for its ability to handle today's complex issues in a professional manner.

Mary Mitchell met to discuss the future of the Independence Day event. She believes continued growth will require taking steps to handle the crowds and manage the planning process. She asked for the support of the Selectmen. A meeting will be set up in August of representatives of participating organizations to begin the planning process.

Responding to complaints from residents, Selectmen heard from Road Agent Andy Anderson that he has no time to install street signs. Solutions include allowing individuals to install them or use people required to perform community service.

Selectmen approved a three-year appointment as an alternate member of the ZBA for Richard Vitale.

July 29. A public hearing was held concerning proposed amendments to the Revolving Loan Fund Statement of Loan Policy, following which the Selectmen approved the changes. 1. Debt consolidation will be allowed as an eligible use of loan proceeds. 2. The leverage ratio will be dropped to 2:1 from 4:1. 3. 51% of all beneficiaries/employees must be low or moderate income individuals. (The 71% requirement pertained to the NKC loan only.) 4. The service fee to Capital Regional Development Council will be increased to 2% of the loan fund balance in addition to allocated cost of annual audit, with no change for eighteen months. Select-

men voted to add a \$10,000 cap to the service fee. 5. Added sentence "This policy shall not be amended without the approval of the Bradford Board of Selectmen."

Amy Blitzer and Brooks McCandlish reported that the Conservation Commission received a letter from the owner of the Bradford Springs property, Robert Keating of Florida, offering to give the 20-acre parcel to the town. The property, located on East Washington Road near the Bradford Bog, contains the old spring and the site of the Bradford Spring Hotel.

Representatives of the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association met to discuss several matters. They reported on the milfoil infestation and asked the town to hire a part-time attendant to monitor boats and educate boaters, funded by a donation from the Association. Selectmen will determine whether it is possible for them to hire someone. The members emphasized that the problem was the town's, not just the lakefront residents'.

The very critical issue of lake flooding was discussed. Members complained about a lack of support from boards of selectmen in the past to their efforts to find solutions to this problem. All agreed that State construction changes over the years had exacerbated the problem. Selectmen inquired what the group was asking them to do. Dick Keller responded that one area was enforcement of the flood plain ordinance and shoreland protection act. It was agreed that the Selectmen would invite Natalie Landry, DES Shoreland Coordinator to a meeting which will include the Selectmen and the Building Inspector.

Selectmen reported that the process of reconstructing two bridges on Fairgrounds Road has begun with the selection of the engineering firm of Bettigole, Andrews and Clark, of Concord, to perform the engineering work.

The status of Joe Wilcox's move of his Autocraft business from the Naughton property was discussed. Selectmen agreed not to support any waiver of site plan requirements.

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by Steve Hansen and Milly Kittredge

THE MILLIE JANE LUNCH, MAIN STREET

The Millie Jane Lunch was built in the spring of 1931 by Roger Webber and Edwin Westerbergh for Minot Richards. Their labor was 75 cents per hour. Mrs. Richards (Millie Jane) ran a boarding house next door, at the present Bradford Apartments. That was the Millie Jane Tourists. The gas pump was a hand pump. Margaret Courser says they dreaded seeing the big trucks come for a fillup; the girls had to check the oil too. The workers slept in the loft of the barn and wages were \$3.50 a week, 7 days, 10 to 12 hours.



1931

sometime in the 1940's



There was an ice cream parlor with the old fashioned tables and chairs, and pies were baked in the Tourist house and brought over. A sign advertised Witch Toast Sandwiches, an early waffle iron/grilled sandwich. Ice cream cones with jimmies were 5 cents, and that's where you got your frozen Milky Ways. At some time, the building was extended. It was enlarged again at the front.

After Mr. Richards (also a railroad station agent) was transferred, Rudolph Baine bought the building. By August 1947, he had "finished work on the Millie Jane," accord-

ing to the *Kearsarge Independent*. They had excellent fried clams for \$1.00. One of the waiters is rumored to have once worked at the famous Parker House in Boston.

It is thought it was a bus stop at one time. This was the main road and we know the bus stopped at the other end of Main Street. There was a political rally there for Nelson Rockefeller in 1962.

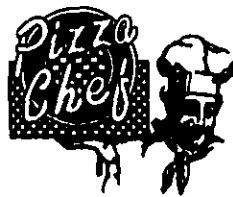
Eventually the Millie Jane Lunch was converted to a residence by the Laffertys, which is how it ended its active days. It had its fame and fading for sixty-five years; many people stopped by it, and many more passed by. We are fortunate to have some records of its life.

In 1995, the Town took the property for taxes. The easterly abutters, Richard and Judith Willoughby, purchased the property for \$2060 as high bidders in a sealed bid sale. They are removing the building and plan to plant gardens on the site.

Please inform us of inaccuracies and/or more information. Your information may cure a mistake for eternity. Thanks to all the people I cornered, called, chased ... this was a fun research.



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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The Trustees Annual Book and Bake Sale (held inside on July 13 because of rain) brought in book buyers from all over and added about \$500 to our library project fund. Thanks to everyone for their support and especially to my trustees, who put in hours of work on this and all the other library happenings during the year. They are truly my "treasures."

As many of you know, BML opened a thrift shop on June 22 at the former Central School. This ingenious idea came from Trustee Marty Bunis and his wife, Sue. The response has been phenomenal. People feel they are giving directly to our community as well as helping the library towards its goal of a new building on the site. Wonderful volunteers assist the Bunises each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The kids in town are also helping us, bringing their out-grown clothes and toys for some other kid to discover. I want to thank each person who has contributed in any way with this project. It's a great feeling to be part of this community effort. I am very proud of Bradford coming together to help the library.

Thank you Marty and Sue and all our volunteers for putting the fun in fund-raising!!! As of July 27, the thrift shop has earned \$3,000 ... we have been open for 16 days!!!

The exact location of the library well was found and Dave and Jim Pickman have solved the pump problem. Thanks to all who contacted us to help.

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In the Woods

by Chris Lincoln

"So Johnny, what do you want to be when you grow up?"

"Gee, I think I'll be a consulting forester."

Not a very likely scenario -- not many kids have any idea what a consulting forester is or what one does. For that matter, not many adults or even forest landowners know either. I didn't have a clear picture of what a consulting forester does until halfway through forestry school, and even then a good portion of my training and education came "on the job."

Consulting foresters manage forests, mostly for small private landowners, but occasionally for institutional or public holdings, such as private schools with land, town forests, and county land. We manage forests not only for growing timber, but also for wildlife, recreation, and aesthetic considerations.

That sounds good, but what does a consulting forester actually *do*? Maybe an example would help. Let's suppose Joe and Mary Landowner own 100 acres in Bradford. They bought the property about ten years ago when they moved to the area, but are only vaguely familiar with their forest.

On the suggestion of a neighbor, they call John Woods, a consulting forester. They describe the property to John and agree to meet and discuss their options. John takes a brief walk through the property and then tells Joe and Mary that they have some valuable timber growing on their property, both mature and younger trees. They also have a small area of thick hemlock where there are signs that deer use it for shelter in the winter.

After discussing the potential of their forest, Joe and Mary decide to hire John to manage it for them. The first step John takes is to prepare a written management plan. He spends two full days on the property collecting information. By conducting a scientific inventory of the trees, he can estimate the number of trees per acre, their average diameter, the total number of board feet and cords growing on the property, as well as collect other information that will help him

manage the forest. He also collects information on wildlife observations, wetlands, recreation trails, and sensitive plant communities. All this information is included in the management plan, along with his recommendations.

Joe and Mary review the plan and decide to have John implement a number of these recommendations. First, they have the property lines freshly blazed and painted. All the property corners are in place, but blazes along the lines are old and faded. Since lines and corners are known, a licensed surveyor is not required for this job. John goes around the property and cuts a shallow scoop (blaze) out of the side of trees along the property line. A few weeks later he returns to paint the blazes with bright durable paint. These well-marked lines make it obvious where the property begins and ends. This should prevent a logger working on neighboring property crossing the line and accidentally cutting trees he's not supposed to.


Next, Joe and Mary decide to go ahead with a small timber sale to harvest large mature pine and oak, and to thin out smaller low quality trees. The sale includes making small openings near the hemlock stand to provide browse for deer who use the area in the winter.

John takes care of the timber sale details. He designates which trees to cut, estimates the amount of timber to be harvested, negotiates with reputable loggers for the best price, draws up a legally binding contract between the landowners and the logger, and files the necessary forms for the NH timber tax. During the harvest, John visits the property twice a week to make sure there are no problems with muddy skid roads or sloppy work in the woods. He keeps track of the payments to the landowners, to ensure that they are paid properly. When the logging is finished, John carefully inspects the property to make sure everything has been completed and cleaned up and there are no erosion problems.

Joe and Mary continue to work with John. He helps them lay out recreation trails through the property, maintains boundary lines, and keeps an eye on the forest, making further recommendations for its management.

This is only one example; every landowner's situation is different. But regardless, a consulting forester plays an important role in the management of our forests. Not a bad thing to want to be when you grow up.

Chris Lincoln is a consulting forester with New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. and lives and works in Bradford.



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Blue News ... from the Bradford Police Dept. by Kathy Grindle

Top of our news ... we would like you to welcome a new officer to the Department. As of July 15, Robert Varley has replaced Richard Simmons as a part-time police officer. Officer Simmons has joined former Bradford part-timers Gary Norton and Chris Adams as a full-time officer in Laconia. We wish him well and want to congratulate him on the fine job he did while working for Bradford.



Officer Varley lives with his wife, Thea, in Sutton. He is a counselor for the Crooked Mountain Rehab Center. If you should see him around town going through his training, feel free to stop and introduce yourself. Both Thea and Robert come from families involved in police work.

Early on July 8, two local businesses, the Bradford IGA and Cobble Pond Farms, were burglarized. Alarms and phone lines on both businesses were cut. The IGA lost approximately \$300 collected for Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports. Cobble Pond Farms was robbed of a significant amount of cash when the safe was taken.

It appears that the burglaries were the work of a professional team and are similar to other burglaries in local communities. The Bradford Police Dept. is working with the State Police as well as several other local agencies, in conjunction with both the New York and Massachusetts State Police in locating the thieves.

The Bradford P.D. won first place in a contest sponsored by Mobil Comm, provider of pagers for police departments. First prize was two free pagers for a year. These will be used to upgrade those already in use.

The July 6th celebration seemed to have been a roaring success for the town. We would like to extend a special thanks to those who helped make our day so enjoyable, including: Cobble Pond Farm, Coca Cola, McDonald's in Warner, Ped'ling Fool in Hillsboro, NH Highway Safety, E911, Judy Magee, Jeanne Murphy, and Jody Hopwood. They donated

THE COZY CORNER by Mildred Schmidt



The joy of the Olympics of 1996 ... I was amazed at all the young people who dedicate their lives pursuing a place on the Olympic teams. Emotionally and physically strong, they follow their dreams. It was enjoyable and rewarding watching them experience the job of winning or the agony of defeat. They are great role models for the young and the old!

It's blueberry season and Doris Tremblay makes a great blueberry muffin!

High Top Muffins

1 3/4 cups flour	1/4 cup sugar
2 tsp baking powder	1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt	
3/4 cup buttermilk (I use 2% regular milk)	
1/3 cup oil	1 egg, slightly beaten
1 cup blueberries, or more to taste	

In a bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Make a well in center -- pour in milk, oil and egg.

Immediately stir with fork just until dry ingredients are moistened (batter will be lumpy).

Spoon into six large greased or foil muffin cups (1/2 cup capacity). Fill to brim. If desired, sprinkle a small amount of sugar on top to add a little crunch.

Bake on lowest rack in preheated 425° oven 20 to 25 minutes or until pick comes out clean.

both time and prizes to make the day more enjoyable for our young people.

Thanks to a grant from NH Highway Safety, we now have a few more infant car seats available to loan, free of charge. This year, we were also able to get a limited number of booster seats for use by children greater than the 30-40 lb limit of the car seats. If you or anyone you know is in need of a seat either on a long or short-term basis, please contact someone in the department. We have one of the most successful loaner programs in the area, with six seats given away and ten currently on loan. Residents of Bradford have been excellent in returning the seats in good condition so they can be used by others.

During the night of July 16, six mailboxes were vandalized along West Road and West Meadow Road. All six were pulled out, along with the post, and discarded into the bushes. They were all recovered and returned to their owners. The same night, Warner had fourteen mailboxes vandalized in the same manner. The Department is still investigating the matter, in conjunction with Warner Police.

Through the 25th of July, the Department logged 152 incidents, including 26 assists to rescue, fire and other depts., 17 unsecured premises, 9 animal complaints, 5 theft/burglaries, 5 accidents, 4 threats/harassment, 2 reports of criminal mischief, 2 domestic disputes, and 1 report of a parole violation.

The Department also issued 9 summonses, 17 warnings, and made 1 arrest on a Hillsboro Court Warrant.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



As I write this, we have had more than six inches of rain in July and there is nearly a week left in the month. That is close to the record for July of slightly over seven inches at my rain gauge in the last 20 years. Along with the cool, some might say cold, weather, it has made the lawns need mowing more than once a week for optimum good looks. If one looks at the young hardwoods, they have shot out new growth that has not yet stopped; some of the sugar maples I have watched have new growth of the top branches of more than 28 inches! All of the hardwoods have been healthy looking, lush and green. Conifers, such as pines, do not require as much moisture for their growth, so are not as spectacular this year. Looking back in my records, July seems to be more typically a month of low rainfall, usually around two inches for the month.

With all this moisture, we have had a great deal of wind. Since many perennial flowers have responded to the greater than average rainfall by growing taller and bushier, many have been blown over or broken unless staked or supported. By now, much of the soil fertility has been used up by plants, both flowers and vegetables, and there is need for supplemental applications to continue the growth the rest of the gardening year. Roses, of course, need monthly application of rose food in order to provide a continuous supply of blooms.

The season in the vegetable garden to date has been a questionable one. Cool weather crops (including weeds) have done well and will respond to supplemental plant foods. Warm weather crops, such as corn, are not as far along as usual. Many gardeners report peppers have been stalled, showing little growth and less fruit set. Squash (even zucchini) has not yet responded with a good

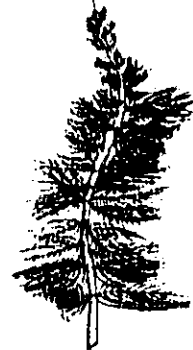
crop. However, my tomato plants have grown some of the largest plants ever; it has been hard to keep up with tying and supporting them. Fruit set has been less than average in most varieties. One exception has been Early Cascade, a tall staking variety. There are many clusters per plant of five to seven fruits, which normally would be ripening the last week of July and are yet to show color. The Sweet 100's have their usual vigorous vines and are setting fruit well.

It is strange to go into the squash patch or the cucumbers and see only the bumbling bumble bees and few if any honey bees at their work, while vegetables with such spectacular large flowers will probably be pollinated adequately, the blooms of peppers, eggplants and others with fewer obscure flowers may well be overlooked and be partially pollinated or missed entirely.

August, the time when much of the home garden crop is in abundance in a normal year, is ahead of us. As usual, there will be some good crops, and some less than expected crops. And as usual, the gardener will "live in hope and die in despair." We shall see.

MILFOIL, from page 1

off at the next lake when the boat is launched. Milfoil reproduces and spreads rapidly as a single fragment that breaks off the parent plant, moves through the water by wind action or boat traffic, and settles in a new location where it easily takes root. Excessive milfoil growth can crowd out beneficial native plants, make swimming difficult, snag fishing lines, and become tangled in outboard motor propellers. Once established in a lake, it is extremely difficult to eradicate.



Milfoil

Jody Connor, Director of the Limnology Center at the Department of Environmental Services, will further the discussion of milfoil control at the LMIA annual supper, Saturday, August 17, 6:00 pm at the Lake Massasecum Casino.

In the meantime, there are several steps that can be taken to help control this weed.

- Boats and trailers should be carefully cleaned before launching at Massasecum and before transporting them to another lake where milfoil has not yet been introduced.
- Stay clear of large weed patches while operating a speedboat to avoid spreading fragments to other sections of the lake.
- Lakeshore residents and users should keep a careful watch for this dangerous weed, especially in shallow areas. Report any suspected patches (take a sample, if possible) to Marcia Keller, 938-2877.

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August Calendar

Saturday, August 3

Bradford Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Sunday, August 4

Unitarian Universalist service at Center Meetinghouse, 11:00 am, followed by pot-luck picnic

Monday, August 5

NO Selectmen's meeting

Cemetery Commission, Call 938-5386

Tuesday, August 6

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Dayton public hearing 7:30, Watson, 8:00

Wednesday, August 7

Library Trustees, 7:15

Public is welcome to attend.

Thursday, August 8

School Board meeting, High School, 7:15

Friday, August 9

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:15
Sponsored by Food Pantry

Saturday, August 10

Bradford Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, August 12

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, August 13

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Public hearing on Sludge ordinance

Wednesday, August 14

Public meeting on proposal for library/administrative offices building, Library, 7:00

Friday, August 16

Lettvin Concert, Bradford Center Meetinghouse, 7:30

Saturday, August 17

Bradford Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Rescue Squad Walk-a-Thon and Dog House, Webb's field, 4:00-7:00

Lettvin Concert Series. Bradford Center, 7:30

Sunday, August 18

Rescue Squad Walk-a-Thon and Dog House, Webb's field, 11:00-6:00

Lettvin Concert, Bradford Center Meetinghouse, 4:00

Monday, August 19

NO Selectmen's meeting

Bradford Business Association, Church Vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, August 20

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, August 21

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

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

Thursday, August 22

KRSD Board Meeting, High School, 7:15

Friday, August 23

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Sponsored by Fire Dept.

Saturday, August 24

Bradford Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Sunday, August 25

First Baptist Church service at Center Meetinghouse, 9:30 am

Monday, August 26

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, August 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, August 28

Historical Society, Bradford Center Schoolhouse, 7:30

Saturday, August 31

Bradford Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

To list events for the month of September, call Lu Signorino, 938-2608.

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