



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Bradford Red Sox are 1997 Kearsarge Mountain 9-10 Champions. Team members (left to right): Gavin Bodkin, Rachel Morse, Sean Griffin, Alex Darin, Matt Gallaher, Andrew Stewart, Elija Vandenburg, Chris Adams, TJ Fayton; Coach Bob Stewart, Assistant Coach Rob Morse, Team Helpers, Phil Adams, Steve Justice. See article, page 5.

Police chief announcement imminent

"We're just waiting for the results of background checks" is the Selectmen's response concerning the status of the search for a new police chief. Since early April, when former chief Al Grindle retired, the Board of Selectmen has been working with representatives of the NH Police Chiefs Association to determine selection criteria and evaluate candidates.

Fifteen applications were received in response to advertising. The Selectmen reviewed the applications and narrowed the field to seven candidates. These five men and two women were sent a list of questions, developed with the help of the Police Standards Board. The applicants were given ten days to reply in writing to the questions. At the same time, they were informed of the salary range and requirement to relocate to Bradford within a 12-month period. Four applicants returned written responses. On June 27, all four were interviewed by the Selectmen and representatives of the Police Chiefs Association.

On June 30th, the number was reduced to two finalists, who were then interviewed again. Requests for background checks were sent to the Sheriff's Dept. on July 2. Their response is expected by August 1.

Out of the ashes ... opportunity

More than two weeks after a fire leveled New Kearsarge Corp., owner Peter Moyer is very upbeat about the "opportunities" that may arise from the disaster. He cites the positives: sufficient insurance coverage, two excellent sites in Bradford and Contoocook with room to grow, and both communities eager to help him stay in business. These assets, combined with the fact that he has been able to keep all 80 employees working, has given him a situation where he can take the time to plan the best way to rebuild.

Since the fire, Moyer has distributed NKC employees at four locations. Some have continued to assemble reels in Bradford. Some have supported the panel (shook) operation in Henniker, using space leased

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High profile business applications confirm weaknesses in Bradford's building permit process

"Grey areas" and "poor communications" were cited as reasons for the permitting problems by Bradford businesses ... New Kearsarge Corp., Valley Transportation, and the new Bradford Motors on Main Street. The NKC issue involved determining, after the fact, whether the installation of a trailer on the site required a special exception. Valley Transportation constructed a new facility with only a building permit because the Building Inspector told the owner no site plan review was required. In the Bradford Motors situation, the owner, David Darin, opened for business without applying for any permit.

The issue involves the thoroughness and accuracy of information provided to residents and business owners. Valley Transportation owner Fred Brunnhoelzl attended the July 14 Selectmen's meeting to vociferously object to receiving a "threatening" letter from the Planning Board when he had "in good faith" asked both the Selectmen and the Building Inspector what permits were required. Then, he said, they delayed 60 days before sending the letter notifying him that his building was not in compliance. Perry Teele commented that it was the responsibility of the builder to make sure the proper permits were applied for.

Prodded by complaints from abutters, interested residents, and business owners, Selectmen held a meeting with Building Inspector Chiep Meany on July 7. They agreed to tackle the issue of

■ See COMMUNICATIONS, page 18

All that remains are memories

by Annie Whipple

All that remains are memories. Yes, all there is left of New Kearsarge Corp. are memories.

Fire destroyed NKC on July 9th, struck by lightning. Company owners Peter Moyer, John Herrick, and Eddie Watson will rebuild in some location at some point.

NKC was known as Kearsarge Reel Co. until 1992. At that time, weathering hard times, the president of the company, Peter Moyer, pulled together with John Herrick and Eddie Watson, both businessmen. The company was then renamed New Kearsarge Corp. Business started gaining and had continued ever since.

NKC has given work to surrounding towns as well as many people from Bradford. It was the largest employer in Bradford. The employees went back to work the next Monday, going in all directions -- Henniker, Contoocook, Enfield, Conn., and Bradford.

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Living in Bradford

Bradford Art Show

Saturday and Sunday
August 9 & 10
10:00 - 4:00

Bradford
Elementary School

Meet the Artists
Reception
Sunday, 2:00-4:00

OBITUARY

Parker G. McCartney

Parker G. McCartney, 71, of Bradford, formerly of Wellesley, MA, died July 24, at home with his family, after a long illness. He was born in Boston and lived in Wellesley for most of his life. He had been coming to Bradford as a summer resident since 1960 and retired here in 1985.

He leaves Barbara, his wife of 46 years; his mother-in-law, Ruth B. Nelson of Bradford; his son, Alan P. McCartney of Bradford; his daughters, Janet L. Bauer of Bradford and Deborah J. McCartney of Houston, TX; six grandchildren, Jennifer L. Harvey, Calle S. McCartney, Ashley A. Bauer, Garrett M. Bauer, and Laurel L. Bauer, all of Bradford, and Matthew B. Harvey of Granbury, TX; his sister, Charlotte L. McCartney of Thetford, VT; and nieces and nephews.

Parker entered the Wellesley Fire Department in 1951 and retired in 1982, having reached the rank of lieutenant. He had also served as treasurer of the Fireman's Relief Association for twenty years and treasurer of the Firefighters' Union for eight years.

Parker's volunteer activities included a lifetime of support for the Boy Scouts, registered as a member for more than sixty years, including serving as a committee member for the Bradford Scout Troop. Parker was responsible for the Fire Department's physical arrangements for the Fourth of July for many years. He served as the Training Director for the Bradford Rescue Squad, the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Bradford, and the Lieutenant for the Bradford Fire Department.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Fire Department and Rescue Squad or the Lake Sunapee Home Care and Hospice VNA, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257-2209.

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Evelyn and Adam Lammert

A graveside remembrance will take place at the new section of the Pond Cemetery off Route 114 in Bradford on Saturday, August 9, at 2:00 pm. where their remains will be interred.

Friends of Adam and Evelyn are asked to attend, as there will be no other service. Those wishing to remember them are asked to make a donation to the Bradford Conservation Commission, Town Hall, Bradford, NH 03221.

Harris talk on Irish immigration

The Bradford Historical Society, at its meeting on Wednesday, August 27, will hear Ruth Ann Harris in her talk, "A Good Country for Strong Men and Women - New Hampshire: Irish Immigration and the Move West." The August 27th meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the Old Post Office Society Headquarters. The public is cordially invited to hear Mrs. Harris. Was it indeed the Irish who built the railroad through Bradford?

We extend our sympathy to the family of Parker McCartney. His years of volunteer service with the Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad and his unselfish help whenever and wherever needed assure him a place in Bradford's history. The respect and affection with which he was regarded assures him a place in our memories

Call for actors audition for
The Christmas Carol

For all of you actors and would-be actors, auditions will be held on Sunday, August 24, from 2:00-5:00 pm, at the Town Hall for roles in the upcoming production of *The Christmas Carol* sponsored by Moon Mountain Arts. This will be a "read" production, with parts for mature men and women, younger men and women, and of course, Tiny Tim. Andrew Pinard will direct the production. Backstage workers are also needed. For information, contact Lu Signorino, Stage Manager, at 938-2608, or Nancy Hibbard, house manager, at 938-2301.

News from the Town Clerk and
Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Deaths:
July 24. Parker McCartney died.

TAX COLLECTOR

All 1997 property tax bills are accruing interest at the rate of 12%.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 2:00-7:00;
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Milfoil update from Lake Massasecum

Two weeks after the herbicide treatment of the cove at the north end of Lake Massasecum, the milfoil appeared to be "substantially cut back," as reported in the July *Bridge*. Further inspection two weeks later, unfortunately, revealed that the hardy exotic weed is growing back in full force and, at the present rate, will meet or surpass last summer's growth. Not a pleasant turn of events.

Based on the rapid re-growth, the Marine Safety Division ordered the cove closed to all fishing and boating. Those boats within the cove or the river are requested to paddle out until they are beyond the markers. Official state signs noting the closing will soon be in place. Lake shore residents have responded by volunteering to survey assigned areas of the lake periodically throughout the summer and report any new infestations so they can be dealt with promptly.

In addition, several Lake Association members who are certified scuba divers have offered to remove small areas of milfoil to prevent them from spreading. Anyone else who is qualified and would like to volunteer is asked to call Marcia Keller at 938-2877.

Town and Association funds have made it possible to hire Kim Hall, a U Mass student, who is on duty at the boat ramp weekends from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Her tasks are to explain the serious milfoil problem, assist boaters in checking their equipment for possible fragments of milfoil before and after using the lake, and helping with identification of any suspect weeds.

Please, anyone who is on the Lake at any time, be on the lookout for unfamiliar, bright green growth. Take a small sample and request help with identification, noting where on the lake it was found.



Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman, photo by Gary Samson

Moon Mountain Arts presents Good Old Fashioned Country Dance

On Saturday, August 16, Moon Mountain Arts will present a Good Old Fashioned Country Dance at Lake Massasecum Casino, 8:00 to 11:00 pm, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club. Music will be provided by *An Old Timey Band*, with Bob Messer, Lu & Walter Heath, and Wilfred French, and *Two Fiddles*, with Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman.

Tickets are \$6.00, available at Dodge's Store, from Marcia Strout (938-2716), or at the door.

Bradford Art Show on August 9 and 10

The Bradford Artists & Artisans Committee announces that its summer exhibition, entitled, The Bradford Art Show, will be held on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Bradford Elementary School.

The 1997 exhibition, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, will feature new work by master furniture makers, quilters, oil and pastel painters, sculptors, weavers, printmakers, photographers, basketmakers, paper artists and others from the Bradford arts community. Among the forty artists exhibiting are professional artists and craftspersons, including master furniture makers Conrad Szymkowitz, Ted Blachly, and Terry Moore; printmaker Ann Eldridge; pastel painter Sandy Wadlington; Nantucket basketmaker Marj Messer; traditional weaver Linda High; sculptor Amy Blitzer; woodworker Bob Blank; glas malerei/tinsel painter Marjorie Fritsch; bead artist Lynn Horigan; and watercolor painter Marion Klein.

Exhibition committee member Amy Blitzer said, "For such a small community, it is amazing that so many exceptional artists and craftspersons live in Bradford. By participating, we celebrate our town's creative spirit."

The exhibition is free. The public is invited to attend a Meet the Artists Reception on Sunday, August 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information, call 938-5948.

Gravestone cleaning

The Cemetery Commission will start gravestone cleaning and repair this month. Anyone interested in participating, call Doris, 938-5260, Hazel, 938-2263, or Milly, 938-5386.

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Letters



To the editor:

The Jello Pie Throwing booth at the July 4th festivities was a big "hit." The committee wishes to extend our thanks to those who loaned us their faces: Selectman Joe Conway, Bram Johnson, Randy MacAllister, Andrew Pinard (Absolutely Magic), Michael Ripberger (Postmaster), and Selectman Dick Vitale. And than you, Mr. Lamach, for the Where's Bernie contest (that's an idea for next year ... we will think about that).

We would also like to thank the following for their help: Colonial Woodworking, Inc. for building and donating the booth, Jane Herbert for creating Sir Parks and Recreation, Bree Johnson for sign lettering, and Cobble Pond Farms for the use of their coolers. All involved said they had a great time and are planning to be back again next year. Again, our sincere thanks for helping Bradford Parks and Recreation.

Debra Johnson

To the editor:

After I had been elected Selectman and spent some time at the Town Hall, I noticed people would come into the building, then leave, only to come into the Selectmen's Office via the side entrance labeled "EXIT." I would then ask, "Why did you come that way?" The answer, "NO SIGNS."

Well, I would like to publicly thank the Bradford Women's Club for providing the funds for the new signs directing people to the offices within the Bradford Town Hall.

I only made one mistake when I ordered the signs. Under "Police," for the non-emergency phone number, I accidentally put my home phone number. I get enough phone calls now without adding that! The sign on the door is being redone at my expense.

Dick Vitale, Selectman

To the editor:

Generally speaking, I try to give an experience a fair shake before I begin to criticize. Lately however, I've been feeling more and more like opening my mouth. I've only been a resident of Bradford for about ten months, not long, but I did work in the Selectmen's Office for a while, giving me a closer look at how things are around here. Seems like a lot of Bradford residents have a lot of complaints to share, about our town, our town government, and even our own neighbors. I was hoping we might stop to take a "good" look around for a change.

There are many places where people wish for a more friendly and trusting society. Before we arrived in Bradford, we lived in a big city in the Midwest. In big cities in the Midwest,

To the editor:

The Bradford Fire Department 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, Ayer & Goss and the assistance of the many volunteers, plus the members and former members of the Fire Dept. and the Bradford Rescue Squad. A special thanks to Bill Lucas. We also appreciate the cooperation of the Police and Highway Depts.

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

I wish to thank, personally, the members of the Fire Dept. for filling in for me when I became ill.

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

you don't generally know the names of your neighbors, they rarely wave at you in the street, and I can't remember knowing the name of even one of our local political figures. What I've found goes along with this friendliness and knowledge though, is a lot of gossip, and a lot of half-truths. Why not stop for a moment and consider enjoying and appreciating the wonderful advantages of knowing what's happening around town without hurting someone in the process.

We are really thankful for some wonderful residents who have been good neighbors since we arrived ... there was the neighbor who loaned us a truck to help us move some rubbish to the dump, and the neighbor who saw us stuck in the mud in said truck and came to give us a push (in a skirt no less), the neighbor who brought us baked goods when we moved in (oh, there were two of those), the neighbor who delivered the log splitter since we didn't have a trailer, the neighbor who helped us pull out some well rooted plants with a tractor, the neighbors who stop to let us know they've noticed we've been working in the yard, the neighbors who always have a wave, who always have a kind word, the neighbors who all came out on the fourth weekend to celebrate Bradford and support lots of local businesses.

One of our neighbors explained to me recently that when someone in town is talking about you, they are "giving someone else a rest." Let's keep that celebration going a while longer, let's celebrate the benefits of being in a safe and pleasant place, and let's all "give someone else a rest"!

SueAnne Siarto

To the editor:

Residents of Bradford should feel justifiably proud of their town after the Independence Day activities. There were lots of families and people of all ages enjoying themselves in an atmosphere of friendliness and good-natured fun.

From the road race, skate boarding, cow flops, to the fair booths, parade and fireworks, the talent and energies of Bradford people were showcased at their best. Quite coincidentally, we heard that friends of friends had come from the Boston suburbs to experience an old-fashioned Fourth of July and went home mightily impressed with Bradford.

It is all too common for us to take these positive things for granted and center only on the difficulties of trying to live together in an all too democratic community. The Independence Day weekend gave us an opportunity to reflect on the changes we have seen in the twenty-one years we have lived here. When we came, realtors did not convey a positive image of Bradford. Over the years, we've seen enormous improvements brought about by the talents, energy and commitment of Bradford people. The sheer volume of volunteer activity is indeed impressive. When we took our visiting granddaughters to the library's Wednesday story hour last week, there were thirty-eight kids participating, enjoying the experience. This is evidence that Bradford is still a young and growing community and there is much to anticipate in the future.

We bought here because we liked the Mill; we look forward to staying here because we like the town and our neighbors.

John and Ruth-Ann Harris

*The family of
Parker McCartney
wishes to thank the residents
of Bradford and surrounding
communities for all the
affection and sentiment shown
to my husband and our father
over the past year.*

*Sincerely,
Barbara McCartney
Alan and Debra McCartney
Janet and Michael Bauer
Deborah McCartney*

THE UNION CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
"THE MEETING HOUSE"
Bradford Center, New Hampshire 03221

July, 1997

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

As you may know, Bradford Center is considered a National Historical Landmark and an important part of Bradford history. The Meeting House, built in 1838, is the oldest building in Bradford still in its original condition. The purpose of the Union Congregational Society is to preserve, protect and keep in use this architectural jewel.

We welcome the town to enjoy and use this historical treasure for appropriate occasions such as weddings, christenings, religious services and group activities.

For example, this year we have scheduled:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>
August 1 & 2	Lettvin Concerts	7:30 p.m.
August 24	Baptist Church Service	10:00 a.m.
August 30	Pig Roast (limited seating) and Folk Music	5:00 p.m.
September 14	Covered Dish Supper	5:00 p.m.
	Annual Members Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Please come, participate and enjoy these events with us.

Sincerely,



BOB BLANK and HOWARD KLEIN
Co-Chairpersons

P.S. We welcome everyone to join the U.C.S. All current and future members are requested to send your \$5.00 dues for 1997-98 to the U.C.S., P.O. Box 421, Bradford, N.H. 03221 along with the attached form. (Dues are \$5.00 per person.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dues: _____ Additional Contribution: _____

LETTERS, continued from page 4

To the editor:

After four years of chairing the Independence Day Parade and Main St. activities, I would like to thank those who helped me in my endeavors.

Joe Battles and his family donated time, animals and equipment every year. Needless to say, the Kearsarge Community Band will never forget its continuous rides down Route 103 after the parade had ended. Amanda Battles has been there for me every year, leading the parade with her horse. And if it wasn't for the effort and time put in by Joe's son, Joe, we wouldn't have had a shuttle for Main Street.

Bob Selig has maintained the Color Guard for Bradford every year. I can't count or name the number of sons and daughters who carried the Banner, decorated their bicycles, dressed as Uncle Sams; and the many local businesses who have participated with floats and antique cars.

Al and Kathy Grindle, what can I say? You know all that you've done for me. Thanks for being there.

A real big thank you to Tom Scribner for being my Uncle Sam for FOUR years in a row. Wow, I really appreciate that!

A special thank you to the police department and the Selectmen for putting up with my demands and helping me to reach new goals.

Lastly, I would never have been able to do the work without the complete and relentless efforts from my friends, family and husband. Next year, they have stated that they are going to watch the parade with me.

There are many of you who have helped so much in the last four years. I may have forgotten your name, and I may have not thanked you enough, but know that I really do appreciate the work and effort you have all given to Bradford. The seeds have been planted, folks, now let's keep them growing.

Mary Mitchell

Bradford-Newbury youth win another regional championship

The 1996-97 sports season has been extremely successful for our area youth. Just this year, our youth won boys and girls state soccer championships (fall 1996). They won the regional championship in basketball (winter 1997). And this July, Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports - Red Sox won the (9-10 year old) Kearsarge Mountain Championship. To win this baseball championship involved a single elimination game playoff tournament involving 12 regional teams. The Bradford Red Sox won all their games to become the 1997 Kearsarge Mountain Champs. --Carol Adams

64th Annual Craftsmen's Fair, August 2-10

Hundreds of New England's most talented craftsmen and women will participate in the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's 64th Annual Craftsmen's Fair at Mt. Sunapee State Park, August 2-10. The Fair showcases a wide variety of high quality, original craftwork, including pottery; jewelry; glass, silver, and ceramic tableware; wrought iron household furnishings; limited edition prints; hand-painted silk; finely crafted furniture; and designer clothing. In addition, the Fair features artists/craftspeople from the NH Art Association, Canterbury Shaker Village, NH Farm Museum, and NH Craft Guilds, plus live musical performances daily.

The Annual Craftsmen's Fair appears in the Harris List's exclusive *15 Best Shows in the Country* and was selected for the *1997 Top 100 events in the Country* by the American Bus Association. Fair hours are 10:00-5:00 daily, with extended hours on opening day, August 2, until 6:00 pm. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors (ticket price includes a second day return), 12 and under free.

Naturalist Maui McDonald, owner of the newly opened shop, Just Weeds, in Sunapee Harbor, will exhibit at the Fair, Tent #1, Booth 13. Entering Just Weeds is like visiting an old New England farm, surrounded by things of the earth combined in a way that they might be found after years of being untouched. An old fishing creel and rod embedded in wild flowers and grasses; an antique tool carrier sprouting a saxophone and a piece of music planted in peonies, hops vine, myrtle, ferns, rice flowers and trailing vines; and four-foot high topiaries, called Truffula Trees, are just a few examples of nostalgic beauty captured in the soft and supple, glycerin-preserved floral and antique arrangement created by McDonald.

Muster Field Farm Days, August 23 & 24

Muster Field Farm Days will take place Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Muster Field Farm, located in North Sutton. Farm Days demonstrates all facets of maintaining a working farm. More than a hundred dedicated volunteers will exhibit and demonstrate the agrarian skills and crafts of our forefathers. We have farriers, loggers, coopers, weavers, dowsers, ensilage cutting, and much more. We begin with a luscious pancake breakfast, with our own maple syrup, 6:30 - 8:00 am in the Hardy-Pillsbury Barn, c1870.

The spirit of Muster Day rises with the citizen-soldier encampment by the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This will be an authentic portrayal of how it was to answer the call of liberty for your country, America, in colonial times.

Our annual Engine Show began in 1985 and has become one of the premier shows in New England. At the turn of the century, before the arrival of electricity in rural areas, steam and gas-powered engines lightened the workload for the farmer. Appleton Mfg. Co., Fairbanks Morse & Co., Rumely-Olds, and Sears & Roebuck engines pumped water, ran cream separators, churns, huskers, feed grinders, and threshers. Wash day was a whole lot easier for the farmer's wife with a Maytag washer. Come and view these labor-saving engines that eased the work of maintaining a farm nearly one hundred years ago.

To top off these two wonderful days, we have a Grand Parade at 3:00 pm each day. The Hardy-Pillsbury Barn will be the site of a Saturday night roast beef dinner, 5:00-7:00 pm, reservations welcome, 927-4276.

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Bradford Area Cooperative news

The BAC Steering Committee has called for a meeting of the shareholders on August 21 at 7:00 pm at Bradford Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting is to update shareholders on the business of the cooperative, to answer questions of the membership, to vote on a board of directors, and to vote on bylaws. Please make plans to attend this meeting. We are stronger when we share the ideas and wisdom of all of our members. And the number of members who attend the August 21 meeting will affect the direction and future of the Cooperative.

If you know of someone who was planning on joining the BAC, but has not yet joined, please urge them to become a member on or before August 21. This will allow them to have input into the future of the Cooperative. If you have any questions about the meeting or you are interested in placing your name on the ballot for the Board of Directors, please call Donna Brown at 938-2514.

The Dog House Is Here!

The Bradford Rescue Squad will man the famous Dog House with the yummy hot dogs and hamburgers with the special barbeque sauce by Estelle Rooney on Saturday, August 9, from 4:00-7:00 pm and on Sunday, August 10, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Follow the directions from the Bradford Fire House to Webb's Field on Pleasant View Road.

You can help our fund-raising by getting sponsors for the Walk-a-Thon, which is also a Bike-a-Thon, Roller Blade-a-Thon, or any other "a-Thon" that you can get people to pledge money for. Walkers may walk on Saturday from noon to 6:00 pm or on Sunday anytime.

Pledge forms will be available at Dodge's Store and at the Appleseed Restaurant.

Walk for the health of it and eat for the fun of it! --Suzanne Vitale

Bradford Women's Club update

Many thanks to the BWC members who volunteered their time to work in our booth during the July 4th celebration. Most of the hard work, the shopping and preparing, was completed ahead of time by Caroline and Bob Verity, who did a fantastic job of running the booth. Hope to see you both back again next year.

Lynn Betz and some of the younger swimmers made the exotic fish for the BWC float. We're real proud of their work.

This summer the BWC's Swim Program celebrated its 50th year. During the last day of swimming lessons, a party was held at French's Park, with a yummy cake, lemonade and ice pops. It was enjoyed by all.



Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

Study/Support Group. Our Wednesday night study/support group will meet during the month of August on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning August 6. They will continue studying *The Dance of Deception*, by Harriet Learner.

Youth Group barbecue. Both youth groups (grades 4-12) will meet at the parsonage on Sunday, August 17, 2:00-5:00 pm, for a barbecue and games of badminton, volley ball, croquet ... Youth are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.

Hampton Playhouse. On Tuesday, August 19, at 6:15 pm, we will travel to the Hampton Playhouse to see the musical "Meet me in St. Louis." The show begins at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in going, please call the church office at 938-5313. Tickets are \$15.00.

Food Pantry. The Bradford Community Pantry will be open Wednesday, August 20, 6:00-7:00 pm at the Fiske House (look for red doors). If you have some extra fresh vegetables, we would be happy to come and pick them up. Some items that we always try to keep in stock are: tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, cans of soup, canned vegetables and fruit, macaroni and cheese, cold and hot cereals, and bottles/cans of juice. We

are grateful for any donations. *Please be aware, however, that we cannot accept donations of government food. The pantry receives government food directly and that is the only government food we are allowed to distribute. Thank you.*

Men's Fellowship. This month, the Men's Fellowship will meet at the home of John Harris at "The Mill" on Wednesday, August 20, at 7:30 pm.

Worship at Center Meeting House. On Sunday, August 24, our church service will be held at the Bradford Center Meeting House beginning at 10:00 am. This is a tradition we are proud to be a part of.

Stewardship Committee. On Tuesday, August 26, our Stewardship Committee will begin its work for the fall campaign. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.



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Calling All Committees!

The Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee needs your help. The BEOC is collecting information about all town organizations in order to be able to communicate and meet with them during planning and prioritizing activities. The BEOC has already met with Master Plan Update Committee and wants to involve all town organizations in the prioritizing and planning process.

Our first step is to gather up-to-date lists of the officers and services provided by every town organization.

Would you please take a few minutes to send the names of your organization's officers, with mailing addresses and telephone numbers, as well as a brief description about your organization (why you do what you do) to: Audrey V. Sylvester, c/o Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, P.O. Box 436, Bradford. Please print clearly or type.

Thanks for sending it by August 13, in time for our next BEOC meeting.

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool News

The Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool class of 97/98 would like to thank all those who supported our 4th of July fundraising efforts. Many pies were sold, cars were parked, and people were dunked to make the day a success. Special thanks to Mary Mitchell for her generous support in obtaining the use of the old Marshall field for parking.

Ten children are registered for the upcoming kindergarten class and five are registered for preschool. Openings are still available. Please contact Denise Fairbank at 938-2973 for further information.

A BNKP parents meeting is scheduled for August 19, 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall.

The students of BNKP look forward to your continued support this year. --Mark Fairbank

Master Plan Update Committee

Perry Teele, Planning Board Chair, has met with the Master Plan Update Committee to review their progress. The committee reported that data collection, inventory, and analysis have been finished and will be delivered to the Planning Board next week. The next step will be to concurrently summarize each chapter for inclusion in the final plan, review the indepth contents of each chapter with all persons who worked with the committee (element committees) who wish to comment on the work product, and commence the final document that will address the goals and objectives. These steps will be reviewed by the Planning Board.

The committee meets weekly for work sessions. The first Wednesday of each month is an open session to which the public is invited. The next such session is scheduled for August 6 at 9:00 am at the church vestry. --Glen Mayo

Road Committee Report


Road Agent Andy Anderson reported that four bridges have been painted this summer as part of the on-going bridge maintenance program. These are the Breezy Hill Road bridge at New Kearsarge, off Melvin Mills Road leading to Harrington's house, and both bridges on Blaisdell Lake Road. The Johnson Hill Road bridge is scheduled to be painted during the summer. Paving projects are well under way, with Davis Road and Forest Street prepared for paving and Oakdale to be ready once an additional culvert is in place. Actual paving will take place after Labor Day.

The engineering firm of Bettigole Andrews & Clark, Inc. will complete plans, specifications and the bidding process this fall for a second bridge on Fairgrounds Road and the bridge on West Road near the Newbury town line. Actual construction will be delayed until 1998 to avoid any complications of winter construction.

Road Committee members continue to study safety concerns at the intersection of Main, High, Water, and Fairgrounds roads. Under consideration are clearly marking travel lanes in the area as an interim expedient method of dealing with this problem.

The Committee, which serves in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen and to assist the Road Agent, meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. --Marcia Keller

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by Granite State Forest Products. They will soon return to Bradford, set up some operations in the lumber shed and remaining building. Wooden cable reels continue to be made in Connecticut (about 10 NKC workers are there). Pallet production is also operating in Henniker at Henniker Hardwood Pallet, Inc. The remaining employees are working in Contoocook at Herrick Millworks and Excalibur Shelving, affiliated by common ownership. With the help of these businesses, NKC is meeting 70% of its orders. Moyer said that, while this is not a profitable arrangement, it is imperative to the survival of NKC, both because it keeps his customers "reasonably" happy and because it enables him to keep the workforce intact.

Analyzing his business "opportunities," Moyer sees two scenarios and expects to decide between them during the month of August. To return NKC to full production, he must rebuild. A 40,000 square foot pre-constructed steel building ... "considerably more fire resistant" ... has been ordered to house the manufacture of reels and boxes. In one scenario, the Bradford site is cleaned up quickly and the new building is constructed there. In the other, the new building is erected in Contoocook and the Bradford site is targeted for "growth opportunities." Moyer's decision will be based on the time and costs involved with getting the new building set up, as well as the help and cooperation available from the communities. He said he has heard there are rumors about moving to Contoocook, but he emphasized that the property in Bradford has great potential for NKC and will not be sold.

Moyer's task now is to collect information needed to make the decision. One factor is the cost to clean up the rubble. If the clean-up must be completed quickly to prepare for the building installation, the cost will be greater than if it can be accomplished gradually. Another factor is the cost of fire protection. Protecting a large building at the Bradford site would require using water from the Warner River, which would involve installing a pumping system and water storage, in addition to sprinklers. Contoocook has town water, which means a hook-up is all that's needed. The sites themselves also affect the decision. The Contoocook site contains 350 flat acres, "prime land for lumber drying." In Bradford, NKC has 130 acres, with only 25 usable.

The final factor is financing. Moyer reports that insurance will cover his indebtedness and some rebuilding costs. However, "it's never enough." That means he'll have to take out new loans to complete the rebuild. When his insurance repays the remaining \$240,000 of his loan from Bradford's CDBG grant, that money will be available for lending. He has received word from the Revolving Loan

Committee that it would be willing to consider his application for a loan. He has also discussed with the Selectmen what other funding options might be available.

If Moyer's decision is to install the finished goods operation in Contoocook, he'll focus on expansion in Bradford. He'll begin by applying for a loan from the CDBG grant to build an addition to the box shop to house the pallet operation, which will double its sales and number of employees. Then he'll consider adding new kinds of manufacturing, which would "grow the business beyond its original intent." Moyer said enthusiastically, "This is a chance to redo the site and do it right. We like Bradford and we want a major presence here."

Texas barbecue and library fund-raising update

The Thistle and Shamrock Inn is the place to be on Tuesday evening, August 12, as the Brown Memorial Library trustees and innkeepers Jim and Lynn Florigan host a Texas barbecue dinner to raise money for the library building fund. This will be BML's second fund-raising dinner of the year and it promises to be a fun evening of good food and good company. The menu includes genuine Texas-style BBQ beef, baked beans, green salad, potato salad, cole slaw, homemade bread, coffee and tea, and dessert. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be available. Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 9:00 pm and advance tickets are available at the library or thrift shop. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under twelve.

Thanks to the wonderful community support of our fund-raising efforts, the Brown Memorial Library Expansion Fund now contains more than \$125,000! Library trustees and volunteers continue to work hard to raise money. The recent book and bake sale was a huge success and the thrift shop is off to another good summer season with more than \$4,000 in sales to date! We extend our most sincere thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and donated items for sale at the thrift shop. It has become a true community effort with many people working together for the common goal of making Bradford's new library building a reality. --Martin Bunis, Brown Memorial Library Trustee

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Zoning Board of Adjustment approves special exception for McDonald's junk yard

The Bradford ZBA scheduled two meetings in July. On the 1st, newly elected chair Everett Kittredge opened a public hearing on an appeal for a Special Exception from Larry McDonald to operate a junk yard on property on Fortune Road owned by John Fortune. The Bradford Zoning Ordinance allows junk yards only in the Rural Residential District and only if the seven conditions required to grant a special exception can be met. Following presentation of the proposal, the Board heard comments from abutters and interested residents both in opposition and in favor. Concerns were expressed for the narrow road leading to the site, effect on a possible aquifer in the area, and the need for buffers to shield the area from view along the road. Support was offered for a salvage yard in town to handle metals and other items in need of proper disposal.


At the close of the hearing, Board members discussed the application, reviewed the criteria, and voted unanimously to grant the Exception with the following conditions: the entire operation is to be removed to the location shown on the plot plan of 6/30/97 (300' back from the road); all requirements of RSA 236:111-129 (the State's junk yard statute) must be followed; and the Planning Board is to be advised that during the Site Plan Review, concerns expressed by the Fire Chief should be addressed and special attention should be paid to protection of ground water.

The ZBA appeal is the first step in a three-step process. The Planning Board now will deal with the Site Plan Review, and the final step is application to the Board of Selectmen for the actual license to operate a junk yard. Both of the remaining steps also require public hearings.

The second meeting was scheduled on 16 July to consider an application from New Kearsarge Corp. However, no one from the firm appeared for the discussion.

Town Administrative Assistant Cheryl Behr has offered to schedule appointments with the ZBA to facilitate coordination for both Planning and Zoning Boards and for the Code Enforcement Officer. The offer has been gratefully accepted. --Marcia Keller

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In the Woods, by Chris Lincoln

If, by chance, you haven't heard... Tamara and I are regretfully moving from Bradford at the end of the summer. Over the past year or so, I have enjoyed contributing this column to the *Bradford Bridge*, and the opportunity it has given me to share my views on forestry. This is my last article and there are many issues I did not have time to cover. I thought an appropriate concluding article would be to discuss the various forestry agencies and organizations in the state that can help you if you're a landowner with a burning forestry question left unanswered.

A good place to start when seeking forestry advice is your "county forester." These days they are referred to as "forestry extension educators," but everyone still calls them the county forester. In each county, there is a Cooperative Extension office, which is part of the University of New Hampshire system. Each office has a staff forester available to give forestry information and advice free to the public. They can visit your property, discuss your situation, and suggest some options. Their services, however, are limited. Beyond a cursory visit, they will direct you to a list of consulting foresters in the area. They are not available to write management plans, mark trees, or arrange a timber sale. But they can be an excellent resource for information. In Merrimack County, they can be reached at 225-3505; in Sullivan County, at 863-9200; and in Hillsborough County, at 673-2510.

Another office to become familiar with is the Farm Service Agency (FSA). This is a federal agency that oversees various forestry-related programs. They are responsible for the administration of "cost-share" programs in the state. This is a system where a landowner can apply for funds to implement non-commercial forest improvement practices. This includes such things as weeding and thinning

young sapling and pole stands, pruning in young conifer stands, planting trees, and erosion control on forest roads. Some types of management plans are also eligible for funds. There is a limited pool of money available in each county. Generally, a practice must be approved by the county forester, and the most worthy projects get funded first. Most practices can be funded for up to fifty percent of their total cost. If you are interested in cost-sharing, contact your county forester.

There are a number of other agencies and non-profit private organizations which periodically present forestry-related workshops, field trips, or classes. Many of these are geared toward foresters and natural resource professionals; however, some are open to landowners and the public. One such group is the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Their main office is in Concord, but they also have an education center at the Hay Estate on Lake Sunapee in Newbury. The "Forest Society," as they're called for short, is New Hampshire's oldest conservation group, founded in 1901 to promote the wise use of the state's natural resources and the protection of places of special beauty. Today, the Society has programs in land protection, education and research, advocacy, and forest management. Despite much confusion over the meaning of "protection" in its name, the Society is a strong advocate for responsible forest management and do not have a phobia about cutting trees. They are an excellent resource for information on forestry laws, forest practices, and land conservation. Their number is 224-9945.

Another active forestry organization is the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association. This group works to promote better forest management and a healthy wood prod-

ucts industry. Members are primarily landowners, foresters, loggers, truckers, and forest industries; however, membership is open to anyone with an interest in forest land. Periodic newsletters keep members informed about pending forestry-related legislation, market trends, and other forestry issues. 224-9699.

The New England Forestry Foundation is a conservation group with a regional perspective. Its activities include forest land protection, forest stewardship education programs, management of demonstration forests, and regional forest policy development. This organization is the "sister" non-profit company to the forestry consulting business I work for, New England Forestry Consultants. The consulting side of the organization provides forestry services to landowners in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. (508) 448-8380.

These and other organizations are available to help you manage your land responsibly; their advice and services are only a phone call away.

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



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Legislative Report

by Representative
Bernie Lamach

In past reports in this column, I've tried to center on the more significant legislation and how it reflects upon my district. In this mid-summer report, I'd like to reminisce a bit and mention some of the activities during the past session that were memorable to me.

Back in June, I was invited to tour the State House and offices with two groups of Henniker school children. Also in June, I participated in a Henniker Elementary Schools visit to Odiorne State Park and Seacoast Science Center in Portsmouth. These events with the children, their questions, conversations with their parents and teachers, are very exciting and informative. I learn from these presentations and am able to more fully connect when budgetary concerns are being considered.

I was able to make a connection for Judy Blood at the Bradford Elementary School with the Bailey-Mathews Shell Museum in Florida, which has a wonderful curricula resource for schools. Some of these materials will be utilized in their science classes this next year.

I've talked to the Three Mountains Seniors about utility deregulation and HydroQuebec, and was able to make a presentation on my milfoil bill and other takes legislation to the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association. Elements of my bill will hopefully assist further efforts to eradicate a "growing problem" in our lakes and ponds.

Debbie and I were invited participants at a VIP lobster boil at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon prior to a Winston Cup race, and also attended the Governor's Barbeque at Bridges House.

We will be attending a legislative tour up Mt. Washington to learn how weather and pollution effects are studied and recorded at the summit laboratory. I look forward to this trip. Even though I've skied the Rockies, I've never been to the top of Mt. Washington.

Later this summer, I'll be part of a committee tour that will be studying the power utility distribution in New England. Recent hot days have created severe power demands on our networks, and we are concerned about uniform supply, particularly as we approach deregulation.

This is a good time to contact your local representatives for possible concerns. The deadlines for new legislation is between September 2 and October 1.

I look forward to meeting you at barbeques, band concerts, and casual time on the street! I wish you full enjoyment of NH's great outdoors the rest of the summer! Wasn't the 4th of July Celebration in Bradford great?



Kearsarge Mountain All-Stars

Congratulations to Michael Hague and Gavin Bodkin for their selection to the Kearsarge Mountain All-Star Team, Boys 10 and under. The team finished second in the District tournament. Pictured with Michael and Gavin are coaches Vint Choiniere, Keith Murdough, and Chuck Frye.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a field trip, "Birding at the Coast," with leader, Bob Vernon, on Saturday, August 23. Participants will search for shore birds and waders at Seabrook, Hampton, and Rye. Meet Bob at Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89, at 8:00 am. Bring lunch and binoculars. For more information, call Bob at 526-6216. Rain date is Sunday, August 24.

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by Maggie Dayton &
Aryn Conway

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

July 9th we kicked off our summer reading program with a Cat in the Hat 40th Birthday Party. 40 kids and 16 adults enjoyed The Cat (Joan Lamson from New London) tell stories and we all shared a delicious cake made by Elsa Weir. Janet Bauer came on July 16th, read stories and made space ships with the kids. The Wednesdays at One program continue through August 13th. Call the library for more information.

Jim and Lynn Horigan of the Thistle and Shamrock Inn will host a fund-raiser for the library on Tuesday, August 12, 5:00-9:00 pm. It's a not-to-be-missed Texas Beef Barbecue. Tickets are available at the library, \$10 - adult, \$5 - children 12 and under. See you there.

Thank you all for the continuing donations to the Thrift Shop. Since opening May 27th, we've earned \$4,000. A special thank you to Ginny Brooks and Gary Perkins for two terrific, much-needed racks.

Carole Belliveau will be with us again on Monday evenings in August for "Bedtime Tales."

Titles recently purchase

- Birds of Prey*, by Smith
- London*, by Ruthfurd
- Five Women*, by Jaffe
- Outer Space*, by Myarwet
- Iron Ring*, by Alexander
- Pirate's Cookbook*, by Pete
- Writer's Market 1997*
- Complete Soapmaker*, by Coney
- Footsteps Through the Adirondacks*, by Webb
- Cranberry Summer*, by Devlin

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



The Library's Cat in the Hat birthday party featured The Cat (Joan Lamson from New London). photo by Marty Bunis

Tim McKenna receives Rosewood Scholarship

Tim McKenna, son of Kevin and Kathy McKenna of Center Road, was recently presented a \$500 scholarship by Lesley Marquis, co-owner of the Rosewood Country Inn. Tim will attend Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island in September, majoring in business. The scholarship was funded by receipts from the Christmas Tea, held at the Rosewood last December.

Bradford Business Assn news

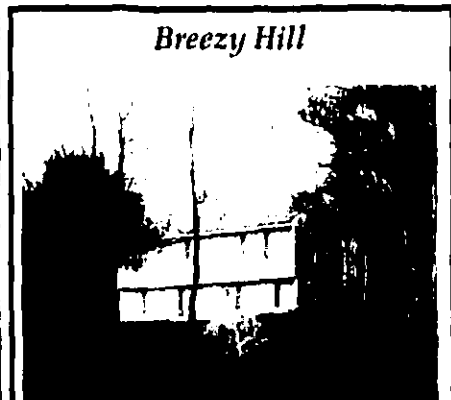
For the months of July and August, the BBA is having roundtable discussions instead of regular meetings, to find out what the BBA can do for the business community. These discussions are open to all business people. Both members and non-members are welcome.

We had a successful Fourth of July with the Cow Flop Bingo, and we'd like to thank all who made it a success. We'd also like to thank Gary Wall and the following people who helped make the blood drive a success. The Red Cross wrote a letter to Gary expressing their gratitude for the 48 pints of blood collected, which broke last year's record. Special thanks to: Debbie and Bernie Lamach, Nancy Hibbard, Janice Hewitt, Judy Page, Beth Thompson, Pam Wall, Rachel Wall, and Sydney Wall.

We'd like to express thanks to Mary Mitchell for a spectacular parade and a job well done. Thanks to the Firemen for the great fire-works.

The BBA would like to recognize the Fire Dept., Cobble Pond Farm, and the Appleseed Restaurant for the "above and beyond" efforts to help during the NKC fire.

Next meeting is August 18 at the Church Vestry at 7:00 pm. --Marlene Freyler



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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

We didn't go to The Fire. We heard the engines go past, up on the highway. We didn't think much about it, and just kept doing what we were doing. That was a mistake, one bred of ignorance, complacency, and the "don't get involved" mentality. It has been so many decades since we have lived in a world of danger that we have stifled our innate alertness to crisis. "So someone was having a fire"--it wasn't us or our family; we hoped it wasn't serious. We were Wrong. What was happening WAS our business, even more deeply our town's business, both actually and figuratively.

We have all read about the NKC's disastrous destruction. We have seen dozens of spectacular pictures, but have you heard anything about the men and women who were there? Probably not. I hadn't. Let me tell you that we are served by heroes. They are called Volunteers. We take them for granted ... they will be there to protect us and clean up our collective mistakes and messes. The statistics of these loyal servants of our town are remarkable. The Bradford Volunteer Fire Fighters roster now stands at 26, and of those, there are actually 15 active members who answer the calls. This number dramatically diminishes during daytime hours. The majority of available men work in Bradford, and are released from their jobs to answer the calls; the remainder are mostly retired citizens. Of the ten men who attended last week's training session, the average service as fire fighters is 19.5 years. Broken down, it reads in years of service: 59, 34, 32, 32, 26.25, 21, 17, and 1 (some of this time was spent on other forces; these statistics indicate age and experience). These are not starry eyed kids, out there for the glamor or thrills of fighting fires.

Before each man leaves the station, he dons his uniform, which weighs 35 to 40 pounds, bone dry. Add an air tank--that is 50 pounds more. If it is raining, then add the weight of water saturation. This equipment is not breathable stuff, so you must add copious perspiration, every drop of which must be replaced by liquid intake; dehydration is a serious enemy. At fires such as New Kearsage, which lasted more than ten hours, every man needed to consume at least 4 gallons of liquid. Each needed to be fed, and to be pulled off the line occasionally for rest; exhaustion is an ever present danger. For every hour spent fighting a fire, it takes three hours to return the equipment to its ready state. ... When I visited the Fire Station almost a week after the fire, the drying tower was still completely filled with hoses drying.

Whenever there is a fire, the Rescue Squad is called out. Their roster is slightly larger and younger than the Fire Laddies, but the majority of them are also not available during daytime hours. The ambulance cannot leave the Station House unless there are two EMTs and a driver aboard. ... A few of the fire fighters are also on the Rescue Squad; they are dedicated fire fighters first, then if one of their own falls, they change hats and become EMTs. ... Our ambulance responded to the NKC fire and was on duty for fourteen hours, with a minimum of one backup crew at all times, plus a backup vehicle for transport. They were responsible for all of the firemen, for smoke inhalation, heat exhaustion, and any other physical emergency that arose. There was one person transported to the hospital for treatment; our Squad stayed in place and the Henniker ambulance transported.

Both our Rescue Squad and Fire Fighters are highly professional and unpaid. Both forces train weekly. Both forces do extensive fundraising to keep themselves in a state of readiness and properly equipped. This they impose on top of their main dedication.

There are some other statistics it would be valuable for our town to know. Fifty pieces of rolling equipment converged on Breezy Hill Road; they came from 21 towns, each engine manned by at least three people. Four hook and ladders were on site, and they could have used two more.

Chief Goldberg said "This was really a text book fire, our job was that of containment." He said that the most dangerous fires his men fight are building fires. There they have human lives to protect; a structure can collapse on his men at any moment, and they must deal with smoke, the quickest killer.

There is another unsung group of Volunteers whom you have not heard mentioned anywhere. They are the wives and women of the Fire and Rescue volunteers, and the local

businesses. As soon as the scope of a disaster is determined they swing into action. At the NKC fire, an estimated 800 sandwiches were made, to feed everyone on site. The Appleseed staff made 400 sandwiches and sent gallons of beverages. Cobble Pond Farm sent drinks and sandwich makings. Ayer and Goss ferried fuel all night. Valley Construction sent earth-moving equipment. Newbury Fire Dept. wives sent whatever they had. Out of all the sustenance that was supplied, only the Gatorade cost the Town one penny. ... When I said our personal reaction to this fire was Wrong, I meant in this category of volunteerism. We could have helped. We could have rolled up our sleeves and done whatever was necessary. If the IGA had still been in town, there would not have been a supply problem; their generosity over the years was immeasurable.

We, as a town, need an education so that we will know how and when to help. The Fire Fighters were incredulous that not one of the organizations in town came forward at this time of need. Here Bradford's largest business and employer was burning to the ground and there wasn't anyone there for them. The problem, as I see it, cuts both ways. The BFD needs to educate the citizens, starting from the little kids all the way through us retired geezers. There is an immediate need to enlist new members to the forces, unless we eventually want to go to paid Fire and Rescue forces. All of the town's organizations need to become informed as to their potential roles in times of disaster. We shouldn't need an A-bomb or a toxic waste dump to pull us together. ... Perhaps the "hooter" on the top of the former IGA building needs to be reactivated to alert us to the scope of a disaster.

We live in a town full of heroes. We call them Volunteers.



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The Latvian Community at Lake Massasecum by Clare Bensley

Over in the southwest corner of Warner, and partly in the town of Bradford, is a community of Latvians who have been living in this country, first in exile and now by choice, since the 1940s. Most of them left Latvia when the Germans overran the country in 1941; others in 1944, when the Russians took control of Eastern Europe, including the three Baltic nations of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia.

In this country, they often joined relatives in Latvian communities, such as the ones in Brookline and Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and other throughout the midwest. Some had sponsors for whom they worked until they were able to make it on their own; others came independently. The two Boston-area communities were centered around the Latvian-Lutheran Church in Exile, which dropped the "Exile" from its name after the liberation of Latvia in 1991.

Shortly after arriving in the 40's, the Church decided to buy a 400-acre farm off Davis Road, where they set up a summer camp for their children. Members contributed \$100



The steeple of the Latvian-Lutheran Church in Exile (and now free) as it shelters the bell and sits next to the church. The Mink Hills are visible in the background. (Contrary to local rumor, the steeple is not raised to the top of the church in summer, then lowered in winter.)

each toward the purchase. When the children came here to camp, the parents usually came too and at first camped on their own little parcels of land. Then little camps were erected, some were expanded, and now many have been winterized. Each family holds a 99-year lease on its portion of the community. The property reverts to family or other church members only.

Approaching the community via Latvia Way and Riga Way (the latter named for the capital of the old country), one winds over a



Mrs. Dagmar Antins on the right, with friend, dressed in native costume

playing field and into a private road which ascends the foothills of the Mink Hills. The cottages, of which there are approximately 50, have a distinct European flavor to them and one feels a sense of venturing into a European mountain community. Most of the people living there now are the children and grandchildren of the original settlers.

The fifty houses are all in Warner off Latvia Road; however, on the parcel of land in Bradford, there is a camp-style dormitory with eight little rooms to accommodate families or children from the church who come up in the winter to ski.

The Latvia-Lutheran Church has been an important part of the community's life, especially since Latvians were not allowed to practice their religion under the Communist regime. Looking back on the years of occupation, life was less disrupted under the Germans. The Communists, by introducing collective farming, did much more to depress the standard of living and cause the breakup of small family farms. As a result of the constant occupation by Germans and Russians, back and forth over the centuries, many Latvians speak German, Russian, Latvian, and now are learning English.

In 1710, the Russians, under Peter the Great, first seized Riga for its harbor on the Baltic, a port which does not freeze in the winter and thus was a valuable asset to their country, which is almost landlocked during much of the year. In 1989 as the Eastern Bloc nations were being given more freedoms, Latvians were once again allowed to fly their flag and sing their national anthem. Finally, in 1991 they became an independent nation.

Thanks to Milly Kittredge for suggesting this story and especially to Mrs. Dagmar Antins for so generously sharing memories of the country she left when she was 18, and for the background information on her Latvian community.

Canine summer safety guidelines


Along with lots of sunshine, hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable ... even your dog. Here are some ways to protect your dog from summer problems.


- Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. On sunny days, the inside of a car heats up very quickly. On an 85-degree day, for example, even with the windows slightly open, the temperature inside a car can climb to 102° in ten minutes and to 120° in 30 minutes. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.
- Dogs can get sunburn, especially short-haired dogs and dogs with pink skin and white hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.
- Beach tips: Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog. Check with a lifeguard for water conditions--dogs are easy targets for jelly fish and sea lice. Do not allow your dog to drink too much sea water; salt in the water will make him sick. Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage a dog's coat. So, when you are ready to leave, rinse off your dog.
- Most lawn and garden products can be hazardous. Make sure that plants and fertilizers within the dog's reach are not toxic.
- Beware of insect bites. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger and watch the site for an allergic reaction. If this occurs or if there have been multiple wasp, bee or mosquito bites, take the animal to the vet.

This information was provided by the American Kennel Club, submitted by Marion Hopkins

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

Kindergarten Update

A kindergarten study committee, composed of all the district's private kindergarten providers, some School Board members, some Selectmen of district towns, and representatives from special education and entry level teachers, have held three meetings so far. They have formed three subcommittees to gather information on facilities, programs, and business/legal issues. They are studying three broad options: a full new public kindergarten program, contracting with private kindergartens (and possibly forming a charter school), and supplementing the system we have now. More information will be provided as it becomes available; if you have questions, contact me.

Middle School Space Problems

According to projected enrollment increases, the middle school will need six additional classrooms by the year 2001 or so. Not only that, but the modular classroom behind the school that was used for two classrooms has rotted out (it is 25 years old and made of wood) and must be removed. To remedy the situation, the district plans to build a new permanent classroom building, for about \$59,000, which is cheaper than renting a modular one. It will be paid for from a one-time savings from the property and liability insurance and shifting priorities from other non-academic areas.

Project C.L.I.M.B.

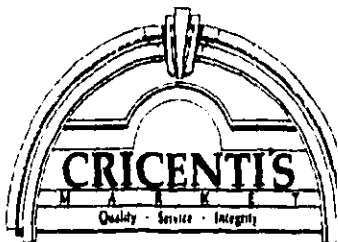
Project C.L.I.M.B. (Challenging Limitations In Mind and Body), formerly known as Project S.E.E., is an outdoors-oriented club that has existed at the high school for ten years. This year it will have eleven faculty associated with it, some from the middle school, and will be in the business of providing varied and memorable adventure-based outdoor experiences for students, as usual. A large number of students participate in the club and it is one of those positive influences that can make a difference in a child's life. A sea kayaking trip is planned for early September near Camden, Maine, where a faculty member owns an island off the coast. An idea for the future is a Ropes Course that would be built at the high school. The rationale behind a ropes course is to expand education elements into the physical, experiential world. It would allow students to learn leadership, team building, and problem-solving skills, as well as provide the growing adolescent with an opportunity to identify and push his/her limits in a safe, supportive environment. A ropes course does the same thing for us adults too; many corporations use this model for their employees. Perhaps different community groups would use the course for their purposes. This proposal is just in the beginning stages; if you have any ideas or ways to get funding, please contact me.

State Aid

State aid to schools was increased for the 1998 state budget by 31% and money for "catastrophic aid" for schools, special education reimbursement, was fully funded for the first time in a long time for the 1996-1997 school year within the same budget. Of course some communities receive more aid than others. The Kearsarge District received about \$47,500 (\$4,600 for Bradford, \$42,400 for Warner, \$500 for Wilmot), and an additional \$11,000 for catastrophic aid.

Summer Reading

Part of the parenting experience, devoting time, attention and direction to our children, is to help our kids succeed in school to the best of their ability. Considering that research shows that children who read for thirty minutes a day, five days a week, can dramatically improve their reading and writing skills, summer can be a time to get way ahead or way behind. It may be a hassle to get our kids to read, but the research shows it will be worth it in the end. Question or comments, please feel free to call 938-2722 or e-mail, lovmts@aol.com.



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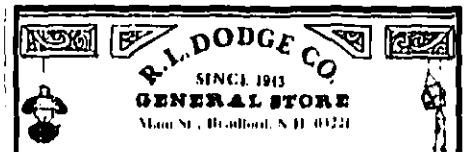
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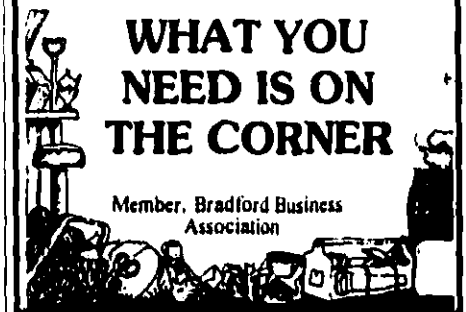


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the New Kearsarge Corp. Fire

by Suzanne C. Vitale

Peggy Lee sings a song about "Is that all there is?" to many childhood memories, like the circus or a birthday. She also sings about a fire. After the excitement of the sirens and the fire trucks and the flames, she says, "Is that all there is to a fire?" Unlike Peggy Lee, I do not share her boredom.

As members of the Bradford Rescue Squad, my husband and I came upon the scene about 5:15 in the afternoon, some 45 minutes after the first alarm had been toned. We were coming from New London and, from the Newbury Fire Station, could see the thick black smoke. This was our first major structure fire and we were eager to help in any way we could.

Not being trained in firefighting, we could only watch as the more than 200 volunteer firefighters and 50 pieces of equipment fought valiantly to contain the fire to one end of the building. Very quickly, the fire spread from section to section until the entire building was engulfed in flames. Even though the rescue operation was several hundred feet away and there was a steady rain, we could still feel the heat of the fire.

Our job, as rescue personnel, was to hydrate the firefighters, feed them, and check for exhaustion, which we did all night until about 3:30 in the morning. The ice, food and beverages were consumed as quickly as each new batch arrived. The night air turned cool and despite the fire, it was easy to feel chilled, which happened to a few people.

Chief Mark Goldberg released the Rescue Squad and the ambulance only when the last ladder truck was secured. Our job was done ... or so we thought. We got into bed exhausted. Two hours later at 5:30 am, the Squad was toned out again. There were hot spots that had re-ignited. Some members of the Squad, as well as firemen, returned to the scene to "knock down" the rest of the fire; they stayed until 8:30 am.

My husband and I returned later in the morning to view the destruction. Our primary concern was the jobs of the workers and their families. Bradford has enough economic problems without more people becoming unemployed. We were assured by the owners that rebuilding would take place as soon as possible, with little or no loss in work and salary for the employees. Sometimes it takes a tragedy for people to pull together.

The Rescue Squad and Firefighters are in need of younger volunteers, as both groups have many members who are over 50 years in age. There is no pay and sometimes the work is hard, but the personal satisfaction of helping your neighbors is worth it all.

Then & Now

by Milly Kittredge

The Casino at Massasecum

The early history of the Casino is heavily influenced by the colorful Max Israel, an enterprising young man from Lithuania, who worked his way from a pushcart to become a successful lumber dealer and antiques collector. One story is that his family and friends enjoyed the lake, but had no place to change clothes. So in 1919, Max had a bathhouse built. Next, he needed a snack bar and, with his partners, including Bradford resident Ralph Gilchrist, they added on until they had the



Casino. The large sand beach was improved. (the color postcard shows a lot of green before a stone boat cleared out the pickerel grass), the dock built, and seasonal social life began for the public. Max once invited the entire NH legislature to picnic at the Casino.

A variety of activities, including an open air bowling alley across the street, a penny arcade, fireworks, and Family Day on Sundays with Bathing Beauty and Beautiful Baby contests. A hot air balloon had to be chased and recovered in the Mink Hills, boxing matches were held in the Casino, and in recent years, activities have included an indoor golf course, Firemen's Ball, and a Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten pig roast.



The 1938 hurricane swept out part of the huge pine grove and water flooded the Casino to almost cover the piano.

On the one and a half acres of beach and picnic area, forty campsites were added in the mid-sixties. One hot July day in 1979, 1300 people were sunning at the picnic area.

Dances were held on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. The young Bob and Ralph Messer and Marshall Rowe, when of high school

age, played at dances Wednesday nights, with xylophonist Louis Israel, son of Max. Bands, including ZaZa Ludwig, Ted Hebert, and Hugh Flanders, entertained as people danced under the crystal ball, watched from the balcony by mothers and other interested persons. Many were the budding romances kindled at the Casino dances, some finalized into marriage proposals.

On Saturday, August 16, 1997, the Casino will take a page from history and host "A Good Old-Fashioned Country Dance." Sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club and Moon Mountain Arts, the party will feature music by "Two Fiddles," with Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman, and "An Old Timey Band," with Bob Messer, Lu and Walter Heath, and Wilfred French. Tickets are available at Dodge's Store (a \$6.00 donation) or may be purchased at the door. For a walk (or a dance) back in time, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 16, 8:00-11:00 pm, at the Lake Massasecum Casino.

Thanks especially to Don Ainslie, Bob Messer, and Dick MacLeod for tidbits.

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Planning Board activities in July

July 8. Chair Perry Teele announced that George (Bud) Morse would be filling in as an alternate until the Planning Board is able to seat another permanent member.

Bob Stewart, Jr., RCS Designs, met for a preliminary review of Bruce Edward's application for a site plan review to build a garage to relocate his car repair business to Jones Road. Edwards wishes to build a 40' x 50' garage on a 3.3 acre site, which now contains a gravel pit. The board asked for a closure plan and schedule to accompany the site plan, saying the existence of the gravel pit means the board have to also approve a gravel operation and reclamation plan.

A public hearing was held on the acceptance and approval of Peter Isham's subdivision application for his property on Deer Valley Road. The subdivision involves dividing off a 2-acre lot with house from the 50-acre gravel operation. The lot meets zoning requirements, including set-backs. The board accepted the application, pending clarification of a bound marker.

Teele reported that the Selectmen returned the letter intended for Valley Transportation, requesting that the Planning Board handle the matter.

A public hearing was held concerning David Darin's application to open an auto reconditioning and sales business on West Main Street. Bob Stewart, Jr., RCS Designs, presented the site plan. Questions included what "auto reconditioning" entails, whether there would be toxic materials involved, and parking of cars for sale and for repair. Residents were assured that existing monitoring wells (located on Car Care of Bradford property) confirm that there is no contamination in the area and Stewart said that "reconditioning" does not involve toxic materials. Placement and lighting of signs was also questioned, with concern expressed that the light not be distracting to Main Street drivers. The Board commented that, based on Master Plan direc-

tion, an effort should be made to ensure that the front of the business is attractive. Stewart was asked to add information to the site plan and present it at the next meeting.

Tim Bernier, representing New Kearsarge Corp., met to discuss the submission of a site plan to address two changes to the property, installation of a trailer and construction of a new building. Both changes have complications. With the NKC business and a residence already on the site, adding the trailer would be non-conforming and require a special exception. The boundary between the commercial and rural residential districts runs through the property, with the new construction proposed in the rural residential district. While the Board is agreeable to moving the boundary to the NKC property line, approval of the change requires a vote at Town Meeting. Approving construction prior to that time would require a special exception. Bernier said he would apply to the ZBA for "all possible special exceptions." The Board responded that he could continue with the modification to his site plan while going through the ZBA process.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tamara Van Ryn, who is moving to New York.

July 22. Teele opened the meeting by announcing that they would review a site plan application from Valley Transportation to "catch up" from problems caused by the inappropriate granting of a building permit. He apologized to owner Fred Brunnhoelzl for the process "getting out of whack." After a preliminary review of the application, the Board agreed to hold a dual hearing for acceptance and approval at their next meeting.

Bob Stewart, Jr., reported that it was not possible to place the requested bound on the Isham property because of the existence of a temporary berm to shield the home from the gravel operation. He said the bound would be placed during pit closure. The Board then

voted unanimously to approve the subdivision application.

Teele then opened the continued public hearing on the acceptance of David Darin's Bradford Motors application. Stewart described winter maintenance problems that could occur with the suggested planter barrier along Main Street and proposed a split rail fence, removable during the winter season. "Auto reconditioning" was described to include auto body repair, detailing, auto glass, boat repair, and miscellaneous car repair. The site plan includes a limit of six parking spaces for vehicle display, due to site constraints. Waste water drainage from car washing was determined not to be an issue both because the number of cars to be washed is expected to be small and the area will be gravel, not paved, allowing good drainage. After the Board accepted the application, the public hearing on approval was held. Teele addressed the issue of "maintenance in good order" by saying that if the Board should vote that the business were not "in good order," the owner would be required to correct the situation. After the public hearing was closed, Stewart requested that the Board vote on the approval before adjourning. Teele responded that it was not the policy of the Board to act on the same night as the hearing because sometimes an issue comes up after a hearing. Stewart reminded the group that the applicant was incorrectly directed to the ZBA for a variance, thus losing two months of operation, and any further delay could hurt his business. The Board then voted to approve the application.



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Selectmen's meetings in July

June 30. Jerry Holloway, owner of Car Care of Bradford, met to question why a business has been allowed to open on an abutting property (Bradford Motors) without any public hearing. He said he had reported the matter to the Code Enforcement Officer and had no response. He said "I don't know why I had to go through the process, then he gets away with this.... There's been a problem in town for a long time with boards not communicating."

Selectmen approved the appointment of George (Bud) Morse as an alternate to the Planning Board.

Selectmen reviewed a letter to Valley Transportation concerning approvals required for the new construction and agreed it should be sent from the Planning Board rather than the Selectmen's office.

July 14. Selectmen met with Fred Brunnhoelzl, owner of Valley Transportation, concerning the letter he received from the Planning Board threatening to rescind his building permit unless he submits an application for a site plan review. Planning Board Chair Perry Teele joined the discussion, which included a review of the checklist of items required for a site plan. Teele pointed out that it was a checklist, with not all items applicable to any one application. When Brunnhoelzl asked if he could complete the construction and move in during the application process, Teele said yes.

Jim Sneek, an abutter to New Kearsarge Corp., expressed his concerns about changes on the NKC property, particularly the appearance of a trailer, affecting the value of his property. Teele and Ev Kittredge, ZBA chair, explained the complications with that property and interpreting the Zoning Ordinance. Sneek was told that, as an abutter, he would be notified if it were determined that a public hearing was required.

Teele, Kittredge, and Building Inspector Chip Meany met with Selectmen to discuss how to improve communications among town boards and officials (see page 1 article).

Meany informed Selectmen of two violations that currently exist on town property ... the lack of a proper handicapped access ramp on the town hall and the installation of a new "snack shack" at Brown Shattuck Field. When Dave Pickman responded that funding for the ramp was included in the town hall remodeling warrant article, defeated at town meeting, Meany responded that the Selectmen shouldn't act like the Senate ... "the job needs to be done."

July 28. Don Johnsen, chair of the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, requested the Selectmen to formally endorse a charter produced by his committee. The committee's responsibilities include organizing a list of potential projects, communicating with town organizations, keeping townspeople informed about their process and progress, and putting together an action program that includes a timeframe. Johnsen said the group was "moving into the phase of serious activity" and felt a formal endorsement by the Selectmen would be helpful. Selectman Pickman asked whether their decisions would be brought before the town for a vote. Johnsen responded that their task is to prepare an action program to be submitted to the Selectmen for their response.

Selectmen reported that they had met with New Kearsarge Corp. owners and the Fire Chief on the 16th to discuss what would be required to rebuild on the site and to determine whether there might be any financial help available. They then met with the Revolving Loan Committee, at its invitation, to discuss the possibility of reloaning money to NKC. The insurance held by NKC will pay the town the outstanding balance of approximately \$240,000 on the CBDG loan, which means there would be money available to help NKC rebuild.

Selectmen complimented Officer in Charge Richard Varley for his initiative in arranging the cooperative police coverage with surrounding towns, as well as getting Carolyn Cassidy, Newbury's police assistant to cover Bradford's office part-time.



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

BEACH MUSIC
by Pat Conroy
Doubleday, NY 1995

Jack McCall, a travel and food writer, is diligent as he raises his young daughter alone. Leah's mother, Shyla Fox McCall, committed suicide by leaping from a bridge in South Carolina. After her death and a lawsuit with his in-laws over Leah's upbringing, Jack and his daughter move to Rome, Italy. Almost every night, when Jack puts Leah to bed, he tells her stories. Her favorite concentrates on the love he shared with the girl's mother.

When word arrives that Jack's mother, Lucy, is dying of leukemia, Jack and Leah return to South Carolina. It is time for Leah to meet her family.

Jack was the firstborn of Lucy's five sons. When their father, Judge Johnson Hagood McCall, arrives at the hospital, Jack tries to view the man with "new eyes, not as the town drunk. Though the judge carried himself with dignity, his eyes were bloodshot as he stood staring, as though waiting for an introduction."

John Harding, the youngest son, is a lovable character who has spent much of his life in mental hospitals. Sincere and childlike, John Harding uses foul language learned from his siblings and has a talent for carpentry. Realizing Lucy is near death, he builds her a wooden coffin.

Uncles and grandparents on both sides adore Leah. In remission, Lucy, an eager environmentalist, teaches the child all she knows about turtles in adjacent beach waters.

Beach Music introduces many characters. Most provide plot to the greater story. Of particular interest is Jordan Elliot, a young man who can't please his military father, becomes a Viet Nam protester, and later finds comfort as a priest. Other characters speak of German prison camps; the sixties when *Students for a Democratic Society* blossomed; and Jack, himself, reports on an exciting boat trip to catch a marlin.

Conroy's ability to divulge inner souls and motives of his characters is striking. Areas of tenderness, particularly pertaining to Lucy, linger as *Beach Music* runs its course.

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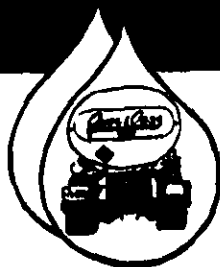
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Note: The only place I can find these bagel chips is Cricenti's.

Lake Massasecum Improvement Association news, by Candy Bradly

On Saturday, July 12, the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA) held its annual meeting at the Casino. Following officer and committee reports, the main topics of business centered around milfoil and lake pollution. Representatives Barbara French and Bernie Lamach explained the legislation in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, sponsored by each of them. Unfortunately, although they had been invited to attend the meeting, none of the Selectmen was there to explain the new Boat Sticker Ordinance or its implementation.

Following the regular meeting, an election meeting was held, with the following results: President, Candy Bradly, 1997-99; Treasurer, Sue Morse, 1997-99.

Those officers remaining on the LMIA Executive Committee are:
Vice President, David Currier, 1998
Secretary, Joan Dorn, 1998.

Appointed Directors are:
Skip Burnett, 1998
Dick Keller, 1999
Ed Snow, 2000

The next meeting will be held August 9 at the Casino. It will be the annual Ham & Bean Supper. Adults, \$5.00; children under 12, \$3.00. The community is invited to join members and friends of LMIA at 6:00 pm. A short meeting will follow the dinner. Tickets may be purchased at the door on a first come, first served basis.

Flares will again light the lake, on Saturday, August 30 at 9:00 pm sharp! They may be purchased at the Casino or from the Marshalls, Bradlys, Dorns, Mosleys, or Kellers.

GLIMPSES, selected by Milly Kittredge from Bradford Historical Society materials

August 1979. Nault's Pharmacy ... the first pharmacy in Bradford in more than 75 years ... has opened at the Wise garage site on Main Street.

Both the I.G.A. and Chet Wright's Store at Blaisdell Lake have had robberies recently.

The Women's Club Fair is in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Bradford Fire Department, and the auction at Champ's Auction Barn is to benefit the Rescue Squad.

COMMUNICATIONS, from pg 1

communications by inviting representatives of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board to attend the following week's Selectmen's meeting.

At that meeting, Ev Kittredge, ZBA chair, Perry Teele, Planning Board chair, and Chip Meany, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, identified two facets of the miscommunications problem: informing the public and streamlining communications among town boards. Town Administrative Assistant Cheryl Behr reported that she has been providing copies of minutes to all relevant boards. She offered to serve as the central resource person for residents seeking information on building permits and the planning process. She offered to generate a flow chart that would clearly describe the building permit process. Teele commented that there would always be "grey areas" of the regulations, subject to interpretation. Other suggestions included revising the building permit application with more information, including listing other regulations that might apply, including wetlands, shoreland protection, etc.

Selectmen discussed the communications issue at their July 28th meeting. Their goal, they said, was to establish a "user friendly" process to simplify getting information.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



Late July and early August are the height of bloom of the daylilies in this part of the world. Daylilies have been part of the landscape here as long as anyone can remember, adding their day's orange gold color to the backyards and later escaping from those yards to the landscape generally over the years.

As with practically all vegetation in common use these days, nature has been tinkered with and improved. The original plants and flowerers did not satisfy the plant breeders and there are hundreds or thousands of new named varieties now available to satisfy home gardeners' needs. As the daylily grows in a geographically wide and deep landscape, there are three types which have come to be recognized: the dormant, the semi-evergreen, and the evergreen. The dormant is the hardiest and the one which is adapted to the northernmost areas; semi-evergreen is common in a middle band of hardiness; and evergreen does well in the south.

One type, the original, blooms with a flush of color once during the year. Another is able to produce blooms for a longer period and is called a rebloomer. Plant breeders have succeeded in making varieties that are tall, to 30" high, or dwarf, to less than a foot. From the common color of the roadside ditch plants, colors are available in named varieties from golden yellows to bright red, and to nearly every shade to dark maroon. Some even have a fragrance. So there are choices for everyone.

To top off the list of advantages, daylilies are not fussy as to soil preference. They may be planted in early spring or late fall, though the later season is best. Once planted, they will

continue to bloom for five to eight years without needing to be lifted, divided and replanted. Insects seem not to be attracted to them for food, though butterflies do visit them frequently. The cost of some of the varieties, available from mail order growers, ranges from two to four dollars for old standbys, to ten to fifteen dollars for newer and rarer types. By mail order, a garden may be had for only a few dollars.

Probably the trend to the daylilies was started by two named varieties: Hyperion, a tall fragrant bright yellow, and Stella D'Oro, an early bell-shaped golden (hence the name), very popular everywhere. Since their advent, every shade imaginable is available. One of the largest growers who sells year round and advertises in many gardening publications is Gelbert H. Wild & Son ("the Wilds of Missouri" with 900-1000 varieties) at Sarcoxie, MO 84862-0338. A more local source is Bloomingfields Farm, Box 56, Gaylordsville, CT 06755, with varieties suited to the north. Jungs of Wisconsin has color photos in a fall catalog.

Other perennials may be planted in the fall as they approach dormancy. Now is a good time to assess the garden and, as fall catalogs are now available, check to see what may be replaced or added to the garden. Fall rains make planting easier and quite successful.

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Welcome back Mt. Sunapee Craftsmen, August 2-10
Come visit our GIFT SHOP on your way to the Fair.

PLANT SALE Weekend - August 16

Stop at Bald Sunapee Perennial, Tree & Shrub Sale on your way to
The Fells Hay Estate Annual Plant Sale - Route 103A, Newbury

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Robert Whipple has worked for the company for 42 years; retired in 1990, but he still held his time card. He was not on the production line, but Mr. Whipple did small jobs, some maintenance, painting, cleaning laboratories and the offices, running errands when needed. His wife also works with him.

Mr. Whipple has been with the company the longest. At the time of the fire, he was securing the building. Also, Steve Burns secured the shop.

Mr. Whipple has operated most of the machines. He was foreman on the line and foreman out in the shook operation. He has seen hard times and rough going. Many of his fellow workers have passed on. Mr. Whipple has also seen good times and had lots of fun. His men worked hard and work went smoothly for the most part.

It hits one hard when you have been with a company most of your life.

Mr. Whipple went to see L. Carl Nichols when ground was being broken for the foundation of Kearsarge Reel Co. to apply for a job when completed. Mr. Nichols said come back when the mill is up and running. The company made wood cable reels, boxes, and hardwood pallets.

Mr. Whipple went to work in 1954 and worked a while at Kearsarge Reel Co., but found a job with Frank Fortune working for the state and later in the woods cutting lumber. Mr. Whipple was out less than a year when he decided he wanted to go back to Kearsarge Reel.

The lightning struck midafternoon on July 3rd and blew a hole in the roof overhead of the shook area where finished and round edge is kept. Fire swept through fast when it hit the dry sawdust overhead.

Everyone rushed out safely. All that remains is two separate buildings. It will sure be nice if and when they build a new mill.

Mr. Whipple has secured the mill for many years. Been there all hours of the night, always watching for fire. Mr. Whipple has also tended the furnace and been night watchman in the past.

It's certainly a big loss to everyone; as I said before, all that remains is memories.

938-2315 40,000 BOOKS

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Route 114 at Lake Massasecum
Wed-Sun 10:00-5:30

August Calendar

Friday, August 1

Lettvin & Friends Concert, Center Meeting-house, 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 2

Historical Society HQ, Old P.O., open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Lettvin & Friends Concert, Center Meeting-house, 7:30 pm

Monday, August 4

Cemetery Trustees, 9:00 am; Call 938-5386 for location.

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, August 5

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Library Trustees, 7:15. Open to Public.

Wednesday, August 6

Master Plan Update Committee, Church Vestry, 9:00 am

Saturday, August 9

Bradford Art Show, Bradford Elementary, 10:00-4:00

Historical Society HQ, Old P.O., open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Bradford Rescue Squad Dog House, Webb's Field, 4:00-7:00 pm

Lake Massasecum Improvement Association Annual Ham & Bean Supper. Casino, 6:00; Adults, \$5; children under 12, \$3

Sunday, August 10

Bradford Art Show, Bradford Elementary, 10:00-4:00; Artists' reception, 2:00-4:00

Bradford Rescue Squad Dog House, Webb's Field, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Monday, August 11

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, August 12

Texas Beef Barbecue library fund-raiser, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 5:00-9:00 pm

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, August 13

Bradford Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, August 14

F. & A.M., St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Saturday, August 16

Historical Society HQ, Old P.O., open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

An Old-Fashioned Country Dance, with Two Fiddles, Lake Massasecum Casino, 8:00-11:00 pm

Monday, August 18

NO Selectmen's meeting

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, August 19

BNKP Parents meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Conservation Commission, Town Hall 7:30

Wednesday, August 20

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

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

Thursday, August 21

Bradford Area Cooperative Shareholders Meeting, Bradford Elementary, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 23

Muster Field Farm Days, North Sutton, 10:00-4:00

Historical Society HQ, Old P.O., open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Sunday, August 24

Baptist Church service, Center Meeting-house, 10:00 am

Muster Field Farm Days, North Sutton, 10:00-4:00

Auditions for Dickens' *The Christmas Carol*, Town Hall, 2:00-5:00

Monday, August 25

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, August 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, August 27

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Saturday, August 30

Pig Roast & folk music to benefit Center Meetinghouse, limited seating. For reservations, call 938-5952 or 938-5536.

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

Classified Ads

YARD SALE Saturday and Sunday, August 2-3. Route 114, past Barns of Bradford, near Lake Massasecum Road. Household items, books "like new" girls' dresses & more. Rain or shine.

MISSING CAT Lost since 7/7/97 from Old Warner Road/Route 114/East Main Street area. 3-year-old tiger cat, grey with black stripes and white paws. Please call 938-2514.

SNOWBOARD FOR SALE. One-year-old Burton A-deck 39" (with-out bindings), only \$250. Call Eric at 938-5122.

BIKE FOR SALE. Diamondback mountain bicycle with Scott bar ends. Iron Horse seat, Duotrack shocks, Alivio brakes, new stem and new drivetrain (chain, cassette and STX derailleur, crank and rings) Only \$300. Call Brian at 938-5122.

HOUSE FOR SALE. In-town convenience with country privacy. Two-bedroom passive solar contemporary. 3/4 acre, gardens, fruit trees, wood-fired hot tub on deck. \$98,000. Will consider rental options. Call 456-2344

FOR RENT. Bradford house with large garage. 2-bedrooms, stove and refrigerator included. \$600/month. Call 860-276-8129.

NEEDED. Mom sewing children's clothes needs used serger. Do you have one to sell at a fair price? Call 938-5228.

FOR SALE. 2-piece colonial print sofa, seats 4, dark pine arms with dark pine corner table. You move. \$100. 938-5260.

FOR SALE. 16-ft Prindle Catamaran, 1984. Sails and hull in excellent condition; life jackets and trailer, \$1500. Call evenings. 938-5203.

FOR SALE. Boy's bike, Rally Thunderbolt, \$20. Boys size 12 2-piece navy suit, worn once, \$10. Boys size 4 roller blades with pads, \$10. Boys size 4 hockey skates, \$5. 938-2978.

FOR SALE. 1990 Subaru Loyale 4-door sedan. Auto, AC, PS, AM/FM, blue/blue, CLEAN. 97,000 miles. Local little old lady car. 938-5146.

FOR SALE. 14' 94 Sea Nymph aluminum boat with trailer. 1993 9.9 Mercury motor. \$1,850. Call 226-4216

FOR SALE. 1978 Mercury Marquis 4-door sedan AC (it works!), power steering, power windows, blue with blue velour interior, New radiator, brakes, shocks, exhaust, tune, 4 new Michelin Rainforce P225/75R15 tires. Only 69,000 miles. Only \$495 (needs rust repair for state inspection). 938-2477.

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