

# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

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The front store portion of the Village Mart on Main Street was demolished on August 29 by the owner, Sugar River Savings Bank, because its poor condition was a deterrent to the sale of the property. photo by Milly Kittredge. (See Then & Now, page 16)

## Construction at High School moving ahead

With mounds of dirt on the move around the construction site at the high school, the groundbreaking ceremony will be held Wednesday, September 4, at 4:30.

The asbestos reinforced ceiling tiles have been replaced and the site work, concrete and steel contracts are in place ... all to hold to the schedule of completing the addition in late December and the alterations a year from now.

Eckman Construction Company, construction manager, anticipates having the final construction prices to establish a guaranteed project cost for the building committee meeting, scheduled for 5:30, following the groundbreaking. The public is always welcome. --Dick Keller, Chair, KRHS Building Committee

## Forum to discuss location of town facilities on September 21

by Nancy Scribner

Just to the west of the recently demolished Village Mart, the adjoining properties owned by Karl and Marlene Salathe, including the "Guncheon" house, the Bradford Marketplace, the apartments, and the "Burley" house will be sold at auction on September 4. The old "Millie Jane" is being torn down by its owners, Richard and Judith Willoughby. And the Bradford IGA, which has been an anchor in the community, providing groceries to residents for more than a hundred years, will be closing within days, according to its owner, Robert Raymond.

These are the facts. Bradford appears to be approaching a nadir in its history. But those who know New England history understand that cycles of growth and contraction are a normal aspect of community life. Realizing that today's transition is not a sign of approaching death, but rather part of a cycle is useful to believing that the input of energy can influence outcomes.

■ See MAIN, page 13

## September 10 is primary day

On Tuesday, September 10, voting will take place both to select party candidates for the November election and to establish a charter commission for the school district. The polls will be open at the Town Hall from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

On the ballot for State Senator, Republican candidates include Amy Patenaude and Leigh Bosse; Democratic candidate is Richard Herman.

State candidates to represent the Bradford/Henniker district include: Republicans Bernie Lamach and Richard French, Jr.; Democrats Barbara Conner French and Peter Bakke.

For Governor, Republican candidates are Ovide Lamontagne, Al Rubega, James Tomaszewski, Sr., Bill Zeliff, and Richard Bosa. Democratic candidates are Brian Woodworth, Sid Lovett, and Jeanne Shaheen. Libertarian candidates are Clarence Blevens and Robert Kingsbury.

For U.S. Senator, candidates are Bob Smith, Republican; Dick Swett and John Rauh, Democrats; and Ken Blevens, Libertarian.

For U.S. Representative, Republicans are Tom Alciere, Charles Bass, Mike Hammond, Robert Kulak, and Dana Albert. Democrats are Deborah "Arnie" Arnesen and Lawson Brouse.

A separate KRSD ballot will be used to select members of the Charter Commission, which is tasked with studying and making a recommendation concerning ways for District voters to vote on the school district budget. Voters are asked to vote for nine candidates to represent district communities. For Bradford, one member will be selected from the two candidates, Dick Keller and Dick Vitale.

## Library trustees vote against combined facility

The library trustees held a public meeting on August 14 to solicit input from the community concerning the proposal suggested by the Selectmen to build a combined library and town offices structure on the Central School site. Trustee Chris Payson provided an overview of the project to the ten or so residents who attended, discussing what the Library Trustees see as the advantages and disadvantages. From their perspective, the advantages of building a combined facility include satisfying a large percent of the town's needs with one facility, reduced utility, maintenance and other costs, and a revitalized center of town. The disadvantages include the possibility of an empty Town Hall, questioning how a future expansion of library facilities could be handled, and concern that the matter had not yet been fully investigated, yet a plan would have to be developed in time for Town Meeting.

Selectman Joe Conway provided the Selectmen's viewpoint, noting that many town projects face the community within the next three to five years, including town water and sewer, location of town sheds, recreation space, as well as facilities for town offices and police. Funding for town projects is critical because, with Bradford's relatively high tax rate, residents cannot afford to fund multiple projects.

Discussion centered on the suitability of the narrow site and what would become of the Town Hall. The question voiced by John Robie, "Is this a good idea?" was not answered.

■ See LIBRARY, page 18

### TOWN FORUM

Saturday, September 21  
9:00 am at Town Hall

Morning refreshments and pizza lunch provided.

Come join your neighbors to discuss Bradford's direction.

### Picture Person Program at Bradford Elementary school

The KRES at Bradford PTC Enrichment Committee is implementing a rotating fine arts program called "Picture Person Program" for our school children.

Our goals are: 1) to instill love and appreciation of fine art in our children; 2) to bring American history and visions of selected great masters to life through paintings; and 3) to promote community volunteerism in a fun way.

The PTC has purchased 24 full color art reproductions, including works of Monet, Gauguin, Seurat, and great American painters.

To make this program stand out from the children's day to day in-school experience, we are looking for special people in our community to volunteer one hour a month of their time. Volunteers will introduce to their assigned classroom one painting a month for six months.

There will be a volunteer orientation program at the school on September 18 at 3:30. Vivian Ladd of the Hood Museum in Hanover will conduct the program. All research information on each painting will be provided in the Picture Person Kit.

This Picture Person Program has been implemented at KRES in New London for eight years with great success!

This will be a great opportunity for you as a Picture Person Volunteer to learn about and appreciate the paintings of the great masters and to help enrich our wonderful school children.

If you are interested in becoming a Picture Person Volunteer, please call Mil Bodkin at 938-5120. Your support will be greatly appreciated. --Carol Adams

### Bradford Business Association news by Deborah Lamach

The Selectmen of the Town of Bradford were guest speakers at the August meeting of the Bradford Business Association. Selectmen John Signorino, David Pickman, and Joseph Conway spoke on Main Street, Bradford, and fielded questions from the floor from a group of enthusiastic members and guests. Obviously, Main Street is a "hot" topic these days.

President Gary Wall announced that plans are underway for the BBA to sponsor the Governor's Council Meeting here in Bradford in October. In reports from standing committees, it was announced that the BBA will participate with other town organizations in the holiday activities planned for the weekend beginning December 6. The BBA will again sponsor a Holiday Decorating Contest and a tour of local inns. (We have been reminded that Christmas is less than four months away!)

The next meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm at the Church Vestry. Continuing the theme of "Main Street," Stuart Arnett, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Claremont, will be our guest speaker. As Director, Mr. Arnett oversees all aspects of Claremont's successful revitalization program. He has also recently been elected to chair the Western New Hampshire School-to-Work Partnership.

Members are reminded that our final road cleanup for the 1996 season will be Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 pm. Meet at the turnout on Route 103 east of Main Street. Thanks to Bob Schneider for his efforts in coordinating this program to make Bradford a little nicer place to be!

### Flea Market and Harvest Fest to benefit Center Meetinghouse

On Saturday, September 14, 9:00-2:00, a Flea Market and Harvest Fest will be held on the green at Old Bradford Center to benefit continued restoration of the Center Meetinghouse. More than thirty dealers and organizations will be selling their very "best stuff," along with fresh produce, plants and other homespun items. Naturally there will be delicious goodies to go with your coffee, and hamburgers and cheeseburgers topped with fresh slices of tomato and humble hot dogs with Bradford's best bread and butter pickles. Come early for the bargains.

There is still space available. 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 or boat in the garage! Donations of "good stuff" to the Historical Society table may be made by dropping them off at the Historical Society building between 1:00-3:00 on Saturday, calling Jane Dumais, 938-5082, or bringing them to the Flea Market before 9:00 am.

For more information, don't hesitate! Call Jane at 938-5082. Rain date is Sunday, September 15.

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**News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office**

**TOWN CLERK**

**Births:**  
 August 4. Garrett Paul Flinkstrom to Paul and Debra  
 August 4. Kayla Marie Lewis to David and Lisa  
 August 5. Matthew David Hahn to David and Eanne  
 August 8. Christopher Michael Peirce to Michael and Susan

**Marriages:**  
 August 10. Andrew Joseph Pinard and Gilberte Ross Seymour  
 August 17. Leo Joseph Hersh and Heidi Eileen Wheeler  
 August 17. Frederick David Mock and Lou Anne Jansen  
 August 17. Brian Lee Page and Tara Marie Burt  
 August 25. Jody D. Keeler and Margaret Lee Gay

The state primary election will take place on September 10, 1996. The polls will open at 8:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office until 5:00 pm on the evening before the election. There will also be a ballot for the Kearsarge Regional School District's Charter Commission members.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax bills are accruing interest at the rate of 12%. If you have a question regarding your taxes, please try to resolve it by the second billing in November. Usually these questions should be directed to the Selectmen's office at 938-5900.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

The office will be closed on September 10 for election day.

Office hours: Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon. Telephone: 938-2288, 938-2094.

*Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

**Annual meeting of Union Congregational Society**

All are welcome to attend the annual meeting of the Union Congregational Society. This group supports the maintenance and on-going restoration of the Center Meetinghouse at the Old Bradford Center. This is a good opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn more about our town's heritage.

The meeting will be held Sunday, September 8, at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse. Come early, 6:00 pm, and join in the social hour in the school house; bring a dessert to share, beverages will be provided. --Jane Dumais

**Supervisors of the Checklist meet September 3**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, September 3, 7:00-9:00, for the purpose of making corrections and additions to the Checklist.

This will be the last opportunity to register or make changes before the State Primary on Tuesday, September 10. However, any person whose name is not on the checklist as of September 10, but who is otherwise a qualified voter, may register to vote on election day. The applicant may be required to provide proof of citizenship, age, and domicile, such as a passport, birth certificate, driver's license, etc.

**News from the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter**

"Polar Bears and Other Wildlife" will be featured in a slide program sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter on Friday, September 13, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Speaker and wildlife photographer, Tom Sears, also plans to include slides of his most recent trip to the north slope of Baffin Island, where he photographed narwhals and wildlife indigenous to that area.

This program would be especially interesting to children, and families are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Bob Vernon, 526-6216. This program, as with all chapter events, is offered free of charge to the public and refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, September 21, a "Hawk Watch" is scheduled to take place at Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol. Leader Gary Stansfield will assist with bird identification on this important fall migratory route through the Pemigewasset Valley. Participants should meet Gary at 9:00 am at Bristol's Cricenti's Market parking lot. Bring lunch and binoculars. The rain date is Sunday, September 22. Call 763-7462 for details. --Phyllis Curtiss

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# Letters



To the editor:

When I moved to Bradford five years ago and attended my first Annual School Meeting, I was amazed that only those present could exercise their right to vote. I couldn't believe the length of time that people had to sit on hard seats just to be able to exercise the privilege to vote. The term "reconsideration" took on new meaning. It meant that if you don't like the outcome of the vote, just wait until your neighbor leaves, then let's vote again!

A Charter Commission is being elected and I am a candidate from Bradford. I want to bring back the democratic process of voting privately in our town and allowing absentee ballots. This should not change the process of the Town Meeting, but modify it to allow voting to be more convenient. All registered voters will be able to vote, not just those who can fit into one building.

I would like to help develop the format for an Official Ballot Town Meeting. Please vote on September 10 at the Town Hall.

Richard "Dick" Vitale

To the editor:

Have you visited the elementary school lately? Perhaps you and a child have already gone one-on-one at the new basketball hoop. Yes, the KRES playground now offers sports equipment many have wanted for years.

The acquisition and erection of the hoop was a community effort, but without one individual, the project would not have been completed. That person is Jeanne Circosta. It was Jeanne's vision, initiative and determination that was responsible for bringing Bradford's youth another healthy option for leisure time.

Jeanne exemplifies the community spirit and dedication which help make Bradford a fine town in which to live.

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Carol Ripley

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To the editor:

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One issue that came up was the ballot process as it relates to district meetings. The District voted to establish a charter commission to study various options that a school district meeting can take, including the use of the ballot. In a letter to the editor of the Intertown Record, Tom McCormick, a candidate for the commission from New London, asked all candidates to join him in pledging to provide the ballot vote on all school issues, the process already rejected by the District.

As a candidate, I would certainly not take any such pledge. The charter commission has to be free to study all essential points and present a reasonable approach to dealing with the meeting. I would be concerned for those aligning themselves with Mr. McCormick and his preconceived direction.

I hope you will continue your support of a reasoned approach to the school district and elect me to represent you on this commission. Thank you for your consideration.

G. Richard "Dick" Keller

To the editor:

The MLSC Soccer Committee of Bradford-Newbury would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Applesseed Inn (Mary Beth & Peter Fenton) and Daniel's Restaurant (Kevin & Judy Daniel) for their extraordinarily generous dinners provided to our five British Isles coaches. The soccer coaches thoroughly enjoyed the warm hospitality the community offered them.

Betty Hague



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The Friends has established a fund designated to assist the library with its future expansion. Contributions may be made to this fund in addition to dues payment. Dues support a number of activities provided to residents. These include the NH Council for the Humanities Book Discussion Series, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and Currier Gallery of Art passes, *Meet Your Neighbor* Series, Easter Egg Hunt, New Hampshire Author and Illustrator Series, and cultural programming with Moon Mountain Arts. Membership forms are available at the library. Dues are \$10 for family membership, \$6 for individual, and \$3 for student/senior.

The Friends encourages all residents to support the Library Thrift Shop both by patronizing the shop and making donations.

**Puttin' Up Day at Muster Field Farm on September 29**

For more than 200 years, Muster Field Farm has been a working farm. Today, as the Muster Field Farm Museum, we haul hay to feed our livestock, who favor us with natural fertilizer to grow our vegetables, fruits and flowers. Our 240 acres contain a woodlot, pond, fields and gardens, a 1784 Homestead listed in the National Register of Historic Places, a forest overseen by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and 22 vintage farm buildings dating from 1784-1912.

In America, our land has always been important. It was vital to the survival of our early settlers. From this land, they felled trees which became their barns and homesteads, their tools and wagons. They tilled this cleared land, planted seed, and hoped for a good harvest. The first Thanksgiving was indeed a celebration for the bounty the land had returned to our first settlers.

On Sunday, September 29, 1:00 pm - sunset, Muster Field Farm Museum will celebrate its own bounty with the Second Annual "Puttin' Up Day." Our well-stored gardens are near at hand in North Sutton. Join us for a homegrown, homemade Joy of Harvest.

**Take a hike with the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition**

The third annual walk-about of the SRK trail system will occur on consecutive weekends in September and October. The distance will average about five miles each day, for a total of about 70 miles. Hikers will meet at the end of each hike and carpool back to the beginning of the walk. Meeting time is 9:30. Hikers should bring a lunch, plenty to drink, and appropriate clothing. Trail booklets will again be available to record progress, and when all 70 miles have been completed, an award is presented at the annual meeting. Interested hikers are welcome to join us for any hike on the walk-about schedule.

September 7: Springfield/New London line; contact Cynthia Bruss, 763-4570.

September 8: Baptist Pond; contact Dottie Price, 763-2690.

September 14: Sunapee High School, contact Dottie Price, 763-2690.

September 15: Brook Road, Newbury; contact Dick Martin, 763-2464.

September 21: Newbury Harbor; contact Dick Martin, 763-2464.

September 22: Chalk Pond; contact Doug Arbuckle, 927-4795.

September 28: Wadleigh State Park; contact Doug Arbuckle, 927-4795.

September 29: Kearsarge Valley Road; contact Peter Sabin, 456-9367.

October 5: Winslow State Park; contact Bill Hoffman, 735-5827.


October 6: Proctor Academy; contact Bill Hoffman, 735-5827.

October 12: New Canada Road, Wilmot; contact Dick Maines, 768-3630.

October 13: Wilmot Center, contact Bill Best, 526-9367.

October 19: Pleasant Lake; contact Ruth White, 763-4893.

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Future workshops for beginners will include oil painting, cooking, wreath making, wood-working, soap making, and candlemaking. Advanced classes will include traditional hand quilting, cake decorating, and oil painting, just to name a few. We are always looking for people interested in teaching classes too, so don't be shy.

The first quilt workshop will be an evening class, beginning on September 24 at 7:00 pm. Class size is limited. Sign-up deadline is September 20. Call Lynn at 938-5553 or Marilyn at 938-5571.

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# Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministries will hold its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, September 3, with a potluck dinner at 6:00, followed by a comical skit entitled "An Executive Board Meeting."

Members of our Stewardship Committee will put their heads together on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:00, to come up with a creative stewardship campaign for the coming year. They will also be planning the Wills and Estate Planning Seminar, scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, from 7:00-9:00. A potluck will be held at 6:00. James Leffingwell, a representative from the American Baptist Foundation, will be the speaker.

Sunday School teachers will meet on Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 to discuss the curriculum for the coming year. They will also look at a mission statement and goals for the Board of Christian Education. On Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 am, teachers will paint, clean and spruce up the classrooms to be ready for Rally Day, scheduled for Sunday, September 22. Sunday School will begin on that day at 9:00 am. Worship will begin at 10:00. A brunch will be held at 11:00.

The Women's Christian Guild will hold its first meeting on Friday, September 6 at 1:30. The agenda includes: planning the annual trip to Merrimack County Home on September 11 (to carpool, meet in church parking lot at 9:00 am); socialize; enjoy refreshments; accept new officers into office; and take a look at an overview of plans for the coming year. All women in the community are welcome.

The Wednesday Night study/support group will meet Wednesday, September 11. They

will be looking at a Serendipity Support Series called "Pressure Cooker" on the subject of stress management.

A church meeting is planned for Sunday, September 15, at 10:30 am. We will be voting on new members as well as discussing some major renovations that were suggested in our "Dreams and Goals" sessions.

Our Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, September 18 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Client families are given a box with five or six meals to help supplement their groceries for the month. Anyone who needs food at any other time can call the church office at 938-5313.

The Men's Fellowship will also meet on September 18 at 7:30 at Dick Whall's home.

Our Bible Study will be studying the Book of Ecclesiastes on Thursdays, beginning September 19 from 7:30-9:00 at the parsonage.

United Directories will be at the church on Tuesday, September 24 from 3:00-9:00 pm, taking pictures of our church family for a church directory.

A Progressive Dinner is being planned for Saturday, September 28 beginning at 5:00. We will be travelling to the homes of different members for appetizers, soup, salad, main dish, and dessert.

Our community youth groups will meet on Sunday, September 29, grades 4-6 from 2:30-4:00 and grades 7-12 from 4:00-5:30. The program will be: Make your own pizzas, back to school treasure hunt, and two games, comic strip mixer and fruit basket upset.

Our monthly potluck dinner and hymn sing will begin at 5:30 on Sunday, September 29 in the church vestry.

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# Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach



**News item: New Hampshire.** The State Library set a record when it logged its 67 millionth OCLC (On-line Computer Library Center) interlibrary loan request. OCLC is a non-profit computer library research organization that links more than 22,000 libraries.

**Massachusetts.** The Department of Transitional Assistance is undergoing a six-month pilot program with the National Registry, Inc. to verify the use of fingerprinting imagery to enroll qualified participants in Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Food Stamp programs.

**Vermont.** A total of \$225,000 was appropriated to assist K-12 schools in Vermont with distance learning projects.

**Maine.** The Educational Network of Maine received an \$850,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce to assist and support 14 information technology projects, including access to rural schools, local governments, and rural health care providers.

**Montana.** Montana has been awarded a \$25 million contract to develop an on-line integrated management information system that will determine eligibility and process applications for AFDC.

**Wisconsin.** The Dept. of Health and Family Services hired the Wisconsin Health Information Network to provide electronic signatures technology to speed communications between physicians and the DHFS to determine applicants' medical eligibility.

After reading the previous items, is there any question that we are rapidly moving to a more technological telecommunicative age?

Societal expectations for a more efficient government have never been higher, but is the sociology of our agencies impeding the process? When the rate of change outside the organization is greater than the change inside, then the organization is in trouble.

Re-engineering, restructuring, reinventing is all part of doing business today. Each of us has to adapt, adjust and change direction overnight. This is apparent in businesses large and small, and in government as well.

Telecommunications reform is essentially about lowering barriers between previously separated service providers and markets. Locally Merrimack County Telephone celebrated its 100th anniversary by highlighting the advances made in customer options. In replicating the first call from Bradford to Sutton, a fully operational videophone was used so that each group could see and talk to each other. A very great contrast to the original crank telephone.

I am part of an Electronic Communications Task Force, formed as a result of my sponsored bill, HB1110, which is presently holding hearings in Concord to help determine the direction and incentives needed to accomplish better access, information exchange and efficiency in state government. We need technology that requires fewer resources and can manage itself through automated management systems. These hearings involve department and agency heads, consultants, technology managers, and Legislative members. We are instructed to complete our work and provide a report back to the Legislature by December 6. So far, we have found some branches of state government well ahead in their use of available equipment, but in contrast, we also see areas that are far behind.

Additionally, I am sponsoring new bills which I feel can help expedite the acceptance of currently available technology. These are exciting and challenging times and I am committed to working positively in this area.

If you have difficulty with state government, remember your local representative can be your first access point.

Remember to vote in the primary on September 10th!



Matthew Reilein receives BBA scholarship. photo by Debbie Lamach


## Scholarship presented at BBA meeting


President Gary Wall presented the Bradford Business Association Scholarship to Matthew Reilein at the June BBA meeting.

Matthew, son of Sandy and Dick Reilein of North Sutton, is a 1996 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School. He has been accepted at Georgetown University, where he will study international economics.

Not content to wait until his education is completed, Matthew has his own business, *Exact Designs*. He does graphic design for business cards and provided KRHS with textbook covers, which he designed. He is also employed by Tracey Library in New London.

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## Bowling alone ... a Bradford social trait? by Tammara Van Ryn

Many of us in town talk about community involvement - or lack of it. I recently read a fascinating article ["Bowling Alone, Revisited," Robert D. Putnam, *The Responsive Community*, Spring 1995, pgs. 18-33] on the subject and want to share some of the more interesting points.

### The importance of "social capital"

Studying community involvement, or the social capital of a community, is not rocket science. Most data shows what common sense would lead you to believe. Take, for instance, the effectiveness of local government. One study examined how well local governments work. Researchers found that the structure of governmental bodies can be identical on paper - yet vary tremendously by the level of community involvement.

Bradford's Planning Board is a classic example of this theory. The composition and structure of the board is defined by state law; it is identical to scores of other boards across the state. However, with only four active members (of seven proscribed by law), absences can mean a lack of quorum and an inability to move projects along. In essence, a well designed governmental unit - but without community involvement, one that does not function well.

### Decline in civic participation

Nationwide, the numbers on declining civic participation are startling. These are nationwide numbers, but the trends in Bradford could well be the same. (Note: *The Bradford Bridge* seems to help reverse these trends.)

In the last 30 years, voter turnout declined by almost 25%.

In the last 20 years the number of Americans who have attended a public meeting on town or school issues in the last year, has dropped from 22% to 13%

Affiliations with various civic organizations has declined as well. Since 1970, the following have dropped: Boy Scouts, 25%; Red Cross, 61%; Masons, 39%; League of Women Voters, 42%.

Lastly, in a survey question from 1974, 61% of respondents answers that they spend a social evening with neighbors once a month. In 1994, the number answering was only 47%.

One statistic that is particularly pertinent again has parallels to the Bradford Planning Board. In the last 30 years, trust in government has declined. In the preliminary Bradford Master Plan Survey results, we are seeing the same sentiment in terms of lack of faith in planning and zoning. Yet, how can we expect these town functions to operate without being able to fill vacant seats on the board?

### Bowling Alone

Here I quote the article directly, "The most whimsical yet discomfiting bit of evidence of social disengagement in contemporary America that I have discovered is this: more Americans are bowling today than ever before, but bowling in organized leagues has plummeted in the last decade or so. Between 1980 and 1993, the total number of bowlers in the United States increased by 10 percent, while league bowling decreased by 40%. (Lest this be thought a wholly trivial example, I should note that according to the American Bowling Congress, nearly 80 million Americans went bowling at least once during 1993, nearly a third more than voted in the 1994 Congressional elections...)"

If Bradford had a bowling alley, I do not doubt that we would have more bowlers than voters. Certainly more bowlers than civic volunteers.

### Why

There are many theories about the decline of civic involvement: women entering the work force, a more mobile society, the automobile. These have some merit. However, the "most obvious and probably the most powerful instrument of this revolution is television.... Rather than playing football on weekends, we watch other people play it half a continent away. Rather than confide in close friends, we watch Oprah discuss astonishing intimate matters with total strangers on TV."

The data shows that civic involvement decreases directly in proportion to increased

amounts of television watching. There is no information yet on internet use, but that too could take people away from local social interaction. Again, these are national statistics, but it would be interesting to see how Bradford's social capital changed with the advent of cable television.

### Solution

The solution is obvious...get involved. Turn off your TV for a few hours a week and join the planning board or volunteer for the fire department or attend a meeting of one of Bradford's civic groups. And take 15 minutes out to vote - the primary is September 10 and the general election is November 5.



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All voters may vote for one from each of the town of Bradford, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton and Wilmot and two from New London and Warner.

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	Ward Rowley (write-in)	526-2225
Springfield	Robert G. Carter	526-6363
Sutton	Norman F. Forand	927-4765
Warner	Joseph D. Dias (write-in)	456-2406
	Everett Hunt	456-2406
Wilmot	Raymond J. Pfisterer	526-4023

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## Munchkins football, by Debbie Bruss

"Old McDonald had a ball. E-I-E-I-O. And on that ball he had a chicken ..."

What does this rendition of the familiar song have to do with soccer?

If you were a *Munchkin* during the August 12-16 soccer camp, you might not think it has much to do with learning the game either. But then, what do five and six-year-olds know about child psychology? To them, sitting on soccer balls and flapping their arms or putting the balls under their shirts and hopping around like kangaroos was just plain fun. But these silly games taught important skills in movement, team spirit and listening to directions.

The 98 campers, the 20 parents who attended evening coaching clinics, and the adults who watched from the sidelines all received a good dose of soccer skills and entertainment from the five coaches from Great Britain.

These coaches captivated their audiences with humor, fancy footwork, games, entertaining stories, and especially their accents and



Soccer Munchkins shout, "British Bulldogs, are you ready?" To which the opposing side answers "British Bulldogs are always ready!"

"Girl Power! Girl Power!..." (It is rumored that the girls' high-pitched screams broke windows.)

At times, Debbie had me wondering if we spoke the same language. I never did understand her answer when I asked about her college major. Jason, from another part of England, had many of us stumped when he asked two kids to impersonate "two stalks drinking water."

"What are stalks?" asked the two puzzled campers.

"You know, tall birds with long legs."

Oh, you mean storks!

Not only the campers, but also the coaches, had a wonderful time, thanks to the hospitality of the host families, water skiing and tennis lessons, and meals donated by Daniel's Restaurant and the Appleseed Inn (thank you!). Most importantly, the children (from Bradford, Newbury and a few surrounding towns) made wonderful campers. The head coach commented that our camp had been one of the most enjoyable ever.



Girls' 4th - 6th grade team with coach Debbie, asking for audience applause for the best-looking hat.

dialect. ("Cum on lads, don't play soccer like me mum.") Even the adults were sometimes reduced to giggling fits, as they kicked their *mates'* balls out-of-bounds and yelled "Hasta la vista, Baby!"

All of the 500 Major League Soccer Camp coaches who traveled to camps throughout the United States and Canada had to undergo rigorous selection and training, including attending educational workshops in motivation, learning styles, and discipline. The philosophy of the Major League Soccer Camps emphasizes that a child's best motivating force comes through having fun, *not* through competition.

*Fun* permeated both the morning and afternoon sessions. The kids played "Terminator," variations on keep-away, and tried to beat their coach's dribbling record (keeping the ball in the air) with their teams' cumulative score. Kids added new skills one at a time--without knowing it: how to protect, pass, head, dribble the ball....

Team cheering also became a regular event. Without warning, coach Jay would call out "ENGLAND!" His team of 11 to 13-year-olds would immediately halt all activity and shout "Oh, Jay! We love England." To which the fourth and fifth grade boys would instantly respond (in honor of their coach, John), "What's that? We love Scotland!"

The cheer would then travel to the next field, where the girls' team shouted, "Yo, Debbie! We love U.S.A.!"

"What do we have?" yelled their coach, Debbie, in her thick Liverpool accent.



"Oh, Jay, we love England!" is shouted by the oldest campers.

Bradford's first year was a smashing success! Mark your calendars for the same week next year. Even if you are too old for camp, come for the entertainment, laugh from the sidelines, learn about soccer skills, and beware when a coach begins the story-and-joke-time with "This is a *really* true story ...."

### Blue News ... report from the Police Department by Kathy Grindle

Now that school is back in session, I guess it's time for my usual lecture on speed in the area of the school. Please remember that Old Warner Road is posted for only 25 MPH and is decreased to 20 MPH when school is in session. These speeds will be STRICTLY enforced for everyone, including PARENTS and TEACHERS. No one is exempt from these speed limits. The best lessons we can teach our children are by example. If they see you obey the law, they will be more apt to grow up obeying the law also.

The Highway Dept. has finished paving West Road, Cressy Road and Sunset Hill. Please be mindful of your speed on these new roads, as it may be very easy to exceed the limit without being aware of it.

Also remember that in New Hampshire, all children under the age of four must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle. Children between the ages of four and twelve must be seatbelted. If you, or someone you know, needs a safety seat or a booster seat, please contact the office.

We are sorry to report that Officer Robert MacLeod has resigned from our Department, as of August 30. Anyone who has a family member who is a police officer knows the demands the job places on both time and energy. Officer MacLeod will happily be spending more time with his family, something which his position did not allow. He has done a fine job for this Department and he will be greatly missed, but we know he will do well in whatever he undertakes.

The Department will be carrying out testing on September 8 and 15 to fill the position left vacant by Officer MacLeod. Advertisements for the position were in both the *Argus Champion* and the *Concord Monitor*.

The Department logged 138 incidents through the 27th of August. These included 28 assists to Rescue, Fire and other Depts.; 14 unsecured buildings; 6 animal complaints; 5 alarm activations; 4 reports of criminal mischief; 2 thefts, 1 runaway; 1 suspicious person; and 1 accidental shooting.

The Department also issued 13 summonses, 10 parking tickets, 29 warnings, and made 1 arrest.

### HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent selected by Sandy Wadlington

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - September 1896

A force of men are busy at the fairground putting the track in condition and otherwise improving grounds for the coming Fair on September 30 and October 1st. There will be many attractions and a general good time is hoped for.

Two places in our village have electric lights, the printing office and F. H. Messer's Store.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - September 1946

The directors of the Tri-Mountain Baseball League met Tuesday night at the Bradford Inn to discuss what to do if Contoocook should beat Hillsboro.



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### ... and from Bradford Historical Society materials selected by Milly Kittredge

September 1924. D.W. Griffith's "Way Down East" is playing at the Town Hall ... also the last chapter of the western serial "The Way of a Man." Adults, 35 cents, children, 15 cents.

Also a quarter-page ad for a big KKK gathering at Wadleigh Park in Sutton.

1976. The Sanborn Barn on Main Street (Raymonds) burned. Quick action by the Fire Dept. and a favorable wind kept it from spreading up and down the Main Street.

*Two Hundred Plus, 1771-1976, Bradford in Retrospect*, was published. Available and still fine reading!

1986. Groundbreaking for the new elementary school.

Twenty tractor trailer trucks have left for the drought-stricken southern states. There has been a steady stream of traffic to the Battles Farm, which was the New Hampshire collection point for thirty thousand bales of hay. The NH Army National Guard and 200 volunteers donated hay and helped load the trucks. Hamburgers were donated by the IGA.

Re: correction to Millie Jane article. Arlene Bagley says her father, Robert R. Webber, wasn't called Roger; her brother who was named Roger was called Roger. Eddie still had the "H" on the end of Westerberg in 1931.

If you find old newspapers or photos while doing a burst of cleaning, please think of the Historical Society. We have many gaps in town history; the History Committee wasn't established until the early 1970's. We'd rather have double copies of something than none at all. You are welcome to browse through what we have available.

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**Notes from the Road Committee**

The Bradford Fire Department provided invaluable assistance to the Committee on August 12. With tanker and hose strung from the hydrant on High Street, water was applied to catch basins and culverts to study the drainage patterns at the intersection of Fairgrounds, High and Water Streets. Apparent cracks in the culverts themselves at the northeast corner of the stone bridge abutment will need correction as soon as possible. Two culverts were cleared of sand and rubber balls that sailed on down the West Branch.

Road Committee members attended the August 25 Selectmen's meeting, along with O. Joseph April, Regional Vice President of Bettigole, Andrews and Clark, the engineering firm selected to design improvements for the next bridge projects. It was agreed that working on two bridges at once would be most cost effective, and April will provide a revised Scope of Work, along with preliminary cost estimates to the Selectmen.

Road Agent Anderson reported that the paving work is proceeding smoothly after considerable delay caused by heavy rain earlier in the summer that slowed down projects being done in other towns by the paving contractor.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 at the Town Hall. --Marcia Keller

**Planning Board actions in August**

**August 13.** The meeting began with the Sludge Ordinance public hearing. Dick Vitale's letter recommending that sludge spreading be prohibited in Bradford was read and discussed. Dr. Carey Rodd responded that banning it was not fair, considering that the town produces it; however, he felt a moratorium while the matter was studied was a good idea. Chair Perry Teele agreed that it would be unreasonable not to address handling sludge, saying we create it, we have an obligation to handle it. He stressed that adopting this ordinance, which requires a site plan, offers the town some control. With a site plan, a public hearing is required. After agreeing that it could be modified if needed, members voted unanimously to adopt the sludge ordinance as part of the site plan ordinance.

The Board reviewed Ted Young's site plan for an expansion to the retail space in his Merrimack Farm Store. A joint public hearing with the ZBA was scheduled for the next Planning Board meeting, the 27th.

Library trustees submitted a site plan for the Thrift Shop in the Central School. A public hearing is scheduled for September 10.

**August 27.** Due to "technicalities" in notification requirements that differ between the Planning Board and the ZBA, the joint public

hearing on the Merrimack Farm Store site plan could not be held. The Planning Board accepted and approved the plan presented by owner Ted Young, conditional upon the ZBA approving the special exception.

Mike Bruss and John Forgiel met to collect information on the feasibility of adding another business, John Forgiel's accounting business, to the upstairs office space in the Bruss house on Main Street used for Bruss's construction business. They were told that the Planning Board would require a site plan and the ZBA would require a special exception because there would be two businesses in one structure. In addition, they will have to deal with the building permit process.

Members discussed the need to review and edit the draft Master Plan Goals & Objectives presented to them. The Master Plan Update Committee would like to have a public hearing scheduled on the Goals & Objectives, but need the review by the Planning Board first. They agreed to devote the first hour of every meeting to working on the Master Plan and asked that no appointments be scheduled before 8:30 pm until they have completed this project.

Edythe Craig observed the meeting, then agreed to serve on the Planning Board as an alternate.



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## The Role of the Planning Board

What is the role and what are the powers of the planning board? The planning board has an advisory role in studies, mapping, and planning decisions, and is responsible for representing the town's interest and for translating that interest into plans for guiding the town's growth. Planning is an organized process geared to provide the best possible blueprint for the most efficient action. As its name implies, the first responsibility of the planning board is to plan and the first order of business for the planning board is preparation of a master plan for the general purpose of guiding development of the community. The Bradford Planning Board has been overseeing a major revision of the town's Master Plan for the past year.

The organization and procedures under which planning boards operate are governed by NH Statutes, RSA 672-677. Bradford voters, using statutory powers, have chosen to elect its planning board.

The primary powers of the planning board are: subdivision regulations, which deal principally with the layout of lots, proposed streets, roads and utilities to ensure coordinated development of the town; and site plan review, dealing with plans for commercial and other non-residential projects and for multi-family residential development. The planning board has full responsibility for preparing and amending subdivision and site plan regulations, with required public hearings before the board adopts the regulations.

The planning board also has the authority to propose a zoning ordinance and any recommended amendments, which must be adopted by ballot vote at the first session of the town meeting. A zoning ordinance is the primary planning tool that regulates and manages land use in the town. Other planning board duties deal with driveway permits and regulation of sand and gravel operations.

In short, the planning board is the local agency with the important task of determining in what area the town is strong, where it needs improving, and how the improvement can best be carried out. The board should watch out for poor development and encourage an orderly land development pattern through the tools of good planning and land use regulations, as well as through the support of the community's residents and the power of persuasion.

If you see a role for yourself in this important task, as an alternate now or as a regular member come election time next March, contact Perry Teele, Planning Board Chair, at 938-2172 for more information.

Adapted from *The Organization and Role of the Planning Board*, NH Office of State Planning.

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## Another Point of View

### The Magic of Change, by Carol Adams

Each morning we awake and feel a slight coolness in the air; we sense a shift occurring. The hot and humid days of summer are on the count down. With each new look, we see another patch of fall colors in the trees. It always amazes me how adaptable the earth is, how with time, a completeness and circle of life evolves. For each of us, this cycle represents a learning process. As we participate in this world, sometimes experiences come our way which we would rather not have. But just as we must adapt to the natural cycle of the seasons, so too we learn and grow as human beings in a world of constant change.

Our community's Main Street area is in the midst of change with empty store buildings, houses on the auction block, and a rotating assortment of secondhand stores. In August, I attended the Bradford Business Association meeting where the Selectmen were invited to discuss Main Street. The room was packed with community folks, all of whom had concerns about what has happened to our main street and what it bodes for the future of Bradford. As I sat and listened to the diverse perception of Bradford that residents described, from the railroad decline, accomplishments of many community volunteer efforts, to frustrations in attracting businesses, to many creative ideas of what to do now concerning one single town issue, it was clear that night that people did not have a complete picture of what was, what is, and what collectively "WE" can vision for the social and economic future of Bradford.

Change of the unknown sometimes can cause us humans to feel a sense of uneasiness, confusion ... even fear. But as we explore the diversity of opportunity and build consensus, an integrated comprehensive long range plan can be created. As "WE" paint a clear picture of what the citizens of Bradford want, then collectively we can experience the "magic." Let's begin by participating in the town forum on September 21.

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# BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

## THE HILLS IS LONELY

by Lillian Beckwith  
E.P. Dutton & Co. Inc., 1963

*The Hills is Lonely* takes place in the Hebrides Islands and is a most informative and humorous book.

Under doctor's orders, Beckwith seeks a restful countrylike setting. After running an ad, and about the time she decides to rent an English cottage, she receives a letter from Morag McDugan of Bruach, Hebrides, and is drawn to accept this invitation. "Surely it's that quiet here even the sheeps themselves on the hills is lovely and as to the sea, it's that near I use it myself every day for the refusals," writes Morag.

It is dark and raining the evening Beckwith arrives. By the time she gets a ferry boat to Bruach, the tide is in and blocking passage to Morag's home. As a result, Beckwith's stay begins by climbing over stone walls to reach her new landlady's home.

Before long, complete rest is disregarded. Beckwith's stay is far from lonely as she becomes involved with the island's residents and their Gaelic tongue.

One day as Morag and Beckwith are walking home from a festive gathering, a woman in a nightgown dashes out of her house acting like a lunatic. They try to calm her. Finally, a man emerges and leads the woman inside their home. Afterward, Morag says: "Sure, I would sooner lose my hearin' or my sight than I would lose my sanitation."

Readers will meet Johnny, a fisherman, Morag's two brothers, and Farquhar, who feeds his house rat at mealtime. Other residents are Giggle and Sniggle, Sandy who forgets to go to his wedding, the church minister and many more.

One woman, speaking about love, says "I know about 'lectricity and I want nothin' to do with it or love if I can help it."

Truly the author's descriptions of this faraway island and its residents are empathetic as well as humorous. I intend to read the sequels available at the library.

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## Bradford Historical Society notes

August was indeed the busiest month of the year for the Historical Society. The mid-month series of Concerts at the Center was our principal fund-raiser and was a great success. Our thanks to Joan and Ted Letvin and their talented friends who performed so brilliantly in the very special country ambience of the Center Meetinghouse.

The annual reunion of Center School alumni was the occasion for a potluck supper dished up by Historical Society members for the Class of '37 and earlier classes, including: Clara Digilio, Robert Brown, William Cressy, and Richard Stevens. For a brief couple of hours, old friends gathered to remember the good old days.

On Wednesday, September 25, Society members will enjoy a special tea and tour of the Franklin Pierce House and Museum in Hillsborough. Please call Nancy Hibbard (938-2301) or Dick Keller (938-2877) if you plan to join the tour. We will arrange carpools and meeting places. --Nancy Hibbard

### .... 100 Year Phone Call

On August 18, a reenactment of the first telephone call from Bradford to Sutton took place at the Bradford Historical Society building. On the video call, George Wells, grandson of George G. Wells, a founder of the Merrimack County Telephone Company, and Marjorie Marshall Montgomery, daughter of another founder, Harry Marshall, spoke by video link to each other. Chairman of the Board, Dick Violette, was in Sutton and President of the company, Paul Violette, was in Bradford.

Following the reminiscences, large birthday cakes with the company logo were served. A very professional and pleasant crew from the telephone company assisted. Mrs. Montgomery, a gracious and lovely 93, summers at the family camp on Lake Massasecum. George Wells, a member of the Homesteaders acting group, was at his usual ease in front of the video camera. Both Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Wells were accompanied by family and friends. --Milly Kittredge

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## MAIN, from page 1

Many attending the Bradford Business Association's Main Street meeting with the Selectmen on August 19 voiced apprehension and concern over the failed businesses on Main Street. Selectmen responded that they are members of the community too and wanted to work with residents to determine what's best for Bradford. But no easy answers were revealed at the meeting.

New Hampshire is growing; the economy is healthy. There is no reason Bradford cannot regain its commercial and civic health. Key ingredients are believing that something can be done and having a vision to provide direction. Energy and determination are also needed. And the final element is an awareness that our community is changing ... new residents move in regularly; oldtimers die; expectations change. And with these changes, needs change.

As Selectman Joe Conway said at the BBA meeting, businesses fail for a number of reasons, including bad management, poor location, lack of support, and not offering needed products. While it's important in a small community that residents be cognizant of the benefits of supporting local businesses, it's also important that businesses be alert to supplying what residents need.

Enough time and energy has been spent berating the community for not supporting local businesses. Let's all get together on Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am at the Town Hall, to discuss what actions we as a community can take both to improve the civic elements of our town and to assure an atmosphere that encourages the growth of businesses here. Coffee and rolls and a pizza lunch will be provided to energize all participants.

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

### Charter Commission

The election for the soon-to-be-formed Charter Commission will be held September 10. That commission, as you may recall, will represent all the towns and will develop a plan for the approval of the school district's budget. It will be on a strict timetable to develop that plan, with public input, so it can be presented to voters in March. We need someone from Bradford with an open mind to objectively look at what is best for the students and taxpayers.

### High School Construction Update

All necessary permits for the renovations/addition to the high school have been approved. The asbestos has been removed, site work on the athletic fields has begun, and the school is ready for use by returning students and staff. In fact, all school buildings are ready for the school year. High school administration is very pleased with the work and cooperation shown by the contractor, Eckman Construction of Bedford. Remember that this building project will be used as a learning experience for several high school classes. Workers will now begin their labor when students leave for the day and finish and clean up before classes begin again the next day. There should be minimum disruption of the educational process. The public groundbreaking ceremony will be held September 4 at 4:30 at the high school and will involve teachers and students. Everyone is invited.

### What does it take to raise a child?

All of us. With the pressures on the American family, from economic pressures of parents working long hours to the omnipresent negative images from media, it is most important that our children, Bradford's children, have the town's participation in their upbringing. I believe that the transmission of solid values, self-worth, sense of belonging, etc., cannot be taught in school or realized simply through involvement in "programs," however well designed or well meaning. These lessons travel through relationships, especially inter-generational relationships, young people modeling their behavior on older caretakers and friends. We need to connect our young people with as many positive role models as possible, which will be beneficial for both kids and adults.

One of the best ways to get involved in the raising of our town's children is to volunteer at one of the schools. Bradford Elementary makes this real easy to do. You can volunteer in your child's class if you have a child in school (subject to teacher/child approval), or in any class, or in the library or some other part of the school. You can help teachers by working with individual students or with small groups. You can work with gifted students, students with special needs, or students in between.

You can share a hobby, skill or interest, you can read a book, help with art projects, help

in the learning center, etc. There is no pressure, you can do what you feel comfortable doing, and you become an important part of the educational process and the raising of our children. Grandparents are especially welcome for the wisdom and experience they have accumulated. If you have questions or want to give it a try, call Bev Wolf, volunteer coordinator, at 763-5176. Public education needs as much public involvement as it can get.

### Proper Discipline

On Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 pm at Simonds School, Warner, Richard Dufresne, MSW, will be giving a talk entitled "Using positive discipline to help my child grow." Setting limits is obviously very important in raising children, but the manner in which we set those limits is just as important. Mr. Dufresne will also talk about what is considered normal behavior and what is not and the way in which we can be proactive with our discipline. The talk is free and open to all.

### Open House and PTC Meeting

The Bradford Elementary School will hold its open house on Wednesday, September 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to come in the afternoon, if they can, to see their child's school in action. The PTC (Parent Teacher Club) will be meeting for the first time this year at 7:00 pm on the same day at the school, so that parents can also have the opportunity to become more actively involved in their child's education. No one spends more time with our children during the day than their teacher, so we parents should become as involved and informed as we can.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call me at 938-2722.

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### Selectmen's meetings in August

**August 5.** No meeting.

**August 12.** Selectmen opened the meeting by reviewing correspondence, including a letter from Karl Salathe offering to sell his property on Main Street abutting the Central School to the Library Trustees; from Everett and Milly Kittredge suggesting a non-resident taxpayers town meeting, which the Selectmen agreed was a good idea and will be planned for spring 1997; from Dick Vitale recommending that the town's sludge ordinance prohibit sludge spreading in town.

Library Trustees met to discuss the upcoming Library Open Meeting to determine the town's views on a combined Library/Town Offices facility. The Salathe offer to sell the adjoining property was discussed, but the Library Trustees said they had no money to purchase land.

Selectmen discussed the front steps of the Town Hall and how to make the entrance more accessible. Bud Morse was asked and has accepted the request to prepare a sketch for the front steps area.

Police Management Report was received and will be reviewed by Selectmen.

**August 19.** No meeting.

**August 26.** Selectmen discussed their afternoon meeting with Niel Cannon and Peter Fipps, an engineer with expertise in assessing properties for varied uses. They toured the Naughton property, Jones Road property and the transfer station. Fipps was impressed with the barn and will send a report reviewing potential options. Cannon saw great potential in the sites, but said the shortcoming was lack of town water and sewer. They discussed economic development, the fact that it is a long-term effort, and the need for the support of residents. Joe Conway reported that he had met on the 23rd with David Stephenson, a timber framer, to examine the Naughton barn. Stephenson will make another inspection with an architect and then report on the pros and cons of restoring the barn, with rough cost estimates. He said he felt it would be economically feasible to restore it for commercial purposes.

John Morse, Bradford Timber Monitor, met to discuss the value of his position. All agreed a system of communications needed to be established so Morse was informed in a

timely manner when inspections needed to occur.

Members of the Road Committee and a representative of Bettigole, Andrews and Clark, engineers selected to manage the next bridge construction project, discussed the wisdom and cost benefits of rebuilding two bridges instead of one. The firm will do a study of the two bridges and present options with rough estimates. All agreed that planning to begin construction in the spring of 1997 was advisable.

Selectmen received a letter from the Bradford Voters Coalition suggesting a town forum to discuss options for town facilities. They agreed to sponsor the forum, planned for September 21.

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# THEN & NOW

by Steve Hansen and Milly Kittredge

## VILLAGE MART, MAIN STREET

In 1826, there was a brick school at the site of the Village Mart; writings mention it was a most difficult school with tension between the youngsters from the Corner and the ones from the Mills ... the west end of town by the Brick Mill. Granite posts were placed on the east side in 1859, perhaps as a tasteful boundary when the Marshall home was built.

Eventually the school was taken down and a house and barn built. In 1903, Dr. Underwood bought it at auction and had his office in the house; he sold it at auction in 1911. By 1930, it had been the Helen Melvin place, sold to Harry Welsh, and then to Royal Rondeau. Rondeau expanded the barn, established a store, painted the front red and called it the Red Front.

The Red Front was then owned by William Rodway, Butler Perry, William Banzhaf, and George Doherty. Cynthia Coonley bought it and named it "Tradewinds." She sold hunting and fishing gear from the house and her partner, Lillian Putnam, developed and sold men's aftershave in an attractive bottle of her design. The house evolved into a gift shop.

Harry Emerson, who also owned the Junction, bought it and it became the Village Mart, with Art and MaryLou Valley managing it. It was later sold to George Browne and then to Ken Anderson. The last owners were the Kennedys, who added pizza to the deli section. The last families made the attached house their home. With the removal of the front store section on August 29, the building will probably look much as it did pre-1930.



Village Mart during its "Tradewinds" incarnation, picture taken during the mid-1950's

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## Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

After the public meeting held August 14, the Trustees voted 6-1 not to add town offices to the library plans.

As many of you already know, the "hot spot" this summer is the Brown Memorial Library Thrift Shop. As of August 22, just two months after opening, the shop earnings total \$5,000! To all the volunteers who have given so many hours, a heartfelt thank you for the fantastic job you've done. This will be a summer to remember. A box of items shipped from Washington, DC, a kindergartner bringing toys he no longer needs, a family cleaning out a house to be sold, attic treasures found and brought in to support the library, these are the memories we have of the unforgettable summer of '96. Thank you all for supporting your library and its future.

Bylaws and articles of incorporation, written by the Friends of BML and approved by the State of New Hampshire, have given them IRS 501C3 non-profit status, retroactive to April 1995. Congratulations to the Friends on this very important step.

### New youth titles:

*Alison's Wings*, by Bauer  
*Paddington On Stage (plays)*, by Bond  
*Arthur Writes a Story*, by Brown  
*Ballad of Lucy Whipple*, by Cushman  
*Livingstone Mouse*, by Edwards  
*Black Stallion's Shadow*, by Farley  
*Hot Fudge*, by Howe  
*Backyard Bugs*, by Laughlin  
*Cowboy*, by Murdoch  
*Ocean*, by MacQuitty

### New adult titles:

*Executive Orders*, by Clancy  
*Think Fast: The ADD Experience*, by Hartmann  
*Out of Sight*, by Leonard  
*Kennedy and Nixon*, by Matthews  
*Rosewood Casket*, by McCrumb  
*Stranger Among Friends*, by Mixner  
*Servant of the Bones*, by Rice  
*Murder at the National Gallery*, by Truman  
*Burglar Who Liked to Quote Kipling*, by Block  
*Ringworld Throne*, by Niven

Library hours: Monday, 9:30-8:00; Wednesday, 9:30-5:00; Saturday, 9:30-1:30. Telephone: 938-5562.



## In the Woods by Chris Lincoln

We are fortunate here in Bradford to have the 1996 "Outstanding Tree Farm" located just up the road from us in South Newbury. On Saturday, September 21, from 9:00-4:30, you have the opportunity to visit the Bald Sunapee Tree Farm of Peter and Susie Moore. Tours of this 600+ acre forest will feature excellent examples of hardwood forestry and wildlife habitat management. There will also be workshops on boundary line maintenance and commercial firewood marketing. For the adventurous, there will be a hike to the top of Bald Sunapee. The cost for this event, including a BBQ lunch, is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children, and free for children under 6. For more information on this field day, or to register to attend, contact Diane McLaughlin, the NH Tree Farm administrative assistant, at 224-9945.

For those of you not familiar with the Tree Farm program, some explanation is in order. On your travels around New England and around the country, you may have noticed diamond-shaped "Tree Farm" signs posted along the road. These signs indicate that the property is part of the American Tree Farm System. This is a program of the American Forest Foundation, administered by the American Forest Council in Washington, DC. Funding for the program comes from private donations and contributions from the forest products industry. It is run on the state level by state Tree Farm Committees. In New Hampshire it is cosponsored by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, NH Timberland Owners, and UNH Cooperative Extension.

Contrary to popular belief, Tree Farms are not necessarily Christmas tree farms, nor are they all industrial plantations. Tree Farms simply identify landowners dedicated to actively managing their forests. The program was developed nearly fifty years ago to promote good forestry and ensure a supply of wood for the nation. Most of the nearly

60,000 members nationwide are small non-industrial landowners; however, some large corporate forest landowners are members as well. Tree Farm signs signify landowners' commitments to forest management and pride in their woodlands.

To become a member, you must own a minimum of ten acres of forestland and manage it wisely for timber production. A simple written forest management plan, prepared by a forester or the landowner, is required for every Tree Farm.

To get started as a Tree Farmer, contact your county forester or a local consulting forester and arrange for an initial inspection of your forest. The forester will go through a detailed rating form to evaluate past management activities. The property must attain a minimum number of points to become a certified Tree Farm. Points are granted for responsible harvests, non-commercial timber improvement work, wildlife habitat management, maintained recreation trails, boundary maintenance, identifying unique natural communities, and using practices to protect water quality and aesthetics. After the property is an official Tree Farm, it will be reinspected every five years to certify that it is being managed to the standards prescribed by the program.

So ... what does a landowner get out of becoming a certified Tree Farmer? First, the recognition and pride of good land stewardship; second, the opportunity to meet with forestry professionals and other Tree Farmers to exchange information and ideas; and most importantly, all benefits associated with a well-managed forest, including income from improved timber production, improved wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities. Members receive the national *Tree Farmer Magazine* and the state newsletter, *Granite State Tree Farmer*. Certified Tree Farm status qualifies a property for the stewardship tax assessment within the current use tax rates.

Each year an outstanding Tree Farm is selected within the state. These properties are our best examples of everything a Tree Farm should be. The Moores' Bald Sunapee Tree Farm is no exception. Even if you are not planning to be a Tree Farmer, this is a fun event for the whole family. A couple hundred folks from around the state generally attend. Brooks McCandlish will be roasting the pig for lunch -- something not to be missed. See you there.

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

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**LIBRARY, from page 1**

At the Library Trustees meeting that followed, when all the issues had been discussed, there was general agreement that they had not been persuaded that a combined facility would be a benefit to both the library and the town. They felt significant cost savings had not been proven, nor were they convinced that there was a need for the town offices to be housed in a new facility. In addition, public input from conversations at the Thrift Shop and at the library since the idea was proposed have been overwhelmingly negative. The vote was 6 to 1 against supporting a combined facility; however, trustees expressed receptiveness to reconsidering the matter should more information become available in the future.

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*by Mildred Schmidt*



School time again! I want to commend Bradford parents and others on their dedication to children's activities during the summer. All of you are worthy of a medal! I derived much pleasure as I watched the youngsters playing soccer on Scheffy's field. Many thanks to Mauri and Brackett for caring and sharing.

This recipe is all the better if you have a garden filled with zucchini, onions, dill, and parsley

**Baked Zucchini and Tomatoes**

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| 2 Tbsp olive oil   | 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped             |
| 1/2 red or green pepper, finely chopped                      | salt & pepper to taste                      |
| 8 plum tomatoes OR 5 or 6 regular tomatoes, coarsely chopped | fresh herbs to taste (parsley, dill, basil) |
| 4 zucchini, sliced diagonally 1/2" thick                     | 1/4 lb shredded mozzarella                  |

Preheat oven to 400°. Rub bottom of a 9" x 13" baking dish with oil.

In a skillet, heat the remaining oil until it is hot. Add the garlic, red or green pepper, tomatoes, salt and pepper, and herbs. Saute over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for five minutes or until the tomatoes collapse.

Layer half the zucchini in baking dish, spoon half the sauce over them. Make another layer and spread sauce over. Cover dish with foil. Bake 20 minutes. Should be fork tender, but not too soft.

Remove foil and arrange mozzarella over tomato sauce. Return dish to oven and bake, uncovered, for ten minutes or until the cheese melts.

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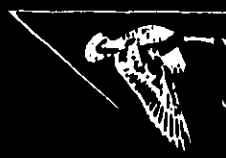
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# GARDENING

by Fred Winch

"Labor Day, O Labor Day" as Gracie Allen used to say ... the unofficial end of summer. And the pendulum has swung -- those liberal doses of rain of earlier months have retreated and drought conditions now prevail, with many lawns and gardens turning brown. My rain gauge tallied only .09 inches of rain for August !!

Gardens, of course, responded to lack of water, but heavy dews brought some relief as temperatures frequently dropped into the 40's, not really August weather. This summer, garden crops have not behaved normally. One of the crops reacting most seems to be peppers. Many note that plants did not start off well, buds fell off or did not form. In my own garden, a few plants set a few fruits, most were barren through mid-July. Then growth started, buds formed and were pollinated and a crop is forming.

Peppers in their native environment are a perennial. For several years I brought two or three plants into the house to over-winter. They grew well, bloomed and set fruit, and when set out in the spring, grew well. If you have special varieties, especially hot varieties, which grow tree-like, and have room, a well lighted plant room or greenhouse, here is the way to do it....

When frost threatens, or even after a light frost, select a couple of well-grown plants. Prune the plants back to half size, but with a number of growing points or buds. Lift the plants, trim the roots slightly, and plant in an eight or nine-inch plastic pot with rich garden soil, mixed with seed starting mix and perlite. Fertilize well as peppers require a lot of nourishment. Give the plants plenty of light as the season progresses. One trouble you may have is with aphids; treat the plants once potted with insecticidal soap mix and check

them frequently. Fruit will form and, when Memorial Day arrives, they may be planted out to be early producers.

The year '96 has so far been "relatively" free of severe attacks of insects. Bean beetles have been easily controlled. One insect has made a record in my garden, though. I usually pick a dozen or so tomato hornworms, a distinctively marked green worm with a large "horn" on the rear segment. Hornworms have a voracious appetite and grow rapidly. One week this past month I dispatched 67 worms in checking the garden. At this writing, my score is 99, many reaching 4 inches in length. For some reason, I found about ten of the total on the nearby pepper plants; I have never seen this before.

The cool, hopefully moist, September weather is the time to enjoy broccoli and cauliflower, that is if you started plants in late June or early July. This year I was late in transplanting them, but I did get to it in early August. I hope by continual watering and with September rains, I will see a crop of tender broccoli heads not overly bothered by cabbage worms. If we have a "normal" fall, harvest may continue till the end of October or early November, using the side shoots. I have found that "early" varieties maturing in 50-60 days, such as Packman, Green Comet and Green Goliath, usually come through.

With less than normal rains in the past month, it is well to check for wilting of perennials and trees or shrubs planted earlier this year. Even if no drying is evident, it would be well to soak all such plants planted in 1996 to keep the roots active and the buds for '97 forming. After the soil moisture is brought up to a reasonable level, it is well to mulch the planting to assure the water level is maintained.

## Bradford Women's Club update

Fair workshop dates in September are the 4th and 25th at Jane Lucas's and the 11th and 18th at Doris Tremblay's. We need help, please call the night before if you can attend.

Remember the Flea Market on September 14 at Bradford Center. If you can work or have things to donate, please call Barbara McCartney.

Membership meeting at 1:00 at Nancy Hibbard's on September 17. Think Fair! --Jane Lucas

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# September Calendar

## Monday, September 2

NO Selectmen's meeting

## Tuesday, September 3

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Hall, 7:00-9:00

Library Trustees, 7:15

## Wednesday, September 4

High school groundbreaking ceremony, 4:30; High School Building Committee, 5:30

## Sunday, September 8

Annual Meeting, United Congregational Society. Center Meetinghouse, social hour, 6:00; meeting, 7:00

## Monday, September 9

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, September 10

New Hampshire State Primary and Charter Commission vote, Town Hall, 8:00-7:00

Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, September 11

KRES Bradford Open House, 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:30

PTC meeting, KRES Bradford, 7:00

## Thursday, September 12

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

## Friday, September 13

Share sign-up, 1:00-2:00, 4:00-6:00; call 456-2207

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30; Prize, refreshments; Sponsored by Fire & Rescue

## Saturday, September 14

Flea Market & Harvestfest to benefit Center Meetinghouse. Old Bradford Center, 9:00-2:00. Rain date, Sunday, September 15

## Monday, September 16

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Church Vestry, 7:00

## Tuesday, September 17

Conservation Com., Town Hall, 7:30

"Using Positive Discipline," talk by Richard Dufresne, Simonds School, 7:00

## Wednesday, September 18

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

OES St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

## Saturday, September 21

Forum on Town Facilities, Town Hall, 9:30

## Monday, September 23

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

## Tuesday, September 24

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

## Wednesday, September 25

Historical Society, Tour of Franklin Pierce House & Museum, call 938-2877 for info

## Thursday, September 26

School/Family Assembly, KRES Bradford, 2:00

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

## Friday, September 27

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30; Sponsored by Food Pantry

## Saturday, September 28

Share pick-up, United Church of Warner, 8:30-10:00 am

## Sunday, September 29

Puttin' Up Day, Muster Field Farm, North Sutton, 1:00-sunset

## Monday, September 30

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

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

## Classified Ads

**DANCE CLASSES IN BRADFORD.** Are you interested in dance classes (tap, jazz and/or ballet) in Bradford from October 1996 - April 1997 for ages three-year-olds to adults? Marly Rich, a professional dance instructor, is willing to travel to our town if there is enough interest. Please call Carol at 938-2562 by September 15 if you are interested, so we can get a count of potential students.

**WANTED.** Postcards of Lake Massasecum, especially views of cottages. Call Dave at 938-2667 and leave message.

**HUNTER SAFETY COURSE.** Will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, from September 16 to October 14, 7:00-9:00 pm, at Bradford Elementary School. The course, sponsored by the Bradford Fish and Game Club, costs \$2.00 and is required for all first-time applicants for a hunting license. Call either instructor, Richard Wright (938-5393) or Lance Rickenberg (938-5096), to register.

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