



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE PROJECT

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

June 1997



Marty Bunis named NH Library Trustee of the Year

Martin (Marty) Bunis was named NH State Trustee of the Year at the New Hampshire Library Trustees Annual Spring Meeting, held at the Highlander Inn in Manchester on May 15.

The Brown Memorial Library Board of Trustees had unanimously submitted his name to the State organization for the award. His idea of opening a thrift shop to raise money for a new library earned \$8,500 in 1996. Marty and his wife, Sue, managed the shop. It was their dedication and the volunteer hours of many wonderful people that made this happen.

Attending the awards luncheon were Marty and Sue, Lorraine Davis and Elinor Robie, trustees, and Margaret Ainslie, librarian.

Becky Shulz, Bates Library, Hopkinton, received the Librarian of the Year award. Jane Allen, Chesterfield, and Barbara Woods, Hancock, each received special awards for their outstanding contributions to their libraries.

Bradford Women's Club 1997 Scholarships

The Bradford Women's Club awarded its annual scholarships to two Bradford residents. Jessica Lucas, a senior at Kearsarge Regional High School won a \$500 scholarship. She will be attending New England College in the fall and intends to major in elementary education.

The winner of our \$1000 scholarship is Seth Lippincott, a former graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School. Seth is attending New England Tech, working toward an electrician's license. He will be graduating in March 1998.

Best wishes and good luck to our fine students. --Beth Rodd

Lake Massasecum milfoil to be treated

Under contract with the NH Dept. of Environmental Services, Aquatic Control Technologies, Inc. of Northboro, MA will treat 11 acres at the north end of Lake Massasecum with a state approved herbicide. The tentative date is Wednesday, June 11. All abutters have been notified of the precautions that should be taken. The treatment is aimed at removing the milfoil found growing there last summer.

Continued vigilance is necessary in checking all boats, motors, trailers, and fishing lines to be sure no additional pieces of this fast-growing destructive weed is spread to other parts of the Lake.

Rural Development Council reports to Bradford

Sewer feasibility study and Capital Improvements Plan were top vote-getters in a priority-setting exercise at the Rural Development Council (RDC) report meeting, held on May 28. The purpose of the meeting was to present the report of the RDC, which completed the process begun by their February 27 Community Visit.

RDC Director Kelly Goddard began by describing the process that resulted in the report. During the three months between visits, the RDC Council had studied the comments and concerns expressed by residents at the Community Visit. Then they analyzed the material to determine "action steps" the community could work on to correct perceived problems.

After a review of the condensation of residents' comments, Council members presented seven action steps.

1. Clearly define, communicate, and act upon the plans to move forward with the sewer feasibility study in the downtown area.
2. Improve communication and coordination of activities at the organizational level and with the citizenry of Bradford.
3. Work with key town boards, department heads, and local organizations to establish a Capital Improvements Plan.
4. Available properties for commercial use could be listed for Bradford on the Department of Resources and Economic Developments Data Base.

5. The grocery cooperative effort presents a tremendous opportunity for the Town of Bradford. Beyond meeting the grocery needs of the

Animals, animals, animals, by Mary Mitchell

This year's Independence Day celebration will take place on Saturday, July 5. To accommodate the large numbers of people, this year we have designated a parking area at the old Naughton property. In addition, traffic will be limited to one-way east bound traffic only on Main Street east of Route 103 from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm. Access for Main Street residents will be maintained. The Selectmen have given their approval and the Police Department has assured their complete cooperation in this matter.

We have always considered that the Fourth of July parade should be for kids, young and old. And what better entertainment for them would be lots and lots of animals? Do you have horses? Goats? Dogs? Cats? How about that little animal that sits on your bed with a wrinkled ribbon around its neck? That's right, any animal will do. If you want to participate in the parade, you may join in. Put that animal in a little red wagon or even a doll carriage or just walk it down the parade route. Everyone is welcome to join.

Please welcome back the Kearsarge Community Band for the fourth year in a row! They have always added the musical touch a parade needs. Also this year, the Shriners will be joining us with their drum corps unit. They should make us all stand up and take notice!

As usual, if you want to put a float in or any entry at all, please don't feel that it has to do with the theme of Animals. You are more than welcome to advertise your business or group in any manner that

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Peter Stettenheim will present his slide program entitled "The World of Penguins" at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting on Friday, June 13, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London.

Stettenheim will discuss the general features of penguins as a group, their evolutionary history, and the different species inhabiting the area from Antarctica northward to the equator. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Fred Sladen at 526-4321.

On Saturday, June 14, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter is sponsoring a wildflower walk. Leaders Jim and Kathy Green ask that you meet them at Cricenti's Market parking lot in New London at 8:00 am. Bring insect repellent and wildflower identification guides, if you have them. Walk ends at noon. For more information, call the Greens at 526-2834. --Phyllis Curtiss

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford Newbury Workshop will meet Thursday, June 12, 11:45 am, at Shirley Markie's home for a cold dish potluck luncheon. Please bring little sandwiches, dessert, or whatever finger foods. Challenging fun and games will wind up our sessions for this year. For information or directions to Shirley's home, please call 938-5482.

Bradford Business Association elects new officers

The Bradford Business Association held its annual meeting on May 19 at the Rosewood Country Inn. The evening began with a social hour, with hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the members.

Sadie Bliss, a senior from Warner, was presented the Bradford Business Association scholarship by President Gary Wall.

Tom Behrens of the Governor's Office on Tourism was the guest speaker. Mr. Behrens spoke on upcoming events and budgets, as well as State programs available to towns such as Bradford for economic development based on tourism.

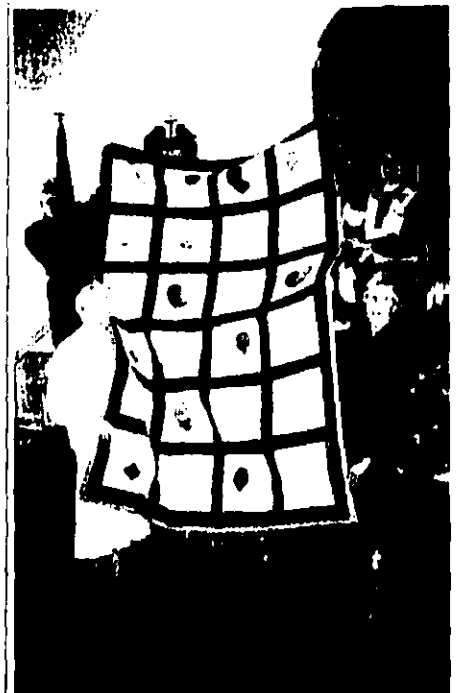
The new slate of officers voted in for the coming year are: Dick Marquis, president; Don Johnsen, vice president; Marlene Freyler, secretary; Bob Stewart, treasurer; Chris St. Cyr, director (3 years); Perley Strout, director (1 year).

The next meeting will be held at the church vestry on Monday, June 16, at 7:00 pm.

Christmas in the Country planning begins

Sad, but true: it's never too soon to start planning for our third annual *Christmas in the Country!* The theme for this year will be "The Twelve Days of Christmas," commencing on December the thirteenth and wrapping up on the twenty-fourth.

An organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 10:30 am, at the Candlelite Inn, for all groups and individuals interested in participating. Please RSVP to Marilyn Gordon at 938-5571 by June 6. --Sandy Nelson



1997 Church quilt ready for raffle

More than ten local and church women worked on this "Hearts" quilt. The tradition of a quilt raffle started six years ago with a baby-sized quilt, made by Frances Winch. Since then, we have made five full-sized hand-sewn and hand-quilted quilts. This year's quilt will be raffled off at 3:00 pm on July 5 at the First Baptist Church Fair.

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Letters



To the editor:

I just want to publicly thank the citizens of Bradford for the outpouring of warmth and affection which I experienced at my retirement party on May 3. I would like to especially thank the officers, past and present, of the Bradford Police Department for their kind show of respect and admiration. Truly there has never been a better crew to command and I sorely miss them all. I also want to thank Everett Kittredge for his fine job of moderating the affair and all of the kind remarks and recognitions of service which I received both that day and the days that followed.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve this community and I feel that I have been very blessed in knowing so many members of this town whom I can call friends. Thank you all, again, for your show of support and all of the good wishes which I have received. And the cookies and cake weren't bad either!!

Chief "Al" (Retired)

To Bradford's Voting Side:

Having just returned from a little vacation, this is my first chance to thank you for your continued support, this time for my candidacy for Library Trustee. The June meeting of the Trustees will be my first and a chance to catch up on results of the March Town Meeting.

My recent service representing Bradford on the school district Charter Commission came to fruition with overall district approval and 70% approval by Bradford voters. When the town rejected what was referred to as Senate Bill 2, comments supported a process that allowed ballot voting for funding of the school district, along with retaining some input at a school district meeting. The adopted charter that provides for both will play itself out starting next year, hopefully to the best overall interest of the district.

A highlight of our return was to see the reopening of what had been the IGA with Produce Plus, providing Bradford with a source of fresh fruits and vegetables, local products, along with fresh fish, wines, and an assortment of basic items. I'm glad to see this first step toward rebuilding an important business on Main Street and a productive use of an existing structure.

Thanks again and remember that any input is always a help.

Dick Keller

To the editor:

There are times when legislation is passed on a close vote still needs work. The so-called "education reform bill," SB-202 is just such legislation. Among the provisions in this bill are mandatory testing for students and teachers. While these may sound like good ideas upon first glance, I believe there are some major concerns in these provisions.

Student testing, as outlined in SB-202, is to take place at the end of a student's senior year in high school. At that point in their schooling, a student's motivation on a non-binding test is questionable at best. This test will not provide an accurate assessment of the student's twelve-year school career.

With regard to teacher testing, I am firmly committed to the idea of testing prospective teachers at the end of their schooling and training to certify whether they are competent in their field, as other professions do. There is already a process in place, called Staff Development, which is carefully laid out by the state and local superintendents' offices. This process ensures that teachers are informed, up-to-date, and competent in the subject matter they are teaching. Also, there is generally an extensive, thorough process in place, with goals, wherein teachers are evaluated for teaching technique, content, accountability, and other areas.

The periodic testing prescribed in SB-202 is not nearly as thorough and accurate as the processes already in place. Furthermore, testing of this sort doesn't appear to provide any follow-up to the concerns it may uncover, whereas the system of on-going development and evaluation allows for continued supervision and support.

My opposition to this bill, which has already passed both the House and Senate, does not mean that I am opposed to education reform. To the contrary, I am very interested in any measure that will improve our educational system by nurturing our teachers, students and faculty. However, SB-202, in my estimation, does not do this.

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To the editor:

The following quotes have been heard around town lately: "We need new businesses in town." "We need to expand our tax base." "Somebody should do something."

Well, something has been done. A new business has opened in the former IGA building. A small produce business has opened, the first phase of the Co-op's efforts to open a community-owned grocery store there.

The produce is fresh and delicious and not all wrapped in plastic so that you don't know what you're getting. The fresh fish is superb and does not need tons of lemon juice to give it any flavor. Dairy and frozen items are convenient. New items are being brought in regularly. The "play corner" is great for the kids while you shop.

The idea is great. Bradford can have its own food store again. We won't have to drive to Warner or New London or Concord to buy food items for our family. Think of the convenience. We can food shop right here in Bradford!

We supported the IGA and now we support Produce Plus. We also try to use other Bradford businesses for our needs whenever possible.

Bradford has a wonderful sense of community and excellent volunteerism. Let's use this positive spirit and support our local businesses.

Suzanne C. Vitale

To the editor:

I would like to thank the following, Nicki Kienia, Ally Lawrence, and John McDonald, all 7th graders from Kearsarge Middle School, for their help and hard work in cleaning up French's Park for Earth Day. Thank you to teacher Emily Campbell for her assistance. A special thanks to Stephen Obermiller for braving the cold water in scuba gear. His underwater cleanup of the beach area really made the cleanup complete. The beach area and park now look beautiful and clean.

Doris Tremblay, President,
Bradford Women's Club

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LETTERS, continued from page 4*Drivers in Bradford beware!*

Bradford has a number of residents committed to keeping healthy by walking. Believe me! I admire their commitment. But some of them haven't learned some basic facts about walking along the road.

Many of Bradford's road are narrow and curving and some shaded by beautiful trees. Twice this month I came on walkers with their backs to me, dressed in matching dull clothing ... at dusk.

The rules they forgot were:

1. Walk facing oncoming traffic -- the left side of the road.
2. Wear light and/or contrasting clothing easily distinguished from the environment.

There are areas where there is no shoulder to walk on and you have to walk on the narrow road pavement. So ... drivers beware and help keep these committed people healthy.

Edythe Craig

Family fun, fabulous food focus of Bradford's Independence Day celebration, by Phyllis Whall

People and plans of many organizations are "revving" up their preparations for Saturday, July 5th, when our town plays host to folks from a large surrounding area.

In addition to the man-sized Masonic breakfast, the mouth-watering church fair luncheon, tables full of tempting treasures, there will be the exciting 5K Road Race, the better than ever parade, superb "Subs" created by the Women's Club, and the Firemen's succulent barbecued chicken dinner.

There are several new attractions this year: The Laufmans and their two fiddles playing toe-tapping tunes; a second stage show for children (UNH "Red Wagon" at 11:00 am and "Balloon Zoo" 1:00-3:00 pm) plus more music and a dancing demo.

Where else can one find so much for so little?

To climax the great day: the sight and sound of a grand finale fireworks display that gets grand-er every year.

Come; bring the whole family plus friends and visitors. Join in as Bradford joyfully observes our country's birthday.

Town cemeteries protected by regulations

We may be more aware of our cemeteries during the Memorial Day week than any other time. Regulations affecting cemeteries, both town and state, are continually being updated. Some of the oldest apply to shall nots and neither/nors: "shall not allow livestock in, nor dogs to run at large, nor use as playgrounds or for picnicing, nor used by vehicles or people after dark, nor for fire-arms practice."

There are also stone, subdivision, resale of lots, and placement of shrubbery and flowers regulations. Vandalism carries a severe penalty under state statutes.

Stone rubbings need permission.

By vote of the town, lots are restricted to members of the families of present and former residents and taxpayers of the town.

Copies of the regulations are available at the town office and from any of the cemetery trustees. Presently, about one-fifteenth of cemetery lots are covered by care trust funds. Your taxes pay for the rest. Trust funds can be set up at any time. --Milly Kittredge

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Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten Preschool news

The Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten Preschool school year ended Friday, May 30th, with a graduation ceremony that evening at Town Hall. Three students graduated preschool and will enter kindergarten and fifteen kindergartners graduated and will attend the "big kids' school" (Bradford Elementary) next September.

April and May were active months for both the preschoolers and the kindergartners. In April the kindergartners worked on the letters P, Q, R, and S -- learning to write upper and lower case letters and identifying words that begin with these letters. They also reviewed the number "9" and took two field trips. On April 14, they visited the first grade at Bradford Elementary. They rode over to the school on a school bus and spent an hour at the school to get a taste of what next year will be like, i.e., riding a school bus, what the new school looks like, and how the classes are set up. The next week, they toured New London Hospital's ambulance and kitchen and checked out X-rays. During May, kindergartners completed the alphabet (letters T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z) and the number 10. Both classes enjoyed music class and storytime at the library.

In two short years, I have watched my child grow by incredible leaps in all areas of his development: physical, social, and mental. I would like to extend my thanks to Susan Kingsbury, his teacher, and the aids in preschool and kindergarten who have helped to develop and hone his skills.

--Melanie E. Leathers



Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

American Baptist Women's Ministries. Annual banquet will be held on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 pm at Daniel's Restaurant and Pub in Henniker. To carpool, ladies are asked to arrive at the church at 6:00 pm.

Computer Club. The June meeting will be held Wednesday, June 4, from 7:00-9:00 pm, in the church vestry. Topics of discussion will be "Creating a Web Page" and "Loading Software."

Women's Christian Guild. Annual banquet will be held at Tucker's Tavern in Warner at noon on Friday, June 6. The women will be invited to order off the menu.

Walk-a-Thon. Our annual walk-a-thon will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 8:00 am (rain or shine). We will meet at the Fiske House and walk approximately two miles. This year's proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry and flood victims in the midwest. Sponsor sheets are available at the church or Fiske House.

Children's Day. Our worship service on Sunday, June 8, will be conducted by all of our Sunday School classes. The theme this year is "A Kaleidoscope of Blessings." This service is always a treat and it seems as if it gets better and better each year. Worship begins at 10:00 am.

Church Dinner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14. Our choir will be putting on "A Class Act Roast Beef Dinner" to help purchase new choir robes. Two sittings are available for dinner: 5:00 and 6:30. Tickets

are \$10 per person, which includes entertainment. Our choir will be your singing waiters and waitresses. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.** They are available at Dodge's Store or you can call the church office, 938-5313.

Fair Meeting. The church fair is just a month away. There will be a fair meeting on Tuesday, June 17, at 7:00 pm in the vestry to complete plans for the July 5th event.

Food Pantry. The food pantry will be open Wednesday, June 18, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. It is located in the basement of the Fiske House (white house right next door to the church.)

Men's Fellowship. Men in the church and in the community are invited to the home of Clark Phillips on Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 pm for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Youth News. Our older youth group will be traveling to Lake George, New York, June 20-22 for a fun time at The Great Escape Amusement Park, sightseeing, swimming and worshipping in a local church.

On June 26, youth in Grades 4-6 (and a special invitation to our 3rd graders) will enjoy an afternoon at Canobie Lake Park in Salem. Youth are invited to meet at the church at noon and will be back at 6:00 pm. The cost of admission is \$12.

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

Good Grief, what's going on in our small part of the world; not just in our own town, but down in Concord, too. A real example of the worst behavior and thoughtlessness happened to our own Frances Winch. Frances (Mrs. F Winch) took a nasty fall onto the sidewalk on Main Street, Concord. Not one person stopped or offered her a hand, or even a word. They all just stepped around her and kept walking. She, with her lovely southern sense of humor, said that she shook one arm and it worked, shook the other and it wasn't broken either, so she gingerly hoisted herself up and moved on, bloodied knees and all. This sort of behavior wouldn't surprise us in New York City, but in Concord? In New Hampshire? It's downright shocking! Is this one more stage of the latent "Me" syndrome we are suffering? If it isn't going to do something for me or my group, ignore it, or be down right negative about it, no matter about the greater whole? A couple of recent town examples:

"The Democrats held a meeting, all eight of them, by invitation, in the new Produce Plus building. This somehow has made the Co-Op a partisan organization."

"Produce Plus isn't going to work, so don't bother to go in, and badmouth them for good measure."

"The State New Hampshire Rural Development Council came to report their reflections on what they had heard the townspeople say the last time they were here. "They only mentioned one business, so they are biased and it's not fair to all of the other businesses who weren't mentioned." ...

Lordy! ... How did we get this way? How do you take a little town, pick it up by the ears and give it a good shake? It seems that a lot of people have turned negative or have just plumb given up. "Step around them." "Don't get involved." "It isn't going to work and isn't to our advantage anyway."

The Woman's Club always starts its annual meeting with the following "Collect." Per-

haps it would be an idea for the whole town to start the week with a reading. It is stirring when one of the founding Ladies stands before the membership and reads:

Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things in life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of all, and Oh Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

Mary Stewart

On a lighter note We, as you may know, have relocated; we've moved out of the country and down to the lake. It is truly a new world for us. All of a sudden we have neighbors and can hear other people. Our cat, who has grown up looking out at meadows and woods, was horrified the first time she looked out here -- the whole world was blue and it was moving. She looked a little green around the gills and hasn't ventured forth since. Oliver Dog sat on the back steps for the first week, waiting for us to come to our senses and take him home. He is a lovely simple fellow and gregarious to his toe nails. So, since we weren't 'going home,' he has decided that all the people on the road were put there for his personal pleasure ... he has become the unofficial greeter on the road.

Maybe everyone should trade places every few years. It gets your closets cleaned and gives a whole new slant on life, even if it is blue and moves.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent selected by Sandy Wadlington

Note from Sandy: In June 1897, the Independent seemed to change format. Bradford Bits was on the bottom of the page and was cut off by the people who microfilmed it. So for now, there's only 50 years ago.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - June 1947

The eight members of the graduating class of the Bradford Central School spent Saturday touring the White Mountains. On the return trip, they visited the Morse Museum and the fish hatcheries at Warren. They were accompanied by Miss Dorothy Young and Mrs. Gertrude Minaert.

June 8. In lieu of the vote taken at the March town meeting, the Selectmen have appointed a five-member commission for the purpose of constructing a park to be known as Brown-Shattuck Memorial Field.

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Legislative Report

by Representative
Bernie Lamach

Crunch time! That's what we're down to now in the waning days of this session. When the Senate version of a bill differs from the House version, a "Committee of Conference" is appointed to work out the differences. In this effort, it is unique in that majority does not rule. The compromised version must have the unanimous vote of the Committee to move on to the Governor's desk. Because it must gain the concurrence of all committee members, a lot of horse trading must go on. Often unrelated twists may get added or certain issues may get left out of the final version. This is why we may see different aspects of bills than we have heard discussed before. All leadership of the House, Senate, and Governor's office will be actively involved, particularly on the high incentive bill, the budget, and the education reform bill.

My bill to allow multiple meeting sites for school annual meetings, although not controversial, was directed to a Committee of Conference because it dealt with local and village districts, and one of the senators had a late-breaking issue to be considered and my bill was the only vehicle that seemed available. We'll have to wait and see how that eventually is modified.

I've had very good success with some of my other issues. A bill authorizing digital signatures (for electronic communications) has passed and should be signed by the Governor. Dan Coolidge of Bradford was instrumental in the testimony of this legislation, which will help put New Hampshire at the forefront in this technology.

My bill dealing with milfoil and other exotic weeds that threaten our lakes and ponds made it through both House and Senate, but had an amendment attached that adds a \$2.00 fee to boat registrations to help pay for the program. This bill, of which I am the prime and


only sponsor, was requested by Lake Massachusetts people and I received much help from Marcia Keller. I do not expect any problem getting it signed into law.

I hope many of you saw my article in the May 20th copy of the Intertown Record regarding the kindergarten incentive issue. My appeal is that regardless of how you feel about this legislation, all taxpayers need to be participants on the local level when this is discussed in our local districts. Some version of this bill will be passed, and whatever version it is will not pay the full load at the local level. We need to be fully cognizant of how adoption of the components of this program will affect our local taxes and local programs.

I sit in a unique position both on the Kearsarge Budget Committee and as State Representative, so I am keenly aware of the issues, and will try to keep you aware as we go through the processes. If anyone needs a copy of that article or has a question, please contact me.

By the tenth of June, we should have completed our session work and will be looking forward to a so-called summer break. We'll still have committee work on pending legislation for next session and study committees on current issues.

Finally spring is here; now let's deal with the blackflies and get on with it!



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Geoffrey Douglas will speak at Friends meeting


The Friends of Brown Memorial Library invite the public to *Meet the Author: Geoffrey Douglas*, on Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 pm. The evening talk will be an opportunity for readers to discuss Douglas's new book, *The Game of Their Lives* (Henry Holt and Company) and to celebrate its recent publication.

The book chronicles the accomplishment of the American World Cup Soccer Team that, in 1950, beat England in what is still regarded as the greatest upset in the history of the game. The players, immigrant kids who loved to play soccer for \$5-a-game-a-turkey-at-Christmas, were athletes who spoke different languages and had occupations as gravediggers, bartenders, and liquor store deliverymen. The story celebrates these ordinary, unrecognized American heroes.

A Bradford resident since 1995, Douglas is a former newspaper publisher, editor, columnist, and reporter, whose work has appeared in many magazines and newspapers, including *Time*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *The Village Voice*. His other books are: *Class: The Wreckage of an American Family* and *Dead Opposite: The Lives and Loss of Two American Boys*.

The free event will take place at the library. Refreshments will be served. A brief business meeting will precede the talk. For more information, call 938-5948.

Cascading Brook Setting



Newbury. This 12-room colonial has 4-5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 40 acres. Home has been all redone in the last few years, including new systems. Great room with fieldstone fireplace, gazebo, outbuildings, timber and long road frontage.
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In the Woods, by Chris Lincoln

How should logging roads be constructed to prevent erosion into brooks? If an active hawk's nest is found on a woodlot, what precautions should be taken during a harvest to minimize disturbance? If you come across an unusual plant in the forest, who should you contact to find out if it is endangered? In the management of a forest, these are just a few situations and questions that foresters, loggers, and landowners at times must consider. Fortunately, finding the answers to these and many other forest management questions has just gotten easier.

A new guide to ecologically and economically responsible forestry has just been released, called *Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire*. This comprehensive publication addresses many issues concerning how to sustainably manage a forest. It encompasses not only the sustainability of timber, but also the sustainability of the other resources and processes that occur in the forest. It gives recommendations for sustaining soil productivity, water quality, wildlife habitat, unique and fragile areas, timber quality, and visual quality.

The *Guide* is written specifically for New Hampshire landowners, loggers, and foresters, to provide them with practical management recommendations. It is a book that is meant to get used -- greasy fingerprints are

encouraged; a book to keep in your pick-up and refer to often. Landowners, especially those who may not be well versed in forestry practices, will find this guide informative and useful. It gives information on basic principles of forestry, as well as strategies for responsible management. It will help them understand and identify what is "food" forestry and what is not. Much of the information is not new; many of the practices have been followed by professionals for many years. However, the guide organizes the information in a practical way and is based on the most up-to-date science available.

Good Forestry in the Granite State is the result of more than two years of research and discussions by members of the Forest Sustainability Standards Work Team (FSSWT). This 23-member group, comprised of loggers, foresters, landowners, and ecologists, worked diligently to develop recommended practices that were acceptable to both environmental and timber interests. The project was initiated to fulfill one of the Northern Forest Lands Council (NFLC) recommendations. The NFLC was a group that met between 1990-94 to make recommendations on how to sustain the patterns of ownership across the 26 million acre northern forest of New England and New York.

It should be stressed that the recommended practices in this guide are *voluntary*. No new

laws have been created to enforce the recommendations. At present, the only laws related to forestry practices regulate harvesting near wetlands, the number of trees that must be left along roads, brooks, rivers, or lakes, and restrict leaving logging slash near water bodies, property lines, or occupied buildings. Recommendations in the *Guide* related to these issues correspond to existing state laws.

It is hoped that, over time, professionals will adopt these recommendations and apply them in the management of New Hampshire's forests. If enough loggers and foresters regularly follow them, and landowners encourage their use, perhaps forestry along these guidelines will become the standard way of doing business. The first step to this goal is to make people aware of the issues. Many people working in the woods simply do not realize the impact their actions may have on a resource. By making a few minor modifications in the way things are done, resources can be protected.

I look at this voluntary approach to improving forest practices as a good direction for New Hampshire to take. In our neighboring states of Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts, change has come in the form of new laws and regulations. Maine has been struggling with opposition to their clearcutting law; Vermont is in the midst of creating "heavy cutting" restrictions, and Massachusetts requires filing a harvest plan before having a timber sale. These laws may be necessary to control what happens in the woods, but they create friction as well. Perhaps the New Hampshire approach will be sufficient to improve forestry practices. If it is not, we too can anticipate regulations that will force landowners and professionals to practice forestry responsibly.

Good Forestry in the Granite State is available through the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in Concord.

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



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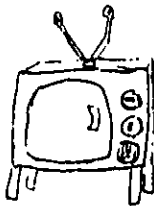
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The Kids Corner by Maggie Dayton

Before you read the stuff in this issue, I'd like to thank the editor for space for this column. And I'd like to thank you for your responses to the survey. I need more. If you like to draw mazes or puzzles, send them to me at: Maggie Dayton, P.O. Box 155, Bradford, NH 03221.

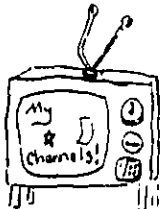
Each month I'll have book or movie reviews, a story or poem by a young author, or stuff that is happening in town for you to go to.

This month I have a poem written by Ms. Kelly Seidel of South Newbury. Kelly is 10 years old and in Mrs. Riley's fourth grade class. Here it is.



My Channels by Kelly Seidel

- Channel 1 is no fun.
 - Channel 2 is just news.
 - Channel 3 & 4 are a bore.
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 - Channel 15 shows a pool with chlorine.
 - Channel 16 shows Mr. Clean.
 - Channel 17 talks with Jeanne Shaheen.
- I have to stop,
or I will have to tell you about ice cream.



Wasn't that great? More stuff next month!

Illustrations by Hannah Johnson, who goes to KRMS, grade 7, and she is 12 years old.



Performances by KRSD High School students outstanding

The Kearsarge Regional High School Male Choir, Female Choir, and String Quartet presented an outstanding program at the Baptist Church on April 23. Much talent and hours of practice were evident. The voices, both male, female, and combined, were excellent and the String Quartet, very professional. The Bradford Historical Society was pleased to have them arrange the time to present the town with this concert.

The High School Drama Club presented *The Mikado* in May, another excellent performance. The school has developed some top quality voices this year and some heavy-hitting musicians.

Kearsarge has the Emile Farber Chorale, the Female Chorale, the String, the Chorus of more than one hundred voices, the Jazz Band, the Band, and an offshoot jazz group.

For an evening of varied music, watch for the early June Spring Concert date and come see these talented young people, led by Director Ernie Mills ... the last opportunity to hear the gifted seniors, as well as watch the many underclassmen with great promise.

--Milly Kittredge

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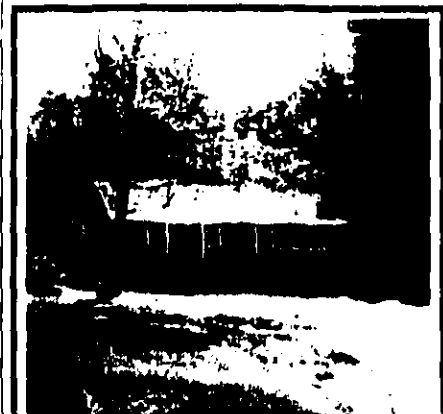
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Conservation Commission news

BRADFORD SPRINGS

The Bradford Historical Society and the Conservation Commission plan to collaborate on a plaque to mark the site of the Bradford Springs Hotel. The plaque will be set on a piece of granite from one of the old Bradford quarries.

The hotel site and 22 acres of surrounding wetland were given to the town for conservation use this past winter by Robert T. Keating. The Springs have been owned by the Keating family since the early part of this century.

A cleanup day was held on May 31.

It is hoped that the two organizations will continue to work together to make the area an interesting place to explore and picnic.

BRADFORD BOG

Late May and early June are a good time to visit the Bog. The Rhodora usually are in blossom Memorial Day weekend. This spring things seem a little late ... so who can tell? The black flies and mosquitoes are not bad once you are out in the Bog; they don't like the acidic water. Don't be put off by the swarms along the road.

SEVENTH GRADE CLEAN-UP DAY

The Conservation Commission and the Women's Club are grateful to the KRMS 7th graders who came to Bradford in early May to help clean up the Fitness Trail and French's Park. One group also went to the Bog and helped to finish the boardwalk.



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Then & Now

by Milly Kittredge

Spring House



Here's an area with nothing except old foundations evident, but the articles on the Bradford Springs Hotel complex just keep coming.

Lovewell Lake is gone, and the springs themselves are out in the wetlands, but here are three views of the Spring House itself. The octagon building in its hotel-prime days had a hand pump and attached bathhouse.

The curative waters of magnesia, lime, potassium, lots of sulphur and other minerals, were popular both for bathing and drinking ... curing a great many of mankind's ills, according to testimonies of the day.

From both the village of East Washington and stages from Bradford Railroad Depot, people flocked for restorative waters. Native Americans camping there in the 1700s considered it "medicine waters," with a penchant for relieving poison ivy and other rashes.

The long view of the Spring House and Bath House is Steve Hanson's. The restored Spring



House is located at Musterfield Farm in Sutton, taken there and accurately restored by the late Bob Bristol. Many of the original interior boards covered with carved names and initials were saved. The imagination has to work hard to place it in the East Washington Road area, but it stands again as a piece of another time and style of life.



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The Farm Stand will open mid-June, Wednesday through Sunday, noon til 6:00 pm.

Sunday, July 13. Yesteryear on the Farm. Hidden Quilt Exhibit, Homestead Tours, Day-Long Victuals, Children's Corner, Loom Weaving, Fyfe & Drum, Apiary Exhibit, Crafts, Muster's Mercantile, Fram Quilting, Homegrown Strawberry Shortcake, and The Farm Stand.

What IS a CIP? by Marcia Keller

The observations presented to the Rural Development Council at the February Community Visit to Bradford reflect the various thoughts and opinions of Bradford residents. The suggested action items reviewed at the recent follow-up meeting present a formidable task -- for the Selectmen, the Economic Opportunities Committee, and for all of us who care about Bradford's future.

I'll limit myself to one subject, for the time being, where there seemed to be some confusion. Yes, a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is an advisory document, as is the Master Plan, but that does not mean it is an ineffective tool. Many small towns in New Hampshire have successfully used the CIP process to coordinate Master Plan goals with proposed capital expenditures, provide a forum for public discussion of future capital needs, help town departments review their long-term needs, and stabilize tax rates by spreading major expenditures over a reasonable period of time.

Bradford has long used a Capital Reserve approach to set aside funds for future needs. The CIP is one more step in that process, by looking ahead six years to determine what major capital expenditures may be expected. Actual funding for the CIP occurs year-by-year through the regular budget process, so that unexpected needs can be handled as they arise, but the overall long-term planning remains in place to be funded as the voters decide.

The CIP process, as set out in state statute, requires all local agencies, including the school board, to provide the planning board with a list of the capital projects they plan to undertake over a period of time. Balancing these projects against the goals of the master plan and financial restraints, the planning board recommends the CIP to assist the selectmen and the budget committee as they prepare the budget. Local officials may resist

the advisory approach in carrying out their tasks, but this should be weighed against the advantages of a broadened base of support for reasonable and responsible decisions.

The Bradford Planning Board, with no professional assistance to draw on, finds it difficult to carry out more than its regular planning responsibilities. However, in the case of the Master Plan Update, this was effectively resolved by seeking--and finding--dedicated and qualified volunteers to assist with the project. The same approach can as readily be used for the CIP. In addition, help is available through the Municipal Association and the Regional Planning Commission. Handbooks outlining the process have been prepared and examples of small town CIPs are readily available.

Developing a working CIP can address many of the comments made at the Community Visit in February. A CIP would provide a major step toward meeting the Master Plan Action Objective to "Improve the economic climate in Bradford" by addressing funding for infrastructure needs, helping to develop a more efficient operating approach for the town, as well as serving as the fiscal portion of a comprehensive plan.

Bradford's dedicated pool of volunteers can step in on this project as they have on so many others and turn this "advisory" program into a useful tool to help us move forward.

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At Work ...

by Audrey V. Sylvester

David Blake, independent landscape designer and owner of Blake's Garden Center on Jones Road in Bradford, remembered Mother's Day last year for the five-inch downpour that fell the night before he celebrated the opening of the Garden Center. With 15 acres along the Warner River (eight acres of fields are spring-flooded), "wet" was wet. Although the greenhouse, arbor yard, and shop were on higher ground than the low fields, the driveway was saturated. Customers' cars sank hubcap-deep into the soft, spongy good earth. Wrestling cars out of mud was not exactly part of David's carefully-crafted opening plans, but since service is a high priority, I'm sure he turned this mini-nightmare into a positive experience for his new and future customers.

The Center is a unique operation. It offers much more than a place to buy trees, shrubs, and plants. David provides landscape design services, quality retail products at competitive prices, wholesale products to area landscape businesses, installations, stonewall design and construction, trellises, custom fencing, arbors, and pergolas for the garden, and ... soon to be featured ... copper and brass lanterns. A brother in Contoocook, master stonewall builder Jeff Blake, is part of the business team. David thinks that all the distinctive products and services add up to a complete year-round business plan.



David demands quality in each tree, shrub and plant. He hand-selects the inventory from growers in New Hampshire and from wholesalers who buy huge quantities from growers outside the state and re-wholesale to him. To stay competitive in price and variety, David travels to perennial, shrub and tree growers to replenish stock, bringing new items weekly. He copes with the limits of his smaller inventory by specializing in a quick response to customer requests.

Last winter, when David built the 3000-square foot greenhouse, he installed the electronics associated with shutters and fans and a watering system that could, in a one-person operation, efficiently water and fertilize plants simultaneously. By opening a few valves, a carefully proportioned mix of fertilizer and pressurized water drips into all hanging planters.

The greenhouse and arbor yard, where tree and shrub specimens are displayed, are immaculately maintained and arranged. He believes the cliché that "perception is 99% reality." He said, "If the place is neat and clean, there will be the perception that our products are high quality and our business is well organized." He added that he believes quality is not always related to high price, since garden items sometimes carry outrageous profit margins. As a former Director of Systems Operations for Fidelity Investments, he understands the meaning of a profit margin.

A savvy businessman, David is also a dreamer. His dreams are based on years of reading, attending seminars on pruning and growing techniques, and proper plant propagation, and on his willingness to work more hours than a 9:00 to 5:00 job. To keep the business unique, he plans to design and install a "staging area" utilizing shrubs and trees in a natural setting, where visitors or customers alike could enjoy a walk along a pond site surrounded by arranged plantings in an outdoor garden.

Mindful of the cyclical nature of the gardening business, David will stock the barn he built last winter with unusual Christmas items -- garden statues, bird houses and other unique products. During the snow season, he will get down to the business of winter production of custom fencing, trellises and pergolas. He hopes to collaborate with local woodworkers to develop unique designs and fabricate the wood products.

This Contoocook native is glad to be back in New Hampshire. In his previous professional life in corporate America, he enjoyed working at IBM, Gillette, and Fidelity. Now he returns to an occupation he followed at Gould Hill Orchards during high school. During the high-pressure business years, David shed the stress by landscaping on weekends. Gradually, the dream of building a landscaping business began to take form. After a few years back in Contoocook in his brother Jeff's business, the new plan emerged to open a retail center that would also supply the landscape trade.

What other dreams does David have for the "back 40"? "Someone suggested a cranberry bog. I know some types of cranberries might grow here successfully. I don't know a thing about growing cranberries, but it's an interesting idea." In the meantime, flowering shrubs, trees, peppermint, chocolate mint, lemon and nutmeg scented geraniums, New Guinea impatiens, and Better Boy and Girl tomato plants are ready to bring new life into our gardens.

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

School District Community Survey Results, cont.

The results of the survey, which was mailed to the residents of Kearsarge Regional School District several months ago, have been tabulated. There were 325 respondents and here are some more of the results which I wrote about last month. Average class size (17 at first grade, 22 at elementary, 25 at middle, 20 at high school) was heavily favored to stay the same, except at middle school where class size was selected to decrease. The high school co-op programs in health, culinary and graphic arts were chosen to be a high priority for the district, with a medium priority being a close second choice. Extracurricular activities for students after school (such as clubs, intramural sports, tutorials) received strong interest in the survey, probably since we now have few such activities. Many also favored the use of a late bus, though it was evenly divided as to whether that would encourage student involvement in extracurricular activities and whether parents would be willing to pay for that bus. There was a strong preference for expanding programming for gifted students and establishing an adult education program. More results next month; contact me if you want a copy of the questions and results.

Two Boards, one process

To increase communication and efficiency, your School Board and Municipal Budget Committee have agreed to work together more closely to develop the school district budget for next year. We will meet together beginning in June, with a quorum required for both boards and the chair being shared or alternated. Due to the new process dictated by the Charter Commission, we will work on the budget all summer so that it can be ready to be presented to the voters at the deliberative session. This is very good news for the voters of Bradford and all our towns. In the past there has been some hostility along with the philosophical differences between the boards. This change ensures a better structure to enclose our debate and dialogue.

District Goals

With input from citizens (via survey, PTC meetings, etc.), teachers and the strategic plans, your School Board has chosen the goals the school district will focus upon for next year. In shortened version, they are: improving student behavior standards and attitudes (which includes at-risk behaviors such as drug use); improving teamwork throughout the district (which includes moral); improving academic achievement in reading, writing and math; improving effec-

tiveness of community communication and participation in the education process; expanding integration or blending of topics and courses throughout the curriculum. It is from this list that individual schools and teachers will build their goals and measure their success.

Bus Behavior

To begin the focus on appropriate behavior, the bus disciplinary system will be updated over the next few weeks. Due to the developmental characteristics of the early adolescent population, it is the middle school that accounts for most of the problem behaviors. I will be part of a committee, chaired by Don West, that will be updating bus policies. If you have any input, suggestions or criticisms, please contact me as soon as possible.

Kudos

There have been numerous occasions lately where Kearsarge students have been praised for their behavior on field trips, at presentations, and even at their prom. The high school received a letter recently from Radisson Inn that stated Kearsarge was the "#1 class we have ever hosted." I have heard many such comments from principals that clearly distinguish Kearsarge students from other New Hampshire students and I believe it is something our kids should be very proud of. I will keep you informed about this in the future.

Middle School Math

In an attempt to challenge students who have talents in math, the middle school and high school, with Board blessing, are implementing an advanced algebra that will be delivered in a two-year time span, eighth and ninth grades. This will allow more students to complete advanced math courses at the high school while at the same time allowing more time and help for students at the middle school who are taking regular math courses. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this or anything education-wise, please feel free to contact me: 938-2722, 121 Marshall Hill Road; email: LOVMTS@aol.com.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Brown Memorial Library will participate in the statewide summer reading program again this year. The sci-fi theme is "Take Us to Your Readers." We hope to be invaded by readers of all ages. We will also be celebrating the 40th birthday of the *Cat in the Hat*. Reading Club dates are June 9 - August 13. During this 6-week period, our Wednesday at One programs will be held. Details will be in the July Bridge. The summer reading program is supported this year by the Montshire Museum, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, and Stonyfield Farms. Funding is provided by Citizens Bank.

"Dolls and Doll Houses: An Exhibition," held at the Candlelite Inn in April, was a great day! Dolls came from attics, trunks and shelves for this fun show. We had every doll imaginable. Exhibitors brought the most interesting items. Shirley Temple came; so did Raggedy Ann, Anne of Green Gables, the New London Bride Doll of 1972, and several American Girl dolls... two arriving by backpack, just to name a few. Marilyn and Les Gordon were our hosts, serving a delicious punch, along with cookies donated for the occasion. We thank all who made the day so memorable. Exhibitors included: Florence Harrington, Fran Lyons, Ethelyn Sherman, Nancy Alibrandi, Mildred White, Bunny Herman, Pat Curless, Milly Kittredge, Phyllis Whall, Marion Hopkins, Jean Kennedy, Barbara McCartney, Cheryl Cornett, Harriet Douglass, and the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten. Rosie Parsons of Warner was the winner of the mini-Felicity American Girl Doll. We also took the names of several visitors interested in being in the "next show." This may become an annual event for us. We and the Gordons would love to do it again.

The Bus Stopped Here, by Clare Bensley



Before the Boston and Main Railroad discontinued service to Claremont in the 1960's, Route 103 ran along Main Street and turned right at High Street, where Ruth and the late Charlie Page's home stood as a lovely Victorian landmark.

Since traffic going west and east was heavy along this route, several enterprising homeowners along Main Street opened storefront restaurants to take advantage of the location. One of these, Edelweiss (pictured above), was a very popular place for locals and others to meet and eat in the '40s. The bus to Newport and Concord also stopped here and was often taken by Lillian Frey on her travels to Boston by way of Concord. According to Estelle Rooney, the Edelweiss Restaurant was a pretty popular spot. The proprietors also ran a rooming house next door in the home now occupied by Burton and Ellen Hersh.

When Route 103 was built along the railroad right of way, through traffic no longer went across town on Main Street. Most of the small restaurants and businesses then reverted back to family homes, as did the Edelweiss, which is now owned by David Avanzini.

The highway construction involved converting the railroad trestle crossing Lake Todd to highway use. The Bradford Cut, which enabled highway traffic to approach the crossing in a direct line from the center of town, involved extensive blasting through bedrock, which shattered windows in nearby homes. George Beal's family's farm in Newbury was taken by the State for highway construction and two homes in Bradford were also demolished to make way for the highway.

Thanks to Eleanor Wright Bullock for sharing this photo, which came to us via Steve Hansen and Jarna Perkins.

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Earth Day raffle. Brooks McCandlish holds box of raffle tickets while Ken Anderson draws th lucky winners. Dick Whall looks on.

The Earth Day Raffle to raise money for the Bradford Conservation Commission was a great success due to the many wonderful prizes donated by Bradford businesses. The winners were: cord of wood, Bruss family; cord of wood, Ann Steere; fruit tree, Marilyn Russell; manicure with nail art, Howard Richardson; dinner for two, John Mulstay; pie, Phyllis Whall; azalea, Ona Ruchti; azalea, John Bodkin; blue bird house, Bob Jenkins; pansies, Mark Keith; pansies, Marcelle Richard; 2 videos, Bruce Edwards; McDonalds gift certificate, Tom Stetanovik; carpet shampoo rental, Lu Signorino; ice cream cones, Patrick Green.

Bradford Area Cooperative update

Let's blame it on the weather. The Co-op Steering Committee has decided to extend the Charter Member Campaign deadline until July 6. The June 1 deadline was based on completing the business plan. However, the committee is still making decisions that affect the business plan. With campaigners complaining that the cold wet spring had prevented their "outreach" efforts, the committee decided to extend the deadline. To date, we have 130 members, whom we thank for their show of support for the project. Those planning to join the Bradford Area Cooperative are invited to submit their membership materials at Produce Plus.

The committee continues to work with Barry Wright, the SCORE advisor, to determine the business plan details. We have debated three scenarios: a new building, a major remodeling of the existing building, and a minor "get in quick" rehab of the building. Because the purpose of the business plan is to request funding from banks and other lending institutions, it is critical that we agree on the co-op's building and outfitting details.

Just a word about Produce Plus one more time. Produce Plus is NOT the co-op or a co-op effort. Produce Plus is a project sponsored by the investors' group to maintain the grandfathered status of the building. The community-owned grocery will be a full-service grocery, open to all.

Lake Massasecum Boat Parade on July 4

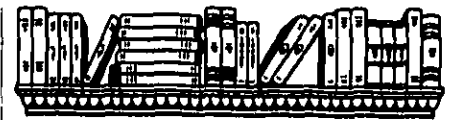
The Fourth Annual Boat Parade, sponsored by the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association, will take place on Friday, July 4th, at 4:00 pm (note change in time).

As in previous years, anyone who owns a boat and would like to get into the spirit of the holiday may join in. The only requirement is that all safe boating regulations must be followed, with absolutely no fireworks or flares allowed on boats.

There is no registration or fee charged. Boat decoration is encouraged, but not required. Boaters will gather in front of Snow's cottage, which is at the end of Sunset Beach, down from the Casino.

After the parade, participants are invited to return to the starting point, where cold drinks and snacks will be available. Take this opportunity to meet people from different areas around the lake.

Come and join the parade for some good family fun. For further information, call Ed and Marcia Snow at 938-2162 after June 15.



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

THE FALCONER

by Elaine Clark McCarthy
Random House, NY 1996

McCarthy's story is about a woman, India Blake, who meets her true love, a falconer, near the end of her life.

When India ventures toward the ridge near China Flat where Rhodri (pronounced Rory) MacNeal lives, she tells him she has come to see his hawks. He acts as if he had been expecting her and later informs her that "when they met his mouth had been dry and he had heard blood pounding in his ears."

Before their relationship and her marriage to Dougie Davern, all days were alike to India. When she met Dougie, she had been plump...in her words "just an extra thirty pounds," and planned to attend college. However, after everything was set, her mother became ill and things changed...or it might be said "things didn't change."

India's mother, a non-motherly type, had been a drunkard and a bit crazy as she stepped around in her bathrobe all day with her greasy hair on rollers. In general, she was a bit of an embarrassment to her daughter, leaving the girl feeling like Miss Havisham in the California foothills.

In his early years, Dougie had been captain of the football team, a real Golden Boy. Later, as India's husband, he became involved with a woman named Clarissa. His lies meant little to India, who entertained herself driving around the Sierra Nevada Mountains, getting acquainted with native Americans, their herbs, their rituals, and someone known as Fox Bone Woman.

India's first glimpse of Rhodri was at a local store where he bought frozen quail for his hawks. Curious and familiar with China Flat, she drives out there to watch him as a falconer and immediately sees a resemblance between him and his hawks. More visits. More learning about falconry. Finally, a love affair.

McCarthy began writing poetry and prose at age nine. Although this, her first novel, excludes poetry, many succinct descriptions bespeak the craft. A small book. Easy to read in one sitting. Though it contains sadness, the story finishes with an uplifting note.

Selectmen's meetings in May

May 5. Selectmen discussed the apparent site plan violations at Autocraft and asked Code Enforcement Officer Chip Meany to speak to Joe Wilcox and then report to the Board.

Selectmen refused the request of the Planning Board for a key to the Town Office, responding that the Selectmen's rep should be able to respond to the Board's need for access to the office.

Selectmen responded to a letter from Perry Teele concerning the E911 map by agreeing to set up a daytime meeting with Bruce Cheney, Director of the Bureau of Emergency Communications, to resolve the outstanding issues so that the Town can receive its map.

Officer in Charge Robert Varley described several scams targeting the elderly and offered to publicize the problem by meeting with town organizations. He reported that he is scheduling part-time officers for high-traffic periods to increase police visibility.

May 8. Selectmen and other town officials met with Bruce Cheney, Director of the Bureau of Emergency Communications. Decisions were made concerning fire lanes and other map details. Cheney recommended that the Town allow his office to renumber houses in town using a computer system that assigns numbers every fifty feet. This would have two benefits. It would allow town and emergency personnel to accurately locate emergencies and enable the town to purchase computerized 911 information. They agreed to generate a map with the computerized numbers for town officials to review.

May 12. Mary Mitchell met to discuss Bradford's Independence Day celebration, which will be held on Saturday, July 5 this year. With the growth of the celebration, she said additional parking is needed and inquired whether the Naughton property could be used. Selectmen expressed concern about liability and asked her to investigate using the Bradford Elementary parking area with shuttle buses.

Selectmen approved the appointment of Jim Monahan to the ZBA.

Chip Meany, Code Enforcement Officer, met to update the Selectmen on the Autocraft situation. He reported that Joe Wilcox had complied with the requirement to plant screening trees. He had planted hemlocks. The problem is that the size of the trees was not stipulated and several have died. Wilcox agreed to replant. Trees were not cut in the buffer zone. His property goes to the roadside and the trees were cut in the sales area. In fact, he's increased the buffer zone beyond what was required.

When asked about parking cars for sale along Route 114, Wilcox said there was no stipu-

lation that he couldn't do that "like any other person." Selectmen responded that the site plan had a sales area; Meany responded that there was no limitation in the site plan to selling cars only in that area.

Meany said the Autocraft sign was in violation, both in size and illumination. The site plan requires that the sign be screened from neighbors.

Selectmen agreed to send Wilcox a letter concerning the sign and cars parked on Route 114, requesting a reply within ten days.

Meany then reported on Larry MacDonald's junkyard. MacDonald has agreed to apply for a junkyard permit. Abutter Bill Cyr reported that the area has been cleaned up, with many car bodies removed; however, it's "still a mess." According to Bob Stewart, Jr., MacDonald has 60 days to clean up the area. On the 61st day, the Town can issue cease and desist order. Perry Teele noted that junkyards are not grandfathered. The first step is to apply for a special exception from the ZBA.

May 19. Mary Mitchell reported on the parking situation for the July 4th celebration. She said the school was unacceptable because of the cost to rent a shuttle bus. She asked whether the rear area of the Naughton property could be used. Dave Pickman spoke with John Mock about cleaning up the barn area; no time frame has been set. Dick Vitale spoke with the town's attorney, who saw no problem with using the area for parking. Mary asked if the town highway crew could clean up the debris; Dave will make the request.

Lance Rickenberg inquired concerning the process for hiring the police chief, particularly whether it would be a public process. Selectmen responded that they had received 15 applications, but had not yet determined the hiring process. They said they would ask for assistance from the Police Chiefs Association.

Rickenberg discussed the lack of availability of minutes of town boards. He cited the right


to know law and asked that copies be made available within the legal time frame. He also asked for a consistent policy with all town boards.


Selectmen discussed an application for the use of the Town Hall for a wedding, with an inquiry concerning the use of alcohol. After a substantial discussion concerning safety and liability, the Board unanimously agreed to prohibit the serving of alcohol on town property and asked that the prohibition be added to the rules for the use of the Town Hall.

Selectmen approved a number of annual appointments: Parker McCartney, Director of Civil Defense; Robert Stewart, Sr., John Forgiel, Milton Brennan, Members, Deferred Compensation Plan Committee; Deborah Lamach, Revolving Loan Fund Committee; Richard Pehrson, Rep to Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Co-op; Robert Varley, Officer in Charge; Richard Whall, Member, Conservation Commission; Arnold Anderson, Road Agent; Elizabeth Bouley, Welfare Officer; Richard Moore, Superintendent of Cemeteries; Carolyn Grindle, Fair Hearing Board; Marilyn Gordon, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Charles Meany, Building Inspector; Yvonne McCormick, Deputy Treasurer; Christopher Payson, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library.

Selectmen accepted the low bid, \$16,500, to pave Cochran Hill.

May 26. Memorial Day, no meeting.

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you wish. We would love to have you.

Main Street will be busy this year. Live music will be played on the steps of the library, with traditional old New England fiddles. From noon to 3:00, please welcome Two Fiddles, Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman.

Ed Morris and the famous Balloon Zoo will be entertaining young and old on the grass by the Lake Sunapee Bank at mid-afternoon. The Balloon Zoo Supershow is a fast-moving, funny, audience participation balloon sculpturing act aimed at all-age, family-type audiences. The Balloon Zoo will also be doing an "informal" strolling variation of making and passing out balloon sculptures and, in general, entertaining patrons on a continuous, on-going basis.

Also, please welcome Two's Company, a live music group that will perform from 1:00 until 3:00. They will be joining several craft-people, demonstrators and vendors on the paved road between R.L. Dodge's and the church rectory. There will be a number of interesting demonstrations and you are more than welcome to join in. This will be on-going throughout the entire day. Local craftsmen are also welcome to set up their booths or tables in this same area. There is no fee in this area and your profit is entirely your own.

At 2:00, there will be a Line Dancing demonstration at the old Marketplace parking lot. It shouldn't take long before the high stepping, finger snapping music has us all joining in and enjoying this country music and movement.

For your enjoyment and your convenience, an old-fashioned horse shuttle will be leaving frequently from the old Naughton property (designated parking area) up Main Street from 10:00 until 2:00. Please welcome these lovely horses and folks from Fieldstone Farm.

If you have any last-minute entries for Grand Marshal, please send them to P.O. Box 540 by June 10.

Our small town seems to come alive on this patriotic day, and we look forward to seeing you on Main Street again this year. Have a wonderful holiday.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



With this issue, I'm "closing the doors" on my Cozy Corner monthly recipe column. I thoroughly enjoyed the past six years working with Nancy Scribner for the *Bradford Bridge* newspaper. Now it's time for another challenge!

I heard President Clinton speak on TV about being a volunteer for reading. That's what I do! Reading is my forte!

Now I'll be able to contribute more hours to "Teaching children how to read better" at the Bradford school. This gives me much joy ... such satisfaction ... working with such great students. Have a terrific summer!

Speaking of kids ... here's a wonderful kid-pleasing summer recipe.

Tuna Salad Cones

- 1/2 C uncooked macaroni rings
- 1/4 C reduced calorie mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1/4 C nonfat sour cream
- 1-2 Tbsp skim milk
- 1 C frozen peas, thawed and drained
- 1 6-oz can water-packed tuna, drained and flaked
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 8 flat-bottomed ice cream cones
- 1/4 C finely shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

Cook macaroni to desired doneness as directed on package. Drain; rinse with cold water. In medium bowl, combine all ingredients except cones and cheese; mix well. Cover and refrigerate until serving time.

To serve, fill each ice cream cone with generous 1/3 cup tuna salad. Top with cheese. Makes 8 servings.

Editor's note: It has been a pleasure to work with Mildred over the past six years. Her column has always been entertaining ... and inspiring! She has been a contributor since the first issue of the Bridge in 1991, always reliable in getting her material in on time and in proofing the newspaper. Her efforts will be greatly missed. Thank you, Mildred!

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

What a year for early bulbs -- they came out late, but have lasted nearly twice as long as they do in the average spring. In spite of the wind and its accompanied cold, jonquils, hyacinths and similar small bulbs like scilla and chianodoxa were at their best all during May. Rain did its part and the rain falleth on the just and the unjust. Some did not like the ample rainfall, as we are now nearly three inches above the average year to this point. As my former co-worker Hugh used to point out, the rain falleth mostly on the just since the unjust fella stealeth the just fella's umbrella. Rains and cool weather produced one of the longest and most spectacular springs most of us have ever known.

It has been a good time to examine the spring bulbs and pick out the types you would like in your garden in the future. Bulb hybridizers have been working diligently and as usual have produced new and hopefully more beautiful flowers for you to choose from. It is no coincidence that we have been inundated during the last three weeks, and will continue to be for about a month, by catalogs of bulb merchants seeking your orders for fall planting. Take note of the bulbs you particularly enjoyed the last few weeks.

The range of bulb varieties is large and they blossom early and continue until late summer. Many, especially the lilies, perfume the gardens during the summer. The numbers of varieties available exceeds the usual crocus, jonquil, hyacinth, and tulips found in the usual mail order catalog or Walmart. McClure & Zimmerman, 108 W. Winnebago Friesland, WI 53935-0368, has the catalog "for the dedicated bulb enthusiast." Cultural information for each type is given, as well as hardiness zone and origin of the plant. No color illustrations, but excellent

detailed drawings are supplied. The catalog is 40 pages. It is indeed a reference book.

Many of the bulbs planted several years ago have multiplied and should be dug and reset after the excellent growing conditions this spring. Many gardeners cut off the foliage as soon as the blooms fade, but the foliage makes next year's blossoms. So it should be allowed to die back. It is well to mark where each clump is located. As soon as leaves have dried, dig up the clump, remove the soil, place the bulbs in a box, and allow the mass to dry out. Sort the bulbs according to size and replant the largest bulbs. This may be done immediately, or even better, in October or early November. The smaller bulbs should be planted in a bulb nursery to grow for a year in order to become larger and more robust. Naturally they should be labeled as to type and color. These may be used for naturalizing in lawns or open fields.

With Memorial Day celebrated about a week early this year, tender vegetable plants seem to be put in the ground a little early. The temperatures have indicated prudence and it is possible that the cool (or cold) nights will warrant keeping your early started tomatoes and other plants a week or ten days before transplanting. Tomatoes and peppers can become leggy. If so, dig deeper planting holes or, plant the plant on its side (a slant) and cover the leggy stem with soil -- it will generate a larger root system. Once in the ground, hope for warm days and less cool nights. The way things are now, don't hasten to mulch until the soil has warmed.

Gardeners have been biting their fingernails, looking for warm weather (with black flies!), but recently weather forecasters have predicted a hot and dry growing season. Good luck!

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community, the cooperative presents a strategy to begin to re-create a town center and gathering place for the citizens of the community. The Board of Selectmen ought to formally resolve to support the efforts of the cooperative as an overall good initiative for the Town.

6. Efforts should be made to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer groups and to gain clarity among the Board of Selectmen and the volunteers on the liability coverage concerns.

7. Establish an overall strategy for attracting winter and summer visitors and tourist-related businesses in Bradford.

Goddard emphasized that these were a number of suggestions and it was up to the town to determine what to do next. She invited attendees to "vote" to prioritize the seven action steps to provide input to the Board of Selectmen. The seven items were posted on large sheets of paper around the room. Attendees were each given seven dots and instructed to place them on the sheets of paper, based on their priorities for each item. The action steps and vote totals were:

1. Act on the sewer study (78 votes)
2. Capital Improvements Plan (73)
3. Tourism opportunities (64)
4. Improve communications (53)
5. Support the co-op (46)
6. Volunteer capacity (29)
7. List commercial properties (22).

Selectman Joe Conway concluded the evening by reviewing what would happen next. The Board of Selectmen and Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee will prioritize action items and develop a strategy and timeline to implement them. The Selectmen will identify actions that they can accomplish and others that can be addressed by the BEOC. He emphasized that this information supplements other data collected in other forums, including the Master Plan Survey.

Thanks to the BEOC and the Selectmen for their efforts and commitment to make Bradford a better place to live. --Tom Scribner

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June Calendar

Monday, June 2

Cemetery Commission, 9:00 am; call 938-5386 for location

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, June 3

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Library Trustees, Library, 7:15

Wednesday, June 4

Bradford Elementary Staff Appreciation Dessert, 6:00-8:00 pm

Saturday, June 7

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Monday, June 9

NO Selectmen's meeting (summer schedule)

Tuesday, June 10

Bradford Elementary Summer Reading Book Fair, 5:00-7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, June 11

Christmas in the Country organizational meeting, Candlelite Inn, 10:30 am

Bradford Elementary Summer Reading Book Fair, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, June 12

Bradford Newbury Workshop, Shirley Markie's home, 11:45 am

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, June 13

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Sponsored by Rescue Squad

Saturday, June 14

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Monday, June 16

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Church Vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, June 17

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, June 18

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

O.E.S., Warner, 7:30

Friends of the Library, Library, 7:30
Meet the Author: Geoffrey Douglas

Thursday, June 19

St. Peter's Lodge Meeting, 7:30

Saturday, June 21

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

Monday, June 23

NO Selectmen's meeting (summer schedule)

Tuesday, June 24

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, June 25

Historical Society, Center Meetinghouse, 7:30

Friday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 28

Lake Todd Association annual meeting, 9:00 am, Town Hall

Historical Society Building open 1:30-3:00 or by appointment, 938-5386

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